

Neighbours on all hands, takes this advantage of time upon us, and demands a review and moderation of the Treaties made heretofore with us, concerning the Tolls and Customs paid in the Sound and Norway. And thus every one make their profit of our Distress, and none more than those that in appearance are our only succor in it.

The Elector of Brandenburg hath made a sharp complaint of the Prohibition lately made by the States, That no Provisions should be carried out of any of our Garisons in Cleve, by which means he cannot obtain for his money, a supply of Necessaries for himself and Train, nor in his own Towns where our Garisons are. He hath writ farther, that a Neutrality may be granted to his Towns in Cleve, wherein we have Garison; the Bishop having offered it to them, to which the States seem no way inclined. We have had a report, that the Bishop hath quitted *Wedde* and *Apfel*, but we find that but a Fiction. It is said, that *Lochem* is surrounded, and that the Town had put it self into a posture of defence, having pulled down the Houses in the Suburbs. As to the force in it, the report is various, of Eight, ten, or twelve hundred men. At *Deniechem* there are Two thousand; besides which, it is said the Bishop gives out, he can in few hours bring together Sixteen thousand men.

The People are brought to that low ebbe, that the Admiralties, instead of Supplies, give in their complaints. The Admiralty of the North-quarter hath represented here, that they are in that distress, that without a supply from hence, they shall not be able to make any equipage this year, and the Admiralty of *Rotterdam* having suffered so deeply in the losses of this last Summers War with *England*, particularly in five Ships, and a considerable number of Cannon, begs, that they may be excused for their Quota in this Tax.

*Brussels*, Decemb. 11. By our Letters from *Munster*, dated Dec. 3. S. N. We find that the Prince hath upon the threats and designs of a Conjunction between the French, Dutch, and *Lunenburgh* Troops (who are upon their march, under Count *Waldeck*) withdrew all his Forces, Cannon, and Baggage, over the Bridge he had made through the Marshs, leaving in *Friesland*, a Fort well provided at that end of his Bridge, and another to block up *Bonring*, where both *Wanz* and the *Plague* are got in, as not long before it was in *Winschten*, where it had swept away three hundred of the Princes men before he quitted it. His Army is now divided into two parts; one under command of *de Puren*, is left in *Twent* to watch the motion of the French and Dutch Troops, and with the other, the Prince is marched towards that part of his Country, where the *Lunenburgh* Forces intend to pass, with resolution, if possible, to give them battle before they make a conjunction. An Envoy is daily expected from the Emperor, who is upon his way to *Munster*, though his errand is yet unknown. Our last news from *Vienna* says, that in spite of the many endeavors of the French towards a new Imbroilment of the two Empires, the Peace is at last solemnly sworn at *Constantinople*, the Presents received and given, and Count *Lesley* preparing for his return: Which Peace is looked upon to be the more secure by a demand of *Bridget*, the *Persian*, lately sent to the *Turk*, who not used to return any thing, but (as he vomits) what he can no longer hold, seen by this near a quarrel with that Empire, which uses often to give a Peace or Diversion.

*Amsterp*, Dec. 13. In the late great storms, the Dutch had Perrings in their Villages, and store of other Fish swimming in their streets. A ship come from *North-Bergen* with the storm to the *Dy*, was driven so far upon the Land, that she had much ado with Sails and other helps, to get off. Of all the ships in the *Dy* but two, could save their Masts, and several together with the Stone-work next adjacent to the Town-Port, almost all turn away; three, if not four distinct *Polders* near it, covered with Sea. The *Dike* of *Sluder* near *Sparendam*, a mile from *Harlem* carried away. Many *Dikes* in *East-Friesland*, and that between *Sbellinham* and *Daringdam*, over against *Amsterdam*, quite broken down. *Water-land*, a part of *East-Friesland* and *Blackenberg*, lay all under water; the damages cast in the Cellars and Ware-houses in *Amsterdam* alone, reckoned at many Millions: So that upon a serious computa-

tion, we cannot judge the losses to have been less by this Inundation then the charge of the whole War hitherto, both by Land and Sea.

*Paris*, Dec. 9. It is whispered here, as if *Savooy* and *Lorraine* had made an Alliance tending to the disadvantage of *France*; and that which raiseth the jealousy is, that an Envoy very secretly with his Highness, and it is believed, that his Imperial Majesty will send also to the Republicks of *Venice*, *Genoa*, and to *Florence* and *Mantova*.

*Hague*, Dec. 14. *Lochem* holds out obstinately, and hath killed our several men; one shot mist Prince *Maurice* but narrowly, brushing betwixt him and the next man to him: But whilst we lay here, the Bishops forces come up to our very mouths at *Doesburgh*, where the Garison is so disabled by drawing out their men for the Field, that they cannot spare any party to prevent them. We are flattered indeed, that *Lochem* cannot long withstand those Batteries that are raised against it; and if we believe their Letters of the fourth enth, it would be forced to a Surrender the next day: But what they tell us, That the Bishop, with the Gros of his Army, about 16000 lay very near *Coezfeld*, his own Head-quarter being at *Aden*, within two hours of them, with a resolution to bid them battle, which quite alters the state of the case.

They write from *Deventer*. That on the ninth, about 3000 of the Bishops forces past over the *Steen Kuyt* near *Guylden-house*, with intent to march into the *Twent* for brevity; but upon information of the States forces being there, thought it not so adviseable to proceed farther. Colonel *Wynderhofen* and *Korff*, with a party of 3000 *Munster* Horse and Foot, attempted the same party of the States near *Enskede*, whether they retired, till *Wynderhofen* daring them with only three or four Companies, drew them out into an Engagement near the House *Oudemulen*, where *Korff* coming out of an Ambuscado, hem'd them in; which with the stopping of their several were killed, and taken in the encounter; the number is uncertain, the Letters giving us from Two to eight hundred. Among the prisoners taken by the *Munsters* forces, is one *Honywood*, the Count of *Varfuse*, and one *Verloo*, a Volunteer of good esteem among ours.

*Uitro*, We expect the return of our Ambassador from *England* daily, having recalled him at the very pressing instance of the French; by which we see too plainly, it is not so much the Peace they aim at between us, as that they may have the making of it, which since they find they cannot have upon their own terms, their next endeavors are to drive on seriously for a War, which the wiser sort among us foreaw long since, and is now become every common mans observation and complaint, but we fear too late.

*Dover*, Dec. 12. The French Ambassadors came all hither on Friday night. Friday evening several Guns were heard to the Westward, which appears to have been a fight between the Success and two Dutch Capers. The Success after some time boarded one, whilst the other made his escape.

*Deal*, Dec. 9. Last night the *Smallow Ketch* brought in two Prizes, one a Fly-boat about an hundred Tun, the other a Hoyer, both from *Bourdeaux*.

*Ditto*, Decemb. 10. Yesterday in the afternoon, the Success meeting two Dutch Capers, Captain *Ball* Commander of their Company were killed, and about fifty men, nine of the other Caper, narrowly escaped whilst he was busied in taking this. It is said, both of them were bound for the *Indies*.

*Tarmonth*, Decemb. 8. Here are two Sloops from *Offard*, the one came Wednesday last, the other this morning, who both affirm, that three of the States Men of War were driven to thither very much disabled.

*Weymouth*, Decemb. 9. A Vessel arrived here with French Wine; the Master a Frenchman, says, that in the late storme near *Fory* (all of French and Dutch were cast away upon the French Coast, and about *Bourdeaux*, and two Englishmen, the one of *Dartmouth*, the other of *Chichester*.

The *London* Bill for this Week, runs thus:  
Total 448. Blague 243. Increase 14.