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Naples, Decemb. 4.

**S**everal 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 *Perfians*.

*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 *Wurtemberg*, 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 *Wurtemberg*, 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 *Frankendalk*.

*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 *Wurtemberg* 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 *Burlemont*.

*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 *Brandenburgh* received advice, that the Count of *Burlemont* 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 *Burlemont*.

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