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Naples, Nov. 26.

Lieutenant-Admiral *de Ruyter* is arrived at *Cagliari* in *Sardinia*, where he expects three of his Squadron, which he had sent to *Genova*; as well as an account from the Prince of *Montesarchio* General of the Spanish Armada of the present posture of things, in order to his farther proceeding. Most of the Men of the six Spanish Men of War that were lost near the Fare of *Messina* have been saved, and there is hopes that the Spaniards will recover the Guns that were in them. Our new Viceroy proceeds with great severity against the Banditti, of whom three were yesterday brought in Prisoners hither, and we hear that fifty more have submitted themselves upon promise of pardon.

Florence, Dec. 3. There be Letters here in Town from the Prince of *Montesarchio*, dated at *Palermo*, which say, That standing over for *Malta* with seven Men of War, they met with such bad weather that they were all separated; That he had been two days alone, but that afterwards he met with two Men of War of his Squadron, not knowing what was become of the rest. We expect our next Letters from *Naples* will give us an account of the arrival there of Lieutenant-Admiral *de Ruyter*, with the Men of War under his command.

Venice, Decemb. 7. We expect here in few days the Abbe *d' Estrades*, who is on his way hither, in quality of Ambassador Extraordinary from the Most Christian King. We are told that the Senate at the instance of His Majesty of *Great Britain* by his Minister here, have resolved that their Ambassadors shall forthwith part on their way to *Nimeguen*, to assist for the mediating of Peace between the parties now engaged in the War.

Strasburgh, Dec 16. The French make great preparations in those parts; at *Hagenaw*, *Saverne*, and *Scheffstadt* they work with all the diligence possible for the finishing the intended Fortifications, for which use 100000 Crowns are designed to be employed at *Scheffstadt*, 19000 at *Saverne*, and 12000 at *Hagenaw*, they every where erect great Magazines, and crowd the places with Soldiers, so that we may well conclude they have some design in hand. General *Montecuculi* is still at *Efingen*, and as we are informed, has given the necessary orders for the making the designed recruits. The French having caused 12 large Boats to be built at *Huningen* near *Basle*, have brought them to *Erfiac*, where they are laying a Bridge of Boats over the *Rhine*. Amidst of these preparations we are not here without our jealousies, and our Magistrates are going to raise Men, to augment the Troops they have now on Foot. The Duke of *Lorraine* raises likewise men, intending to have this next Campaign a good body of Horse to be joined with the Imperial Army.

Lubeck, Dec. 12. We have Letters from the Camp before *Wisnar* of the ninth instant, which inform us, that three new Batteries having been raised very near to the Town, and 16 pieces of Cannon planted on each of them, they had done great execution, having

made a great breach in the inmost Wall of the Town, That the Besieged still bravely defended themselves, and had cast up several retrenchments where the breach was made. That the eighth at night they again made a sally, and took away two of the utmost Sentinels; but the Danes taking the alarm, they were forced to retire leaving 12 Prisoners behind them; That on the 11 or 12 instant was intended to be made the Assault, the general Officers having cast lots, who should lead the Troops that were to make the first attack; That Colonel *Arndorf* was marched out with eight Regiments of Foot, upon the report that was brought to the Camp, of the Suedes being on their march with seven Regiments. By a Vessel arrived here from the Coast of *Sueden* we have advice, that the Suedes intend yet to come out this Winter with twenty Light Frigates.

Hamburg, Dec. 16. By an Express arrived the last night from the Camp before *Wisnar* we have advice, that the general attack which hath been deferred so long by reason of the illness of the weather, was finally to be made yesterday the 15 instant, the Danes having a superstition that that day would be above others successful to them, for that it is their Kings birth day, and that besides they have since they came into the Field obtained several successes on the 15 of each Month and, that the number Five (for the Danes reckoning by the old stile; yesterday was the fifth) seems happy to them, their present King being *Christian V.* The success of this attack will determine very much in favor of the one or the other, and therefore we are impatient till our next Letters arrive. A meeting is appointed to be held at *Bremen*, on the part of the Confederate Princes, who are to send their Deputies thither, to adjust the proceedings of the next Campaign. Here is a report in Town, that several succors are arrived from *Sueden* in the Isle of *Rugon*, and that at *Stockholm* and other Ports of that Kingdom, several Vessels have been stopped in order to the transporting of more Troops into *Pomeran* and *Bremen*. But this is certain, that the King of *Denmark* has sent out from his Camp most of his Cavalry, upon advice that the Suedes were on their march to endeavor to relieve *Wisnar*.

Brussels, Decemb. 17. We are now assured that the Duke *de Villa Hermosa* has received Bills of Exchange for a very considerable sum of Money from *Madrid*, some speak of three Millions, so that the new Levies and recruits will be gone about with all diligence, and indeed it seems but necessary, for from all sides we receive advertisement of the great preparations of the French against Spring. The Regiment of *Beaumont* is marched by order of his Excellency from *Cambray* towards *Louvain*, for the farther security of those parts, and the Earl of *Castelhavens* Regiment has orders to march from *Bouchain* into *Flanders*. The French keep us still in apprehension of their design upon *Flanders*, and the Countrey of *Wars*, and it is said, they have very considerable body of Men dispersed in the neighbouring Garrisons to execute the same, as soon as the weather

weather will but favor them; and in the mean time no care is wanting on the part of his Excellency to provide against it, and to that end we are told that several reinforcements and redoubts have been raised along the *Schelde* to prevent their passing that River. From *Strasburg* they write, that the ruines and devastations occasioned by the march and countermarch of the Armies in those parts this last Summer has almost begot a famine there, the ordinary sort of people wanting wherewithal to subsist. Yesterday a Dutch Man and his Wife were condemned to be boyled in Oyl for coyning of false money, which sentence is to be executed on them to morrow.

Ditto, Dec. 20. Orders have been given out by his Excellency for the mustering all our Troops, and the Commissaries appointed for that purpose are gone into the several Provinces to execute the same, after which the work of recruiting the old Regiments will be forthwith taken in hand; and we are told that his Excellency has already given out Commissions for the levying of 30 Troops of Horse, which are to be put into the Regiments of Horse. A Plot hath it seems been lately discovered at *Huy*, for the delivering up of that place, and the contrivers thereof were yesterday executed there. The weather hinders the French from attempting any thing upon the Countrey of *Waes*.

Ditto, Decemb. 24. The Moneys which have been lately remitted hither from *Spain*, will extremely quicken the preparations that are intended against Spring. The Letters from *Madrid* gave us an account of the death of the Marquis *del Castel Rodrigo*, and that the Count de *Monterey*, formerly Governor of these Provinces, had left the Court in some dissatisfaction. The Marquis *d'Offera* who at present commands in *Flanders*, is not wanting in his endeavors to put that Province into a posture of defence, for we have still reason to fear that the French have an eye upon it. We have advice here that the Emperor has given orders for the recruiting all his Regiments of Foot to 2400 Men, and those of Horse to 880, according to which, the Imperial Army will, together with the *Lorraine* Troops, but without those of the *Circles*, consist in 50476 Men.

Hague, Decemb. 20. The 16 instant was opened the last Will and Testament of the late Princess Dowager of *Orange*, in the presence of his Highness the Prince of *Orange*, the Prince of *Nassau* Stadtholder of *Friesland*, the Princess his Mother, the Princesses of *Anhalt* and *Simmern*, &c. By the said Will we are told her Highness hath given to the Prince of *Orange* the Barony of *Thunhout* in *Brabant*, and the Lordship of *Seventbergen* (reserving Six hundred thousand Livres to be raised out of the Revenues thereof, and to be paid according as is disposed of in the said Will) with several Jewels of great value. The Enterment of the said Princess will be performed within few days; and the proceeding as we are informed, will be in this manner, The Corps will be placed in a Coach or Chariot, covered with black Velvet, drawn by 8 Horses, likewise covered with black Velvet, which will be followed with 30 Coaches in mourning, drawn by 6, 4, and 2 Horses each; in which are to be his Highness, the Heer Stadtholder, the Counts of *Solms* and *Nassau*, of *Brederoode Mampelian*, and other Persons of Quality, with the Domestiques of the Defunct, none of the Colledges being to assist thereat; In this manner they will set out from hence about 4 in the evening, attended with a great number of Flambeaux, and the Guards of his Highness, as well Horse as Foot preceding, in order to their arrival about 8 at *Delfe*,

where the Corps is to be Entered in the great Church among the Princes of *Orange* that lie buried there.

Ditto. The two Regiments of Foot which we told you in our last were ordered to march towards *Treves*, are to be followed by two Regiments of Horse, which are to be quartered in the Diocess of *Treves*, to prevent the incursions of the French, who are endeavouring to set it under Contribution, The 18 instant, the young Prince, Stadtholder of *Friesland*, was introduced into the Council of State, where he will constantly assist for the future, when here. *Wismar* still defends it self, having of late made frequent sallies, and on the other side, the Danes remain resolved not to stir till they are Masters of the place.

Paris, Decemb. 28. The 26 instant the Sieur *Colbert*, and the Count *d'Avaux* our Plenipotentiaries for the Treaty at *Nimeguin* parted hence on their journey thither, according to the pressing orders they had received from his Majesty; the Duke de *Vivry*, who begins to recover his health, will likewise begin his journey thither very suddenly, most of his Train being already departed from hence. The 20 dyed here *Messire Gabriel de Rochebonart*, Duke de *Mortemar*, &c. Governor of this City, after a long sickness; and the 16 of this Month likewise dyed the old Marechal de la *Force* at his Castle of *la Force*. From *Thoulon* of the 17 instant they write, that the day before sailed from thence 20 Men of War designed for *Messina*, From *Brisac* of the 20 instant they tell us, that the Sieur de *Manclar* had drawn together out of the several Garisons a good body of Horse and Foot, who were to pass the *Rhine*, and enter into *Brisgovia*, to straighten the Imperial Garisons there, and to set that whole Countrey under Contribution.

Deale, Decemb. 19. We have had very tempestuous weather of late, but God be thanked the ships in the Downs have rid it out without any considerable damage.

Bristol, Decemb. 18. On Tuesday last was cast away within three Leagues of this Port, the ship called the *Ros Marant* Merchant, which came from *Fambrica*, the Captain, Master, and other of the Mariners to the number of 14 being drowned.

Falmouth, Decemb. 16. Here are in Town several French Seamen, who were taken about eight days past by an *Ostend* Privateer of ten Guns, in the ship called the *Starre of Haure de Grace*, of about 70 Tuns, laden with Linnen Cloth, and other Goods, bound from *Rovan* to *Dublin*, and were set ashore near the Landsend. On Monday last was cast away on the *Lizard* a ship belonging to *London*, of about 100 Tuns, laden from *Bourdeaux*, all the Men being saved except one. We are told of 3 or 4 others that have been cast away upon the North Coast near *Padstow*. The 14 arrived here the *Fane* of this place from *Allicant*, from whence she came in company of five more, but was separated from them about 20 Leagues to the Westward of *Scilly*, the Wind at S. W. so that it's supposed they are gone safe up the Channel.

Advertisements.

S Tolen or strayed the 29 of Novemb. last, out of the Grounds belonging to *Bayball* in the Parish of *Pembury* near *Tonbridge* wells in the County of *Kent*, Sixteen Ewe Sheep, eleven whereof were marked on the near side with I. O. three more with O. on the Ramp; and two more with C. A. on the the near side: Whosoever gives notice of them to *Charles Ambist* Esq; at *Bayball* aforesaid, or to Mrs. *Dorothy Amburst* at Sir *John Hives*'s Recorder of *London*, in *Baldwins Gardens*, shall be well rewarded.

L ost out of *Pater-Noster-Row*, on Friday Decemb. 17. a Pied Dog, light Otter colour, and somewhat sharp like a Lurcher, sharp Nosed, his Tail cut close, and his Ears cropt. Whoever shall give notice of him at Mr. *Hayes*'s Coffee-house in the same Row, shall have to s. Reward.