

have for some time been fed with hopes, that the Negotiation between the *Imperial* and *French* Ambassadors would be very suddenly determined, by a conclusion of the Peace; but hitherto we have nothing but uncertain hopes; and while the Letters from *Nimeguen* give a good account of the state of things with relation to the Peace, they write from *Vienna*, that the Emperor will never consent to some Points demanded by the *French*, and that at that Court they are taking resolutions concerning the carrying on of the War. There is at present a very great probability, that the troubles of *Hungary* will be compos'd, the demands of the Malecontents being most of them such, that it's believed the Emperor will consent to them; and the rather, because whole People seem in reality to desire a Peace.

Cologne, Dec. 14. Since our last, the *French* have possess'd themselves of a small Town called *Urdingen*, three Leagues below *Nuis*; and we expect that they will likewise make themselves Masters, in few days, of *Nuis*, that so they may have a passage over the *Rhine*. There comes daily fresh Troops into the Country of *Fuliers*, from *Flanders*, and those Parts, Monsieur *Calvo* continues to have his Quarters at *Aix la Chapelle*, and has of late sent several Pieces of Cannon into the lower Diocess of *Cologne*, which increases the apprehensions People here are in, that he will attack, with the opportunity of the first Frost, the City of *Fuliers*, or this Place, Upon which our Magistrates have by their Minister at the *Hague*, solicited the *States General*, to include them in their late Treaty with *France*; or at least that they will use their endeavors for the obtaining us a Neutrality, which was in a manner promised by the Duke of *Luxemburg*, when our Deputies were with him, about the payment of the 40000 Crowns, that were seized by the *Imperialists*, during the time that the Treaty was held here.

Hamburg, Dec. 13. By certain Persons lately arriv'd here from *Stockholme*, we have an account, that they are working there with all the diligence possible, for the putting a good Fleet to Sea the next Summer; to which they do the more vigorously apply themselves, for that they promise they shall be able to meet the *Danes* at Sea, now that they are without the assistance of the *Dutch* Squadron; but the great want that the *Suedes* have, is of Seamen. The King of *Sueden* was not expected at *Stockholme* this Winter, and therefore most of the Senators were gone to wait upon his Majesty in *Schonen*, pursuant to the Commands they had received from him, in order to the giving their advice concerning the operations of the next Campaign. The great expectation in these Parts is, to hear of the progress of the *Suedes* Army on the side of *Prussia*, and particularly whether they have gain'd the passage of *Wisse*, whither, when our last Letters came from those Parts, they were advancing, and where, according to all probability, the first Action was like to happen between them and the *Brandenburghs*, upon the success of which much would depend. The Letters from *Berlin* say, that the Elector of *Brandenburgh* was expected there every day, and that it was believed he would make but a short stay there, and would go for *Prussia*, if his Affairs require it.

Hague, Dec. 16. The Exchange of the Ratifications of the late Peace between *France* and *Spain*,

hath put us very much at ease here, and we hope it will be followed by a General Peace this Winter. The last Letters from *Nimeguen* gave us an account, that the *Imperialists* finding great difficulties in the Point of *Friburg*, seem'd inclined to take the other Alternative, which was, that *Phi ipsburg* should be restored to *France*, and *Eriburg* to the Emperor. The Resolution of the *States General* concerning the reduction of their Forces is not yet made publick, and, as we understand, varies in some Particulars from what we told you in our last.

Brussels, Dec. 18. This Court is extremely pleas'd to hear that the Ratifications are finally exchanged at *Nimeguen*, by which means this Country will be eased of that heavy burthen it has so long lain under, to the great impoverishment of the Inhabitants, who, after so ruinous a War, please themselves with the expectation of enjoying the fruits of a Peace. Among other things now under the care of our Governor and the Council, one main one is, the settling a constant and sufficient Force, to be maintained by the several Provinces, with much more ease than the Troops have hitherto been.

Paris, Dec. 15. The *Dutch* Ambassadors continue to have Conferences with Monsieur de *Pompe*, but without any great success in the matters they treat about, viz. the Neutrality of *Cleves*, and the Inclusion of the Emperor, and the Princes of the Empire, into the Peace. The first, as we understand, is the principal Point the Ambassadors have Order to insist upon, for that it nearly concerns the States, the Country of *Cleves* remain undisturbed; and this Court thinks it as unreasonable to be granted on their part, for that they would thereby lose the great means of assisting their Ally the King of *Sueden*. The Ratifications being exchanged at *Nimeguen* between the *French* and *Spanish* Ambassadors, we are told that Orders are sent to the Governors of the several Places that are to be restored to the Crown of *Spain*, to prepare for the speedy evacuating of them.

Whitehall, Dec. 14. On Wednesday last His Majesty received an Account from certain of His Deputy-Lieutenants of *Dorsetshire*, that Information had been given them of great numbers of Men that had been seen in the Isle of *Purbeck*; which upon a farther and more strict enquiry appears hitherto to be no other than a Mistake.

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