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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* to 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 Arrierban; 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 Nobler 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*, 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* march'd 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 march 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