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Madrid, Decemb. 4.

THE Duke of *St. Germain*, late Viceroy of *Catalonia*, is arrived here, and hath given his Majesty an account of the posture he left affairs in that Countrey. On Saturday was seven-night dyed at his house herein Town the Marquis *del Castej Rodigro*, sometime Governour of the Spanish Netherlands. The 27 past, Lieutenant-Admiral *de Ruyter* sailed with his Fleet from *Barcelona*. The Marquis *de Mancera* and *Don Juan Baptista Christin*, the Plenipotentiaries of this Crown for the Treaty at *Nimeguen*, have orders to part forthwith, whither *Don Pedro de Ronquillo* is likewise to repair, in the same quality from *England*, where he now resides on the part of this Crown.

Leghorne, Decemb. 7. From *Naples* we have the confirmation of the loss of 6 or 7 Spanish Men of War near the Fare of *Messina*, in bad weather, and of 300 Men being drowned in them; at the same time the Letters add, one of the Spanish Gallies was sunk or broken in pieces by a clap of Thunder, 12 men of those that were on board being onely saved. The Messineses according to our advices are at present in a good condition, wanting neither Provisions nor any other things necessary.

Genoua, Decemb. 11. By a Vessel arrived here this morning from *Cagliari* in *Sardaignia* we have advice, that Lieutenant-Admiral *de Ruyter* was arrived there with 12 Men of War, that he had sent eight ships of his Squadron to *Naples*, and that he expected some others from these parts. The 27 past the *Newcastle* Captain *Werwang* Commander sailed from hence for *Spain*, but not liking the weather returned again the next day, and the 30 failed the second time.

Strasbourg, Decemb. 9. There is now no more discourse of the design of the French upon *Lauerburgh*, where are at present 5000 Imperialists in Garrison; but they continue to fortifie the places they possess in *Alsacia*, and especially *Schlestadt*, where they pretend to have the Fortifications finished, and the place in a sufficient posture of defence before *March*. At *Schlestadt* are arrived within these few days 30 Companies of Foot from *Metz*, being the Troops that were in *Treves*, before the same was last taken. This week likewise came into *Alsacia* three Battalions of Foot from *Flanders*, who had taken their march through *Lorraine*.

Cologne, Decemb. 14. From *Spire* they write, that that City, to free its Territory from the continual incursions of the Garrison of *Philipsburgh*, had agreed with the French about a monthly Contribution. The Marquis *de Grana* is arrived here, in order to the consulting about the providing Winter-quarters for the *Munster* Troops that are coming from the Electorate of *Treves*, where they have been ever since that Siege.

Berlin, Decemb. 4. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* was expected here the latter end of the last week, but it seems that his Electoral Highness as he was on his way hither, received an Express from the King of *Denmark*, in which his Majesty desired him that he would remain with his Forces in the Field, till such time as that he

had made himself Master of *Wismar*, which he doubted not to be very suddenly, having possessed himself of an half Moon, from whence he could very much incommode the Besieged with Granadoes and Fire-balls. The Prince of *Anhalt* is at present here, and the Troops which he commanded at *Loobenitz* about seven Leagues from hence, so that the *Suedes* in *Damme* are now at liberty again.

Lubeck, Decemb. 3. We have Letters from the Camp before *Wismar* of the 2d instant, which tell us, That the 28 past, four Danish Men of War arrived before the place, and came to an Anchor before the Fort, called the *Walvis*; That the 30 at night, the Besiegers began to shoot from six Mortar pieces into the Town, Granadoes of 2 and 300 pound each, two of which burst in the Air, but the others falling in the Town among the houses, did the intended execution; for several were seen on fire: and on the first instant, about 2 in the morning was perceived a great flame, which continued till eight of the Clock the morning following, so that great harm must have been done; the King, to give the Inhabitant time to quench the same, commanded to hold up from shooting. The same day arrived an Express in the Camp, with Letters from the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, though we know not what they brought. The first instant several Danish Soldiers, who ventured out of their Trenches, were killed by the Cannon of the Besieged, amongst whom was a Captain of Horse, and a Lieutenant. The said Trenches are advanced to the Gates of the Town, and on that side, which is covered with a Moras the Besiegers, by the means of Fagots, are come within a Musquet-shot; so that if the weather did but any thing favour them, they might hope quickly to put an end to the Siege; We understand that the Danes pretend when the same is over, to quarter several of their Troops in the Territory of this City; upon which an extraordinary Assembly has been held there, and it is said that it hath been resolved to oppose the same.

Ditto, Decemb. 6. On Saturday last the Besieged in *Wismar* made a Sally with 200 Men, and engaged the Danes very smartly, killing about 30 upon the place; but at length they were forced to retire, leaving near 50 of their Companions behind them, who were killed, or taken Prisoners; by whose report we understand, that in the Fire which hapned in the Town the first instant at night, five houses were burnt down to the ground. The Count of *Coningmark*, who went out from *Siraelsond* upon some exploit, is returned thither again, without having made any attempt.

Hamburgh, Decemb. 10. It is hard to say, who behave themselves better, the Besieged in *Wismar*, or the Besiegers, both performing their parts with great bravery; the latter some dayes since begun to shoot Fire-balls into the Town, which have burnt some houses; their Cannon likewise played so furiously upon the Gate which regards *Lubeck*, that it was wholly battered down: but the Besieged soon filled up the Gap with earth, and made that side as strong as it was before. The Danes attacking two Outworks, which lay near each other, the *Suedes* after a weak resistance, purposely quitted them; but the

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