

Enemy was no sooner enter'd, but they sprung two Mines, which they had prepared, and destroy'd many Danes. This day we have likewise News, that the Besieg'd have made a very brisk Sally, and have done great execution upon the Besiegers, who besides the courage and resolution of the Besieg'd, are forced to struggle with great difficulties occasioned by the season. From *Kottuck* of the 11<sup>th</sup> instant they write, that several *Brandenburgh* Troops were pass'd by that City on their way to the Danish Camp, though we have not yet heard of their actual arrival there. On Sunday last the Elector of *Brandenburgh* returned with his whole Court to *Brandenburgh*. The differences between the Bishop of *Munster* and the Duke of *Zell*, about the latter's quartering his Troops in *Esphalia*, are not yet accommodated.

*Bremen*, Decemb. 11. *Carlsstadt* is still blocked up by the Confederates, and we see daily Troops march that way. Yesterday was a Conference between the Deputies of this City, and the *Brandenburgh* Minister, about the Winter-quarters, which his Electoral Highness pretends to have for his Troops in the Territories of this City.

*Liege*, Dec. 10. This day the Marechal d'*Estrades*, Governor of *Maastricht*, pass'd by this City with 7 or 800 Men, taking his march towards *Huy*; the report says, that he expects some other Troops to join with him, in order to the attacking of *Marche*. The Dutch Troops that are quartered at *Hasselt*, have summon'd the Suburbs of this City to pay them Contributions, upon which the Council was yesterday assembled, where it was resolv'd, that the said Suburbs must agree with the Dutch as well as they can. It is a lamentable spectacle to see to what misery the poor Inhabitants of this Country are reduced, many of which are ready to famish for want of victuals; and we are told a most sad story, viz. That the other day a poor Woman wanting food for her children, cut the Throat of the youngest, to feed the rest; and afterwards, in a sense of the horridness of the Fact, killed her self.

*Hague*, Decemb. 13. The States upon the advice they had that the French Plenipotentiaries had intention to pass by Sea from *Calais* to *Rotterdam*, and from thence to *Nimeguen*, had appointed six Deputies to receive them with all Civility at their Landing in this Country, and to conduct them to the said place of Treaty in a Yacht, to be for that purpose provided by the Admiralty at *Rotterdam*; but since we understand that the said Plenipotentiaries upon the receipt of the necessary Passports from the Governor of the Spanish Netherlands, have resolv'd to take their way by Land. The state of the War for the ensuing year, as propos'd by the Prince of *Orange*, has been approved by the States, whose business it now will be to raise the monies necessary for the defraying the charges thereof. According to our last advices from *Hamburg*, and those parts, *Wismar* defends it self still with great bravery, and the Danes continue the Siege with the like vigor; they have begun to make use of their Granadoes and Fire-balls, not without doing execution; for they tell us of 8 or 9 houses that have been burnt by them: however the King seems desirous to spare the Town all he can. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* hath sent a reinforcement of 4 or 5000 men to the Danish Camp, and continues himself as yet in the Field. We are told that the Prince of *Orange* has issued orders for the march of two Regiments towards *Treves*, for that the French seem to have an eye again upon that place. All the Officers of this State are to have their recruits compleated by the latter end of *February*. And it's said that direction hath been sent to the Troops that are now quartered in *Brabant*, to hold

themselves ready to march upon the first command.

*Ditto*, Decemb. 17. The Plenipotentiaries of this State are design'd for the Treaty to be held at *Nimeguen*, are preparing for their departure. An 11<sup>th</sup> said that the States to prevent as far as may be all exactions, to which so great a Congress may give occasion, have resolv'd to send a Commisary thither, to regulate the Rent of Houses, Price of Victual, &c. We are inform'd that some Proposals have been lately made to the States on the part of the Bishop of *Osnabrug*, about forming a separate Body of Men the next Campaign, to act by way of diversion under his command. The 13<sup>th</sup> instant arriv'd here the Dutchess of *Anhalt*, who together with the Dutchess of *Stimmeren*, is lodged in the Palace belonging to the late Prince's Dowager; the Princess of *Friedland* is likewise daily expected here to present at the Entertainment of the said Princess Dowager, which will be performed with more privacy, than was at first intended, to avoid several inconveniences, which are forseen, about Precedence. The Relations we have concerning the Siege of *Wismar*, are very uncertain; two days since there was a report that it was surrender'd, but the Letters arrive yesterday from those parts assure us of the contrary, and tell us that the Besiegers had made a brisk Sally, and killed many Danes; and that on the other side the Besiegers had taken two Outworks.

*Amsterdam*, Decemb. 17. We have Letters from *Lubeck* which tell us, that the Danes before *Wismar* had with their continual battering, made a breach in the Wall of the Town, that three or four Horsemen might enter a-breach, so that it's believed the next Letters will give us an account, that the besiegers have made a general Assault.

*Paris*, Decemb. 20. We have advice of a conspiracy which hath been discovered at *Huy*, having been formed among some of the principal Officers of that Garrison, who were to have deliver'd the place up to the Enemy. Our Plenipotentiaries design'd for the Treaty of *Nimeguen*, are not as yet parted from hence, but we expect they will in few days. From *Alsacia* we have advice, that the Sieur de *Monsieur*, who commands the Kings Troops in those parts, having visited the several places as well in the Upper as Lower *Alsacia*, and given every where the necessary orders, was returned to *Brissac*.

*Whitehall*, Decemb. 19. This day His Majesty, as a particular mark of His Grace and Favour to the Right Honourable *Heneage* Lord *Finch*, Baron of *Dawentry*, was pleas'd to change his Title of Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of *England*, into that of Lord High Chancellor of *England*.

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