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Oxford, Nov. 22.

This day Sir *John Keeling* took his place in the Kings Bench Court, as Lord Chief Justice.

*Hull*, Nov. 19. The storm hath been so great, that the Ships in our Harbor suffered at least 400 pound damage. In *Grimsbay* Road a Vessel was lost, bound for *Lyn*; and a Coal ship put ashore, which, it is feared, will not escape.

*Tarmonth*, Nov. 20. The ship mentioned in the last upon the Cockle sand, is got off with little damage, and the loss of some Coals they were obliged to throw over-board. It is generally reported, that twenty Colliers have miscarried within twenty miles of this Town.

*Dantzick*, Nov. 7. The Letters from *Torn* of the third instant, advise, That the King of *Poland* was marched with his Army to *Uladislaw*, and that day by nine of the clock before noon, intended to enter *Torn*; the Burgers at the coming away of the Post making ready for his Reception. This being unexpected, gives occasion of many strange conjectures; the most probable is, That either he intends to bring a Polish Garrison into *Torn* (which the Burgers have hitherto refused to receive) or else, that he intends to leave *Poland* and reside in *Prussia*.

*Rome*, Octob. 3. The young King of *Spain*, *Charles* the Second, is proclaimed at *Naples* and *Sicily*, where all things seem to remain in their former Tranquility and Obedience. The Cardinal *d'Arragen* hath by an Express, which passed by here two days since, advised this Court of his being chosen Archbishop of *Toledo*, which it is believed was principally done to hasten his return into *Spain*, where he was left an Assistant to the Government in the Dutchess's minority. The Duke *de Medina Cæli* is named to be his Successor in the Vice Royalty.

*Franckfort*, Nov. 5. The Treaty of *Oppenheim*, signed and ratified the twenty fourth past, gave us hopes the *Lorrain* forces would have been by this in their way homewards, *Mentz* itself being not without some trouble from them: But we are now told they have drawn a fresh Train of Artillery into the field, as if they had a design upon some place of strength about *Worms*, where it is said, there hath been a brush between the Elector of *Heidelberg's* forces, and the Count *de Vandemont*. In the mean time this amicable Treaty at *Spire* is on foot, of which we hope we may yet see some good issue, by the friendship or authority of the Emperor and the Elector of *Brandenburg*, into whose hands the Arbitration is by the Preliminary Treaty put.

*Mentz*, Novemb. 14. Three days ago Monsieur *de Gravelle*, Brother to the French Kings Minister at *Ratibon*, past by here in post: He was two or three hours with his Electoral Highness of this place, and thence went for *Cassel* to visit the *Langrave Dowager*, and from thence was to proceed to the Duke of *Newburg*, the Elector of *Cologne*, and Duke of *Brunswick*, all on the same Errand, relating to his Masters concerns in this busie conjuncture. We apprehend here, that the Elector of *Heidelberg* doth not mean well to the late Truce. He scruples to subscribe the Recess (as that Preliminary Treaty is called) demanding an Explanation of the fifth Article, and to know what shall follow, in case the Peace be not fully concluded in the four months, so as his Electoral Highness of this place, sent the Envoy of *Lorrain* yesterday, to demand a Cathorick answer upon the whole. In the mean time our Troops are in Quarter upon the Elector of *Heidelberg's* Territories, till we see what comes of the Treaty which is on foot at *Spire*.

*Brussels*, Nov. 24. Mr. *Temple*, whom His Majesty hath appointed to be his Resident at *Brussels*, had audience of the Marquess *Castel Rodrigo* the nineteenth instant, where he delivered his Credentials, and was received with all the expres-

sion of respect and kindness due to his Majesties Minister in that quality.

*Bortaign* is not yet taken, but cannot in probability hold out long, there being little appearance how the *Hollander* can relieve it; the Prince of *Munster*, by means of the Bridge you formerly heard he had made over the Marsh from *Meppen* side to *Terappel*, remaining master of the sole passage, by which it can in likelihood be effected. It is reported, after many incertainties both ways, that the Duke of *Luxenburgh* will assist the States with 6000 men, and that the Elector of *Brandenburg* will assist the Prince of *Munster* with 7000. Those that write most impartially of the Prince of *Munster*, say, That his Army hath no want of any thing, unless of Beec and Wine, and that of all other Provisions he hath great abundance out of the Countrey it self. It is believed the French succors are by this time at *Nimegen*; many of their Infantry desert, being impatient of a Winter march, especially the season having proved so rainy. The Prince of *Munster* to make their way the longer, is fortifying the Town of *Dotechem*, upon the Old *Zffel*, and that of *Lochem* upon *Berkel*, by which the French Troops must necessarily pass ere they can reach the Body of that Princes forces. The first Squadron of French Succors of 1200 Horse, are past into the *Velaunre*, and have already given them a taste of their carriage, having slain upon the Peasants there, and in the *Betaunre*, who have not been used these many years to such guests.

*Madrid*, Novemb. 24. The Marquess of *Bellefcurd* is on his way hither from *Paris*; his errand is pretended to be the usual complements of Condoence upon the death of His late Majesty: What he hath further of business is not yet known, but it is generally talked to be the investiture he is to demand in his Masters name, of the Duchy of *Brabant* and County of *Haynault*, and a Copy of the late Kings Testament.

*Paris*, Novemb. 23. All the Nobility of *Auvergne* are fled from their dwellings, upon the severity of the *Chambre des Grands jours*; and such of them as had sheltered themselves here, have passed away, understanding that the Provost of the Isle of *Paris* had order to make search, and to secure them.

*Hrgue*, Nov. 24. Though we have frequently Letters from our Deputies at the Head Quarter at *Schembe*, yet none of the last speak a word of Prince *Maurice*, which makes men think here, there is not that perfect good correspondence that were to be desired, among the Persons that are employed in the management of our Councils upon the place. And indeed, some reflections are made, as if those in chief Command in the Army were a little too cold in the execution of what is designed upon the Enemy, seeming rather to expect what their own straits and necessities would have brought them to: but these we finde our selves frustrated in; by the late Passages they have opened by the *Marafs*, their new Retrenchments at *Winfboten*, *Heybegerlee* and *Terappel*, by which means those places have free communication among themselves, and with the Body of their Forces at *Meppen* and *Reems*, where the Prince of *Munster* is in person, giving all necessary Orders in the carrying on the War; which we are told he hath answered some moderate Introposers, that he will now go through with whatever it cost him. It is writ from *Coverden*, that at *Harndenber* and *Cramsberg*, near that place, is a Body of 3000 Horse, from whom they, and the Neighborhood of *Dieren* receive continual Alarms. On the 20th, arrived in the *Velaunre*, the first Brigade of 1200 French Horse; on the 21st the second will be there, and on the 22. the third. They are much cryed out against for all their ill carriage in the Villages about *Nimegen*, where they are said not to have spared even the women. They are to be quartered about *Dieren*, and other places.

places upon the *Yssel*, and to make room, our own men are taken into the great Towns. It is apprehended there will be some difficulty in disposing the general Command, upon this conjunction of Forces.

*Amsterdam, Nov. 24.* Our Merchants with much impatience, expect the coming of the rest of the *East-India*, and *Smyrna* Ships, but the ill weather gives them hope, that that is the only cause of their stay. The Admiral *De Ruyter* was on the 19. at *Rotterdam*, where with their Vice-Admiral, and some other Captains, he viewed the shipping that were building, among which, one of 70. Guns, which will be launched next week. Several Merchants ships belonging to *Rotterdam*, lye there, and at the *Brill*, ready to go out, if they durst venture. Since the *English* Fleet put to Sea, the States seem to be in much apprehension of some design on the Coast of *Groningen*, or *East-Friesland*, inasmuch that they have ordered the Admiralty of *Friesland*, to send 3 or 4 of their lightest ships before *Grierziel*, until farther order.

*Ditto, Nov. 24.* We are entred into Accounts with the Envoye of *Denmark*, about the satisfaction his Master takes this advantage of time to press us for; and we finde he produces intricate and uncertain particulars, which he pretends must be discounte'd to him upon those Debts his Master owes to this State, which are very vast, as well to the Generality, as to the Admiralty of *Amsterdam*, and the States of *Holland*.

The *Lunenburgh* Envoye is gone, leaving the Treaty made by *Waldeck*, about the *Lunenburgh* Forces, to rest solely upon the Bishop of *Osnaburg* and insisting that the States first make an end with the King of *Sweden*, and the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, and that his Master, the Duke *George Guiliam*, be warrant'd against the Prince of *Munster*, even for what the Bishop of *Osnaburg* his brother, shall agree to, in the Treaty propos'd; so as it is doubted whether it will have any effect. He is in the interim gone to Prince *Maurice*, to adjust with him, and the Deputies there, how the *Lunenburgh* Forces and theirs shall unite, in case the treaty of *Succor* go on.

The Elector of *Brandenburgh* being arriv'd at *Cleves*, they are thinking here of sending to complement him, and by that pretence to reassume the Treaty, which is at present laid aside. Only *Holland* stands off, and would fain see what we can doe of our selves with the Friendship of the French King, who seems to have as much jealousy of the rest of the Provinces, as they have of him, saying, upon this occasion, he findes no security to treat with the States General, with those of *Holland* he doth, and in it much frankness and secrecie. In the mean time, the Elector is raising five Regiments, and the Duke of *Newburgh* is likewise upon new Levies.

The People here are infinitely desirous of a Peace, and not without hopes of obtaining it, upon the terms we are willing to receive it on, were it not for the French Faction among us, which seeks to continue the War for their own ends; and this begins now from secret murmuring, to proceed to open clamours, and to become a common Argument for the Press as well as the Pulpit, Prints frequently now of late, flying abroad in different shapes upon this subject: And as to the business of the Minister *Landman*, for having preached publicly against the Alliance with *France*, it rests as it was. It is insisted upon, that he make a formal Recantation, and ask pardon under his hand as the late *Sterremont* heretofore did: which *Landman* refuseth to do, not owning himself to be in a fault.

We are much scandalized at the City of *Bremen*, for furnishing the Prince of *Munsters* Army with provisions of all kindes; and tis said, the States have writ a sharp Letter to them on that subject.

The news we told you of in our last, of the Prince of *Munsters* having intercepted a considerable Convoy of provisions passing from *Groningen* to Prince *Maurice's* Forces, and kill'd 500. men upon the place, comes confirm'd to us from several good hands; so as in the whole, we do not doubt of the truth; but not having as yet received any farther particulars, save that it was done by a party of the *Munster* Forces, commanded by Colonel *Doffery*, and not far from *Groningen*; we must expect the other circumstances by our next.

*Paris, Nov. 25.* It is observed here that the Clergy presses the King much to bring those of the Reformed Reli-

gion to a general Synod, where all their Churches shall signe a Formulaire of the Concessions of his Majesties Predecessors; to compare if they agreed with those that were first granted, in regard 'tis pretended there is some alteration, particularly in having made an association with the *Lutherans*, which persuasion being not of the growth of *France* as that of *Calvinism*, his Majesty will in no wise tolerate. The Parliament of *Roën*, in obedience to the Orders they received from the King, have made an Arrest to prohibit all French ships to trade or pass to any parts of the Kingdoms of *England*, *Scotland* or *Ireland*, or so much as to go into the Channel, upon the penalty of a thousand Livers *Tournois*, and confiscation of such ships and goods; and 'tis further discourst here that an embargo is laid upon all English ships and goods in several Ports of this Kingdom, and some Letters are shewn from the Ports themselves which say as much.

The *Hague* Letters of the 19th tell us, that Monsieur *Friquet*, the Emperors Envoy, had by way of discourse signified, that his Master would not act in the difference betwixt *Munster* and *Holland*, as long as the French Forces stand onely on the Defensive part; but if they should attraque the Prince in his Country, that then he should assist him against *France* and *Holland*.

*Dublin, Nov. 16.* Much of the time, since the Houses of Parliament met here, has been spent by the House of Commons, in the Examination of which of their Members were tainted with any contagion of the Plot that was here in the Year 1663. wherein they have provided with much care of the honour of that House, and with expressions of great zeal to the safety of his Majesties Person and Government. This day *Robert Shapcott*, *Alexander Staples*, *Thomas Scot*, *John Rookston*, *John Chambers*, *Abel Warren*, and *Thomas Boyd*, were called to the Bar, where they received on their knees Sentence to be expelled the House and made incapable of ever sitting in any Parliament of this Kingdom for the future, whereof you shall see the particulars at large elsewhere. The additional Act for Settlement has been read once through, and a great part of it a second time.

*Sherborn, Nov. 18.* About a fortnight since, it pleased God to visit this Town with the Plague; but since for these seven days last past, we have not had one Person dead of any Disease whatsoever, which gives us great hope that the Town is now free from Infection.

*Plymouth, Nov. 19.* Captain *Knevet*, Commander of the *Richmond*, hath brought in hither a ship, called the *Hope* of *Dunkirk*, laden with Hides, Tallow, and Butter, which it is supposed will prove good Prize.

*Falmouth, Nov. 18.* A *Plymouth* ship bound for *Virginia*, being far on her Voyage, at Sea, in the late Storm, lost all her Masts, but happily putting into *Milford*, she was in company of 20. Sail of Colliers, convoy'd by the *Richmond* Frigate to *Plymouth*.

*Dartmouth, Nov. 21.* On Sunday night a prize was sent in hither, laden with *Bourdeaux* wine, a ship of 150 Tuns, taken by a Privateer. The same Frigate took off of the *Lizard*, three other Vessels, which are sent into *Falmouth*.

*Oxon, Nov. 23.* This day the French Ambassadors took their leaves of his Majesty in the usual manner, being conducted to their Audience in his Majesties Coach, by Sir *Charles Cotterell* Master of the Ceremonies; where they acquainted his Majesty, that their Master finding their Mediation to prove unsuccessful, had commanded them to return home, and at the same time to assure his Majesty of the perfect Friendship and Esteem their Master had for him; and that he would on all occasions give testimonies of it: whereupon they took their leave, and were from thence conducted in the same manner to the Queen, and thence to their Royal Highnesses, where they made the like Complements.

*Novemb. 24.* Sir *William Moreton* being sworn before the Lord High Chancellor, as Justice of his Majesties Court of the Kings-Bench, took his place accordingly.

*Novemb. 25.* This night that Reverend Prelate, Doctor *John Earle*, late Lord Bishop of *Salisbury*, was Interred in the Chappel of *Merton Colledge*, of which he was sometimes Fellow; the principal Persons both of Court and University paid the last Offices due to his excellent Memory, in a numerous Attendance on this Solemnity.