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Whitchal, Dec. 4.

**H**is Majesty was this day pleased in Council to Order his Proclamation for prevention of disorders which may be committed by Soldiers, to be published to the effect following, That His Majesty having found it necessary during the present War, to raise more Souldiers, and to form them into Regiments, and dispose of them in several Quarters until there should be occasion for their Service against the Enemy; And being desirous that during their continuance in their Quarters no kind of Rudeness or Misdemeanor should be committed by any of His Souldiers to the grievance or dissatisfaction of any of His Subjects; Doth straitly Charge and Command all and every the Officers in any Troops or Regiments that they forthwith repair unto their several and respective Quarters, and continue and abide there without presuming to depart from thence, unless His Majesties License in that behalf under His Royal Sign Manual shall be first obtained. That all Officers and Souldiers do take strict Care that no Violence or Injury be offered to any of His Majesties Subjects either in their Persons or Estates, Nor any kind of Disorder committed or suffered within the several Quarters, His Majesty requiring all and every His loving Subjects, when and as often as they shall receive any kind of Injury or Abuse from any of the Souldiers under His Majesties Pay, forthwith to make their Complaints unto the Officer, or Officers, under whom such Souldiers shall serve: which Officer upon such Complaint made shall immediately relieve the Complainant; or otherwise, wherein the case shall so require, deliver up the Offender to the Civil Magistrate, to be proceeded against according to Law: And if upon such Complaint made, the Complainants shall not find a present Satisfaction and redress, or a delivery of the Offender as aforesaid, That then they cause Information thereof to be given to some Justice of the Peace, who shall take the same upon Oath, and certify it unto one of His Majesties Principal Secretaries of State, to the end the same may be brought before His Majesty, who will Graciously vouchsafe to hear the matter Himself, And not only give the Petitioner a full and ample relief, But likewise severely punish the Officer who shall be found to have been negligent in his Duty, or shall suffer any just Complaint to pass without a due and timely redress.

Lisbonne, Nov: 8. Some days since arrived here two French Men of War, with three Merchant Men under their Convoy, bound for the French Caribbee Islands; they have on board a person designed to be Governor of Martinico, and a great many passengers both Men and Women, together with all things necessary for a Plantation there; they were forced in here by bad weather. Yesterday arrived the Unity from Fernambuco in Brazile, she parted from our Fleet homeward bound from those parts, off of Cabo Verde. So that we may now suddenly expect their arrival here. About the beginning of the next week the Prince and Queen go hence for Salvaterra where they intend to pass some time in hunting. Or-

ders have been sent from hence to His Governors of all Frontier places, that they take care their several Posts be put in good postures of defence, which hath occasioned some discourse here.

Venice, Nov. 18. By several Vessels arrived from the Levant we have advice, that the Corsairs of Barbary were not sailed as was given but, in a joyned Fleet to the Gulfe, but after having been cruising in these Seas, without being able to be brought to joyn their Force together, were returned to their several Ports. The Merchants here have news of two very rich Ships bound from hence for the Levant, that have been lately taken by these Corsairs, but our other advices tell us, that they were in danger indeed of falling into their hands, having been chased by them for several hours, but that they escaped.

Vienna, Novemb. 27. Since the Surrender of Esperies, the rest of the Rebels have either submitted, or else are fled into Transylvania, there being none left that dare shew themselves in any Body to resist his Imperial Majesties Armes; to this good news, is joyned that which we receive from Poland, of the Turks being retreated out of the Polish Territories, though we cannot yet hear, that the affairs of that Kingdom at home, are so well settled as might be wished. Here arrive frequently Couriers from the Army, with Letters from General Montecuculi, though all that we can learn is, that they have no great mind to advance farther, then where they now are.

Cologne, Decemb. 6. As well the Confederate as French Armies continue still in their former Stations, the first are still quartered on the Main and the Rhyn near Mentz, and the other all along the Mosel, in the Country of Treves; and now we have layd aside all expectation of any considerable Action this year, and think that the present season will oblige them to retire into their winter Quarters; Here are some Letters in Town from Mentz, which tell us, that 8000 Horse, as well Imperial as Brandenburgs, were passed the Rhyn, and marched towards Sarbrucke and that they were followed by 6000 Horse more, but on what design, is not certainly said, except it be to allarme the Prince of Conde, who is bringing a considerable Body of Men together in those parts; Another considerable Party of the Confederate Troops, are passed the Rhyn, and marched into the Country of Ingelheim, and are said now to lie encamped at Creurz nach.

Ditto, Decemb. 9. On Sunday last the Duke de Duras arrived near Bon, having 33 Squadrons of French Cavalry, each consisting in 150 Men under his Command, and the same day continued his march towards Meckenhem, intending to proceed thence toward the Electorate of Treves, to joyn with several Troops which are arrived from the French Army, at their former Post at Wittlich. The Elector of Cologne hath lately written to our Magistrates, intimating to them his desire of passing some time here this winter, to which they have returned a very obliging Answer, assuring his Electoral Highness, that they should have a particular satisfaction in the honor of his Residence amongst them. It is very