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Dartmouth, December 10.

Yesterday the *Glocester* Frigate took a Dutch Privateer, called the *Phenix* of *Middleburgh*, Mounted with 18 Guns, and 86 Men, and hath sent her into *Salecombe*; she is a new Frigate, and hath been some days only at Sea; There was an other Caper in her Company, which the *Glocester*, after having taken this, gave likewise chase to, though with what success, we must expect to hear by our next.

Lisbonne, Novemb. 8. This day we have news of the arrival of our *Brazile* Fleet on the Coast, after having been in a most violent Storm for four days together, yet we do not hear of the loss of any of them, or other considerable damage, which our Merchants much rejoyce at. On Wednesday last arrived in this River four French men of War from *Rochele*, having with them three Fluyts, and are as is said, bound for the *West-Indies*. The Dutch Partisans here report, that this Crown is about entering into a strict League with the Crown of *Spain*, for the succoring them in the present War, though those that have more knowledge of affairs, assure us, that there is not the least appearance of it, but rather quite contrary; Neither can it be believed here, that the Crown of *Spain* will so far engage it self in their quarrel. The Prince and Queen are at present at *Salvaterra*, taking the diversions of Hunting.

Menz, Dec. 1. The Auxiliary Armies seem now to have taken up their Quarters in this neighbourhood for this whole winter, there being at present not the least likelihood of their removal farther down the *Rhine*, of which we are still kept in expectation by the Dutch Ministers in these parts, who from day to day give us the news of the Armies being about breaking up, and taking their march towards *Cologne*; and more particularly they assured us, that they would have begun their march yesterday, though at the same time our advices from several principal Commanders told us, that they knew not yet of any Orders to march; and add, that it had been resolved, that the Bridge they have over the *Rhine* should be taken away to repair that over the *Main* at *Cosheim*, which makes some think the Armies will repass that River, and so return the same way they came, or else, that the *Brandenburgh* Troops will only pass and secure that side, whilst the Imperialists seek to provide themselves with Winter-Quarters in *Franconia*. The 4000 Men that were sent out under the Command of General *Gobz*, to surprize the French at *Andernach*, and to destroy the Bridge they have over the *Rhine* there, are returned again, having had such ill success in this enterprize, that they are willing to conceal their having been abroad, or at least upon any other account then to discover in what posture the French were; in the interim, it is very certain, that the Germans were the best of their Cavalry, and had with them 1300 Dragoons, and went out with a full assurance, that they should force the French from that Post, but to the contrary, found them in so good a posture; that they quitted all thoughts of attempting the Bridge; yet in the mean time were

drawn very dexterously by the French under a Fort they had there, called *Newwied*, from whence they played upon them with their Cannon, and at the same time engaged them with their Cavalry, so that the Germans were forced to retreat with considerable loss; amongst others killed on their side, was Major *Marrize*, and a young Duke of *Holstein*.

Genova, Decemb. 7. We are now certainly assured, that the Suspension of Armes between this State and the Duke of *Savoy*, is prolonged for this Month only, which time is allowed for the final determining of all differences, and that to be done, as we are told, at the French Court, whither both Parties are accordingly to send their Deputies. The second instant arrived here the Spanish Galleys, who had on board the new Dutchess of *Ossuna*, she landed at *Cortigiano*, where she was received by the Duke her Husband, and the fourth they both parted thence, with a very noble Train on their journey towards *Milan*. It is said that this Senate hath obtained leave of the Crown of *Spain*, to raise 2000 Men in the Dutchy of *Milan*.

Hambrough, Decemb. 9. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* hath now declared War against the Bishop of *Munster*, and accordingly hath sent a Body of Men, to fall into his Territories, to Take, Burn, and Plunder what they can; and we have advice, that the Inhabitants of the Dutchy of *Minden* on the River *Weser*, and other the Subjects of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, have been forbid by a Publick Edict to have any Traffick or Enterprize with the Subjects of the Bishop of *Munster*. Our Letters from *Warsaw* tell us, of the great Allarme that Court was in, at the news of the Armies being Confederated, and that they were on their march thither. Here is arrived the Marquis *de Fexquieres*, who is going Ambassador from his most Christian Majesty, to the Crown of *Sweden*.

Cologne, Decemb. 13. The French Army, under the Command of Monsieur *de Turenne*, continues still in their former Station, yet so, as that they daily enlarge their Quarters, which now take up six German Miles in compals, and reach from the Abbey of *Hemmeral*, till within two Leagues of *Treves*, by which it appears, they do not much apprehend any attempt from the Auxiliary Troops, whose chief business rather seems to be to secure themselves. The Marquis *de Choiseul* is at present Lodged with 12 Regiments of French Cavalry on the *Saur* at *Wasterbylich*, within four Leagues of *Luxemburgh*; and Monsieur *de Turenne* we hear, is causing a Bridge to be made over the *Moefel*, about two Leagues below *Treves*. The Prince of *Conde* continues still at *Thonville*, and as yet we have not advice, of any of his Forces being joyned with those under the Command of Monsieur *de Turenne*. Since the account we had of the Germans having been worsted by the French at *Andernach*, here is a report come to Town, of another considerable Rencontre that hath happened between a Party of Auxiliary Troops, and the French, upon an attempt the former made on a small Fort the French have on the *Rhyn*, that 500 of the Germans were killed in the Action, and that they

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took the Fort, but this being a very imperfect Relation, we must expect to hear farther.

Hague, Decemr 3. The States of *Holland* and *West Friesland* are still Assembled, and in the mean time we are told, that they have deputed three of their Body to go to the Prince of *Orange*, and acquaint his Highness with the Propositions of the Swedish Ambassadors, who are now here, the return of which Deputies, we the more impatiently expect, because till then we shall not know what answer this State will give to the offer of Mediation of that Crown. On Friday last was held a Council of War in the Quarter at *Boidegrave*, at which were present Prince *Mauritz*, the Velt Marshal *Wurtz*, Count *Conningmark*, Count *de Horne*, and other principal Officers; the subject of this Council of War is said to have been about making all possible Provision for the security of the several Towns this winter, especially, whilst our Army is so far off, and that it is probable the Frost will ere long encourage the French to make some attempt upon some considerable place or other in *Holland*.

Maestricht, Decemb. 15. The Prince of *Orange* having been as far as *Linnick*, in the County of *Fuliers*, and failing in the design he had that way, returned again with his Army towards these parts, and having passed the *Meuse*, not far from hence, marched towards *Tongres*, with intentions to have attacked that place, but finding the French there in a very good posture of defence, thought it seems not fit to put his design in execution, or to venture on an attempt in which he might meet with such resistance, as he might well expect he should there; Just now we have advice, that the Army is marched towards *Charleroy*, and that they intend to attempt that place. Monsieur de *Turenne* is said to be coming down the *Rhyn* again towards *Cologne*. The Duke de *Duras* is at present with the Troops under his Command, in the County of *Eyffel*. Yesterday most of the Garrison of this place, with a good Train of Artillery, marched out from hence, and are, as we are told, to joyn with the rest of the Forces under the Command of the Prince of *Orange*, the better to enable him to carry on his design in hand.

Brussels, Dec. 17. We have advice here that the Prince of *Orange* having marched with his Army, which consists, together with the Spanish Auxiliaries, in 12000 Foot, and 9000 Horse from *Maestricht* the 16 Instant in the morning, invested *Charleroy*, with intentions to make the following night an attack upon the place, where they say the French have not at present above 800 Men in Garrison, the Sieur de *Montzi*, Governour thereof, having drawn out most of the Troops, and marched with them to *Tongres*: in the mean time we hear the French are bringing a considerable Body of Men together out of the conquered places in *Flanders*, though which way they are to be employed, we as yet certainly know not. From the Imperial Camp we are told, that the 11 Instant General *Montecuculi* intended to leave the Army, in order to his return to *Vienna*; that there was small appearance of any action this winter, but rather, that the Auxiliary Armies would now suddenly go into their Winter Quarters in *Westphalia*, or other the Territories of the Bishop of *Munster*, and Elector of *Cologne*, yet that it was thought they would hardly go so far, but Winter in *Franconia*. From the *Hague* they tell us, that the Swedish Ambassadors, who are arrived there to offer the Mediation of that Crown, have not as yet had any public Audience, or any Declaration of the States, whether they accept of the said Mediation, or not, they delaying the Ambassadors, that they cannot

Treat with them, till such time as the Prince of *Orange* shall return to the *Hague*. We are told of an extraordinary Courier that some days since arrived here from *Madrid*, bringing farther Instructions to the Court de *Monterey*, for his proceeding in the present Conjunction, though what they are we cannot certainly learn.

Paris Decemb 17. Very large sums of Money are as we are told, sent daily towards *Lorraine*, to be from thence conveyed farther, for the use of the Army; It is reported here, that his Majesty finding no disposition in the Dutch to a Peace, hath resolved forthwith to raise a fond of 30000 Millions, for the carrying on his Military preparations against *Spain*, when we are assured, his Majesty will have an Army of above a hundred and thirty Thousand Men in the Field. From *Mercy* they write, that the Prince of *Conde* had caused a Bridge of Boats to be made over the *Moefelle* at *Zirick*, and that it was thought, he would very suddenly pass it with his Troops, in order to his joyning with Monsieur *Turenne*. Our Letters from the Countrey of *Liege* tell us, that the Dutch very highly value themselves, upon their having made themselves Masters of *Fauquemont* or *Vilkenburgh* in the County of *Limburgh*, which place, notwithstanding it is in itself inconsiderable, and very ill fortified, but that there was but 150 Men in Garrison, held out three Assaults of the Enemy, whom our Men, under the Command of the Sieur de *Marsillac*, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of *Fonfac* still repulsed, with greater courage then could be expected, considering the smallness of their Force, and at last, when they found it impossible to make any farther resistance, Surrendered upon honourable conditions.

We have advice, that the Marquis de *Resnel*, who Commands a body of Men in the Province of *Overysse*, for the security of his Majesties Conquests there, being informed, that certain Troops of the Province of *Friesland*, together with those the Prince of *Courland* had brought into the service of the States; had besieged *Swart-Sluis*, which was taken from them some time since by the Bishop of *Munster*; the said Marquis had marched with 3000 Horse to relieve the said place, and fell upon the Enemy as they lay entrenched before it, killing above 500 of them upon the place, and taking 300 prisoners, whilst the rest with much difficulty escaped. Our Letters from *Germany* speak, of the little likelihood there is of any considerable action this season, the Auxiliary Troops disposing themselves to go into their winter Quarters. From *Utrecht* we hear, that the Marquis of *Castlensud*, who was wounded in the action at *Armeyle*, is since dead.

Ditto, Decemb. 21. By an Extraordinary Courier arrived here on Saturday last, we had advice, of *Charleroy* being Besieged by the Prince of *Orange*, upon which Monsieur *Louvois* parted hence immediately by the Kings order towards *Flanders*, and this Morning the King removes with the whole Court to *Compiagne*, to be nearer those parts, where we doubt not, but a sufficient body of Men will be soon brought together, to oppose the design of the Enemy. On Thursday last dyed at *Nevers*, *Casimir*, late King of *Poland*, of an Apoplexy. The Marshal d' *Humieres* hath at present under his Command in *Flanders*, a Body of 8000 Foot and 2000 Horse, which he hath drawn out of the conquered places, yet so as to leave them every where provided with sufficient Garrisons. The Duke de *Duras* has it is said, Orders to repair the *Meuse*, to joyn with a Body of 7 or 8000 Horse, so that we may quickly have an Army in *Flanders*, at least equal to that of the Enemies.