

French Soldiers, who, together with the Inhabitants and Boats, of the Neighborhood, work constantly on the Fortifications. The French of *Brisac* have finally set the whole Countrey of *Brisgovia* under Contributions. In our last we told you that 12 large Boats had been brought to *Brisac*, which the French had caused to be built near *Basse*, these it seems they of *Strasburg* apprehend the French intend to make use of, for the destroying their Bridge. The Marquis *de Grana* is now here, he hath demanded, that this City shall provide 2000 Sacks of Corn for the Emperors service, to which our Magistrates have only answered, that they must first consult the Commons in the matter.

From the Camp before *Wisnar*, Decemb. 16. The King of *Denmark*, having from several Prisoners received information, that Count *Coningmark* was with a strong Body of *Suedes* in and near *Malchin*, with intention to watch his opportunity to send some relief to the Besieged, commanded General *Arensdorf* to march out with nine Regiments of Horse, and two of Dragoons, making together about 3000 Men, besides 1000 *Brandenburghs*, under the command of the Count of *Homburg*, whom he was to join; his orders were to march towards the Enemy, and as opportunity offer'd, to attack them, or otherwise to have a watchful eye upon them, and to observe their motions: But the Enemy it seems having had an account of the march of our Troops, did not think fit to expect them, but separating themselves into several Bodies, retired, part through the Pass of *Demgarten*, and part through that of *Demmin* and *Tribnitz* (they having again fortified those Passes.) into *Pomeran*; General *Arensdorf* is at present at *Malchin*, where he will remain some days, to discover the Enemies farther intention, and to keep them from taking their Winter-quarters in *Mecklenburg*, which it is said they much aim at, for that the Countrey of *Pomeran* is quite eaten up. As to the Siege, we cannot give you as yet the account you may probably expect of an Assault, the ill weather being the great obstacle; and serving at the same time to give the Besieged great encouragement, they believing we shall be after all forced to raise the Siege, which the King has resolv'd he will not do, whatever it cost.

Lubeck, Decemb. 18. We have Letters from the Danish Camp before *Wisnar*, of the 16 instant, which advise us, that the bad weather had hinder'd the making the general Assault that was intended on the 15 instant. Several wounded Soldiers have been brought hither from the said Camp. The *Suedes*, as we understand, have again taken possession of the Passes of *Demmin*, *Demgarten*, and *Ribnitz*. They demand of the City of *Rostock* the same Contributions they pay to the *Danes*.

Hamburgh, Decemb. 20. The *Danes* we hear are much concerned that *Wisnar* holds out so long, and that they are oblig'd, amidst the rigors of the season, to carry on the Siege of a place so strong, and so well defended; for though they seem not to doubt but they shall be Masters of the place at last, yet it is feared the Army will be extremely harass'd and weaken'd, and not in a condition to take the Field again till late the next year, which may be of great prejudice to the affairs of the *Confederates*.

Hague, Decemb. 24. The late storms have again made some breaches in the Dikes about *North-Holland*, where it is said most of the plain Countrey lies under water. On Saturday last the States of *Holland* separated for 14 days, having resolv'd to raise twice the 200th Penny towards the defraying the extraordinary charges of the next year. We are told that the States have given leave to some of their Officers to go and serve the King of

Denmark in *Norway*, where it is said that King has Men enough, but wants good Commanders. Monsieur *Clingenberg*, Ambassador from the King of *Denmark*, hath lately given in a Memorial to the States General, in which he desires the Treaty of Neutrality concluded some time since with the Duke of *Hanover*, may be ratified by them and their Allies. The 22 instant was performed the Solemnity of the Interment of the late Princess Dowager of *Orange*, in the manner we told you in our last. The Letters from *Hamburgh* just now arrived, say, that the bad weather had hinder'd the *Danes* from making the Assault they had intended on the 15 instant. The *Danish* and *Lunenburgh* Troops increase daily in the Neighborhood of *Carelistar*, and seem, notwithstanding the season, resolv'd once more to attack that Fortrefs.

Ditto, Decemb. 27. The season seems to be the greatest Enemy the *Danes* before *Wisnar* have to combat with; we are assur'd that the Army is very much weaken'd, and the Soldiers very much out of case. And this day there comes a report from *Amsterdam*, that the King leaving the Siege to his Generals, was returning to *Copenhagen*. The 24 instant the Prince of *Orange* parted hence to his house at *Svestdike*, with intention to pass 8 or 10 days there.

Swazey, Decemb. 20. By a Vessel arriv'd here this morning, we have advice of the arrival of a Vessel of 60 Tuns belonging to *London*, and bound from *Lisbon* to *Bristol*, at *Watermouth*, having lost all her Cables and Anchors in the late storms; and of another ship likewise coming from *Lisbon*, and belonging to *London*, that was lost at Sea the last week, the Men that were on board her, having been saved by another Vessel that hapned to be near her. Several Casks of Tallow and Ruggs have been within these few days driven ashore about 10 miles from hence, which makes us fear some *Irish* Vessels hath been cast away thereabouts.

Plimouth, Decemb. 21. The winds for these eight days past have been very tempestuous; we have advice of a Vessel belonging to *Osford*, laden with Chestnuts, being cast away on this Coast; and of another lost upon the Isle of *Silly*, the Men all drowned except four. We are likewise inform'd that several Wrecks have been seen floating at Sea near *Falmouth*.

Tarmouth, Decemb. 22. Notwithstanding the late high winds, we have not in the least suffer'd in our goods or ships, only a *Newcastle* ship riding at Anchor in our Road, the Master and four of his Men came ashore in their Boat, to get Carpenters here to help them in some work on Board; and having got two, towards evening returned towards their ship, but the wind blew so hard, that they could not fetch it, but were driven out to Sea, so that they are given for lost. Last night arriv'd here a *Pacquet-Boat* from *Holland*, the Passengers tell us of several ships that have been lost on these Coasts.

Advertisements.

Whereas Lieutenant-Colonel *Hemy Pilkington* hath dispersed several Papers in many Counties of this Kingdom in the nature of a Brief, pretending the same to be granted under the Great Seal, and dated the 20 of *June* last: These are to give Notice to all Ministers and others, That no such Brief hath passed the Great Seal, but the same is a Counterfeit Brief, and Forged.

Lost on Friday last, Decemb. 24. from the Earl of *Suffex's* Lodgings in the Privy-Garden at *Whitehall*, a small white *Spaniel* Bitch with Liver colour Ears and Spots, being something bare under the Throat, a very small Head with a white streak down the Forehead. Whoever can give notice of her, and bring her to the Countess of *Suffex* at *Whitehall*, shall have two Guinies Reward.