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Westminster, Dec. 23.

THIS Day Her Majesty came to the House of Peers, and being seated on the Throne in Her Royal Robes, with the usual Solemnity, Sir *David Mitchell* Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, by Her Majesty's Command, went to the House of Commons, to require their Attendance in the House of Peers, whither they came accordingly; and then Her Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An Act for Granting to Her Majesty a Land-Tax, for carrying on the War against France *and* Spain.

And to Two Private Acts.

Creutznach, Dec. 11. N. S. Three Regiments of the Emperor's Forces marched lately through this Place towards the *Moselle*, to joyn the Forces of the Elector *Palatine*, and those of *Lunenburgh* and *Hesse Cassell*, which are drawing nearer towards *Saarbach*, in order to streighten the Garrison of that Place; and we hear that is already done in such manner, that the *French* dare not send out any Parties from thence, the few that have ventured of late to go abroad being fallen into the hands of the Confederate Forces, so that most of them were killed or taken Prisoners. The Landgrave of *Hesse Cassell* has put a Garrison of 1200 Men into *Rhinfelds*, and they are fortifying that Place with all possible diligence, for which purpose the County about it is obliged to furnish a great number of Palisadoes, and other necessaries; Care is also taken to provide the Magazines there with a numerous Artillery, and sufficient quantity of Ammunition and Provisions, for its Defence. The Parties of the Imperial Forces quartered in these Parts make Incursions into the Bishoprick of *Metz*, with very good Success.

Heidelberg, December 12. The Marquis of *Bareith* is at present at *Nuremberg*, drawing together a Body of the Forces of the Circle of *Franconia*, and several Imperial Regiments, which were going to Winter Quarters, have received Orders to join them, in order, as is supposed, to make some Attempt against the Elector of *Bavaria*. We hear, that Elector demands 50000 Guilders, by way of Contribution, from the City of *Augsburg*: In the mean time his Forces begin to complain for want of their Pay, which is said to be occasioned by the failure of some Remittances of Money that were expected from *France*, which makes the Court of *Bavaria* very uneasie. It is said, the Emperor will considerably augment his Army on the *Rhine* next Summer, by taking into his Service the Forces of several Princes of the Empire, besides what further Assistance may be expected from the several Circles of the Empire, in pursuance of the Resolutions of the Imperial Diet. The *French* Forces which were quartered about *Sabern* are removed nearer to *Strasburg*; They have quitted *Reischeffen*, a small Town, whereof they had possessed themselves, not far from *Haguenau*; But they still keep strong Garisons in this last Place, and at *Bisweiler*, for the better Security of their Winter Quarters.

Hamburgh, Dec. 15. *N. S.* The Count *de Guldenlew*, who has the chief Command of the *Danish* Forces which are employed in the Emperor's Service in *Italy*, arrived here from thence yesterday, in his way to *Copenhagn*. We hear Monsieur *Du Heron*, the *French* Envoy, is brought with a Guard from *Thoorn* to *Koningstein*, to be conveyed from thence to the Frontiers of the *French* King's Dominions, where he will be set at liberty. The King of *Poland* has appointed the Baron of *Schuylenberg* to command the Troops which he has lately put into the Emperor's Service; to whom, as it is reported, he offers two Regiments more. They write from *Thoorn*, That the Cardinal Primate was shortly expected in that Place, where his Presence would be very necessary in the Great Council of the *Polish* Nobility which is assembled there, to consider of the present Posture of their Affairs, and of the best Means to restore the Peace in those Parts; And that the Weywode of *Massovia*, who is the first of the Deputies appointed to attend the King of *Sweden* in the Name of the Republick, with Offers of their Mediation, and several Deputies from the *Lesse-Poland*, were also coming to *Thoorn*, in order to assist at that Assembly. Letters from *Warsaw* bring Advice, That a Body of Six thousand of the *Swedish* Troops was arrived in the neighbourhood of that Place, and that the King of *Sweden* in Person was following with the rest of his Army; and it is said he intends to pursue his first Design, of taking Winter Quarters in *Prussia*. We have an Account from *Courland*, that the Sieur *Ogiurks*, who has been some time with his Troops in Quarters of Refreshment in that Country, is marched back into *Samogitia*.

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