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Harwich, Jan. 30.

Our Packet Boat, which we were in some fear had been lost, is now come in from the *Briel*; The Master tells us, they had been hard frozen up there for some days, but that yesterday in the Morning it began to thaw a little: That all the Companies in that place were hastily drawn out upon some alarme the French had given them, and that they are in continual apprehensions of some attempts or other from the Enemy. The *Essex Ketch* is come into Port here, which was left behind at *Gottenburgh*; the Captain saith, that on Sunday last, coming up to the Dogger Bank, he found 6 or 7 Dutch Doggers fishing there, two of which made up to him, with whom he was engaged some time, and that he took one of them of two Guns, which was so torn with his shot, that he sunk by his side; the Men he hath brought in Prisoners with him.

Lisbonne, Decemb. 30. The 23 instant Monsieur d'Estre put into this Port with nine Frigats, and two Fireships. The reason of his touching here, was to stop a Leak in his own Ship. The next day he came ashore to kiss the Queens hand, and immediately returned aboard, declaring, that he had Orders from his most Christian Majesty, to give Convoy and Protection to all English Ships in the same manner, as to any belonging to his own Subjects. We are in expectation to hear whom the Prince will nominate to fill up the two vacant places of *Camaristas*.

Warsaw, Jan. 13. The great General not being yet arrived at *Lowitz*, nothing is yet done there; They discourse that there is an appearance of an agreement; but the Male-contents would have it, together with a Dyet. We have news out of *Walachia*, that the Ottoman Court very much wonders, we hold Assemblies here, without their knowledge, since they judge this Crown to be now in a manner Tributary to that Empire.

Vienna, Jan. 15 The Tartarian Envoy lately arrived here, has had his Audience of his Imperial Majesty, where he presented him with a Horse, on the part of the Cham his Master; its said he has made several Overtures to the Ministers here, but of what nature is not yet known.

Legorn, Jan. 20. We have had of late very violent storms upon this coast, which we fear may have caused much damage to our Shipping. 'Tis said the Venetians have got into their possession Marquis *Flori*, who got plundering one of the States Ships had a price put upon his Head, of 20000 Florins, to whosoever should bring him in alive or dead.

Utrecht, Jan. 21. We are here much afraid of the Troops of the Bishop of *Munster*. A League and an half from hence there lie 2000 Horse, and a Company of Foot, who have demanded of us 1000 Rixdollars, and 2000 Ells of Cloth; but our People have hitherto excused it, and hope they may be able to free themselves from such Contributions.

Cologne, Jan. 27 The 25 instant pass'd down this River the French Flying Bridge, and three great Vessels, carrying 3000 French Foot. Yesterday

there follow'd a considerable number of Horse by Land. 'Tis thought they are all designed for *Wesels* to joyn with Monsieur de *Turenne* in the assistance of the French Allies, on the other side the River, if there be occasion.

Amsterdam, Jan. 28. The Impositions and Taxes are here continued, and increased to that degree, that many of the Inhabitants will be necessitated to steal away. The Hearth-Money is again doubled, and instead of 13 Gilders, each Chimney is henceforth to pay 26.

Utrecht, Feb. 1. The 29 of January was here published a *Placaet*, importing, first, That all Masters of Families are to give in the number of Persons in their respective Houses, that are above 12 years of age. Next, That all Persons that come from without to lodge here a night or longer, are to be made known to the Governor, upon pain of 1000 Rixdollars. Lastly, that none are to go armed, except such as are Members of the State, or Gentlemen, upon pain of 100 Rixdollars. The French are here very active in making preparations for new Enterprises.

Brussels, Jan 29. The Leavies here are vigorously carried on; 'Tis said, that the Count of *Grimbergen* is also to raise a Regiment; whose example is like to be follow'd by others, and that the rather because we understand by divers Letters from *France*, that we are not quite forgiven in that Court, our late attempt upon *Charleroy*.

Disso, The last week the Count de *Monterey*, as chief of a Society, consisting of the principal Nobility of the Countrey, under the protection of *St. Anthony*, gave a splendid Entertainment to all of that Fraternity, and several other persons of Quality, accompanied with a Ball, and other Divertissements; the Prince of *Nassau* was there present, and was in his turn chose chief of the said Fraternity for this next year. The Count de *Monterey* has given orders for the continuing the new Leavies, designed for the present Service of these Provinces, which may amount to 10000 Foot, and 6000 Horse, finding himself obliged to stand more then ordinary upon his Guard, for fear of the French, since his Attacking of *Charleroy*, contrary to the last Treaties between the two Crowns; and yet he has now lately sent into *Holland* the Prince of *Vaudemont's* and Colonel *Fariau's* Regiments of Foot, together with the Terces of Horse of the Baron de *Boulers* and the Sieurs *Garaffa* and *de Feu*. He has likewise not long since dispatched away a Counciller Extraordinary to the Prince de *Chimay*, at present in *Luxemburgh*, but we do not yet know upon what account. He expects every day the arrival of a Minister of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, who comes to confer with his Excellency upon the present State of affairs. The Duke de *Duras* was some few days since in the Countrey of *Liege*, his head quarters being at *Warrem*, from whence 'tis said, he had sent towards *Holland*, four Brigades of Horse, who lodged in the Territories of the King of *Spain*, in the Countrey of *Geldres*; That Province is so harassed and ruined, that it is thought impossible