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Tarmonth, Decemb. 4.

LAST Friday came a Sloop to this Town from *Ostend*, who reports, That on Saturday sevensight when the Storm began, two ships that lost their Company put off to Sea, having first delivered a great quantity of Plate to a *Billander*, who landed it safely. He reports an Hoy to be cast upon the land, half a mile from the ordinary High water marks, and that the Magistrates of the Town had given order the should remain in the same place where he was left ashore. Our Bill in the whole amounts now but to 13, of which, a stranger driven up at the Sea side, was one; and only two of the Plague.

Ile of Wight, Novemb. 3. A Merchant of this Island newly arrived from *St Malo's*, has left his ship among others under an Embargo. He reports their discourse high, and that they are now drawing several Troops to the water-side in *Normandy*.

Southwold, Dec. 1. Monday last went out of this Haven a Prize, the *Rumsey Bark*, delivered for His Majesties Service. On Wednesday went out the *Golden Lamb*, taken by the *Mermaid*, who proved to be a *Danish* Vessel, was delivered, and all the Goods without the least imbezlement to the Master.

Sherborn in the County of Dorset, Dec. 5. 'Tis now five Weeks when the Sickness first brake forth in four houses of this Town, and since that time not any other house infected. Only one person died of the Plague these twenty dayes, so that last Saturday we had a plentifull Marker of Corn and other Provisions; and several that left the Town are now come home, and others preparing for their return.

Portsmouth, Dec. 5. Yesterday came hither 150 Souldiers, stout Men, taken out of His Majesties Guards, who at their going abroad, expressed great alacrity and cheerfulness for the Service they go upon.

Wismar, Novemb. 20. Two days since arrived eight Companies of old *German* Souldiers, consisting of about sixteen hundred Men, belonging to *Col. Delwick*, who, with those which came before, are to be quartered in the adjacent Villages. Their march is deferred till the arrival of the *Field-Meer*, and then a General Muster will be made. Two ships are expected from *Finland*, with Souldiers, to keep this Garrison, whilst the old Souldiers are drawn out. Sixteen Lasts of Gun-powder, and four thousand Muskets are brought in hither, their design is not yet known, but their march is said to be to the *Elbe*, the Artillery being already upon the way toward *Stoad*.

Hamburg, Nov. 25. The Ambassador from *Denmark*, *Hansibal Sebested*, past this Town on Tuesday last for *Holland*; whence, after a small stay, he is designed for *England*. The River of *Elbe*, by the late great Snows and Frost, is made scarce navigable.

Vienna, Nov. 13. On Monday last his Imperial Majesty gave Audience to the Polish Ambassador, in which after the Condonence of the late King of *Spain's* death, he acquainted his Majesty that he had orders to make an end of the difference concerning the Principallities of *Ratibor* and *Oppelen*, and the pretension of the Jesuites of One Million and fifty thousand Florins assigned thereupon; and that he would accept of the payment of One Million and ten thousand Florins (for which sum the said Principallities stand engaged to the Queen of *Poland*) to be made to the Duke of *Anguien's* Agent, the Queen having granted the said sum to his Master. The Count of *Sinsendorf's* Great Chancellor of the Court being dead, *Dr Hocker* the Vice-Chancellor is to succeed him. The *Turk* *si Chiaux* is dispatcht with presents and assurance that those shall be feverely punished that have endamaged the *Turks* by their late Incursions, and that care shall be taken hereafter for preserving better order amongst them.

Venice, Nov. 20. Two Vessels are arrived in this Port with the Christian Slaves sent from the Armada by the Captain General, who after slaying these Quarantane, are to have Passports to their several Countries. The Letters from *Zant* of the first instant, say, that there are above sixty Sayl in Harbor, and above five thousand Soldiers in the Town ready to be imbarqued. A *Smyrna* Vessel brings letters from *Constantinople* which speak the *Turke* to make more than ordinary preparations for Sea against this Republick, and that the *English* Ambassador had freed four *English* ships who were stayd at *Smyrna* to transport the Militia for *Canea*; The Vessels appointed to carry Succours for the Army are in readines, and the Provisions and Souldiery imbarqued to set sayl with the first wind.

Hague, Dec. 7. *Baron Langerac's* Trumpeter who kill'd the young *Rhinegrave* is executed, his Hand and Head cut off, the Hand and Pistol nailed to the Gallowes, and the Head set upon a Pole; a punishment allotted as well for the justification of the *Baron's* Honor, as in example to such Offenders.

The Letters of the first from *Zurphen*, advise us of the great delays of the *French* Succors to march, one while pretending one thing, another while another, upon which order is sent to *Prince Maurice* to quicken *Monsieur de Fradel*, and in all cases to march himself with those of our own Forces under him. Withall the States have prest the *Sieur de Estrades* to second them with a letter to the said *Monsieur Prades*, and to require him to omit such tergiversations for the future, and to keep a more regular discipline.

There is yet no farther account of the Revocation of *Van Gogh* from *England*, notwithstanding the instances made by the *French* Ambassador, who is said to take it ill, he hears no answer to his last Memorial upon that and some other matters of like nature, and to bring us on, and raise our Jealousie in the coldness we begin to have for this new Alliance with his Master, gives out, That the *Bishop of Munster* hath submitted all his Concern in this War against the States to his Master; but we cannot believe there is any thing of it, or if it be, that it is more then a Complement.

The *Sieur Friguet* on the other side gives out, his Master and the Empire grows jealous of the *French* Councils in their Succors, believing their aim is to gather an Army in *Westphalia*, with which, to break in upon the Empire, so that they must not think it strange if the Emperor provide upon the Defensive.

The difference in dispute between us, and the King of *France*, about the disposing of vacant Commands in his Succors, raiseth greater Jealousies in us, it being on this part a plain contravention of the Treaty in that point, and makes us apprehend he means to keep his Forces as a Body apart for some farther design.

The *Brandenburgh* Ministers are said to have delivered in a Project of an Alliance with the States, but of such a nature that the States can in no way agree too; however, we shall so far consider our own Interest (be it only to gain time) as to appoint Commissioners to treat with them.

As to our Affairs with *Denmark*, 'tis not yet known what we shall make of it; and some wise Men make shrewd guesses all is not as it should be, because *Hansibal Sebested* is to go from hence to *England*.

Complainth hath been made to the *Danish* Resident here, that his Master has permitted the *English* Squadron which were about those Coasts to take several of their Ships, particularly one from under the protection of *Cronenburg* Castle. To which we have yet received no answer.

Brussels, Dec. 4. The *Marquis Casse de Rodrigs*, our Governour, is sending the *Marquis de Baden* to *Cleve* to comple-

that the Elector of Brandenburg upon his arrival in those parts, and at the same time to pay him in an half year of the sum annually paid him by the House of Austria. The Count *Roningmark* is past by here incognito from Sweden to France. Our last Letters from Spain tell us, that the Dutch Men of War at the Streights Mouth, are driven to great necessities; and that at Cadix they have been forced to sell their Cannon to buy Provisions, and the small number of men they at first had, so wasted or starved out of the service, that they have been obliged to man one half of their number out of the other, which are passed up into the Streights to convoy some Corn ships trading from Sicily to Spain, and the rest are left useless at Cadix. At the same time it is advised from good hands at Amsterdam, that necessities of all kinds fall so thick upon them, that the whole Bank of Amsterdam, within these few days, could not furnish Cross-Dollars to the value of Forty or fifty thousand pound sterling.

Hague, Decemb. 11. The Bishop of Munsters affairs are much in the same condition as my former mentioned, he remaining still master of the Fort near *Winsthoren* and the Gros of his Army at *Wedde* and *Appel*, two considerable Posts, from whence he hath a free passage into the Provinces of *Overysse* and *Zurphen*, ours having not yet been able to regain any one Post from them. We keep our selves however in heart, with great expectations from our forces, part of the French Troops having marched through *Zurphen*, on the eight instant, and the rest through *Doesburgh*, quartering in the neighboring places, whilst Prince *Maurice* is at the house of *Velde*, and the *Rhinegrave* at *Verden*: Nay some fresh Letters from *Zurphen*, dated the eighth, say the Leaguer is before *Lochem*, and all Mortar pieces and other necessaries ready for an attack; and those from *Arnhem*, Decemb. 9. that such great shooting was heard at *Doesburgh*, that they judged as well *Bercto* as *Lochem*, was assaulted at the same time. But this is but conjecture and needs further confirmation. It was high time indeed to press the French upon action, for though upon the fourth instant, at a muster of the Regiments about the *Velde*, two were shot to death, and two others ordered to be hanged for robbery, they so continued their rapine, that the Suters are afraid to frequent the Camp any more. And already two hundred of their Carts are left in, with resolution not to deal further with them. Colonel *Ashin* could give but a slender account of his design, who being commanded with one thousand five hundred men to attack *Wedde*, was by the unseasonable weather forced to return *in infirma*, when he was half way on his march. The success of our forces is much feared, the Enemies Garrisons being well provided, and the men obstinate in maintaining them. And most certain it is, that should our forces suffer any considerable loss, we should not be able to recruit them, several of our Garrisons being already drained beyond the prudence of War: And for our new Levies, it is scarcely imaginable how they can be made up in most of the Divisions, especially in *Overysse* and *Geldre*, where they will be very miserable, that County not being in a condition to pay them; insomuch, that the Council of War have it under consideration, what remedy to apply to it. The taking of Colonel *Gorgas* proves a meer Fob. There is small appearance of marching into the Bishops Territories this Winter, the onely aim is to dislodge him of those places he hath already gained, which as yet appears to be a business thrust upon us by the French disorders, without any farther probability of success, then an handsome way of ridding our selves of such a people, as by their insolent debauchery have rendered the contrivers of it odious to all those that are acquainted with their department.

Amsterdam, Decemb. 11. The Deputies of the several Admiralties are met at the *Hague*, with Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyter*, to consult about the Affairs of the Navy, and setting out a Fleet with the first convenient season. The late great Storms have caused so general an Inundation, that it will be some time before we can receive the particular account of the mischiefs it hath done. The Dyke was broke down at *Durgendam* about twenty foot broad, and forty foot deep, and much Castle lost. In the *Felder* many houses, with the new Sconce, washed away. *Shewelingen* was all Water. Trees tore up by the Roots, and several houses thrown down, and the

Church, with the rest, every minute expected to be levelled by the Water. In the *Texel* and the *Vly*, some ships were utterly left with all their men; among which, two bound for *Bremen*, a small Caper with all her men, and those that escaped best, were most miserably torn in their Masts and Rigging. About *Groningen* their Datts were over-flown in several places, both Men and Beasts swept away by the violence of the floods.

In the other part of *Holland*, the ravage by this storm hath not been less, a great Tract of it being over-flowed as high as *Puremerend*, the *Moerdyke*, the *Kieldyke*, and the *Glunderdyke* near *Willemestadt* being broken, whereby not less then One hundred Villages are destroyed, a loss not to be repaired with many Millions.

Paris, Decemb. 12. The great Storms have done much harm in all parts of this Kingdom. At the Mouth of the *Charente* a very good ship of this Kings, of fifty four Guns, was lost, called the *Breze*; and pieces of ships and goods every where found upon that Coast. They keep a great stir at *St. Maloes*, in preparing for an expedition for *Madagascar*, which design hath yet had but an ill beginning: A ship of four hundred Tun intended thither, and newly lanchd, being by some casualty burnt down to the Water in the Haven there; and another of their ships stranded on the Western Coast near *Brouage*. And this hath been observed to have a strange kinde of influence in all those that have adventured on that design.

Antwerp, Decemb. 5. The Spaniards begin to make their preparations against the designs of the French Troops, having at *Mechelen* cast molds for ninety peece of Ordnance, and demolished all the Out-houses in the Suburbs of *Namur*, and cut down the Trees to render the place the more tenable.

Harlem, Decemb. 11. It is now about three moneths since the Jews gave out that near 600000 men were arrived at *Mecha*, professing themselves to be of the lost Tribes. Since which it is affirmed, that a new Prophet is arisen in *Jerusalem*, who finding no credit there went to *Gaza*: where working several miracles, he obliged the Rabbi's of *Jerusalem* to repair thither, who upon a conference accepted him as a great Prophet, and that the Bassa's of *Jerusalem* and *Gaza* were inclined to go and kiss his hands. This Prophet (say they) foretells the Restauration of the House of *Israel*, and to that purpose hath invited a young man of the Tribe of *David*, called *Sabbars Levi*, for their King, who was followed by thousands of people, and that he intended for *Constantinople* to demand the Empire.

It is strange, that not onely the Jews here, but some hundreds that own the name of Christians among us, think themselves concerned in it, though the wiser sort of people sufficiently understand the cheat.

Bristol, Decemb. 6. On the third instant here arrived the *Nevis* Merchant, One hundred and twenty Tun burthen, from *Nevis*, laden with Sugar and other Commodities of that Island, who found the Coast clear of any Enemy, and affirms that the Inhabitants of that Island have made it so strong, that they do not fear the surprize of an enemy. About twenty Dutch prisoners not long since made their escape out of *Bridewel*, but are since retaken, and a stricter guard put upon them.

Oxon, Dec. 9. Letters from *Copenhagen*, dated Dec. 2. give us advise, That three *Holland* Fregats came lately into *Christiana* to fetch home the *East India* Ships, which have lain there ever since the great Storm scattered their Fleet, and that the Vice-Roy refused to let them depart, till he received Orders from the Court; the issue of which, the Dutch fearing, threatened to go away without leave, till the Vice-Roy planted sixty Piece of Cannon all along the Port where they are to pass, and a Guard of Musqueteers to play upon them, if they should offer to loose their Sails. That King is sending Major General *Reiss*, his chief Engineer, to view and rectifie the Fortification of *Odenburg*. Field-Marshal *Weris* hath taken leave of the Court, and is going to *Hamburg* in some discontent. Prince *Christian* is contracted to a Daughter of *Hesse*, and the Prince of *Saxe* is returning home.