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Warsaw, January 10.

THe necessary preparation is making here for the meeting of the Dyets, which, it's thought, will not be able to assemble at the day appointed, for that the abundance of Snow, which has lately fallen, makes the ways almost unpassable for the Deputies that are to come hither. From Leopold they write, that the 23 past their Majesties returned to Zolkiew, with intention to pass the Christmas Holydayes there, and then to begin their journey hither. Several of the Provincial Dyets having been broken up, by reason of some difference between the Nobility, without coming to any resolution; the King, at the instance of the said Nobility, has caused new Letters to be dispatched, authorizing them to renew the said Provincial Dyets, in order to their taking such resolution as the safety and good of the Kingdom at present demands. Here has been of late some discourse as if there was no very good understanding between the *Moscovites* and this Kingdom, and that it was very probable a War might ensue; which though we cannot give any credit to, considering the present posture of affairs, yet we are confidently informed, that the *Moscovites* not only refuse to restore to us *Kiovia*, which they ought to have done several years since, by vertue of the last Treaty concluded between the two Nations, but have of late committed several Hostilities in the *Ukraine*, and pretend to all that part of it which lies on the other side of the *Borislenses*, as appertaining to the Palatinate of *Kiovia*. We are informed that the Emperor is sending an Ambassador hither, to be present at the Dyet, and that his Imperial Majesty had designed the Marquis de Grana for this employment, but he excused himself of it.

Milan, Jan. 13. At *Genova* are eight *Spanish* Men of War, designed for *Sicily*, under the command of Lieutenant General *Marxiotti*, who has sent to our Governour the Prince de *Ligne*, to pray he may be supplied with 3000 men from hence, having orders, as he says, from the Court of *Spain*, to demand the said number, and to transport them to *Melazzo*. Our Governour is endeavouring all he can to comply therewith, and the rather, for that the last Ordinary from *Spain*, brought his Excellency Orders to the same effect, and a particular command that the *Burgundian* Regiment and five Companies of Count *Frotti's* Regiment of *Germans*, should make part of those Troops that should be sent for *Sicily*.

Madrid, Jan. 15. We were somewhat surprized, when we understood this morning that the King was retired to his Palace of *Buen Retiro*, the Duke de *Medina Celi* and other Grandees having about midnight, unknown to the Queen, conducted his Majesty thither, of which an Express has been sent to give *Don Juan* an account, and to pray him to hasten his journey hither. We have just now advice, that to morrow his Highness will arrive at *Pinto*, and that on Monday the 18 he will make his Entry into this City. We are told that the King has given Orders for the arresting the Marquis de *Villa Sierra*, who is at present in the *Escorial*, and that the Queen will retire into a Monastery.

A Copy of the King's Letter to his Highness
Don Juan of Austria.

DON Juan of Austria, my Brother, of the Council of State, Governor and Captain General of the Netherlands, and Governor General of our Sea Armada's. The Affairs of this Monarchy being at present in such a condition, that I find my self obliged to use all means to set them right again; and finding that you are so much concerned therein, and that I must trust most of my resolutions to you, I have resolved to command you that without any delay you repair hither, to assist me in so important a Work, which I promise my self from that zeal, which you have for the good of my Crown: Our Lord preserve you, as I wish.

Madrid, 27 December 1676. I the King.

By the Command of the King our Lord;

Don Hieronimo de Egua.

Don Juan's Letter to the King, in Answer
to his Majesties to him.

I Received in the night your Majesty's Royal Letter of the 27 past, which occasioned in my mind two different commotions, (both arising from that great inclination and affection, which I have for the Royal person and dignity of your Majesty) the one of grief and trouble; for your Majesty having pleased to make known to me the state of the Affairs of this Monarchy, it did pierce my heart, as being what we altogether most lament, to understand the same from your Majesties own hands (which is a mark of the pain it gives your Majesty) as for me, I shall count it a great happiness, if with the expence of my blood, I can give your Majesty any ease; the other of acknowledgment, and confusion, at the great honour which your Majesty does me, in being pleased to make use of my zeal in so weighty an affair, near your Majesties feet, notwithstanding the certain proofs I have given of the weakness of my shoulders, which although they are too feeble to bear the least part of so heavy a burthen, yet are they very strong and able to make an humble representation to your Majesty, of what I shall judge most conducing to your Majesties welfare and glory. And while I was incited in this matter as well by my own inclination, as that of several other great Personages, and your Majesties truly faithful Subjects, I was consulting with my self, what I ought to do, when I received your Majesties commands, in order to my coming to Court, to the end your Majesty might understand the same from me, and from them. And what I can at present say to your Majesty is, that I resolve (God willing) to begin my journey to morrow, which I will hasten as much, as the good of your Majesties affairs requires, and as shall be possible for me to do, not doubting but your Majesty is sufficiently assured of my fidelity to your service; and that I will sooner part with my life, than make one step, or do one action, which is not altogether to the honour of Almighty God, to the service of the World, and the welfare of your Majesties Crowns.

A Copy

A Copy of the Queens Letter
to Don Juan of Austria.

THE King, my Son, has resolved, as you will understand by his Letter to you, that you forthwith come hither, to assist him in the direction of the affairs of the Monarchy; and I will not forbear telling you, how pleasing it will be to me, that you put the same in execution with all the expedition which the present posture of affairs requires, in which I rely upon your zeal and good intentions, assuring you that I shall always (as much as in me lies) endeavor your greatest satisfaction.

Madrid, 27 December 1676.

I the Queen.

Don Juan of Austria's Letter in Answer
to the Queen.

Since your Majesty will see what I write in answer of the Letter of the King my Lord, (whom God preserve) it is unneedful that I should repeat it, assuring your Majesty, that you never had, nor will have any body, who with a more sincere and upright intention, hath wish'd, and does wish unto your Majesty, what I judge before God, is most for your Majesties service, at whose feet with due reverence I lay my self, praying God that he will preserve your Majesty many years in prosperity.

Saragosa, 1 January 1677. Don Juan.

Brussels, Febr. 4. On Tuesday last returned hither, from the Hague the Marquis de Conflans, whither he was sent by our Governor General, to give the States General and the Prince of Orange an account of the posture of affairs in these Provinces; the Answer he brings, does extremely please us, viz. That the said States and the Prince of Orange had readily granted the 8000 Foot, demanded by him, and that his Highness had already given Orders for their march; and had farther assured the said Marquis, that he would be ready to mount on Horseback, and to march with his whole Army, whenever his Excellency the Duke de Villa Hermosa should desire it of him. You have been already told, that the Most Christian King had put out an Edict, requiring all those that have any Lands or Possessions within his Conquests in these Provinces, to quit this Service; upon which, his Excellency has put out likewise a Placart to encourage them to continue in it: The French Troops are still at Enghien, Nivelles, and Braine le Comte, to the great ruine of the poor Inhabitants.

Disto. The Marquis de Conflans is returned hither from Holland, and brings an assurance from the Prince of Orange, that the eight Regiments of Foot which are desired, shall be in few dayes at Antwerp, whither they will take their passage by water. These Succors will come very seasonably, and will enable his Excellency to reinforce his several Garisons, and to put them out of all danger. Upon the accounts that have come from all hands of the Enemies designing to besiege Mons, his Excellency two dayes since commanded a Regiment of Dragoons with three Companies of Foot to march, and to endeavor to get into Mons, which they did; and so well ordered their march through the Woods, that they got into Mons, having taken two French Parties of 25 men that were abroad; his Excellency has sent several Officers from hence, who are to endeavor to get into Valenciennes, to command the Regiment that hath been

raised there by the Burghers: and this morning the Archbishop of Cambray is returned towards his Diocess. The Sieur de Montal, having taken a turn to Charleroy to order some matters there, returned yesterday to his quarter at Nivelles, with some fresh Troops, being resolved, as it seems, to eat up and carry away all the Forage and Corn of the Countrey thereabouts so to leave no subsistence for our Army, when it shall take the Field. At Enghien the Count de Nancré found a very great quantity of Oats, and other sorts of Grain; what they cannot eat, they intend to convey to A. h. His Excellency has made a contract with a person to furnish 3000 Horses, for the mounting of those who have lost their Horses. Mr Salcedo hath obtained leave to raise a Regiment of Dragoons at his own charge, which he is to be repaid within a year.

Hague, Febr. 9. The 7th instant at night returned hither his Highness the Prince of Orange, and we are told that his Highness will in few dayes begin his journey to Cleves, to meet the Elector of Brandeburg there, and to confer with him concerning the operations of the approaching Campaign. The eight Regiments designed for the assistance of Flanders, are already on their march, and we are informed that his Highness will march with his whole Army about the middle of the next month.

Paris, Febr. 10. The Letters we have from Flanders give us an account, that our Troops had possessed themselves of five places, viz. Nivelle, Enghien, Hall, Soignies and Braine le Comte; that the two former they fortified, but had demolished the latter. We are told that four new Dukes will be shortly received in the Parliament, viz. the Archbishop of Paris, Messieurs de Bithune, de Nouailles, & de Roquelaure. Our preparations for the Campaign advance apace.

Advertisements.

These are to give Notice to all Persons exposing Publicly any Shows, Motions, Stage-Playes, or strange Sights, all Mountebanks, Rope-Dancers, Prize-Players, Ballad-Singers, and all others who have usually been Licensed by the Master of the Revels for the time being, that for the future they are to have their Licences from Charles Killigrew Esq; now Master of the Revels; or upon expiration of their former Licences, to renew them at his Office at Whitehall. All Licences granted for the future, will be Printed, to prevent the Abuses that has been committed by several Persons; of which, all Mayors, Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Bayliffs, Constables, and Headboroughs, are desired to take Notice.

Pure and unmixt Trefoile Seed, being gather'd the first year from Husk; Seed, and so freed and acquitted from all Rea, and other coarse Grasse Seeds, may be had of Mr Jacob Bother jun. at the Physick Garden in Oxon, or of Mr George Sedly Sadler at the Falcon in Fleet-street, where likewise very good St Foime Seed may be had.

Roger Lawrence of the Parish of Shadwell near London, aged about 44 years, a thick short man, having short brown hair, a dark brown cloth Coat, a light gray pair of Breeches, and a cloth Doublet, being troubled with the Falling Sickness, and something Mopish, went away from his Mother about the 14 of January last past. Whoever gives notice of him to his mother Elizabeth Lawrence, near New gravel lane in Shadwell aforesaid, shall be well rewarded.

Stolen or stray'd out of Elsham Park in Kent, the 31 of January last past, a short truss'd Nag, colour whitish gray, short tail, paces for the most part, about 14 hands high. Whoever gives notice of the said Nag to Mr Munden under Temple-bar, London, shall have 20 s. Reward.

Stolen or strayed the 24 of November last past, out of the Grounds of Mr William Barker of Hardwick near Lynn in Norfolk, A black Mare 15 hands high 8 years old, trots and paces, a streak down her face, on the off-side no hair in the spurring place. Whoever gives notice of the said Mare to Mr Wright Apothecary in Suffolk-street near Charingcross, or to Mr Emmers Postmaster in Lynn Regis, shall have 40 s. reward, besides what charges he shall be at in bringing notice.

Lost out of the Old Pall-Mall on Thursday last, a small white Spaniel with liver coloured spots, and some tan colour about the eye brows. Whoever brings the said Spaniel to Mr Baptist May's Lodging in Whitehall, shall have a Guinny for a Reward.