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Naples, Nov. 26.

Lieutenant-Admiral *de Ruyter* is arrived at *Cagliari* in *Sardinia*, where he expects three of his Squadron, which he had sent to *Genova*; as well as an account from the Prince of *Montesarchio* General of the Spanish Armada of the present posture of things, in order to his farther proceeding. Most of the Men of the six Spanish Men of War that were lost near the Fare of *Messina* have been saved, and there is hopes that the Spaniards will recover the Guns that were in them. Our new Viceroy proceeds with great severity against the Banditti, of whom three were yesterday brought in Prisoners hither, and we hear that fifty more have submitted themselves upon promise of pardon.

Florence, Dec. 3. There be Letters here in Town from the Prince of *Montesarchio*, dated at *Palermo*, which say, That standing over for *Malta* with seven Men of War, they met with such bad weather that they were all separated; That he had been two days alone, but that afterwards he met with two Men of War of his Squadron, not knowing what was become of the rest. We expect our next Letters from *Naples* will give us an account of the arrival there of Lieutenant-Admiral *de Ruyter*, with the Men of War under his command.

Venice, Decemb. 7. We expect here in few days the Abbe *d' Estrades*, who is on his way hither, in quality of Ambassador Extraordinary from the Most Christian King. We are told that the Senate at the instance of His Majesty of *Great Britain* by his Minister here, have resolved that their Ambassadors shall forthwith part on their way to *Nimeguen*, to assist for the mediating of Peace between the parties now engaged in the War.

Strasburgh, Dec 16. The French make great preparations in those parts; at *Hagenaw*, *Saverne*, and *Schlestadt* they work with all the diligence possible for the finishing the intended Fortifications, for which use 100000 Crowns are designed to be employed at *Schlestadt*, 19000 at *Saverne*, and 12000 at *Hagenaw*, they every where erect great Magazines, and crowd the places with Soldiers, so that we may well conclude they have some design in hand. General *Montecuculi* is still at *Esslingen*, and as we are informed, has given the necessary orders for the making the designed recruits. The French having caused 12 large Boats to be built at *Huningen* near *Basle*, have brought them to *Erfisc*, where they are laying a Bridge of Boats over the *Rhine*. Amidst of these preparations we are not here without our jealousies, and our Magistrates are going to raise Men, to augment the Troops they have now on Foot. The Duke of *Lorraine* raises likewise men, intending to have this next Campaign a good body of Horse to be joined with the Imperial Army.

Lubeck, Dec. 12. We have Letters from the Camp before *Wisnar* of the ninth instant, which inform us, that three new Batteries having been raised very near to the Town, and 16 pieces of Cannon planted on each of them, they had done great execution, having

made a great breach in the inmost Wall of the Town, That the Besieged still bravely defended themselves, and had cast up several retrenchments where the breach was made. That the eighth at night they again made a sally, and took away two of the utmost Sentinels; but the Danes taking the alarm, they were forced to retire leaving 12 Prisoners behind them; That on the 11 or 12 instant was intended to be made the Assault, the general Officers having cast lots, who should lead the Troops that were to make the first attack; That Colonel *Arndorf* was marched out with eight Regiments of Foot, upon the report that was brought to the Camp, of the Suedes being on their march with seven Regiments. By a Vessel arrived here from the Coast of *Sueden* we have advice, that the Suedes intend yet to come out this Winter with twenty Light Frigates.

Hamburg, Dec. 16. By an Express arrived the last night from the Camp before *Wisnar* we have advice, that the general attack which hath been deferred so long by reason of the illness of the weather, was finally to be made yesterday the 15 instant, the Danes having a superstition that that day would be above others successful to them, for that it is their Kings birth day, and that besides they have since they came into the Field obtained several successes on the 15 of each Month and, that the number Five (for the Danes reckoning by the old stile; yesterday was the fifth) seems happy to them, their present King being *Christian V.* The success of this attack will determine very much in favor of the one or the other, and therefore we are impatient till our next Letters arrive. A meeting is appointed to be held at *Bremen*, on the part of the Confederate Princes, who are to send their Deputies thither, to adjust the proceedings of the next Campaign. Here is a report in Town, that several succors are arrived from *Sueden* in the Isle of *Rugon*, and that at *Stockholm* and other Ports of that Kingdom, several Vessels have been stopped in order to the transporting of more Troops into *Pomeran* and *Bremen*. But this is certain, that the King of *Denmark* has sent out from his Camp most of his Cavalry, upon advice that the Suedes were on their march to endeavor to relieve *Wisnar*.

Brussels, Decemb. 17. We are now assured that the Duke *de Villa Hermosa* has received Bills of Exchange for a very considerable sum of Money from *Madrid*, some speak of three Millions, so that the new Levies and recruits will be gone about with all diligence, and indeed it seems but necessary, for from all sides we receive advertisement of the great preparations of the French against Spring. The Regiment of *Beaumont* is marched by order of his Excellency from *Cambray* towards *Louvain*, for the farther security of those parts, and the Earl of *Castelhavens* Regiment has orders to march from *Bouchain* into *Flanders*. The French keep us still in apprehension of their design upon *Flanders*, and the Countrey of *Wars*, and it is said, they have very considerable body of Men dispersed in the neighbouring Garrisons to execute the same, as soon as the weather