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Whitehal, Dec. 15.

His Majesty hath been pleased to cause His Royal Proclamation to be issued, enjoying the Prosecution of all such Persons as shall make, or utter any Farthings, Halfpence, or Pence of Brass, or other base Metals with private Stamps; as by the said Proclamation, may more at large appear.

Copenhagen, Nov. 27. We in a day or two expect here the Count de *Brabe*, who comes in quality of Envoye Extraordinary from *Sweden*, as is said, to assure His Majesty of the good intentions of that Crown towards him, and its earnest desire to live in perfect friendship, and good correspondence with his Majesty; and some add, that the said Envoye is charged with certain Proposals, in relation to a Marriage between the King of *Sweden*, and our Kings Sister; In the mean time his Majesty is putting himself into a posture of War, his Troops are all on their march towards *Holstein*, where they are to Rendezvous; and we are told, that His Majesty intends to go thither in Person, though as yet we see not any preparation made for his journey.

Vienna, Dec. 2. The advice we have here of the Crown of *Sweden*'s being upon the point to declare against the Elector of *Brandenburg*, has occasioned a discourse, that the Count of *Oxensterne*, Ambassador Extraordinary of that Crown, was to return immediately home, but as yet there is not any appearance of his leaving this Court; though on the other hand, his Excellency continues to sollicite the Emperor in the three points we formerly mentioned, viz. the setting at liberty the Prince of *Furstenberg*; the accepting the Mediation of the King of *Sweden*; and lastly, a general cessation of Arms; but hitherto he has not had any success in his negotiation. We are told, that at the instance of the Spanish Ambassador, the Emperor will send two Regiments of Foot, which shall consist of 2500 Men each, to assist the Spaniards, in order to the reducing the City of *Messina*; these Troops are to embark at *Trieste*, on the Gulph of *Venice*, from whence they may easily be transported into *Sicily*. The Count de *Souches* is expected here in few days, though some that are not his friends, say, he will have Orders to retire to his Government of *Waradin*, without being permitted to see the Emperor; It is still said, that Count *Montecuculi* will Command the Imperial Army the next Spring. Our Letters from *Cassovia* in the *Upper Hungary*, tell us, that General *Spankaw*, who Commands the Imperial Troops in those parts, having dispersed the Rebels, so that not any of them appeared longer abroad, was going to put his Troops into Winter Quarters.

Cölmär, Dec. 6. The 27 of the last month their Electoral Highnesses of *Brandenburg* arrived here, and took their lodging in the Town-House, which had been prepared for them: The Duke of *Bourbonville* has his Quarters at *Ensfeldm*, and the Duke of *Lanten-*

burg at *Schlestadt*. The 4 instant the Imperialists made themselves Masters of *Henninguen* near *Basse*, and we are told that the Prince, *Herman* of *Baden* General of the Emperors Artillery is marched with the Troops of *Munster* to attack *Besfort*, and that General *Vermuller* is gone on the same account towards *Landikroon*, which are the two only places the French at present possess in *Suntgow*. This day the Duke of *Holstein*, Lieutenant-General of the *Brandenburg* Troops, begins his march with a Body of an Army towards the *Franche Comte*. The Duke of *Lorraine* is with his Forces on the frontiers of *Lorraine*. *Brisack* is wholly blocked up, so that those within cannot now receive any Provisions, or other necessaries from abroad; and besides, on Friday last, the Confederates destroyed their chief Mill, which was in the middle of the *Rhync*, and was of very great use to those Inhabitants, to grind their Corn.

Francfort, Dec. 7. From *Ratisbonne* they write, that the Dyet upon the representation of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, that some of his Territories were in danger of being invaded by the *Swedes*, had resolved, that in such a case the whole Empire ought and would assist him; and that the Dyet taking notice, that the Bishop of *Strasburg* was retired into *France*, and had put himself under the protection of a Foreign Prince, in enmity with the Empire, had resolved, that neither the said Bishop of *Strasburg*, as Prince of the Empire, nor his Envoye, shall have any Session or Vote in the Dyet, so long as his Highness remains in *France*, or any other foreign parts. The Confederates being all gone into Winter Quarters, and the Forces Commanded by Monsieur de *Turenne*, preparing for it, there remains not any thing more to be told you from thence.

Cologne, Dec. 11. The Dutch Troops, Commanded by Monsieur *Fariaux*, are at present quartered two Leagues from hence, near the Abby of *Brauwylers*, though the discourse is, they will now suddenly return home; The Marquis de *Grana* is, we hear, arrived from *Coblenz* at *Bon*, having left the Elector of *Treves* very highly dissatisfied, that the Confederates, after having promised him to besiege *Treves*, and obliged him to make accordingly preparations for it, now tell him the Season is too far advanced to begin a Siege, and that therefore they have wholly quieted that designe; General *Sporke* having left part of his Troops in the Diocess of *Liege*, is on his march with the rest of them this way, intending to keep his Head Quarter this Winter at *Bon*. Our Letters from *Strasburg* tell us, that the Confederate Troops have taken the Castle of *Henningen*, in the Country of *Suntgow*.

Ditto, Dec. 14. The Dutch Troops continue as yet in this Diocess, and are at present quartered in the Villages between *Nun* and this City; We are told that the Duke of *Newburg* hath sent to Treat with Monsieur *Fariaux*, that these Troops may embark, and pass into *Holland* by water, to avoid their passage through his Country, if they go by Land. The Sieur *strevestors*, Commissary of the Imperial Army, parted this day from

from hence towards *Wesphalia*, to a just with the Princes and Estates of that Quarter, the sums of Money to be by them raised, for the subsistence of the Imperial Forces, who will winter in these parts. From *Lipsiad* they write, that the advice of the Swedes arming, causes a great alarm amongst the Subjects of the Elector of *Brandeburg*, who apprehends his Force is intended against them; and that even the Inhabitants of *Berlin* pack up the best of their Goods, and transport them to other places of greater security; the Governor of *Minden*, who is Major-General *Eller*, seems to have a great jealousy that the Swedes have a design upon this place under his Command, for which reason he is endeavouring to put it into the best posture of defence having reinforced the Garrison with 500 Men, and caused the Fortifications to be repaired.

Brussels, Dec. 14. We have at present very little news here, his Excellency the Count de *Montreux* being at *Antwerp*, to settle the affairs of that Province; and our Letters from *Germany* saying only, that the Armies are all in their Winter Quarters. Lieutenant-General *Agouin* has made a review of the Troops that are quartered at *Mons*, and from thence is gone to go the like at *Oberrhein, St. Galmien, Bouchain, and Cambrai*. The Imperial Army, Commanded by General *Spork*, except that part of it, which is left to winter in the Dioceses of *Bieges*, under the Command of the Count de *Chavignat*, is marched towards *Aix la Chapelle*, in order to their going into their Winter Quarters in the Country of *Flanders*, and the Electorate of *Cologne*, the Head-Quarters being intended to be held at *Bonn*. The Duke of *Saxony* continues very ill, and his recovery is now almost despaired of; We hear from *Monsieur de Salmes* that the Prince de *Salmes* has very much hurt himself by a fall.

Brussels, Dec. 18. On Saturday night last the Count de *Mentrey*, our Governor-General, returned hither from *Flanders*, the Cities of *Ghent* and *Bruges*, and the Country of *Wales*, having made his Excellency a Present of 100000 Guilders. Yesterday about two in the morning dyed here after 13 or 14 days sickness, the Duke of *Arbuzing, Arschat, and Grey*, Grandee of *Spain*, &c. to the great regret of all People, being a Person, whose great worth had rendered him as eminent as his quality; his Body is exposed in his own House upon a Bed of State; according to the usual custom of this Country, and this day his Excellency, and all the Court is gone into Mourning for him; his Body will be carried to *Engbien*, and there privately interred in the Church of the *Capuchins*, without any Ceremony; the Moneys which would have been spent in a pompous Funeral, being intended to be distributed amongst the Dukes poor Tenants in the Country, who have been almost ruined by the Soldiers this Summer. From *Strasbourg* of the 6 instant they write, that 6000 of the Confederates were marched, under the Command of the Duke of *Holstein*, towards the *Franche Comte*; that *Brissack* was blocked up on both sides the *Rhine*, and that the Duke of *Lorraine* had made an intursion into *Lorraine*, where many of the Inhabitants, have its said, taken up Arms for him. Our Letters from *Luxemburg* tell us, that the Prince de *Chimay*, Governor of that Province, had been suddenly taken very ill of a Lethargy, but that they had great hopes of his recovery. The advices we now receive from *Spain*, are altogether silent, as to any change of the Governor of these Countries; though at Court it is still said, that his Excellency will return to *Spain* this Winter, and that the Duke de *Villars* shall Govern here *pro tempore*, but this is without any certainty; The reports of the march of the Swedish Forces, in order to the attacking the

lector of *Brandenburg*, begin very much to cool again, so that that Crown seems to have changed its resolution, or at least deferred the execution of it.

Paris, Dec. 22. Our Letters from *Lorraine*, dated the 16 instant, say, That Monsieur de *Turenne* continued to march with the Troops that the Count de *Saxe* Commanded on the *Saer*, towards the Upper *Alsace*, the gross of his Army following him with easy marches; that he had sent out several Parties before him towards *Besfort*, which way he himself takes; The same Letters speak of the death of the Electoral Prince of *Brandenburg* at *Strasburg*; Our Enemies tell us, that 6000 Men are gone under the Command of the Duke of *Holstein*, towards the *Franche Comte*, which we can hardly believe. The King has given the Government of *Angers* to the Marquis de *Chamilly*, recompencing the *Sieur de Rochefort*, the late Governor, with an annual Pension of 18000 Livres.

Milford Haven, Dec. 6. The 5 instant arrived here a French Frigate, of about 20 Guns, bringing in with her a Dutch Prize, of 300 Tuns, called the *Golden Lion*, and laden with Sugars from *Surinam*. Here is likewise in Port the *Argus* of *Brissac*, homeward bound from *Cadix*; the *Succell* of *London*, John *Harmood*, Master, from *Yorke*; and the *St. Elizabeth* of *Graveling*, *Cornelius Isonson*, Commander, homeward bound with *Saltm*, *Lisbon*.

Weymouth, Dec. 17. On Wednesday last about noon, came into *Portland Road*, two Dutch Men of War, mounted with 70 Guns each, and in the evening sailed again towards the *Dorens*.

Rorismouth, Dec. 13. Friday last the Fleet of Merchantmen that had lain some time at *Cowes*, weighed, and went out to Sea, but the wind proving contrary, they were forced to return, and come to an Anchor again 25 *Cowes*.

Portsmouth, Dec. 15. The *Arcturion* and *Sorrel* Frigates are arrived here from the *Dorens*; Here and at *Cowes* is many Merchantmen wind-bound.

Weymouth, Dec. 11. We have Letters from *Saltm* dated yesterday, which tell us, that there was then in that Port, five Dutch Men of War, two of them mounted with 70 Guns each, as likewise a French Man of War of 36 Guns. Here are at present several Merchantmen on-ward bound. The *Sweetwater* Frigate is arrived here with some Merchantmen under her Convoy from the *streights*, &c.

Plymouth, Dec. 13. This day is come in here about 50 or 60 Sail of Dutch Merchantmen, and the *Corvet* of three Men of War of very good force, and three *Phoebus* bound for the *Streights* and *Indies*; three French Men of War are at Anchor very near them; and in *Cowes* is above 100 Sail of Dutch and French Merchantmen wind-bound.

Advertisements.

LOST on Monday the 12 of December last, or about *Waltham* a little round French Watch, with a Green Shagreen Case studded with Gold, with a faggoted Ribbon to the same, a round rose being carved on the out side of the Watch. Whoever have found or taken up the same, are desired to bring it to the *Lad* *Waltham* in *Portugal Road*, in *London*; *Inn Fields*, and they shall have the full value of it as a reward for the same.

George *Annun* a Scotch Boy, about 16 or 18 years old, run away from *ind* *house* in *Waltham* the 18 instant, with a Diamond Ring set almost round with Diamonds, and another Ring with an Emerald in the middle, and three Diamonds of each side of it; he is in a blew Livery lined with yellow, laced with Silver and Gold twill, and has his Riding Coat with him. Whoever shall secure the said Boy, and bring notice to Mr. *John* *Goldsmith* at the Sign of the Sun without *Temple*, shall have five pound for their pains.

Taken out of Mr. *Leigh's* Grounds at *East Green* by *Paddington*, on Sunday last, being the 13 of this instant *December*, a Sorrel Gelding between 14 and 15 hands high, having all his paces, a bald face, one Wall Eye, three white Legs, a very short Tail, and his Mane being half shorn. If any can give notice to Mr. *John* *Weller* at the *Bell* *and* *Whistle*, they shall be well rewarded.