

to *Holstein*, and put them into a posture of defence, was obliged to quit them, and retreat towards *Alfasia*; we formerly told you, that 6000 Men were on their march, Commanded by the Duke of *Holstein*, towards *Bergum*; we have now advice of their arrival there, and that there is great likelihood they will succeed in their designe; with the assistance of the Inhabitants, but of this we must expect to hear farther. The Electoral Prince of *Brandenburg* is somewhat better since our last, so that his Physicians begin to have hopes of his recovery.

Dec. 11. The Swedish Troops, that came from *Bremen*, continue still quartered in the Country of *Muschlenberg*, and our Letters from those parts are altogether silent, as to the time of their march, except some which tell us, that it is deferred till January; in the mean time, fresh Forces come daily from *Sweden*; this last week arrived at *Wolgast* in *Pomeran*, seven Vessels with Soldiers from *Stockholme*, and they say that three Regiments more are to follow them. From *Berlin* they write, that all things there are put into a posture of defence; the Inhabitants, who compose seven Companies, keeping watch every night by turns in the Town, while the Soldiers lodge on the Walls; that the Country people round about flock thither with their best Goods, as if an Enemy was at hand; several Danish Officers continue to make Levies in this neighborhood.

Dec. 14. Notwithstanding all our endeavours, to the contrary, we have been forced to agree with the General of the Imperial Army, to quarter here half of Count *Souches's* Regiment, which is eight Companies, till the first of May, and besides these, some Troops of Horse and Dragoons. Yesterday the Imperial Army marched from *Staelberg*, and this day have their Head Quarter at *Esweiler*, the People where they come, suffer very much.

Dec. 18. The States General having appointed the Heer *Vander Hooge*, to goe in quality of Envoys Extraordinary to the Duke of *Hanover*, to Treat with him about Matters relating to the present Confederation, and more particularly, the present arming of the *Swedes*, he is preparing for his journey, which he will now begin in a day or two. Our Letters from *Pomeran* do not as yet tell us, that the Swedish Forces are on their march, and seem ignorant of the time appointed for it, which several People will needs attribute to some change in the resolutions of the Court of *Sweden*, and think that the instances made to the Swedish Ambassador here on this subject, have been of great weight therein; though others are inclined to believe, the only reason which keeps General *Wrangel* from acting as yet, to be, that he expects more Troops from *Sweden*. and is unwilling to enter upon any action, till he hath his whole Force together: yesterday his Highness was in the Council of State, where, as we are told; it was resolved, that several of those Troops which were intended to be Reformed, shall be still kept on foot. The Deputies of the respective Admiralties, begin to consult about the next years Equipage by Sea, which some seem to believe, will be much the same it was this; We told you in our last, that the Ambassador of *Sweden* had in a Memorial given in to the States General, acquainted them, that the most Christian King had proposed *Breda*, as a place very proper for the renewing the Assembly of the Ambassadors, in order to a Peace; and that his Majesty would send his Ambassadors thither; provided satisfaction were made in those points, which obliged his Majesty to recall them from *Cologne*: since the States have caused an answer to be returned,

to the said Ambassador, in which they express the great desire they have for Peace, and the endeavors they will use on their part, to promote it, but think *Hamburg* a more convenient place than *Breda*. At the instance of the Spanish Minister here, the States have dispatched the necessary Passports for Don *Pedro de Ronquillos*, who intends to embark at *Hamburg* and thence to pass into *England*, in quality of Envoye Extraordinary from the Crown of *Spain*, with which Character he has resided some time in *Poland*. The Earl of *Offory*, and the Earl of *Arlington* being returned from *Amsterdam*, where they have been to see the Curiosities that place affords, will now in a day or two embark again, in order to their return for *England*.

Dec. 6. On Tuesday last sailed from hence the four Men of War, of whose arrival in this Port we formerly told you; the next day they sent in hither a Prize, being a Dutch Vessel, laden with Wines; and the day following, a French Vessel, which they retook from an *Ossend Caper*. The instant was cast away near this place, a small Vessel of *Waterford*, laden with Wines from *Bourdeaux*, all the Men saved. Here are at present in Port, three Merchantmen, bound for *London*, the first from *Virginia*, *Robert Conway* Commander, the second from *Malaga*, *George Hillson* Commander, and the last from *Barbados*.

Dec. 7. The 3 instant put in here the *St. John* of *London*, coming in 7 weeks from the *Barbados*, laden with Sugars and Indico, the Master reports, that they have had this year a very good season on the *Barbades*, but that before his coming away, there had happened a Hurricane, in which several Ships had been cast away, and many Houses blown down. That in his voyage hither, he had passed through a great deal of bad weather, and lost his Fore-Mast. The instant arrived in this Port, the *Samuel* and *Jonathan* of *London*, *George Hessine*, Commander, laden with Wines and Fruit from *Malaga*, as likewise the *Prince* of *London*, *Robert Conway* Master, laden with Tobacco from *Virginia*.

Dec. 8. A Dutch Man of War of 24 Guns and 80 Men, is come in here; the Wind at *W*.

Dec. 8. Friday night last we had here a most violent storm, which we fear has done much mischief; though as yet we only hear of one Vessel lost to the Northwards; viz. The *Providence*, *Anthony Easton*, Master.

Dec. 8. Here is arrived the *Sea-Flower* of this place, from *Port O'Port*; as likewise the *Unity* of *Bilboa*. On Saturday last came into this Bay, a French Man of War of 40 Guns, having with him a Dutch Prize, being a Ship of 500 Tuns, laden with Sugars from the *West Indies*, and taken by the French off of *Scilly*.

Dec. 9. On Monday last was forced ashore at *Bridport*, about eleven Leagues to the Eastward of this place the *John* and *Sarah* of *London*, of about 70 Tun, laden with Wines from *Nantes*, the Scamen, with greatest part of the lading were saved.

Dec. 9. Here are at present 12 sail at Anker in this Road, bound for the *Streights* with Herrings.

Advertisements.

Lost lately, in or about the *Temple*, a piece of Parchment, Written upon, for the most part in Court-Hand, containing several names of Person, and sums of Money; together with 2 or 3 several Papers written upon also, and joynd thereto. If any Person having found them, please to bring them to Mr. *Twisford*, Bookseller in the *Temple*, he shall be handsomely gratified for his pains.

Dec. 13. *Simon Brevice*, of the age of 18 years, round Complexion, thick set, brown flabby Hair, stooping a little in the Shoulders, Red Nose, in a Green Livery, Lac'd with Red, White, and Green Lace, Lined with Fellamor Shalloon, his Breeches made after the Spanish mode, with brass Buttons, a brown Frock, black Cordeback Hat, with a white hair Handband, ran away from his Master on Saturday night last about twelve of the clock. If any person shall secure him, or give notice to *Richard Shaler* Barber in the *Hay-market* by *Charing Cross* at the Coach and Horses, of the said person, shall have twenty shillings, or a better reward. Probably a Boy in black about the same age may be in his company.