

Moldavia and Wallachia from the Turks, who have brought those two Provinces again under the Subjection of the Crown of *Poland*, from whence they fell off about 50 years since.

Coogue, Dec. 15 The Imperialists are now gone into their winter Quarters; Major General *Spork* is gone with part of the Cavalry into *Westphalia*, and the Bishoprick of *Paderborn*; The Prince of *Lorraine* is gone with another Part of the Cavalry into the Country of *Nassau* and *Heteravi*; three thousand Men they say will be left in the upper part of this Electorate, under the Command of the old Duke of *Lorraine*, and the rest of their Forces will continue quartered at *Lichtenfels*, where the Duke of *Bourbonville* has his Head Quarters.

Brussels, Dec. 15. In pursuance to the resolution taken by the Prince of *Orange*, and our Governor the Count de *Montreuil*, at their last interview at *Herengaults*, the 13 instant his Excellency parted hence, and that night lodged at *Erps*, with intentions to be the next at the Abbey of *Parc* near *Louvain*; The 17 or 18 instant his Excellency and the Prince of *Orange* will meet again at *Tillemont*, where is the general rendezvous of ours, as well as of the Dutch Troops, supposed to make up in all about 20 thousand men: This Army is to be commanded for this expedition by our Governor, and though people speak differently concerning their intended march, yet the general and most probable opinion is that they will take their way towards *Liege*, and endeavor to put great Garrisons as well into that place as others in that Country, to infect the French at *Maastricht*. The French are preparing a Convoy at *Charleroy* to go to *Maastricht*. The Deputies which his Excellency lately sent to the *Hague*, about making a Treaty of Commerce, are returned again.

Ditto, Dec. 20. From *Louvain* they write, that his Excellency the Count de *Montreuil* had continued at the Abbey of *Parc*, near that place, till Sunday last the 17 instant, when he parted thence early in the morning for *Tillemont*, to meet the Prince of *Orange*; the same day all the Troops which Rendezvoused between *Louvain* and *Tillemont* began likewise to march, having Orders to take with them Ammunition-Bread for four days; The common opinion still is, that they will march towards *Liege*; The Duke of *Luxembourg* is yet with his Troops in the neighborhood of *Maastricht*.

Paris, Dec. 19. From *Acgh* of the ninth instant they write, that the Marquis of *Bellefuds* by Encamped within four Leagues of *Brussels* with a Body of 7 or 8000 Men, having set all the Country round about under Contribution, as far as the Gates of *Brussels*; That the Count de *Montal* had taken the Town of *Beaumont*, five Leagues from *Charleroy*, and put Garrison into it, being a very considerable Post in those parts. From *Dyon* they write, that the 23 past the Count de *Aprumont* took the Town and Castle of *St. Amant*, and the Castle of *Lauvespine*, by which means our Troops will be able to exact Contribution to the very Gates of *Salins*. We have advice of the defeat of a of 5000 Men, which besieged the Fortress of *St. Thomas*, by the *Sieur de Mays*, who commands His Majesties Forces in those parts.

Bruges, Dec. 20. Our Governor having drawn what Forces he could together, and joynd them with those Commanded by Count *Wildeck*, is marched towards *Erps* leaving the Garrisons here at home very thin, and ill provided with Men. From the *Hague* they write, that the Prince of *Orange*, his late being there, had desired the States to raise a proportionable

sum of Money for the carrying on the War the next year; and that after much debate they had resolved to raise the 200 penny of every mans Principal, besides the Poll-Money which was before agreed on. That at *Amsterdam* they are very busy at work on their greatest Ships, they pretending to have their Fleet out very early in the Spring. From *St. Ickhalm* they write, That their King lies ill of the Small Pox. The Lady of the Constable of *Colonna* is at present at *Antwerp*, and lodged in the Castle there.

Albiongh, Dec. 12. This day five Dutch Men of War appeared within sight of this place, coming from the S. E. and are supposed to be Capers.

Whitehal, Dec. 10. Whereas his Majesty was pleased Nov. 14. last, to declare in Council His Royal pleasure, That no person who is a Popish Recusant, or reputed Popish Recusant, should presume after the 18th day of the said Month of *November*, to come into His Majesties Royal Presence, or to His Palace, or to the place where His Court should be:

His Majesty did this Day further declare in Council; That His Intentions were, and accordingly His pleasure is, That no Popish Recusant, or reputed Popish Recusant, do presume to come into *St James's House*, or into *St James's Park*, the same being part of, and annexed to His Majesties Palace of *Whitehal*; whereof all persons concerned are to take notice, and yeeld Obedience accordingly.

At the Court at *Whitehal*, December 12. 1673.

Present,

The Kings most Excellent Majesty.

His Highness P. Rupert, Earl of <i>Carlisle</i> ,	Lord Keeper,	Earl of <i>Craven</i> ,
Lord Treasurer,	Earl of <i>Carbury</i> ,	
Lord Privy Seal,	Viscount <i>Falconberg</i> ,	
Duke of <i>Ormond</i> ,	Viscount <i>Halsfax</i> ,	
Marquis of <i>Worcester</i> ,	Lord <i>Maynard</i> ,	
Earl of <i>Offory</i> ,	Lord <i>Newport</i> ,	
Lord Chamberlain,	Lord <i>Berkeley</i> ,	
Earl of <i>Bridgewater</i> ,	Mr. Secretary <i>Coventry</i> ,	
Earl of <i>Northampton</i> ,	Mr. Chanc. of the <i>Exchequer</i> ,	
Earl of <i>Bath</i> ,	Mr. Chanc. of the <i>Duchy</i> .	

Edward Seymour Esq;

His Majesty in Council taking into consideration the great Numbers of extraordinary Servants, that have been Sworn and admitted into His Majesties Service, who making use of the Protection they receive, thereby to obstruct the due course of Law, to the grievance of many of his good Subjects; It is Ordered therefore by His Majesty in Council, that all Persons whatsoever, that are Sworn and admitted His Majesties Servants, to attend His Majesty or Royal Consort, in Extraordinary or Ordinary, without Fee, and that do not by vertue of their Places receive either Fee, Wages, Salary, Dyers Boardwages, or Livery, be from the first day of *January* next, absolutely disabled from making use of the same, for any pretence of Privledge or Protection from their Creditors, bearing of Offices, or any other Privledge or Protection from the due course of Law whatsoever; And His Majesty doth Require and Command the Lord Steward of His Majesties Household, Lord Chamberlain of His Household, Master of His Horse, Chamberlain to the Queen, Captain of the *Pentagoners*, and Captain of the *Yeomen* of His Guard, to observe this Order, and to conform themselves therunto accordingly.

Robert Southwell.

Whitehal, Dec. 12. This day His Majesty in consideration of the many good Services done him by Captain *Robert Robinson*, late Commander of the *Donmouth* Frigate, was pleased to Confer the Honor of Knighthood upon him.