

Spanish Troops. The Dutch Ambassadors have lately given a Memorial to the Mediators, which they pretend to be in answer to what they not long since received from them touching the demands of the two Kings, as well as the point of *Fortain*. The Mediators seem extremely surpris'd at this Paper, it being so intricate and embroyed in every particular, that they have profess'd, at their communicating it to the several Ambassadors, that they know not what to make of it, and that they see plainly that the Dutch, instead of promoting the Peace, daily bring new difficulties to retard it. The 22 instant, Monsieur *Olyké*, one of the Dutch Ambassadors, parted hence for the *Hague*.

*Amsterdam Nov. 24.* The Admiralty of this place are fitting out two Men of War, the one called the *Middleburgh*, mounted with 44 Guns, and the other the *Starbuck* 2 Guns, which it is said, are designed for the *West Indies*. In the *Tixel* lye now two *East India* Ships ready to sail, and three more are fitting out, which will be likewise ready to put to sea before *Christmas*.

*Hague, Nov. 27.* The States of *Holland* are parted till Wednesday next, having first ordered the *Raet* Penitentiary *Fagdi*, with five others of their Body, to go for *Hircob*, and there consult with the States of that Province, concerning their future security; and yesterday Morning early the said Deputies parted hence. The news we had of the French being about demolishing *Grave*, is not confirm'd by our last Letters from thole parts, onely so ne Passengers tell us, that the French do in deed slight some of the Out-works, but without any intention of quitting that place. From *Gertruydenbergh* we have advice, that our Forces having Rendezvous'd in *Lang Straet*, broke up from thence yesterday, and Marched under the Command of Count *Waldeck* towards *Brabant*, where it is said, they are to joyn with some Spanish Troops. The Trumpeter which was lately sent with a Letter from these States, to His Majesty of *Great Britain*, is returned again with His Majesties Answer, though as yet we are kept ignorant of its contents. The Confederate Troops since the taking of *Bon*, have not thought fit to attempt any thing farther; whether hinder'd by the weather, or discouraged by the great Garrison the French have in *Nuis*, which they give out should be their next work to Attack, we know not; however, they continue still in the Neighborhood of *Cologne*, and still make us believe they will enterprize something considerable.

*Brussels Nov. 29.* Our last Letters from the *Rhyne* tell us that General *Montecuculi* was returned for *Vienna*, leaving the Command of the Imperial Troops to the Duke of *Bourbonville*, which are now disper'd up and down in the Electorates of *Cologne* and the Countrey of *Fuliers*, and that the winter coming now on apace, it is thought they will not enter upon any farther action, but go into their winter Quarters. *Lichtenitz* hath surrendered to the Imperialists, the Garrison that was there being retir'd to *Nuis*, where the French have at present a Garrison of near 3000 Men; The Imperialists have their head Quarters at *Frichheim*, the Prince of *Orange* his at *Blatzheim*, and the Spanish Troops theirs at *Beur*. We have advice here that the French, having sent out a party from *Makesbricht*, have taken and plunder'd *Tongres*; Monsieur de *Turenne* continues with the Forces under his Command, in the Territories of the Elector Palatine.

*Falmouth, Nov. 17.* This day came to Town several Dutch Prisoners, who were put ashore Saturday last as *St. Ives*, and reports that about eight days

past, they being in a Caper of 12 Guns, called the *Old Stadione* of *Hilfing*, met about *Landsend* with an English *Smarna* Merchantman, called the *Golden Fleece*; who it seems was separated from the rest of her Company, and that they had a sharp dispute with her for several hours together, all which while the Merchantman behaved himself very well, and had the good fortune to shoot down the Capers *Boulsprit* and *Fore-top-mast*; But in the mean time the *Augustin* Fregat came in, and put an end to the Combat, by taking the Caper, and having put the Men ashore; the Fregat is say'd with her Prize up the Channel.

*Rye, Nov. 18.* On Sunday last a French man of War off of this place, gave Chase to a Dutch Caper, who coming very near the shore to secure her self, we Manned our two or three small Boats from hence, who took the said Caper, and have brought her in here.

*Dover, November 21.* His Evening her Royal Highness, accompanied with the Dutcheis of *Modena*, her Mother, and several other persons of Quality, arriv'd here, and was received by his Royal Highness, who resolves to stay here till Monday Morning next, and then to see forward, to lodge the first night at *Canterbury*, the next night at *Raghester*, and the third day to come with the Tide from *Gravesent* to *London*.

*Whitehall, Nov. 20.* His Majesty has been Graciously pleas'd to Issue his Royal Proclamation as follows,

CHARLES R.

Whereas in pursuance of Our Gracious Assurances to both Houses of Parliament, at the late Prorogation, to let all our Subjects see, that no care can be greater then Our own, in the effectual suppressing of Popery; We were pleas'd the Fourteenth of this instant November, in Council, to Direct and Command the Lord Steward, and Lord Chamberlain of Our Household, to hinder all Papists and Popish Recusants, or reputed Papists and Popish Recusants, from having access to Our Presence, or to Our Place, or the place where our Court shall be, from and after the 18 day of this instant November, and did the like likewise Command the Judges of our Courts at Westminster, to consider of the most effectual means of putting the Laws in Execution, for preventing the Growth of Popery, and speedily to Report the same to Us: now for the more effectual Suppression of Popery in all parts of Our Kingdom, and preservation of the true Religion Established, We do hereby Declare and Publish Our further Will and Pleasure, and a so strictly Charge and Command all the Judges of our Courts at Westminster, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bishops and other our Officers and Ministers of Justice whatsoever, That they do forthwith take effectual care, for the Prosecution of all Papists, and Popish Recusants, according to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm; And for that purpose, That they give the said Laws in Charge at their respective Assises; Gaol-deliveries, and Quarter Sessions, and then and there take Order, that such Papists and Popish Recusants, or Persons suspected to be so, may be specially Present'd, Indict'd and Convict'd according to Law; and that due Procs be from time to time issued thereupon.

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