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Florence, Dec. 30. N. S.

**A** Flushing Privateer has lately taken in these Seas a French Merchant Ship laden with Corn and Wooll, to the Value of 20000 Pieces of Eight, which he has sent to Porto Ferrais; but he has brought to Leghorn the French Seamen that were taken Prisoners on board her. There are several of those Privateers cruising in these Parts, which causes a great Interruption in the French Commerce to the Levant.

Rome, Dec. 30. Great Application is made to the Pope, particularly by the Prince of Belvedere, and his Brother the Duke of Monteleone, to promote Signior Pignatelli, who resides at present as his Nuncio in Poland, to the Archbishoprick of Naples; and it is said he is also supported by the Emperor's Interest. The Imperial Ambassador does not yet come to Court, but the Affairs of the Emperor are managed by Abbot Tucci, who is one of his Councillors of State. Cardinal Medicis is declared Protector of the Affairs of France and Spain at this Court; and at the same time that he took this Office upon him, the French King gave him a very rich Abbey. The Duke of Atona, the Marquis of Escalona, Son to the Vice-Roy of Naples, and some other Neapolitan Noblemen, who attended the King of Spain during his stay at Milan, arrived here lately from thence, in their way home.

Venice, Jan. 5. Prince Eugene having made the necessary Dispositions for the Safety of Ostiglia and the other Posts where the Forces under his Command are at present, he came hither incognito on the 30th past, and very early the next Morning went from hence Post for Vienna, in order to lay before the Emperor an Account of the Posture of his Affairs in Italy. General Staremberg, who, in his Highness's Absence, has the chief Command of the Imperial Army, has taken his Head Quarters at Ostiglia, and has caused a Line to be made from the Tower of Saravello to that Place, for its greater Security. It is said a Body of 5000 French is ordered to march towards that Post, with intent to attack it, but the Ways from the French Quarters thither are unpassable, and the Germans are so well provided with all manner of Necessaries for their Defence, that it is believed this Expedition will have the same Success with another, which they lately made towards the Country of Trent; A Body of them passed over the Lake de Guardia in Boats, in order to have landed at Riva or Torbole, but they found the Militia and Inhabitants of that Bishoprick upon their Guard, and so were forced to return without putting their Design in Execution. The French have Bombarded Bersello for some days, but without any effect, and the Garrison of that Place, which consists of 800 Men, is said to be sufficiently furnished with Provisions and Ammunition, so that it will not easily be reduced. A Body of 500 Germans has taken Post at Ponte-Molino, and they are fortifying that Place.

Theorn, January 1. The Muscovite Ambassador had Audience yesterday of the King of Poland,

and delivered to him a Letter from the Czar his Master, giving the King an Account of his having taken Norrebourg. The Conferences at Warsaw between the Cardinal Primate and the Emperor's Minister, and other Persons of Quality, in order to procure a Peace between the Kings of Sweden and Poland, are continued, but we have not yet any Account of what Progress they have made in that Affair. The City of Lublin appointed lately two Deputies to wait upon the King of Sweden, in order to desire an Abatement of the Sums of Money demanded of them in his Name by the way of Contribution; but they were not able to obtain Audience, and are since come to Warsaw, where Deputies are expected from several other Palatinates, the Cardinal Primate having writ to them, desiring their Advice in this difficult Juncture of Affairs. In the mean time the Swedish Army moves towards Prussia, by very slow Marches, being divided into four Bodies, to the end they may with more Convenience be supplied with Provisions and other Necessaries; and besides the furnishing thereof, they oblige the Country thro' which they pass to pay them great Contributions. The King of Sweden is supposed to be at Cazimir, in which Place, according to our last Accounts, he intended to continue till the 6th Instant, and then to proceed to Warsaw.

Raribon, January 11. The Imperial Diet has not met since the Holidays. The Imperial Forces which are to be employed against the Elector of Bavaria are advancing towards the Frontiers of his Country, and above 15000 of them are already got together in the Upper-Austria and the Arch-bishoprick of Salzburg, who wait only for good Weather to enter upon Action. The Circles of Suabia and Franconia, to secure themselves against the Excursions of that Elector's Forces, have posted both their Regulated Troops, and their Militia along their Frontiers, which amount altogether to 40000 Men; and the Passes between Bavaria and the Bodensee are carefully guarded by several Bodies of Imperial Troops.

Berlin, January 13. The King of Prussia has given Orders for New Levies to be made, intending to add two Troops to each Regiment of his Cavalry, and as many Companies to each of those Regiments of his Infantry as serve at present on the Rhine; And it is said he designs also to take some Foreign Troops into his Service. Monsieur d'Ablefeldt, Envoy of Denmark, is to have publick Audience of the King and Queen of Prussia the 15th Instant. The King holds his Resolution of going to Magdebourg in few days, but it is doubted whether the Duke of Wolfenbuttel and the Landgrave of Hesse-Cassel will come thither, a Dispute having happened about the Ceremonial to be observed in such an Interview, which will not easily be adjusted; but the Hereditary Prince of Hesse-Cassel will be there, with the Princess his Wife, who is Daughter to the King of Prussia. The Prince Royal of Prussia intends to accompany the Queen his Mother to Hannover.

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*Colantz, January 14.* The French lately sent several Boats with Soldiers on board from Die-denkoven to reinforce the Garrison of Traerbach, but the Imperial and Russian Forces at Berncafell and Kreef having notice thereof, fired thrice upon the said Boats, and killing several of the Enemy, put them into a such Consternation, that the Men in 3 of the Boats suffered themselves to be carried by the Stream below Traerbach, and the River being extraordinary rapid, by reason of the late Land Floods, they with much difficulty got to a small Village called Reiz, having passed before Enkroden where 300 Men of the Forces of the Allies are quartered, who plied them with their small Shot as they went by; The Enemy being got to Reiz, where there were no Troops to oppose them, landed there, and having set fire to their Boats, dispersed themselves in order to make their Escape; some of our Parties that followed them along the River side got to this Place time enough to preserve the Boats, and to take many of the Enemy Prisoners; so instead of a Reinforcement of 1000 Men, which was said to have been sent into Traerbach, that Garrison received but 400, for those Boats that got thither did not carry above that number, and the rest of the Body, which consisted of the Regiment of Pottier, of 750 Men, was either killed, taken or dispersed. Two Regiments of the Forces of Hesse; and 2 Dutch Battalions, are marched from this Place towards Traerbach, and are to be joined by more Forces; in order to block up that Place till the Season is proper for besieging it, and the necessary Preparations for that purpose are making with all diligence.

*Paris, January 15.* The French King has lately made a Promotion of 10 Marshals of France, viz. the Duke de Harcourt, the Marquesses of Chamilly, Huxelles, and Montreuil, the Counts of Tallard, Estrees (Son to the Marshal d'Estrees) Tiffé, and Chateaufort, and the Sieurs Rosen and Fauban. The Marshal of Villars is gone to Strasburg; from whence it is said the Marshal of Huxelles is to remove to Brittany, to take upon him the chief Command in those Parts. All the necessary Preparations are making for an early Campaign, and it is given out here, that we shall open it by some considerable Enterprise in the Netherlands, and that we shall have a much greater Army this Campaign than we had the last; but herein we meet with no small difficulty, in regard Men are so scarce, that the new Levies go on very slowly. Our Advices from Languedoc say, the Protestants in the *Severnes*, who have lately taken up Arms, came some time ago to *Sauvre* a small Town about 7 or 8 Leagues from *Montpellier*, where they had almost seized the Castle, being in possession of the Town; But upon Advice that the *Sieur de la Hays*, Governor of the Fort *St. Hippolite*, was marching against them, they retired in the Night to the Mountains, where it is almost impossible to attack them; Since then about 60 of them came to the very Gates of *Alais*, and the Governor coming out with some Militia to oppose them, they kept behind a Hedge, and from thence made a Discharge upon the Governor's Men, who were thereby put into such disorder, that he was forced to retire. The Number of these poor exasperated People increases daily, and it is said they have lately got among them some experienced Officers, so that they begin to grow formidable. Letters from *Barcelona* give an Account, That the King of *Spain* was arrived there in his way to *Madrid*.

*Hague, Jan. 19.* N. S. The Squadron of Dutch Men of War, commanded by Rear-Admiral Vander Duifen with Land Forces on board, sailed for England the 17th Instant. The States are treating with the Bishop of Munster, and the Dukes of Holstein and Saxe Gotin, in order to take some of the Forces of those Princes into their Service. A Placart is sent by order of the States General to the several Provinces, in order to its being published, for raising twice the Hundredth Penny, in the same manner as was done last Year. Another Placart is under the Press, whereby the States promise a Pardon to all such Deserters, as shall return to their Colours within two Months time, from the Date of the said Placart.

*Doxe, January 12.* Admiral *Allemande* arrived here Yesterday from *Holland*, on Board a Dutch Man of War, which immediately after his landing sailed for *Spitshead*.

*St. James's, Jan. 10.* Whereas Daniel de Foe alias de Foece, is charged with writing a Scandalous and Seditious

Pamphlet Entituled, [Title] Shortest way with the Dissenters. Whoever shall discover the said Daniel de Foe, alias de Foece to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, or any of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, so as he may be apprehended, shall have a Reward of 50000 which Her Majesty has ordered immediately to be paid upon such Discovery.

He is a middle sized spare Man, about 40 years old, of a brown Complexion, and dark brown curled Hair, and wears a Wig, a hooked Nose, a sharp Chin, grey Eyes, and a large Mouth near his Mouth, was born in London, and for many years was a Horse Keeper in Frennam's-yard, in Cornhill, and now is Owner of the Brick and Pottery Works near Tilbury-Fort in Essex.

Whereas Her Majesty, for the Encouragement of Trade and Commerce hath thought fit to appoint Boats for carrying Letters and Pacquets between England and the Islands of Barbadoes, Antego, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Christophers, and Jamaica, in America; This is to give Notice, That a Mail for the above-mentioned Islands, will go from the General Post-Office in London, on Saturday the 23d Instant; and the next Mail will go from the said Office on Tuesday the 25th of February next; and thence forward on the last Thursday in every Month; and Her Majesty, pursuant to the Statute made in the 12th Year of King Charles the Second, for Establishing a Post-Office, hath directed and empowered the Postmaster General of England to take for the Part of all Letters and Pacquets, that shall be convey'd by the said Boats, between London and any of the above-mentioned Islands, the Rates as follows; For every Letter not exceeding one Sheet of Paper 9 d. For every Letter exceeding two Sheets of Paper 1 s. 6 d. For every Pacquet weighing an Ounce 2 s. 8 d. and so in proportion.

Whereas the Ships the *Citadel* of Bayonne, the *St. James* of Diep, and the *Phoenix* of Diep, all three taken by Her Majesty's Ship the *Newport*, have been Condemn'd and Sold as Prizes; And the Net Proceed of them and their Cargo's being now-adjusted by the Comptroller of the Prize-Office, and also by the accountants to the Principal Commissioners for Prizes, by which it appears how much is due to the Captors.

The Receiver General for Prizes hath hereby give notice, That on Thursday the 21st Instant, at his Office for Payment of Captors in the Little Piazza's, Covent Garden, he will then pay, or cause to be paid to the said Captors (without Deduction for Poundage) the just Proportions due to each of them, according to the Directions in Her Majesty's Declaration for the Encouragement of Her Ships of War, &c.

*Advertisements.*

There is preparing for the Press, an Account of Remarkable Transactions at Sea, during the last War with France. By Mr. Burchett, Secretary of the Admiralty.

THE Annual Feast of the Gentlemen Educated at St. Paul's School, will be held on Monday the 25th Instant, at Mercers-Hall in Cheapside. Tickets may be had at Barfon's Coffee-house in Cornhill, Mr. Ayres's, Writing-School, and Mr. Kettleby's, Bookfeller, in St. Paul's Church-yard, Mr. Tooke's Bookfeller, at Temple-bar, Squire's Coffee-house in Fullers-Rens, and at Oliver's Coffee-house by Westminster-hall Gate.

This day is published, Letters to the King, the Prince of Orange, the chief Ministers of State, and other Persons. By Sir William Temple Bar. being the third and last Volume. Published by Jonathan Swift, D. D. None of which ever Printed before. Printed for T. Goodwin at the Queen's-Head against St. Dunstan's-Church, and B. Tooke at the Middle-Temple Gate, in Fleet-street.

Whereas a Debenture, N<sup>o</sup> 42. dated August 20. 1695. for 727 l. 15 s. 6 d. due to the Ship Content, Peter Vallait Master, for Transport Service into Ireland, hath been assigned or transferred by a Person who had no Right to the same; This is to give notice thereof to all such to whom the same may be offered to be assigned or discounted.

THE Commissioners in a renewed Commission of Bankrupt against Capt. Tho. Newiman, late of London, Merchant and Merchant, intend to meet on Monday the first of February next, from 5 to 12 before, and from 3 to 6 in the after Noon, at the Irish Chamber in Guildhall, London, to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; And all Creditors concerned are then and there to come prepar'd to prove their Debts, and pay their Contribution-Money, or they'll be excluded the said Dividend.

ON Friday night last a Gentleman came to the Greyhound Inn in Smithfield, lay there that night, and next morning made Enquiry after a Gentleman near Ludgate, and then went away, and is supposed to be gone into the County; But his Friends not knowing whether he went from thence; This is to desire him immediately to return, his Presence being absolutely necessary upon an extraordinary Occasion.

Stolen or strayed about the 15th past, out of Barnick Parish in Northamptonshire, near Stamford, a black Mare 7 years old, about 15 hands high, a little Star in her Forehead, a white Spill in her upper Lip, and a white Tail. Whoever finds and gives notice of her to Mr. John Browne at the Coach and Horses in St. Martin's-Lane, Westminster, or Mr. Gregory Hinton at the Chequer Inn in Stamford in Lincolnshire, shall have a Guinea Reward, and reasonable Charges.