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Warsaw, December 30. N. S.

**A**s the time of the Election comes on, so the contending Parties grow more active and violent to promote their respective Interests; which occasions much disorder and confusion in this Kingdom. The great Men, to make themselves more considerable, provide numerous Retinues; some raise Companies of Soldiers, to attend them; and others understand encourage and support the Confederacy among the Troops in Poland. The French Ambassador all this while distributes the Money remitted from France, and omits no Endeavours to advance the Prince of Conti to the Crown; though hitherto his Party does not seem to be so considerable as that which appears for Prince James, Son of the last King. The Queen prepares to leave this place, and to retire to *Chenstorckan*, judging it more advisable to yield to the representations of those who think it not proper she should reside here at this time, though she has no reason to look upon them otherwise than as Enemies of her Family, then by remaining in this place, to occasion greater Heats and Animosities; and she has fixed the 15th of the next month for her departure. The Crown General continues at *Lernberg*, to give the necessary Orders for securing the Frontiers against the Tartars, who threaten another Invasion.

*Vienna, Jan. 9.* The States of the *Lower-Austria* met here on the 7th Instant, in the great Hall of the Palace; The Emperor repaired thither about Noon, attended by the Principal Officers of the Court, and being seated under a Canopy, the Chancellor *Buccellini* made a Speech to them, upon the Subject of the present Juncture of Affairs, shewing the necessity there is to provide both in *Hungary*, and on the *Rhine*, proportionably to what is doing by the Enemy, who make their utmost, and perhaps last, Efforts for maintaining the War, the continuance whereof is so unequal to them, that a vigorous preparation for the next Campaign will in all likelihood procure a safe and Honourable Peace; That the Emperor is, therefore obliged to demand further Supplies of them; and does not doubt of their willingness to contribute what lies in them for their common Defence and Security; The Count *de Traun*, Marschal or Speaker of the Assembly, answered in Terms full of Duty and Respect, Thanking His Imperial Majesty for his Care to promote the Publick Good,

and assuring him, that they should not be wanting on their part to assist him in so great and necessary a Work. The Letters by the last Post from *Hungary* say, the Turks were drawing together about *Titul*, as if they had some design upon that place, but we have had so many groundless alarms, that little credit is given to this, and besides should the Enemy have any such intention, that, as well as our other Frontier Garisons are in too good a condition to be in pain for any Attempt the Enemy can make upon them at this time of the year. 'Tis confirmed from all Hands, that the Czar of *Moscovy* makes very great Preparations to prosecute the War against the Turks and Tartars, and that he has rejected the Proposals of Peace made him by the Cham of *Tartary*, who had Directions from the Grand Signior to endeavour by all means, to stop the progress of the Moscovites, which may otherwise give them great disturbance. The Count *de Harach*, whom the Emperor is sending to the Court of *Spain*, prepares for his departure.

*Francfort, Jan. 16.* We have had several Reports this Winter of the Enemies intending to pass the *Rhine* and *Neckar*, and to make a Ravage in the Countreys on this side, but hitherto they have attempted nothing. They now give out, that they will begin the Campaign very early, and that great Magazines are for this reason provided at *Strasbourg* and other Places. The Allies all this while neglect no means to put themselves in a posture not only to defend themselves, but to annoy the Enemy; and the Confederate Armies on the *Rhine* the next Summer will be greatly augmented by the Forces which the Six Circles have resolved to bring into the Field.

*Cologne, Jan. 18.* The several Circles whose Deputies met lately at *Francfort*, are providing the Troops they are to furnish, towards the Army of 60000 Men which they are to bring into the Field the next Summer; some of them raise Troops, and others are Treating with such Princes of the Empire as can supply them. The Bishop of *Wurtzburg*, for his own share, raises a Regiment of 1600 Men.

*Hamburgh, Jan. 18.* The Negotiation about the *Holfstein* Affairs is at present at a stand, but will be renewed so soon as the *Brandenburg*, and the other Ministers, who are at present absent, return hither. They write from *Berlin*, that the Elector of *Brandenburg* intends to go thence about the middle of the next month for *Prussia*, and to reside at *Covingsberg* till the Election in *Poland* is over.

Paris,

Paris, Jan. 18. The Letters from *Brest* of the 12th confirm the departure of Monsieur de Pointi with the Squadron under his command: 'Tis the general Opinion he is bound to the *West-Indies*. Our Plenipotentiaries continue their preparations for their departure, and the common Discourse is, that they will set out from hence about the middle of the next month. The French King has put out a Declaration, commanding all Grefriers, Notaries, and other Publick Persons, to deliver in an Extract of the Sentences, Judgments, and Contracts that have passed through their Hands, wherein any Person hath taken upon him the Title of a Gentleman, in order to discover and punish such as have no right to it; This gives great uneasiness to a vast number of People, and not without reason, seeing this new kind of Enquiry is like to be carried on with great severity, and to the ruine of many. Monsieur *Bignon*, Councillor of State, died here suddenly on the 15th of this month. The Marechal de *Villeroy* continues at *Lyons*. We are told that the Marechal de *Catinat* is to command the French Army in *Catalonia* the next Summer. 'Tis said at this Court, that, by the last Letters from *Madrid*, the King of *Spain* continued very much indispos'd.

Brussels, Jan. 20. The Advices from the Frontiers say, the French make preparations for an early Campaign, and that they provide great Magazines. The Marechal de *Boufflers* is still at *Lille*. They write from *Ghent*, that a strong Party was sent from thence some days ago, with Orders to pass the Canal of *Bruges*, and to protect the Country thereabouts, which the French threaten with Military Execution, because they have refused to bring in the Forage required of them by the Intendant of *Ipres*. The Count de *Noyelles* is come hither from *Holland*; and the Prince of *Nassau-Sarbrucke* is expected this Evening.

Hague, Jan. 22. N. S. The *Milfort* Frigate coming with 9 or 10 Merchantmen from *Zar-mouth*, bound to *Rotterdam*, was on Thursday last attacked by two French Privateers of 24 Guns each, with whom the *Milfort* engaged two hours, but having lost many Men, and the Ship being much disabled, she was taken, with several of the said Vessels, and carried to *Dunkirke*. The Letters from *France* say, Monsieur de *Pointi* sailed from *Brest* the 9th Instant, having been joined by some Ships from *Port-Louis*. The States of *Holland* and *Westfrizeland* meet again to morrow.

Falmouth, July 11. Yesterday arrived in this Port His Majesty's Ships, *Anglesey* and *Lyn*, from the Coast of *Ireland*, where they took a French Privateer of 12 Guns and 75 Men, and sent her to *Kinsale*.

Plymouth, Jan. 12. The *Child's-Play* and *Sea-fort* Frigats, with the Vessels that sailed hence the 10th Instant for the *Downes*, were put back yesterday by contrary Winds. A Ship is arrived at *Dartmouth* from *Newfoundland*, having on Board above 200 Passengers; They bring an account, that the French have made themselves Masters of the Settlement at *St. Johns*; The Inhabitants, after having made the best defence they could, yielded upon Articles, which the French did not perform.

Whereas Two Letters have been lately sent to Thomas Papillion, Esq; one of the Commissioners for Vetting His Majesty's Navy, concerning Abuses committed in the Victualling of the Navy; One of the said Letters being dated the 14th of Decemb. 1696, and sign'd T. E. and the other dated the first of this Instant January, and sign'd F. T. and W. H. These are to give notice, that if the Person or Persons who wrote the said Letters will attend the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty at their Office near Whitehall, or give an Account where he or they may be sent for, in order to be Examined therein, they may have all fitting Encouragement and Protection.

#### Advertisements.

Richard Rhodes of *Hygate* in the County of *Surrey*, Owneer, having in a barbarous manner & unreasonably urged Against his Servant, in a Court of Justice: He is a thin Man of middle stature, long Visaged, wearing his own Hair of a dark brown colour, curled at the ends, having light grey Eyes, and often blood-shot, and a scar from the corner of one of his Eyes downwards, aged about 40. Whoever can discover him, and cause him to be apprehended, shall be well rewarded by the Friends of the deceased, living at *Hygate* aforesaid.

Ovid's *Metamorphosis*. Translated by Mr. Tate and several other eminent Hands. Vol. I. containing the first five Books, Adorn'd with Sculptures. Printed for W. Rogers at the Sun in *Fleetstreet*, F. Saunders in the *New-Exchange*, and A. Pope at the Black Boy over against *St. Dunstons Church* in *Fleetstreet*.

Mark William Read, an Experienced and Approved Optick, who hath performed divers great Cures upon People that have lost their Sight, and others born Blind, doth now Practice his Operation of Couching Cataracts, and curing other Distempers incident to the Eyes (as formerly at *Oxford*) now at *Cambridge*, where he may be spoken with at present, and after his removal thence, all the next Summer, at his House in *St. Edmunds-Bury* in *Suffolk*.

Dr. Rugeley's Library, being a Curious Collection of Theological, Historical, Philological, Medicinal, Mathematical, and Chymical Books, in Gr. Lat. Ital. Germ. Fr. and English, will be sold by Auction, by Jo. Bullock at Dr. Rugeley's late Dwelling-House in *Bloomsbury*, on Tuesday the 19th Instant. Catalogues may be had gratis at the Place of Sale.

The Royal Luttering Company of England will sell by Inch of Candle a parcel of Narrow and Broad Allamodes and Renforcers, in small Lots, at their House in *Austin-Fryers*, on Thursday the 21th Instant, at 10 in the morning; where the said Goods are to be seen the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before the Sale.

Lost about 3 weeks since between *Stony-Stratford* and *Newport-Pagnell* in *Buckinghamshire*, a Gold Watch with a Scabb'd Case, a red String, and Silver Seal. Whoever discovers it (so as it may be had again) to Mr. Anthony Chapman of *Newport* aforesaid, or to Mr. Tho. Rose, Sword Cutler in *Ludgate street*, *London*, shall have a Guinea Reward and Charges.

A Commission of Bankrupt being awarded against John Reynolds, late of *London*, Gunlock-maker, all Persons that owe him any Money, or have any Goods or Effects of his in their hands, they are desired to forbear payment thereof to him or any Person but such as shall be Authorized by the Commissioners; and all Creditors are desired to pay their Contribution-money to John Rawkins, of the Minorities, in the Parish of *St. Dunstons* without *Aldgate*, Gun maker; and the said Commissioners do intend to meet on Wednesday the 20th Instant, at the Ship and Fountain Tavern behind the *Royal Exchange*, by 9 in the Forenoon.

Stopt the 5th Instant by John Willmott, Pawn-broker, living with Mrs. Milburn at the Clothworkers-Shears in *Mouthitch*, one Silk Gown and Petticoat, one Stuff Gown and Petticoat, and one Blanket. The Owner may have them again paying the Charges.

Taken away on the 15th Instant, from Mr. Tho. Burton of *Coggeshall* in the County of *Essex*, by 3 Highwaymen, about 5 afternoon, between *Ilford* and *Stratford*, a brown Mare, about 14 hands high, 3 white Feet, short Mane, a little white on her Fore-head, white slip on her Nose, with a black Saddle, a Matepillar and Crooper. Whoever secures her, and gives notice to Mr. Peter Morris at the Spread-Eagle-Inn in *Gracechurch street*, or to Mr. Benjamin Cleere at the *Greyhound* in *Bare-street*, shall have a Guinea Reward, and Charges.

Lately come over several Hundred of Canary Birds of various Colours, as White, Ash-colour, and Grey, and as good as any come over this 20 years, and are to be sold at reasonable Rates at James Kendrick's at the *Black-Lyon* in *White-Mart* Yard next *Druery-Lane*.