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Naples, Decemb. 4.

Several Barks and other Vessels pass daily from this Kingdom with Arms, Ammunition, Victuals, &c. for the Kings Forces in *Sicily*, to be employed against the *Messineses*; and about 50 or 60 *Banditti*, having accepted of the pardon offered them, are gone to serve in his Majesties Army against the said *Messineses*, who being now wholly shut up by Land, and supplies of provisions not coming to them from abroad sufficient for their subsistence, begin (as is reported here) to be in an ill condition, the ordinary sort of people growing unruly for want of Victuals, and exclaiming against those that have brought them into this posture; so that we seem here with some reason to hope, that those people not expecting to be attacked by his Majesties Forces in the Spring, will be forced to accommodate matters very suddenly, which, to prevent farther consequences, the *Spaniards* will be very much inclined to on their part.

Genova, Decemb. 8: Here is arrived a small Vessel from *Marseilles*, by which we have advice, that eight men of War were firing out at *Thoulon*; and would be very suddenly ready to put to Sea with several Barks, on which 300 Soldiers, with great quantities of provisions, and all sorts of necessaries, are to be transported to *Messina*; and that orders had been sent to the Commander of the 12 French Gallies at *Monaco*, to return with them forthwith to *Marseilles*, that they might part from thence with the said men of War and Barks directly for *Sicily*. A Vessel arrived here from *Smirna*, brings us an account, that the Grand Signior was expected at *Adrianople*; and that the Port seems very much disposed to make a Peace with the Crown of *Poland*, that so its whole Force may be employ'd against the *Perbans*.

Hallbron, Decemb. 18. Prince *Maurits* of *Saxony* is entered with the Troops of the Circle of the Upper *Saxony*, into the Territory of Prince *Fr derick* of *Wurttemberg*, who is General of the Artillery of the Empire, and hath taken up his quarters there, not without being a great burthen to the Subjects of the Duke of *Wurttemberg*, who therefore sent to Prince *Maurits*, to desire him to remove with the Troops under his command out of his Territories; which he refusing to do, the Duke hath made complaint hereof to the Dyet at *Ratisbonne*. Here will be in few days a meeting of the Elector Palatine, the Prince of *Baden Dourlach*, the Marquis of *Bareyth*, and several other principal Commanders, to consult about the blocking up of *Philpsburgh*, which his Electoral Highness is very intent upon; and with great reason, the Garrison of that place extremely infesting his Countrey; a party from thence was some days since under the walls of *Heidelberg*, and took two Soldiers there prisoners; and another party hath pillaged *Winheim* but in their return home they were attacked and routed by some Palatine Troops belonging to the Garrison of *Frankendall*.

Maestrict, Decemb. 20. Our Governor the Count *d' Estrades* having sent several persons disguised in the habits of Countrey people into the Suburbs of *Huy*, to take an account of the posture the Enemy there was in, they returned, and gave his Excellency information, that three Companies of Dragoons, and one of Foot, were quartered in the Suburbs, and had the Guard there; whereupon his Excellency immediately sent out 200 Dragoons, and 200 Horse, under the command of the *Sieur de la Brosse*, and the *Sieur de Flamanville*; they parted hence on Sunday last about 11 a clock at night, and arrived at *Huy* at four in the morning, where they fell upon the Dragoons that were lodged in the Suburb, as aforesaid, many of whom were killed, 50 taken prisoners, and the rest got into the Town.

Strasbourg, Decemb. 21. The Duke of *Lorraine* had been forced to quit all the places he had possessed himself of in *Lorraine*, and we have reason to believe that his expedition into the *Franche Comté* will not meet with the success he had promised himself, for we are assured that *Monsieur de Turenne* having brought together all the Force he can, marches towards *Besfort*, to relieve that place, which is at present besieged by the *Confederates*; and having done that, he will advance towards the *Franche Comte*, in case the *Confederates* continue to march that way, or else it is thought he will come and relieve *Brisac*, which is now straightly blocked up. Here is a Letter shewn in Town from an Inhabitant there, who says, that all their Mills on the *Rhine* are destroyed, so that they have only Hand-mills left to grind their Corn; that they begin to have want of Salt, and more of Wood, of which very great provision had been made this Summer: but for want of room in the Town, the Governor having caused it to be lain without under the Works, the *Confederates* had destroyed it all. That Major General *Schutz*, Governor of *Friburgh*, is posted in the same place where the Duke of *Wurttemberg* had his station during the former siege of that Town. We have advice that General *Chauvet* hath lately defeated a party of French commanded by the Count of *Barlemon*.

Colmar, Decemb. 21. *Monsieur de Turenne* is on his march with an Army of between 20 and 30 000 men towards the *Franche Comte*, so that the design of the Duke of *Lorraine* who went with his Forces that way, will be all probably be disappointed. This day the Elector of *Brandenburg* received advice, that the Count of *Barlemon* being sent out with 300 French under his command to endeavor to pass to *Brisac*, was in his march fallen upon by a party of the *Lunenburgh* Troops commanded by General *Chauvet*, and totally routed, 80 of them having been killed, and 30 taken Prisoners; and amongst them, besides several inferior Officers, the said Count of *Barlemon*.

From the Camp near *Remiremont*, Decemb. 22. The Army advances with small journies towards *Besfort* with the Artillery and Baggage; and to morrow *Monsieur de Turenne* parts hence to put himself at the head of the said Troops, together with several other general Officers

ces that are as yet here. The Count de *Burlemont* having been sent out with a party of 200 Foot, and 50 Horse, under his command, to attack a certain Post possessed by some of the Enemies Troops, they though superior in number, upon his approach immediately retired; but the said Count continuing there somewhat too long, gave the Enemy leisure to return with a far stronger party, who fell upon him, and routed him, though he made a brave resistance; he himself was taken prisoner with two or three Officers more, and about 30 common Soldiers; some were killed, and the rest made their escape. The Marquis of *Baden Dounlach* having some days since summon'd the City of *Montbelliard* in the name of his Imperial Majesty to open their Gates, and to receive an Imperial Garrison, an answer was returned not at all to the Marquis his satisfaction; In the mean time the Prince of *Montbelliard* has reinforced the Garrison there, and has sent to assure Monsieur de *Turenne*, that he will punctually observe the Neutrality granted him by his most Christian Majesty. The Duke of *Duras*, who has been some time in the Army, is gone to his Government of the *Franche Comte*, to look after matters there. The *Confederates*, upon the news of the march of our Army, have quitted the Castle of *Than* in *Sungow*, which they not long since possessed themselves of. We hear that *Brisac* is blocked up by the Enemy, and that it is very much frightned.

Cologne, Decemb. 25. Monsieur *Fazio* is on his march with the Dutch Troops under his command, having already passed *Crever* in the County of *Meurs*; but it is said that he hath received orders from the Prince of *Orange* to continue in this Diocesis near *Rhinbergh*, till the monies owing by our Elector to the States be paid. Monsieur *Fazio* has already written to his Electoral Highness on this subject, who referred him to the States of this Diocesis for an answer, and they have sent him back again to the Elector. The 23 instant arrived here the Dutchess Dowager of *Simmeren* Aunt to the Prince of *Orange*, and yesterday her Highness continued her journey from hence towards *Holland*.

Brussels, Decemb. 28. On Sunday night last a party sent out from *Maestricht*, fell into one of the Suburbs of *Huy*, and killed and took prisoners about 150 Dragoons that were quartered there. From *Liege* of the 26 past they write, that an Extraordinary Courier was arrived there, and had brought his Imperial Majesties final answer to certain Propositions made by the States of that Diocesis, for the preserving a Neutrality with the *French*, by which his Imperial Majesty declares; that he will by no means admit thereof; and that except those States do not renounce to all Treaties and Obligations with the Crown of *France*, they must expect to be treated as Enemies. Yesterday the Abbot of *Heylesem*, being on his way hither from *Louvain*, was taken prisoner by a *French* party belonging to *Charleroy*. Our last Letters from *Strasburgh* say, that *Brisac* is so closely blocked up, and the Inhabitants begin already to want so many necessaries, that unless the *French* find out some speedy way to relieve the place, it will be forced to surrender to the Enemy; that Monsieur de *Turenne* having gather'd what Force he could together, and made up an Army of between 20 and 30 000 men, is very unexpectedly advancing towards the *Franche Comte*, to forbid the *Confederates* passage into it, as well as to relieve *Besfort*; and some think that the chief design of Monsieur de *Turenne*'s march is to relieve *Brisac*, but that he is very much incommoded by the deep snow. It is still said here at Court, that the Count de *Montreney* will re-

turn yet this Winter for *Spain*, leaving the Government of these Countries to the Duke de *Villa Hermosa* pro interim.

Paris, Decemb. 29. The 20 instant, the Deputies that are here on the part of the Inhabitants of *Mouza*, were admitted to an Audience of his Majesty, of whom they took their leave in order to their return home. Our Letters from *Lorraine* tell us, that Monsieur de *Turenne* having reinforced his Army with several Troops that served in *Flanders* this Summer under the Prince of *Conde*, marches towards the Upper *Alsatia*, in order to the relieving of *Brisac*, or making some other attempt upon the *Confederates*, who begin to be very much straightened in their present quarters for want of provisions and many necessaries. From *Sedan* of the 22 instant they write, that the Spanish Regiments of *Louvain* and *de Massictrie* are arrived in *Luxemburgh*, where the *Spaniards* are bringing some Troops together in order to the raising of Contributions, which they have already demanded of the Inhabitants of *Mouzon* and *Douchery*, using great threats if they pay not the same within the time limited.

Hague, January 1. The Prince of *Orange* is now resolved to make a step into *Gelderland*, to regulate matters there, and some time the next week will begin his journey thither. About ten days since arrived here the Prince of *Newburgh*, *Incognito*, attended with a train of about 30 persons, and having visited the principal places of this Province, the 27 past he parted from *Rotterdam*, to continue his Travels; it is said his Highness intends next for *England*. Our Letters from *Germany* tell us, that Monsieur de *Turenne* is on his march, in order to the relieving of *Brisac*, as is thought, so that we may yet expect to hear of some action. From *Pomeroy* they write of great preparations that are making there by the *Suedes* for War, but cannot tell us when they will begin to march. Here is much discourse concerning several English Soldiers, who (it seems) not liking their entertainment, got a small Vessel at the *Briel* in the night, and are sailed, as is thought, for *England*. The Earls of *Ossory* and of *Arington* are still here, expecting a fair wind.

Deal, Decemb. 23. A Vessel being arrived this day in the Downs from *Rochel*, the Master reports, that two private men of War, the one of fourteen, and the other of seven Guns, both belonging to *Ostend*, being at an anchor off of *Rochel*, were in the late bad weather forced ashore, where the *French* soon made themselves Masters of them, and afterwards got them off again.

Harwich, Decemb. 24. The English Soldiers (which we told you in our last arrived here in a small Vessel from the *Briel*) are now come ashore, between 30 and 40 in number; they tell us, that their ill treatment in *Holland*, and the little care that was taken to provide them with necessaries for their subsistence, forced them to desert that service, as it hath done about 40 or 50 more, who (they affirm) came off in another Vessel at the same time with them, of whom we have not yet any news.

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Lost out of the Parl of *Brist*'s house on Thursday Dec. 24: about one of the clock in the afternoon, a little Liver-colored Spaniel Bitch with a white spot in her Face, and a plain Leather Collar about her Neck, and white under the Breast and on the ends of her toes. Whom ever shall bring tidings of this Spaniel Bitch to the Earls house in *Lincolns-Inn-Fields*; shall have a good reward for their pains.