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Plymouth, Jan. 31.

THe winds have been here extream violent, which hath kept the ships longer then they intended in this Port, but this day Sir *William Fennings* and Captain *Worden*, staking the first opportunity of wind and weather, are sailed from hence with about 80 Merchant men under their Convoy.

Deal, February 1. The last storms have done much mischief amongst the ships in the Downs, by reason of their number and riding so thick, but this day the wind proving fair, they are all under sail, to prosecute their several voyages.

Dover, Feb. 1 We have of late had here extream bad weather, nor have the winds been less violent in other parts. The Flanders Pacquet-boat this evening arrived here, the Master says that several vessels have of late been lost upon those coasts; that there was lately cast away near *Ostend*, a great ship homewards bound, suppoed to *Holland*, and laden with Wines from *Mallaga*, about 200 Butts having been cast ashoar; the men being all drowned; Four small vessels more belonging to *Ostend*, have in the bad weather been lost upon the coast of *Flanders*. Since Monday last near 300 sail of Merchant men, English, Hollanders, &c. failed to the Southward, and about 20 out of this Port with a fair wind.

Hague, Feb. 7. The particular States of the several Provinces are at present every where Assembled, the chief matter before them, is the giving their consent and approbation to the present Estimate of War, as proposed by the Council of State, many difficulties and obstacles have hitherto intervened, several of the Provinces being of opinion, that the setting out so great a Fleet this Summer, was an unnecessary charge; others thinking it of great importance, and that rather some of the Land forces might be dispenced: with, notwithstanding all which they are at length convinced by the apparent necessity of the thing, and the great preparations of their neighbors on all hands, and they of *Guelderland* have already declared, that although their Revenues are at present much incumbered, they will consent to all as proposed by the Council of State, as likewise for the raising 100 thousand Liures towards the repairing of the Fortifications, provided that those of *Zusphen*, and *Aernhem* be exempted from paying any Contributions. They have also resolved to forgive the Town of *Denticom* at their own charge; they have further agreed with the States of *Utrecht* and *Overyssel*, to keep continually in their service 15000 men, to be ready to march upon all occasions.

The States of *Friesland* have likewise consented, and its thought those of *Overyssel* and *Groningen* may suddenly do the like.

From *Paris* we have advice, that the Count *de Connismark* hath raised Two Regiments there for the service of the Bishop of *Munster*, which are already on their march thither.

It is certain that the Duke of *Lorraine* hath sent several Troops to the service of the said Bishop; and some say he hath furnished him with considerable supplies of Money.

From *Munster* we are told, that had it not been through the great Rains and Innundations of several Rivers which have hindred the joyning of his forces, that Bishop would long agoe have had an Army of 20000 men together in the neighbourhood the Princes of *Lunenburg*, *Brunswick*, and *Wolfembutele* are marching with their several forces; this latter hath offered to retire his Garrison out of *Hökter*, provided the Bishop will not put in the way of his, and will give the Inhabitants a general pardon; to which the Bishop hath made answer, that the Duke should first take out his forces, and then intercede for those people; what the conclusion will be, a short time may now discover.

It is said that the King of *Sweden* hath desired leave of the King of *Denmark* for 160000 men to pass through his Country, the season of the year not permitting them to be transported over sea unto *Fermeria*, without very apparent danger, but that the King of *Denmark* hath refused it, as a thing he cannot for several reasons yield to.

The States have lately issued out strict Orders, for all Governors, and other their Officers, to repair immediately to their respective Commands, and to return up an account of the state of the several Places, Magazines, &c. upon pain of forfeiting their employments.

Dantzick, Dec. 10. From *Warsaw* our Officers tell us, that the Army continues still quiet in their Winter Quarters, the fears they had of new disturbances on that side, being now vanished, and the whole Kingdom settled in a perfect peace; yet that the preparations which the Turks are making, give great matter of jealousy, and the more, seeing the Grand Signior publicly claims the *Ukrain* as his, in which if he persist, a war must certainly follow, this Crown being resolved rather to hazard all, then tamely to quit so fair a part of their Dominions.

The King continues his resentments against the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, for having caused Colonel *Kalstein* to be surpris'd at *Warsaw*, and carried away prisoner to *Memell*, having declared that he expects full reparation from his Electoral Highness for that action.

The King hath appointed the 8th of the next month for a meeting of the Senators of the Crown, and the principal Officers of the Army, to consult how best to dispose of their forces for the security of the Kingdom, and how far it may be necessary to raise more. That Monsieur *de Wir*, Ambassador Extraordinary from the States-General of the *United Provinces*, was finally to depart from *Warsaw* the 20th instant, the propositions he there made for the establishing more particularly, a Trade with the Hollanders, not having met with that success he first expected.

From *Riga* we have advice, that the state of affairs in *Muscovy* grows daily worse, all the persuasions and threats used by the Czar to reduce those Rebels to their Obedience, having proved fruitless; that their Leader *Stephan Radzin* makes great profers to all that will engage in his party, which hath had that effect, as they are now so far increased, and grown so formidable in their numbers, that they seem to threaten the subversion of the whole Govern-