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Vienna, Decemb. 20.

The Emperor has finally decreed the Duke of Hanover the Ninth Elector; and yesterday the Baron de Groot, his Minister here, received in the Name of his Electoral Highness, the Investiture of that Dignity with the usual Ceremonies.

Coblentz, Decemb. 28. The French began on the 21st instant to batter the Fortress of *Rheinfelden* with 4 pieces of Cannon; The 22d they finished another of 3, and the 23d a third of 2 pieces; But finding these Batteries lay too much exposed to the Cannon of the Besieged, they removed them, and raised others; and have since continued to fire upon the Fortress and the Town of *St. Goar* with 12 pieces of Cannon, which have very much damaged the Ravelin, and another Work of the new Scans or Fort; But whilst the Enemy were thus employed, the Troops of *Hesse* and *Trier* were not idle, having reinforced the Garrisons in the Town and Cattle, and supplied them with Provisions and Ammunition; and having besides raised several Batteries on the other side of the *Rhine*, and planted thereon 18 great pieces of Cannon, which greatly annoyed the Enemy, and obliged them to abandon their Trenches, and some other Works they had made against the Town. On the 26th came hither several French Deserters, who assured us, That the Enemies whole Strength, at present employed in this Siege, consisted but of 8000 Foot and 2500 Horse; but that some more of their Troops lay at *Summern* and *Casselans*; That they had in their Camp but 12 pieces of Cannon and 3 Mortars, most of their heavy Cannon that was brought from *Montroyal* having stuck by the way. One of our Parties that was sent abroad returned 2 days ago with 9 French Prisoners, 14 Horses, and 2 Mules. Yesterday we were informed by other Deserters, That 4 pieces of Cannon more were brought into the Enemies Camp; And this day we have advice, That the French, after having thrown divers Bombs, did yesterday Storm the Town of *St. Goar*, as also the new Fort, with 3000 Men, who were from time to time relieved by fresh Detachments; The Enemy made several Assaults, which lasted from one at Noon till 5 in the Evening, but they were repulsed in all of them with the loss of 1500 Men, the Ditches being filled with dead Bodies; And of the Troop of *Hesse*, who were in Garrison there, and made this brave Defence, were killed, a Lieutenant Colonel, 7 Captains, and 200 private Soldiers. This day the Landgrave of *Hesse* passed this place; his Foot will follow to morrow; and the Confederate Forces from the Diocese of *Cologne*, and the Parts thereabouts, are on their march to join him.

Cologne, Dec. 30. The last Letters from *Coblentz* bring an account, That the French had been repulsed in a great Attack they made the 27th upon the Town of *St. Goar*; That the Action was very sharp, and lasted several hours; and that of the Enemy near 2000 were killed and wounded, and of the Garrison about 200; which is confirmed by the Baron de *Saffich*, Chief Marshal to the Elector of *Trier*, who this day came hither from *Coblentz*. And by a Letter from an Officer in Garrison at *Rheinfelden* of the 29th instant, we are told, That the Enemy were very quiet the Night before, not having fired at all; That on the 28th they sent a Drummer into the Fortress to desire leave to bury their Dead, but he would not go back to them, being glad of that opportunity to quit the French Service; and that as well the said Drummer, as another Deserter reported, That in the last Assault the Enemy had 2000 Men killed, and wounded so as to be unfit for Service; That 100 Wagons had been sent with wounded Men (there being 5 or 6 on each) to *Montroyal*; That they had lost a great many Officers; and that their Troops were so weakened, that they had hardly 15 Men in a Company; But that they expected a Reinforcement of 16 Battalions; and continued to work very hard in carrying on their Trenches against the Fortress, and had lodged themselves near the

great Redoubt. In the mean time the Landgrave of *Hesse* is marching with all possible diligence to the Relief of this place; He has already passed the *Rhine* with his Forces, at *Coblentz*; and the Generals *de Haimel* and *d'Autel*, with 2000 *Banzenburg* and *Neuburg* Horse have joined him there; the rest of the Confederate Forces that are drawn together out of these Parts were encamped yesterday, under the Command of General *Fleming*, near *Euskirchen*, eight Leagues from hence, where they expected the coming up of some other Troops, and after that would continue their march towards the *Rhine*.

Huy, Dec. 28. The 26th in the Evening our Governour the Baron de *Rouff* was informed of the approach of the Enemies Troops with a design to attack this place; upon which the Garrison was immediately ordered to their several Posts, in the Castle, and at the Gates of *Namur*, *St. Denis*, *St. Germain*, *Rient*, and *Moulin*, and all the Buildings on the River of *Hoyat* were broken down, except that nearest to the Church of *Nostre Dame*. In the Night the Enemy advanced on the Valley of *Nostre Dame*, and to the Hills on both sides the Town, and the next Morning posted themselves on the Hill of *Coren*, as likewise on the Hills behind the *Recollets* on the side of *Hesbays*, where about eleven a Clock they began to throw up Earth, making use of a great many Falcones which they had brought with them; All this while our Cannon played upon them, as it continued to do the whole day, with good Success; Towards Noon the Enemy attacked our advanced Guard at the Gate, called *des Aveugles*, in the Suburb, which they forced, by the Assistance of a Sergeant, who Deserted from hence not long before, and being got with a small party through the Gardens into the Suburb, came upon the backs of our Men. In the Afternoon 400 of the Enemy advanced towards the Great Mill and *St. Christopher's* Church, and possessed themselves of that Post, (which was defended for some time by a Sergeant and 9 Men) and afterwards of the whole Suburb, but with the loss of many of their Men, most of whom were killed by the Cannon from the Castle: The Night following the Enemy was very quiet; And this Morning about 9 a Clock a Trumpeter was sent in by the *Chevalier de Gaffion*, with a Letter to our Governour, offering to release the Prisoners taken at the Gate *des Aveugles*, upon Condition he would likewise set at liberty the French that were Prisoners here, which was consented to. Soon after several Deserters came in, and assured us, That the Enemy began to draw off their Troops upon the News they had received that a considerable Body of the Confederate Forces was marching this way, and that they would be joined by a strong Reinforcement from *Leige*; This is confirmed by the Parties sent out from hence to observe the Enemy, who tell us, they are retired towards *Namur*. Their Forces which appeared before this place, on both sides the River, consisted, according to our best Information, of about 16000 Men.

Paris, Decemb. 29. The firstest Letters that are made publick here, from the French Camp before *Rheinfelden*, are of the 25d instant, which say, That they had raised several Batteries against the Fortress, That their Cannon being in divers places pierced the principal Tower, and they hoped to be Masters of the place by the end of this month. The Count de *Tallard*, who Commanded the French Forces at the beginning of the Siege, was removed out of the Camp by reason of the wound he had received in his Breast. Several Colonels and other Officers, who had leave to come hither, are returned to their Command in *Flanders*; from whence we hear that a Body of our Troops is marched towards *Furres*. Monsieur de *Casimat* is returned towards *Picamont*; The last Advices from these parts, say, That the Enemy continue to threaten *Pignard*.

Brussels, Decemb. 31. The French appeared on the 26th instant before *Huy*; The Count de *Guiscar* approached on the other side of the *Meuse* towards the *Condour* with a Body of 9000 Men; Monsieur de *Gaffion* with 6000, must

Horse and Dragoons, posted himself on this side the River; and the Marquis de Boufflers encamped with another Body on this side Namur to observe the Motions of the Allies. The 27th about Noon they began to Cannonade the Castle, and were answered by those within with a continual fire from their Batteries, which lasted all that day; On the 28th the Enemy being informed, That the Confederate Forces were marching towards them, and seeing no likelihood of succeeding in their design, drew off their Troops after having plundered the Suburbs, and retired towards Namur. The Elector of Bavaria, who went from hence the 29th to join the Army, having at his arrival at Louvain, received the News of the Enemies Retreat, returned hither yesterday in the Afternoon; and about 9 this Morning his Electoral Highness, accompanied by the Prince de Cambray, parted again for Flanders, upon the Advice he received that the Enemies Troops on that side were drawn into a Body, and marched towards Furnes. The Earl of Athlone returned hither this Evening from Tillemont, and sets out again to-morrow for Flanders. Don Francisco de Castillo, General of the Spanish Artillery, is gone to Charleroy, where it's said he is to Command in the place of Don Antonio de Pimentel. We hear that the Enemy are come before Furnes; and that our Troops from Ghent, Bruges, and the Neighbouring Garisons are marching that way.

Hague, Jan. 2. The Sieur Norf, Resident of Leige, has received by an Express the Confirmation of the Enemies being withdrawn from before Huy. They write from Flanders, That a Body of French Troops had appeared before Furnes; and that our Forces from Ghent, and the other Garisons on that side, were marching towards the Enemy. The Garisons in the Town of St. Goar, and the Fortrefs of Rhinsfelden, continue to make a very brave defence; and the Forces of Hesse, Brandenburg, Neuburg, &c. are hastening to their Relief.

Whitehall, Dec. 30. His Majesty has been Graciously Pleas'd to Grant unto the Right Honourable Sir John Trevor, Speaker of the House of Commons, and first Lord Commissioner of the Great Seal, the Office of Master of the Rolls in the Place of Henry Powle Esq; Deceased.

These are to give Notice, That James Whitney, the Notorious Highway Robber is taken, and now in the Custody of the Keeper of Their Majesties Goal of Newgate; He is a Butcher by Trade, and lived sometime since at Chessum in Hertfordshire; He is a tall fair Man, with a cut in his upper Lip, and wants a Thumb on his Left Hand, about 30 years of Age. There is likewise in Custody, Benjamin Callow, a lusty tall well-set Man, about 40 years of Age, of a black or swarthy Complexion, black Eye brows, and large Eyes; something pock-broken. James Phillips, an indifferent slender Man, near 30 years of Age, pale Complexion, talks broken English like a Dutchman, a sad colour'd Coat, Silk Wastecoats, and a Buff pair of Breeches. James Kickfield, a little Man, of a brown Complexion, about 21 years of Age, slender in the Body, with brown Cloaths. Nathaniel Croce, a lusty strong black swarthy Man, wanting his fore Finger of his Left Hand, his Coat sad colour'd, his Wastecoat of a strip'd Calamanco, and commonly wears a red Cloak.

They or some of them are suspected to have committed several Robberies and Burglaries at the places following, viz. at Winkham Fair in Gloucestershire; upon Epping Forest, where one was desperately wounded; in Wellinlane; at Mims Wash, where the Carrier and Lacemen were Robbed; upon a Wagon at Hillington Common near Uxbridge, of a new Mourning Suit, and so Robbed all the Road to Hyde-Park-Corner; the Mealmen and Butchers going to Barnham upon Bagshot-Heath; upon Ongar Coach; a Robbery upon all the Passengers from Belford on the further side of Hounlow-Heath, all over the Heath, through Hounslow Town, and all the Road to London; Finchley Common; Coaches and Horses between Highgate and Kentish Town; Merchants and Coaches between Ilford and Stratford; Chessum Market Butchers; Sir Christopher Buckles House in Surrey; Mrs. Poole's House in Essex. There is likewise taken a brown Nag, with a shorn Mane, above 13 hands, all his Goings, mealy Mouthed, with a Red Velvet Saddle; A brown Nag his Feet white, mealy mouth'd and Buttocked, with a Star and Snip, his Mane half shorn, above 13 hands, having a Pad saddle with a yellow Fringe; A Bay Gelding, his mane half shorn, above 14 hands, with a white Hesion the off Leg behind, with a Hanging Saddle, both of them all their Goings; A Roan Mare, about 13 hands high, about 9 years old. There is also taken a Pendulum silver Watch in a studded Case, shows the hour of the day only, made by Robert Dingley, London, with a Ribbon to his Key that was strip'd mixt with silver, red and red Colours: A plain Pendulum silver Watch, with round silver Work, with a Shagreen studded Case, engraven within Franz Anteele Hay, with a Scarlet Ribbon Tasted on

the edges to the Key, strip'd with two black Sattin stripes. Whoever has been Robbed let them Repair to Newgate, where they shall have a sight of all the Persons above Named, the Horses, and Watches, which if Challenged, they shall have their Goods again, prosecuting the Offenders according to Law.

The Clergy of the Diocese of Norwich are desired to take Notice, That the Sub-Collector of the Tithes for this Diocese will (for this year) meet to Coll-ct the said Duty at the several Places upon the several Days mentioned at the Foot of every one of his Acquittances for the last year. And the several Incumbents are desired to make due Payments respectively, that they may avoid being Return'd for their Default, and the Charge and Trouble which they will incur thereby. For the future he intends to alter it to a more seasonable time of the Year, of which Notice shall be given in his Acquittances.

Advertisements.

The Revelation Unvail'd: Or, An Essay towards the Discovery of the true Sense of the Prophecies, and turned into History. 2. What are now fulfilling. 3. What is still to be fulfilled, with a Guess at the time of them; with an Appendix, proving that Pagan Rome was not Babylon, and that the Jews shall be Converted. By Mr. Samuel Peto at Sudbury in Suffolk. Price 1 s. 6 d. Printed for John Harris at the Harrow in the Parity.

Three Physico-Theological Discourses, concerning, 1. The Primitive Chaos, and Creation of the World. 2. The General Deluge, its Causes and Effects. 3. The Dissolution of the World, and future Configuration: With a Treatise, wherein are largely discussed the Nature and Causes of Earthquakes. With an Historical Account of those Two late Remarkable Ones in Jamaica and England; with Practical Inferences. By John Ray, Fellow of the Royal Society. The Second Edition, Corrected, very much enlarged, and illustrated with Copper-Plates. Printed for Samuel Smith at the Princes Arms in St. Pauls Church-yard Price 3 s. 6 d.

The History of Polybius the Megalopolitan: Containing a General Account of the Transaction of the World, and principally of the Roman People, during the first and second Punic Wars, &c. Translated by Sir H. S. To which is added, A Character of Polybius and His Writings: By Mr. Dryden. The first Volume. Printed for S. Bristow over against Wills Coffee-house in Covent-Garden.

Of the Laws of Chance; Or, A Method of Calculation of the Hazards of Game, plainly demonstrated, and applied to Games at present most in Use, which may be easily extended to the most intricate Cases of Chance imaginable. Printed by B. More, and Sold by Randal Taylor near St. Dunstons Hall.

At the Crown Coffee-house at Ratchiff-Cross, on Wednesday the 4th instant, at 4 after Noon, will be sold by Auction, an admirable Collection of Pictures, and continue until all be Sold. Catalogues may be had at the place of Sale.

Samuel Cook, aged about 19 or 20, tall, fresh colour'd, dark hair, with a black Hat, the Buttoning commonly behind, a dark dove colour'd Coat, and a Frieze Coat, went away from his Master on the 29th past; If he will return he shall be kindly received. Or, whoever gives Notice of him to Mr. Pyne in George-street in St. Martins le Grand, shall be well Rewarded.

On Wednesday the 21st of December, about 8 at Night, was taken out of a Hackney Coach at the Saracens-Head in Dorset Aldgate, a yellow Hair Trunk Mail, lock'd with an Iron Rod, in which was 12 Napkins, 3 Sheets, the rest Shirts, Cravats, and other wearing Linnen. Whoever brings the said Trunk and Linnen, or gives Notice thereof, to John Hurchinson, Saddler, next the Rummer Tavern at Charing-Cross, shall have 5 l. Reward, and reasonable Charges.

Lost the 15th past out of a Wagon near the Red Lyon without Aldgate, a Hair Trunk with wearing Cloaths in it, 7 l. in silver, 9 Guineas, a silver Tobacco Box with the Noels Arms, and a Book of Accomps; also a bundle of Linnen, and a Comode Box with a Head Dress. Whoever gives Notice of the aforesaid Things, to Mr. Tho. Lewin, Glasseller, over against Somers-House in the Strand, shall have 5 Guineas Reward; or proportionable for any part.

Lost from the Duke of Ormonds-House in St. James Square the 31st past, a middle sized black Greyhound Dog, with some white down his Breast, and the Toes of his hind Feet are white. Whoever brings him to the Duke of Ormond-Porter, shall have a Guinea Reward.

Lost from Mr. James Tooth's House at Mickleham in Surrey, the 27th of November last, a large French Setting Dog with liver colour spots, both Ears liver colour, one has been eaten with the Canker and a Nitch on the Top, and the other has it a fresh. Whoever gives Notice of him at Mr. Toombs forefard, or to Mr. John Windham at the Axe and Gate in King Street, Westminster, shall have a Guinea Reward.

There is newly come over from Germany several Hundreds of choice Canary Birds, and are to be sold at Mr. Lanes at the White-Hart in Abchurch-Lane near Cannon-Street, and at Mr. Ayralls at the Eagle and Child in St. Martins near Aldersgate.