

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, Decem. 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 *Aersbor*, 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' Oxensterne* 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.