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Ralmouth, Jan. 20.

Here is arrived from *Ireland* a Dutch Skipper, who says he did belong to the *Bachelor of North-Holland*, taken about 3 weeks since on the coast of *Ireland* by the *Norwich* Frigate, and carried into *Galloway*; she was of 300 Tuns burthen, and carried 10 Guns, her lading, 160 Bales of Silk, 67 Tuns of Greek Wine, besides a large quantity of Plate, and other rich Merchandises; The said Skipper reports farther, that the *Nighbingale* has taken a Dutch Privateer of 36 Guns, and carried her into *Ireland*.

Hague, Jan. 26. The Armies of the Emperor and of the Elector of *Brandenburgh* having taken their quarters in the Dioceses of *Hildesheim* and *Paderborn*, as well in some part of the Country of the Elector of *Cologne*; 'tis said, that *Montecuculi* hath also demanded Quarters in the Diocess of *Osnabrug*; but that the whole House of the Dukes of *Brunswyck* intend to oppose it; as they also are retolved to do the passage of his Forces through their Country; for which purpose they have already brought together very considerable Troops, placed at the entry of their Dominions. This late march of the Imperial and Electoral Armies will doubtless cause a change in the inclinations which some of those Princes of *Brunswyck* formerly expressed for the interest of this State; especially since they now see themselves frustrated of the hopes they entertained of quartering their Troops in *Westphalia* and *Munster-land*. Nor are we here well satisfied with it, both because those Confederates appear not so forward, as was expected, to succor this State, and because their neighborhood draws thither, most of the French Forces. The Duke of *Duras* is still in the Country of *Liege*, where he liveth as he pleaseth. All the Principal Commanders of our Army, except Prince *Maurice* of *Nassau*, have been here two whole days deliberating with his Highness the Prince of *Orange*, touching the execution of the design formed for our defence in the time of Frost, which hath begun here three days since, though as yet but mildly. Seven hundred Waggons are ordered to be in a readyness, and 16000 Burghers are to have their Rendezvous at *Amsterdam*, *Leiden*, and *Gouda*, to be Commanded by Reformed Officers; with whom shall be mingled 10000 Soldiers; which will make a good body to defend such places, during this dangerous season, as are most exposed. And that the Burghers, who make the greatest part of this Body, may not retard the execution, they are enjoyned, under pain of perpetual banishment and Confiscation of their Estates and Goods, to march upon the first Order they shall receive for so doing.

The Colonel *Pain* and *Vin*, who made lately so slight a defence, having been 15 days since, condemned to perpetual imprisonment, and to have all his Goods confiscated; and the Prince of *Orange* not being satisfied with this Sentence, the Council of War by way of a second Sentence added, that the Hangman should pass his Sword over his head; But

the States General perceiving the people were not yet satisfied, but murmured exceedingly, pressed his Highness to cause to be executed upon the said Colonel the 54 Article of their Military Laws. The Prince answering, he had referred this matter to the Council of War, where he caused *de Heer Wuriz*, one of the Marshals of the Camp to preside, and that therein two Sentences had already passed, beyond which he knew not how to go, unless the States would order him to have the Head of the Criminal cut off, which if they should do, he would obey them in; Th' Deputies urged that the matter might be once more examined, which being done, in the presence of the Prince, that Colonel was unanimously condemned to Death on *Saturday* last; which Sentence was accordingly executed the *Munday* next following. Monsieur *Rabenhaupt*, Governor of *Grningen*, to whom the Prince of *Orange* hath given the Government of *Cooerden*, is going to reside there this winter, the better to provide for its conservation during the Frost. He demandeth some Foot, in order to make some attempts in the Neighborhood; His desires are like to be complied with, and endeavors are used to dispose also the Province of *Friesland* to re-inforce his Troops. Mean while those are not wanting, that suspect the said Governor; as one that may be much led by interest, a good part of his Estate lying in *France*; which suspicions and jealousies, are augmented by the consideration, that his only Son is educated in *France*, by order of that King. The People here spare no man, and at *Amsterdam* there is a general discontent amongst the inhabitants. The last week his Highness sent for divers of our Ministers, and earnestly exhorted them, not to meddle with matters of State in their Sermons, and to abstain from all Seditious Expressions, but to recommend to the People, the obedience they owe to their Magistrates. This notwithstanding, there are still those amongst them, that remain in their old humour, ambitious to keep themselves in the good liking of the Rable, that love to be humored by them, in finding fault with their Superiours.

Ditto, Jan. 31. From the Conferences hitherto held by our Commissioners, with the Ambassadors Extraordinary of the King of *Sweden*, it appears not yet, that the Propositions of the latter, touching the Cessation of Arms and the Place for the Treaty, will succeed; this State being it seems, so far possessed with ill surmises against that Crown, that the Deputies thereof, appointed to Confer with the Generous Mediators, can hardly abstain from using offensive expressions to them. To the said Ambassadors was lately made an address by the Lutheran Ministers of *Utrecht*, sadly complaining of the grievous burthens they labour under in that Garrison and beseeching them to interpose with the Duke of *Luxemburg*, for sparing them in time to come; To which the Ambassadors answered, they were no come thither to Negotiate particular affairs, but to endeavor the composing of the important Differences, between the contending Parties, now engage in a bloody War. Three days since there was her
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