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Naples, Nov. 29.

WE formerly told you of the arrival of the Spanish Armada consisting in 21 or 22 men of War, under the command of *Don Melchior de la Gueza* before *Messina*; since we understand, that having in their Voyage thither, as well as after their arrival, had very bad weather, most of the ships had been so torn and disabled, as to be almost rendred unfit for any farther service this Winter; and that therefore not being able to put their designs in execution, were gone to *Reggio*, where they will continue till they are in a condition to put to Sea again. The Marquis *de Villa Franca*, the new Viceroy of *Sicily*, is arrived with the Spanish Gallies, from whose conduct, and the great preparations that are making against the *Messineses*, we seem to promise our selves a very considerable and sudden alteration in their affairs. Some report that they begin already to be reduced to great necessities, and that the ordinary people mutiny, and grow disorderly, some crying out for Peace, and others opposing it; which last, are as yet the most powerful.

Genova, Decemb. 1. The continual ill weather we have for some time had in these parts, has been the occasion that the Vessels hired by the Governor of *Milan* to transport 10 or 1200 new raised Soldiers into *Sicily*, did not sail from *Vado* till Monday last. On Wednesday last passed through this place in great diligence an extraordinary Courier going from *France* to *Rome*. From *Milan* they write, that the new Levies are continued in that Countrey, the Prince *de Ligne* having orders from the Court at *Madrid* for the raising two Regiments more; and that the Officers which had assisted at the Embarkation of the Count *de Barbo's* Regiment at *Vado*, were returned, and had given his Excellency an account, that they saw them under Sail on Monday last, with a fair wind. From *Spain* we have advice of the death of the *Conde de Molina* formerly Ambassador from that Crown in *England* and in *France*.

Rome, Decemb. 2. By the Letters we received this week from *Spain*, we are informed, that her Majesty does not at all approve the proceedings of the Cardinal *Nizard*, in relation to the difference between this Court, and the Ambassadors, about the Imposition on imported Goods. The same Letters tell us, that the Queen has accepted the Popes Mediation, which he offered by his Nuncio at *Madrid* at the beginning of the War between *France* and *Spain*, in order to the re-establishing of Peace. On Monday last the Pope held a publick Consistory, of which the Ambassadors having the day before had notice, and at the same time been informed that his Holiness intended to make several promotions to the exclusion of the pretences of the Crowns, the Ambassadors the next morning put themselves into his Holiness way as he went to the Consistory, and represented to him how great dissatisfaction it would afford to their respective Masters, if in the intended promotions his Holiness had no regard to their pretences. To which (it is said) his Holiness answered, that he had not as yet any thoughts of filling up the vacancies in the Colledge

of Cardinals. The Spanish Ambassador continues to sollicite with great earnestness an assistance from hence against *Messina*, though hitherto without success. The Spaniards here report, that those Inhabitants will not be able through want of provisions to hold out this Winter; or if they do, that they will be attacked by so powerful an Army early in the Spring, that they will quickly find their only safety will be in returning to their duty and allegiance.

Stockholm, Decemb. 2. The Marquis *de Feuquieres*, Extraordinary Ambassador from the Crown of *France*, hath lately had several Conferences with the principal Ministers of this Court, to press them, as we are told, that final directions may be sent to General *Wrangel* to march with his Forces in *Pomeran*, in order to facilitate the means for the obtaining a just and lasting Peace; and the discourse here is; that his Majesty finding his Mediation to be hitherto uneffectual, is accordingly resolved to employ his Arms to arrive at those good ends which he had proposed to himself by his said Mediation. We are informed, that upon the advice which his Majesty had of the intended march of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, in order to the joining his Forces with those of the Emperor, and the other Allies in the Empire, his Majesty in *October* last, writ to his Electoral Highness to dissuade him from it, as what, instead of advancing a Negotiation of Peace, would involve it into new difficulties; and on that subject used several arguments to persuade his Electoral Highness to continue in the same inaction with this Crown: viz. to keep their Arms in readiness, to employ them against those that should refuse a just and good Peace, &c.

Madrid, Decemb. 3. *Don Juan* of *Austria* having lately made an Address to her Majesty for leave to come to Court, for that, as he said, he had some matters of great importance to communicate to her Majesty, relating to the good of the State, her Majesty did not think fit to consent thereunto, but caused an answer to be returned him, that he should acquaint her Majesty with what he had to say by way of Letter; but *Don Juan* again desired leave to come to Court, for that he was unwilling to trust his mind in writing: to which (it is said) her Majesty answered as before. As to the Government of the *Spanish Netherlands*, which was offered him, he will by no means accept of it, unless with such unlimited powers, as her Majesty will not grant. The general opinion is, that his Highness has no desire to leave this Kingdom, but that he rather aims to come to Court, and to be near the young King. The establishment of the Kings Household (of which you had an account in our last) was very sudden, and unexpected to most people, so that 'tis believed her Majesty had some particular reason, which moved her to it. The Duke *d' Ossuna* arrived here the last week, and found himself nominated of the Council of State, without having had any knowledge of it before.

Copenhagen, Dec. 5. The Chevalier *de Trelon*, Ambassador from his most Christian Majesty at this Court, having this last week had audience of the King, pressed his Majesty (as we are told) to declare what measures he would

would think fit to take in case the Crown of *Sueden* for the promoting a Peace, should employ its Arms against any Prince engaged in the present War against the Crown of *France*. To which his Majesty (as is said) replied, that he highly valued the friendship of the King his Master, and would be very unwilling to do any thing on his part which should not contribute to the re-establishing of Peace, and the freeing Christendom from the miseries and calamities that afflict it. We are informed that the Count *de Brahe* is on his way hither from *Sueden*, to assure his Majesty, that if that Crown be at last obliged to enter into the War, it is only with design to procure the peace and quiet of that part of *Europe*, which is at present so miserably ruined by the War: and as some say farther, to propose a Marriage between the King of *Sueden* and our Kings sister.

Heydelbergh, Decemb. 15. Saturday last, very late in the evening, his Electoral Highness returned hither with the Electoral Prince from the Confederates quarters in *Alfatia*, where he has been ever since their conjunction. The Garrison of *Philipsburgh* had sent out some parties to way-lay his Electoral Highness, but he having with him a good Convoy, and being besides forewarned of their design, passed hither without any danger. We hope now very suddenly to see *Philipsburgh* blocked up, as *Riislic* at present is, which will be of great ease to the neighbouring Countrey, which is greatly infested by their daily incursions. The Duke of *Lorrain* is certainly marched towards the *Franche Comte*, where he hopes to find in the Inhabitants a disposition to assist him in the attempts he shall think fit to make there.

Cologne, Decemb. 22. The Imperial Troops commanded by General *Spruk* are now all distributed into their Winter-quarters, so that all expectation of action being over for this Winter, the only subject of the publick discourse now is concerning the preparations against the next Campaign, or a general Peace, of which there seems as yet but small appearance; for (as we are told) the most Christian King continues to insist to have Prince *William* off *Furstenbergh* set at liberty, and the French monies that were seized here, restored, before he send his Ambassadors to any new place of Congress. Our Letters from *Lipsstadt*, *Minden*, and other the Territories of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, speak still of the apprehensions they are in of being attacked by the *Suedes*; but do not as yet tell us that their Troops are actually marched.

Brussels, Decemb. 25. The Baron *de Bergeyck* parted hence some days since for *Englands*, whither he is sent by our Governor General the Count *de Monterey*. The Government of *Hanault* being become void by the death of the Duke of *Aerschor*, his Excellency has given it *pro interim* to the Prince of *Barbançon*. We are here extremely pleased with the news of the march of the Confederates towards the *Franche Comte*, but more, with the advice some pretend already to have of their having taken *Gray*, though it be accompanied with so many improbable circumstances, that it merits not any regard should be had to it. This week his Excellency received Letters from *Vienna*, giving him an account, that the Count *d' Oxenferne* Ambassador from *Sueden* at that Court, having made farther instances to his Imperial Majesty in the matter of his Negotiation, his Imperial Majesty had directed him to the Dyet at *Ratisbon*, to expect his answer from the States assembled there, without whose advice and consent his Imperial Majesty is resolved not to proceed in this affair.

Deal, Decemb. 21. This morning the wind coming to the North-east, all the ships in the *Downs* are prepa-

ring to sail. Last night arrived several Merchantmen; some of them from the *streights*, by whom we have advice, that Sir *John Narborough* was gone with the Squadron of men of War under his command from *Cadix* towards *Argiers*.

Falmouth, Decemb. 17. The 15 instant sailed from hence the *Prudence* of *London* with several other Merchantmen in her company for the *Streights*. Yesterday came in here a *Hamburgher* bound for *France*; as likewise another Foreign Merchantman, the Master whereof tells us of a Dutch *Smirna* ship that was foundered at Sea in the late storms. There are at this instant several ships endeavouring to get out to Sea, being bound for divers parts.

Swansey, Decemb. 17. This day we have advice, that two Dutch men of War, the one mounted with 58, the other with 50 Guns, and one Merchant-man, are at an anchor in *Pennarth Road*, 28 miles to the Eastward of this place; they came from the *Streights* in company of several others, but were separated from them in bad weather, and brought out of their course, to the place where they now are.

Portsmouth, Decemb. 20. Here and at *Cowes* are several Merchantmen outward bound, expecting a fair wind. The *Bonadventure* and *Sweepstakes* are here in Port.

Hull, Decemb. 21. The last week arrived here the *Charles* of *Whitby*, *Christopher Fotherly* Master, laden with Wines from the *Canaries*; the *Matthew* of this place, *John Jennings* Master, and the *Industry*, *Theophilus Dowbray* Master, from *Bordeaux*.

Weymouth, Decemb. 21. The last night about 11 a clock was forced ashore near this place a Vessel of about 80 or 100 Tuns, one *Cumber* Master, laden with French Wines from *Bordeaux*; five of the Seamen were saved, and three drowned.

Harwich, Dec. 22. On Sunday last arrived here a small Vessel, as we are informed, from the *Briel* in *Holland*, with about 40 or 50 English Soldiers in her; and this day a Paper was stolen ashore directed to the Mayor of this place to this effect: We your poor Petitioners were trappan'd over into *Holland*, being promised great matters, and that it was with our King's consent; but we have found it all otherwise, and therefore have got away in this Vessel, intending to return into *England*; we earnestly pray you to help us ashore, being ready to starve for want of food. The thing as far as is yet known of it, looks very odd, and no body from hence having been as yet on board the Vessel, we know not what farther account to give of it at present, only they give out, there came another Vessel off with them at the same time with 100 English more on board, which (as they say) were parted from them by the weather.

Advertisements

Stolen the fifth of this instant out of the Commons (and Stable of Mr. *William Tennant*) of *Wolvercot* near *Oxford*, two Geldings, one a Bay, 14 or 15 hands high fire branded with a Heart below the Hip on the near side, galled with a Collar on the Withers; the other a black Gelding, about the same height, a Star in the Forehead, the far foot behind white, with a short sprigg'd Tail. Also a black ball'd Mare, two Wall-eyes, firebranded with H. below the Hip on the near side, trot all of them. If any shall give notice of them to Mr. *Samuel Rawlins* Chandler in *Oxon*, or to Mr. *Tho. Dadd*, Winecooper without *Bishopsgate*, shall be well rewarded.

Lost the 12 day of this present *December*, a large Irish Wolf-Dog, a brown dun Colour, with a hole, cut or bit throw the near Ear. Any one that will give intelligence of him to Mr. *Thomas Coupe's* House in *Ax-yard* in *Kings-street* *Westminster*, or the Sign of the *Attichoke* in *Cornhill* *London*, they shall be well rewarded for their pains.