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Newcastle, Decemb. 20.

**W**E have had extraordinary bad weather for several days on this Coast, and we have already lost many of our Gallies, that have been lost in the River.

**Rome, Decemb. 3.** This Court seems much concerned at the suddaine departure of the Ambassador of the great Duke of *Tuscany*, occassioned by a difference between him and the General of the Holy Church, concerning precedency; which that Ambassador so highly resented, that he immediately left the Court, even before the matter could be examined, and satisfaction given him, though the dispute continues still undecid'd, it being a matter of much nicety, whether our Governours are willing to give, if possible *salu fac* the great Duke, and on the other side are loath to prejudice the right of the said General. The intended Marriage of *Donna Livia Cesarini*, hath occasioned much noise and trouble at this Court, by reason of several persons of the most eminent quality pretending to her, each of them being abetted with great interests; but the young Lady having at length declared her self in favor of *Don Frederico Sforza*, and being countenanced therein by the Cardinal Patron; the Constable *Colonna*, a near Relation of this Ladies, hath disapproved of this match, and seems resolv'd to hinder it by force, if fair means shall not prevail, and to that end hath made a party of 5 or 600, whom it is said, he keeps here in Town, ready to put in Armes upon any occasion; so that we begin very much to fear some disorder may happen here on account of this business.

**Genova, Decemb. 3.** The War seems ended, and yet we have no Peace; for, though the Cessation of Armes between us and *Savoy*, is still prolonged, some one Month to an other, yet we cannot hear of any considerable progress that is made towards the final concluding the Treaty of Peace; which is so far off, that the place is not yet agreed on for the Ambassadors to meet and Treat at; It was said, that both parties were to send their Plenipotentiaries to the Court of *France*, though we since hear again, that they are to go no farther then *Casal*, that being the place now consented to by both sides.

**Dantzick, Dec. 5.** All our Advices from *Poland* speak of the continuance of a great confusion in the affairs of that Kingdom; that the Army is certainly on its march towards *Warsaw*, under the Command of the Crown-Marshal *Sobieski*, publicly declaring, that they are resolv'd to maintain their Confederation, made in favor of the Malecontents, and in opposition to what hath been so lately and so solemnly concluded in a general Assembly of the Nobility of the *Arriurban*; and some have the confidence to say, that unless the next Diet, which will be held at *Warsaw* the beginning of the next month, do annul and make void whatever hath been enacted to the prejudice of the Malecontents, that then the Army will publicly undertake their quarrel, and assist them to the utmost of their powers, in which they endeavor to persuade the rest of the Nobility to joyn with them, that so they may be the better

able to frustrate the designe of those, who under the fair pretence as they say, of supporting the Regal Authority, intend chiefly to inroach upon the Liberty and Priviledges of the Nobility; These jealousies as they increase daily, so they seem to portend much mischief, of which a great many of the *Sobieski* sort begin to be so apprehensive, that it is the general discourse amongst them, that nothing now is able to secure them against a Civil War, but the Popes Authority: The Extraordinary Nuncio is arriv'd at *Warsaw*, and we now expect with much impatience to hear of the good success of this Negotiation in composing our differences at home. We have been allarm'd here with a report that the Polish Army will come and winter here in *Poland*, which if intended, will however be opposed by the Nobility of that Countrey.

**Swed. Dec. 12.** You having not as yet had the Particulars of the Attempt made by the Dutch on *Swartsluys*, and the considerable loss they received there, we have thought it not amiss, though they are somewhat of an old date, to give them your view. The Prince of *Orange* having Commanded the Sieur *Vallier* to Attack *Swartsluys*, sent him 5000 Men but of *Holland*, with 200 *Frislanders*, to *Blockziel*, where he was joyn'd to them 700 *Meer* more; for the more effectual execution of this design; These preparations having been carried on with all imaginable secrecy, the said *Vallier* Commanded out three or four hundred Men, and embarked them in the night, to go and seize on a Post between *Swartsluys* and *Hasselt*, and to cut the Dam there, to hinder all Succors, which might be sent to the Attacked, but especially to make themselves Masters of a certain Bridg, over which all such as would enter into *Swartsluys*, were to pass; whilst this was doing *Vallier* marched with his Men to *Swartsluys*, and without any delay Storm'd it with great fury, but was repuls'd by the *Munster* Troops in Garrison there; in this onset the first rank of Palifados was cut down; In the mean time there presented themselves 50 Ships or Vessels in the form of a half Moon before the place, amongst which were two Capers laden with Gunpowder, Granados, Bombas and Stones, which they were to cast into the Town, whilst the rest of the Frigats did continually batter them with their Cannon; but by reason of the contrary winds, the Design miscarry'd, and the Dutch lost 1600 Men in one Attack; and though *Vallier* with his Men got through the first Palifados to the Gate, yet they were beaten back, the Garrison not being annoy'd by the Ships, who through the contrary wind, could not come near enough to the place, having more leisure solely to defend themselves by Land; In the mean time a party of *Munster* Horse, under the Command of Colonel *Malspach*, came to the Relief of the place, fell upon the Enemy, and totally routed them; at the same time the Marquis de *Reinck* having Commanded out of *Meppel* a Party, to endeavor to get into the Town, they in their marches met with the retreating Dutch, killed many of them, and forced above 100 more into the Water, where they were all drown'd; besides which, they took Prisoners the said *Vallier*; 10 Capt

10 Captains, 4 Lieutenants, and 2 Ensigns, and about 400 Common Souldiers, The Marquis *Rein* sent likewise some Horse and Dragoons out another way, who fell upon those of the Dutch, who endeavored to get to the Ships, and killed and took most of them Prisoners; in the mean time we have advice, that General *Nagel* with the *Munster* Troops, hath retaken *Dickerfance*, which the Dutch were about Fortifying, and killed in it 150 Men; and farther, had fallen upon and routed the new *Courland* Horse and Dragoons, being about 2000 in number.

*Venice, Dec. 13.* Our Letters from *Constantinople* assure us, that the Grand Signior was on his return to *Adrianople*, leaving the Grand Visier to dispose of his Armies into their winter Quarters; they likewise speak of new disorders at *Mecqua*, which it is feared may prove the more dangerous, because they seem to be of a long contrivance; the Inhabitants thereabouts having on several occasions made known their dissatisfaction to the present Government, and their readiness to enter into an open rebellion; which perhaps they thought they had now a fit opportunity to put in execution, whilst the Grand Signior was engaged in a War against the Crown of *Poland*; That the Cossacks do of late very much infest the *Black Sea*, whether they come in small Boats in which they are carried to and fro with extraordinary swiftness, they have burnt and pillaged several Villages, belonging to the Turks, and are in a posture to do much more mischief. The Turkish Gallies keep close in Harbor, leaving the Christian Gallies absolute Masters of the Seas, to the great interruption of their Trade, there being hardly any of their Vessels that can securely pass out or into the *Archipelago*.

*Ratisbonne, Dec. 15.* The matter of the Memorials given in by the *Brandenburgh* Ministers, having been at several times with much earnestness debated in this Diet, it was at length concluded that the Mediation of the Empire should be offered for adjusting matters between his most Christian Majesty and the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, which work received yesterday its final conclusion, so that we may now expect to hear what effect it may have; The Deputies of the Elector Palatine make great complaints in the Diet against the proceeding of the Confederate Troops, who without the least controul, destroy his Countrey and ruine his Subjects, making no distinction between those they call Friends or Enemies; for which the Elector Palatine not onely demands reparation, but desires care may be taken to free his Countrey from such disturbances for the future; what the Diet will do in this matter, is not as yet known, though it is thought they will take it the more to heart, because the complaint is so general of all those parts which these Troops passed, or have been quartered near. We are told of Commissions that are given out by the Emperor, for the raising of Men in the parts hereabouts; and at the same time the Electors of *Saxony* and *Bavaria*, are about making new Levies likewise, so that the whole Empire seems ready to be engaged on one side or other.

*Hambrough, Decemb. 18.* The Marquis de *Fewquiers*, Ambassador from his most Christian Majesty to the Crown of *Sweden*, passed some days since through this place, without making any stay here, on his way to *Stockholme*, from whence our Letters tell us, that the sixth of this Month, was appointed for the Coronation of the young King; That the *Velt-Heer Wrangle*, will not come over to his Government of *Pomeran* till Spring, when he

will bring several Troops with him, being designed to Command the Forces which that Crown intends to have then on foot in *Germany*, and which it is said, will make up a considerable Body of Men; The Duke of *Holstein*, who is Bishop of *Euthin*, and Major General for that Crown, is lately arrived at *Gosdorf*, to raise Men, and we are told of other Levies, which the *Swedes* are making in several parts. From *Copenhagen* we hear, that the Princess of *Taranse* was arrived there, and had been received at that Court, with much kindness and respect; we are at present very quiet in all these parts, and hear not of any considerable Action that hath happened of late; the *Brandenburgh* Troops, under the Command of Major General *Spain*, who lately made some noise in *Westphalia*, are retreated again to the Quarters from whence they were at first drawn; and in return we hear, that the Bishop of *Munsters* Forces have very lately made themselves Masters of two or three places belonging to the Elector of *Brandenburgh*.

*Compiègne, Dec. 29.* Their Majesties parting the 22 in the morning from the *Louvre* in *Paris*, dined that day in the *Fauxburgh* of *Senlis*, and lodged at *Verrierie*; the next day their Majesties dined at the *Croix de S. Ouen*, and arrived here about two in the afternoon, where they were received by the Magistrates and Inhabitants, with all the solemnity usual on like occasions. The 24 the King received the confirmation of the raising the Siege before *Charleroy*; Yesterday and to day the King took the diversion of Hunting, and having now advice, that the Prince of *Orange* was retired with his Forces in a very bad condition towards *Holland*; and that the Spanish Troops, who had the greatest hand in this Siege, were likewise retreated into their several quarters; his Majesty resolves to part hence to morrow or next day at farthest, with the whole Court for *St. Germain*.

*Paris, Dec. 31.* This night the King is expected at *S. Germain* from *Compiègne*, there appearing since the retreat of the Enemy to their several Quarters, not any farther occasion for his Majesties abode there. Here is lately arrived the Count *Persis*, Envoye Extraordinary from the Elector of *Bavaria*, and expects at the Kings return to *S. Germain* to have Audience; The King to recompense the good services of the Count de *Montal*, which he hath performed on several occasions, and especially now lately at *Charleroy*, has made him his Lieutenant in *Burgundy*, a Command of great Honour, and Trust. From *Germany* we have not any fresh news; it is still reported that the Confederate Armies are marched towards *Westphalia*, and that the Prince of *Conde* and Monsieur de *Turenne*, who have now joyned their Forces together, intend to follow them. Great preparations are making here against Spring.

#### Advertisements.

These are to give notice, That at Mr. *John Washers* Houfe, (now called the *Musick-School*) over again: the *George Tavern* in *White Fryers*, this present Monday, will be Musick performed by excellent Masters, beginning precisely at 4 of the clock in the afternoon, and every afternoon for the future, precisely at the same hour.

These are to give Notice, That there was lately apprehended by Mr. *John Lowmans*, and are now in his Custody in the *Marshalsea*, one *Mary Carlton* (formerly called the *German Princess*) and also one *William Lancaster*, and *Mary* the wife of *Robert Hodgkins*; at the apprehending of the two last named, was found in their Custody, three Trunks full of very good Linnen, Hoods and Scarfes; and such like goods; And also nine pieces of new haire Camblets, indied, and a great quantity of Pewter, some of which said goods have been owned; All of them may be seen at any time of the day, at the *Marshalsea*, to the end that the right Owners, after due prosecution of the Offenders, may make their application to the Judge, to be restored to them again.