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Warsaw, Decemb. 11.

The happy success of his Majesties Arms, occasions a general rejoicing through all this Kingdom, it being now first, that we may with reason promise our selves a good and honourable Peace with the *Turks*. Since the taking of the Town and Castle of *Barr*, which opens the passage into the *Ukrain*; the City of *Mohilow* on the *Dniester*, a place of very great importance, and which gives us a free entrance into *Moldavia*, hath surrendered to his Majesty, as likewise *Sitana*, and other places of *Podolia*. And our Letters of the 20 past from *Leopold* say, that the King was on his march towards *Braclaw*, the Capital City of the lower *Podolia*; so that in a short time we hope to see this Crown in possession again of the several places which have of late been taken by the *Turks*. In the interim endeavors are used to engage the *Moscovites* in an offensive War against the *Ottomans*, but they give us good words only.

Stockholm, Decemb. 8. We are told of a Letter which his Majesty hath lately received from the Emperor, in which his Imperial Majesty seems with some surprize to take notice of his Majesties intention to depart from his Mediation, and to enter into the War, from which he uses several Arguments to divert his Majesty, declaring that in that case he shall be forced to employ his Arms for the assistance of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, or any other his Allies. At the same time the *Marquis de Feuquieres*, Ambassador here from the most Christian King, continues his instances with great earnestness that his Majesty will give effectual orders for the march of his Forces in *Pomerania*, as being the only means to dispose the Parties to a Peace; which the said Ambassador protests the King his Master ardently desires, so it be established upon just and honourable terms. We are here in some impatience to hear of the arrival of Count *Brabe* at *Copenhagen*, and of the success of his Negotiation there, the main Subject of which (as we are told) is, to persuade the King of *Denmark* to remain Neuter, in case this Crown shall be obliged to become a Party in the War. The *Sieur Schaepe*, Envoy from the *States General* of the *United Provinces*, is preparing for his return home, having already taken his leave of their Majesties.

Vicenna, Decemb. 16. The Secretary of Prince *Lobewitz* having upon his being the second time put to the Torture, confessed several matters; and particularly, that his Master had held a correspondence with the Emperors Enemies, it is thought the said Prince will now very suddenly be criminally proceeded against, and in the mean time several Sums of money belonging to him have been seized by the Emperors order. The Count *d' Oxensterne* Ambassador from *Sueden*, having this last week received a farther answer from the Emperor to his late Memorials, the *Sieur Fuffendorff*, who was Resident here for that Crown, is parted with all diligence for *Stockholm*, to give his Majesty an account thereof.

The Duke of *Saxen Lawenburg*, Lieutenant General of the Forces of the Empire, is arrived here from *Rahbonne*, and on Wednesday last he was to pay his duty to the Emperor. The *Spanish* Ambassador at this Court has desired leave to raise 3000 men in the Hereditary Countries, to be divided into two Regiments, for the service of the *Spanish Netherlands*. We are told that the *States General* of the *United Provinces* have by their Minister here, represented to his Imperial Majesty, that considering things are very much changed, and that the War is at present maintained not upon their account, but for the interests of the Emperor and the other Allies; and on the other hand, the great burthen that hath lay'n upon the *United Provinces* ever since this War, it is, but just they should be eased of the Subsidies which they have hitherto paid to several Princes for the keeping their Troops on foot, or at least that their proportion should be moderated.

Hamburgh, Decemb. 18. The Letters we have this last Post from *Pomeran* say, that the march of the *Suedish* Troops is countermanded; that those who marched from *Wisnar*, have orders to return thither: but we know not well what credit to give hereunto, seeing some *Suedes* that are at present here, confidently assure us, that their Army will march some time the next month, and that they will be obliged thereunto, to seek new quarters, having wholly eaten up those they have at present in *Pomerania*. Our Letters from *Dantzick* are filled with an account of the successes of the *Poles* in the *Ukrain*, that King having already possessed himself of *Barr*, *Mohilow*, and other very considerable places in those parts, and seems in a condition to carry the War even into the ancient Territory of the *Ottomans*. The Count *de Brabe* is hourly expected at *Copenhagen* from *Sueden*, and people are in some impatience to understand rightly the subject of his errand.

Madrid, Decemb. 19. The 11 instant, the new Counsellors of State (of whom we formerly told you) took their places in the Council, and amongst others, the Duke *d' Ossuna*, who was newly arrived from *Milan*. Here is no farther discourse of *Don Juan* of *Austria's* passing over into *Flanders*, to take upon him the government of those Provinces, or of his stirring from the place where he now is; but it is still said that the Count *de Monterey* has obtained leave to quit that government, and return hither. The latest advice from *Sicily* is, that the *Messineses* are in great want of provisions, to that degree, that some thousands of the poorest sort of the Inhabitants have been expelled the City as unnecessary and dangerous. From *Cadix* they write, that Sir *Fehn Narborough* arrived there with the men of War under his command the 29 past, in 14 days from the *Isle of Wight*, and that on the fourth instant he proceeded towards *Argiers*, having with him five men of War. Our Letters from *Lisbon* say, that seven French men of War and two Fireships were on that Coast, waiting, as was suspected, the Dutch Fleet homeward bound from *Scutubal*, with two men of War for their Convoy. Great rigors are used at *St. Lucar* to prevent the exportation