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Harwich, Decemb. 30.

BY Passengers arrived from Holland we have advice, That the French taking the opportunity of the Frost, had been with 2000 Men as far as *Swammerdam*, not far from *Leyden*, having in their way burnt two considerable Villages, and would have marched farther, but were prevented by a suddain Thaw.

Lisbonne, Dec. 6. Here is lately dead at this Court the Conde d' *Aucinas*, and the 26 of the last month the Marquis de *Favora* died suddainly in his Bed, without the least sympome of any natural disease, so that there are now two Camerista's places void, and who shall fill up these vacancies is not yet said. The Court continues still at *Salvatera*, and it is thought, will hardly return before *Christmas*. The Minister residing on the part of this Crown at *Rome*, hath as we are told Orders from hence, to demand of the Pope a Subsidy to be levied on the Ecclesiastical Revenues in this Kingdom, towards the setting out a Fleet for the recovering of what hath been unjustly taken from us in the *Indies*, as well by the Dutch as the Indians.

Vienna, Decemb. 7. The Deputies which were here on behalf of the Town of *Eperies*, have not been able to obtain the least abatement of the Emperors resentment against those Inhabitants, for their having sided now lately with the Rebels in *Hungary*, and even after their Defeat, refusing the Town with great obstinacy against the Imperial Forces, for which the Emperor hath ordered their Walls and the Gates of the Town to be pulled down, as a lasting Mark of infamy upon them, besides being disfranchised of the Priviledges they formerly enjoyed; and it is hoped, that this Example of severity will deter others from falling hereafter into the same offences. On Munday last the States of the *Lower Austria*, being Assembled, the President thereof, demanded in the Emperors Name, the ordinary Monthly Subsidy for the ensuing year, for the keeping necessary Garrisons in the Frontier places, and repairing their Fortifications, besides which, he farther demanded 500000 Guilders for the Reinforcing the Imperial Army, and 600000 Guilders for the furnishing Provisions for them, and making other Military preparations, which demands they have now in debate. We discourse here of new Commissions that will be suddainly given out, as well for Horse as Foot, though it is thought, these new Levies do much depend upon the resolution of the States, in the point of raising of the above demanded Moneys.

Mentz, Dec. 11. From *Treves* of the 7 instant they tell us, that the French Army lay then quartered in the Villages, *Piesport, Liser, Cous, Whelen* and *Arzigh* on the *Moessel*, and that Monsieur de *Turenne's* Head Quarter was at *Winniggenrohr*, near *Wittlich*; But that it was thought this Army would soon remove, according to the motions of the confederate Armies; It is said that the Prince of *Conde* lies still at *Sirick*, and his Cavalry between that place

and *Diedenhoven*, though at the same time here are Letters in Town which lay, that this Prince was joynd with the Marshal *Turenne*. The Confederate Armies are now ready to break up, their Garrison is already drawn out of *Gustaeburgh*, and their Bridge which they had over the *Rhyne* at *Wisnach* is removed to *Cosheim*, where they intend to pass the *Main*, and so take their way towards *Westerwalt*, with intentions, as is given out, to go and winter in *Westphalia*; The Bakers here are providing a great quantity of Bread for these Forces, and the Imperial and Brandenburg Commissaries are very busie in buying up all kind of other Provisions for them, of which they find a great scarcity. Our Letters from *Vienna*, speak of some new Levies which the Emperor was about to make in the Empire.

Hambrough, Dec. 20. The Printers of *Mecklenburgh* hath been for several days here in Town with the Duke of *Zell*; From *Stockholme* they write, that that Kings Coronation had been put off for several days, by reason the great preparations that are intended for that solemnity, could not be got ready by the time at first appointed. Our Letters from *Mentz* tell us, that we shall have the Confederate Armies in our neighbourhood this winter, that is, as near as *Westphalia*, whither they are now said to be on their march, to come and winter. In the mean time we hear of several considerable actions of late exploited by the Munster Troops as well against the Dutch as Brandenburgs.

Cologne, Decemb. 20. From the *Graefschap vander Mark*, we have advice, of Major General *Spaen*, having with a party of *Brandenburgh* Troops, fallen into the Territories of the Bishop of *Munster*, where he took and burnt one or two small places, and exacted Contribution from the Inhabitants, though he had not time to get it all in, for the Bishop of *Munster* having got a Body of 12000 Men together, not onely obliged these Troops, to retire with all the hast they could, but proceeded farther, and Attacked *Lunen*, in which place there were about 400 Men in Garrison, who after three days Siege, surrendered the place, they being permitted to retreat to the Neighbouring Garrison; This is a place of great consequence, and the Pass on the *River Lippe*, which makes it thought, that the Bishop will endeavor to make himself Master of this Countrey. The Duke de *Duras* having Reinforced the Forces under his Command, with several Troops sent him from the French Army, is marched towards *Honkircken* near *Duren*, where he is to joyn with 2000 Men more to be drawn out of *Wesel* and those other Quarters. From *Franckfort* we certainly hear, that the 15 and 16 instant the Confederate Armies passed the *Main*, and are on their march, as is said, towards *Westphalia*; The 18 instant, the Elector of *Brandenburgh* was to have his head quarters at *Burzbach*; It is confidently reported, that Monsieur de *Turenne* is coming down the *Rhyn*, and that 5000 French Horse are already passed the *Rhyn* at *Andernach*, for the better security of the Bridge they have there over that River.

Ditto, Dec. 27. Our advices from all parts assure us, That the Confederate Armies are on their march towards *Westphalia*, and that they take their way through *Paterborne*; Monsieur de *Turenne* is likewise coming down the *Rhyne*, with the French Force under his Command and intends, it is said, to make a new Bridge at *Wesel*, the former having been broken down by the high waters. The Duke de *Orléans* is marched for *Tongres* again, from whence some think he will continue his march up towards *Flanders*; We are told of a Treaty lately concluded between his most Christian Majesty, the Crown of *Sweden*, the Elector of *Cologne*, the Bishop of *Munster*, and some other Princes of the Empire.

Madrid, Dec. 21. On the 15 instant the young King finding himself somewhat indisposed, was thrice let blood, which since is turned to the small Pox, to the great trouble of this Court, though his Physicians affirm him past all danger. From *Malaga* they write of the 6 instant, that two days before, a Bristol Ship of 16 Guns and 36 Men, had been boarded by a Brigantine of *Sally*; that the dispute lasted almost two hours, the Moors being at last forced with considerable loss to fall off again, the English having onely had one Man killed, and their Master wounded. Letters from *Sally* advise us, That *Muley Hamet*, Nephew to *Muley Ismael*, at present King, had been taken prisoner as he was going to relieve *Old Fez*; That the King by assistance of Christian Slaves, who manage his Artillery, and by springing of a Mine with success, under a strong Fort, had reduced that City almost to the last extremity; That the Alcayde of *Sally* had been at *Mamora*, to ratify the former Articles concluded between those two places, the chief of which was; That all prisoners, whether Horse or Foot, were to be ransomed at certain prizes.

Genoa, Decemb. 21. Yesterday returned hither again from *Turin* the Sieur *Gaumont* the French Envoy, upon whose arrival the *Configlietto* immediately Assembled, to consider of some considerable proposition, he brought with him from the Duke of *Savoy*, which though we cannot as yet certainly know, yet it is generally said, that it is about the selling of *Oneglia* by that Duke to this State, which if so, would very much advance the Peace, at being a place of that consequence to this State, that they will purchase it at any rate; notwithstanding all the appearance of Peace, we go on with great vigor with our Military preparations, and seem resolved to make peace with our Swords in our hands.

Hague, Dec. 27. We were every Minute expecting the news of *Charleroy* being in our hands, when we received the account of our Forces being broken up from thence, and on their march homewards, which hath so extremely disheartened us, that we shall hardly dare hereafter to expect any success of our Armes. The States of *Holland* and *West-Friesland*, are not yet parted, though some of the Members have been at home, to consult their respective Principals, concerning the matter now in debate; They talk much of raising a large sum of Money, for carrying on the War the next year, though as yet we do not hear of any great progress that is made towards it. Yesterday was made Tryal of an invention, of Arming Sleds, with small pieces of Canon, to carry two and three pound Bullet apiece, which Sleds may be carried over the Ice with great swiftness, and its thought may be of use this winter.

Ditto, 29. Upon the news we received yesterday, that 2000 French Foot were passed *Mey*, with inten-

tions as was thought. to come and burn and plunder this place, all the Trees about the Town were ordered to be cut down, and the Militia as well as the Inhabitants; were commanded to be in readiness to take Arms upon the first notice that should be given them to that purpose; and last night we received the Allarme from the neighboring Villages, who apprehending the Enemy to be at hand, gave us notice of it by ringing of their Bells, and putting out Lights on the Steeples of their Churches; this put us in great confusion here, and about one a clock in the morning the Allarme was beat, to call all the Burgers together, who in great astonishment run all to their Arms, and were ordered to several parts of the Town, as was thought best, for the security of the place; at the same time Orders were given to all Housekeepers to hang out Lights before their doors, by means of which the Soldiers were able to march in some order; at break of day we began to be somewhat more at ease, and finding the danger not so near as our fears made us suspect, the Burgers were dismissed and sent home again. Upon this fright we talk of having four Companies of Horse more to come and lie here; and of fortifying this place with Palisados; and it is farther said, that the States will take three or four hundred Seamen more into their service, to be particularly employed for the Guard of this place. The Prince of *Orange* is hourly expected here in Town. This noon the States received this following Letter from their Deputies, Dated this day from *Coudekercke*.

WE just now arrive in the Quarter of Count *Conningsmark*, and understand, to our great joy, that things are not in so bad a posture as we were informed at *Leyden*; the Enemy is all Foot, and hath onely Provisions with them for one day; our Troops have beset the *Goutschelluys*, as likewise the Bridge at *Heyman*, and have caused the Bridges at *Boskoop*, and *Waddingsveen* to be broken down, so that we need not fear much; yet we pray you to send us what force you can, and that with all speed.

Leyden, Decemb. 29. On Wednesday night last, the French being 2000 strong, though as is supposed, followed by others, passed *Mey*, and so came over the Ice to *Swammerdam*, where they burnt and plundered several Houses, but our Forces under the Command of Count *Conningsmark*, have so well beset all the passages, that it is hoped they will not be able to proceed farther.

Amsterdam, Decemb. 30. The ordinary Post which goes from hence to *Rotterdam* is returned again, not having been farther then *Alphen*, by reason of the Bridge there having been broken down by our Troops, upon the approach of the French, who being in all about 1800 or 2000 are come to *Swammerdam*, and have burnt and plundered several houses there; It is said, that upon the advancing of our Troops, under the Command of the Count of *Conningsmarck*, the Enemy is retreated again, but this is uncertain; We have advice here of a Ship belonging to this place, being taken by some English Frigats to the Northwards the said ship being richly laden from the *West Indies*.

Advertisement.

John Johnson, a *Yorkshire* man, about 23 or 24 years of age, middle stature, with short black hair, and marked with the small-Pox, in the Earl of *Peterboroughs* Livery, being a cinnamon Cloth with small red lace, in a brown Peruke; Thursday the 26 past, ran away from Sr. *Peter Wyche*, and took with him a black *Farrandine* Suite, the Coat lined with white Ducape, and a flaxen Peruke; tis suspected he is gone for *Ireland*; if any by this Description, or their knowledge of him, can setze on him, and give Notice at Mr. *Bolinas* house, at the two Flower Potts in *St. Martins Lane*, shall be well rewarded for their pains.