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Naples, Jan. 21.

**T**HE relations we have hitherto had from several Masters of Felucca's arrived here, concerning the late Engagement between the Dutch and French Fleets near the Fare of *Messina*, have been so various, that we know not what to credit; the last account we have is; that the 7th instant the French Fleet; consisting in 22 Men of War, and six Fireships, appeared in sight of the Dutch near the of Fare of *Messina*, that the next morning the Fight began, and continued that whole day, with the loss to the French of one Man of War, and two Fireships; that of the Dutch one Man of War was so disabled, that she was towed by a Galley to *Palermo*, to be refitted there, most of the Men having been first taken out of her. That the next day being the ninth, the two Fleets continued in sight of each other, and prepared to renew the Fight; that the 12 French ships that were at *Messina* had come out, and joined their Fleet, under the command of the Duke de *Vivonne*; and that on the other side, the Prince of *Montesarchio* had joined de *Ruyter* with six Spanish Men of War. In the mean time our Viceroy the Marquis de *los Velez* omits nothing on his part to supply the Viceroy of *Sicily* with Money, Men, and other necessaries, to the utmost of his power from hence.

Rome, Jan. 22. We are told that the Most Christian King has finally declared, that he will admit of the Extraordinary Nuncio designed to his Court from hence, provided he do not speak of any other matters, but such as relate to the Treaty of Peace, which is the subject of his Errand. The Duke d' *Estrees* is continued in his Employment of Ambassador Extraordinary for three years longer, at which the Cardinal Patron is not altogether pleased. For several hands we have an account of an Engagement that hath been between the French and the Dutch Fleets on the Coast of *Sicily*; the success is variously reported, according to the inclinations of people, so that we must expect till we have the farther certainty.

Warsaw, Jan. 18. The Provincial Dyets which have been held in order to the general one at *Cracow*, after the Coronation, are for the most part very well terminated, and the propositions made in them by order of the King consented to, so that we have good reason to hope the general Dyet will have a happy issue, for the good of the Kingdom, which is threatened with the great preparations of the Turks, against the next Campaign. Though in the mean time, it's said, that endeavors are not wanting to conclude a firm and lasting Peace with the Port, but hitherto the terms proposed on that side, have been such as give but small appearance of it. We expect our next Letters from *Cracow* will give us an account of their Majesties arrival there; we have already seen several Medals which will be given out at the Coronation of their Majesties. The Tartars by their continual excursions do extremely incommode the Frontiers of this Kingdom, and it is a most lamentable thing to consider how many poor Christians are every year carried by them into slavery. It

is most certain, that *Dorofensko* has put himself under the protection of the *Moscovites*;

Madrid, Jan. 28. Besides the concern we are in for our new Spain Fleet (of whose arrival we every hour expect to have an account) the Moneys expected in it begin to be somewhat wanted, a considerable sum being intended for the service of the Spanish Netherlands, and greatest part of the rest for the carrying on the War with vigor in *Catalonia*, *Sicily*, &c. There hath been much said of *Don Juan of Austria's* being called to Court, but hitherto we cannot hear that he stirs from *Sagar sa* (the place of his residence for several years past) nor do the Letters that come from thence know any thing of his coming thither, which is however very much desired.

Copenhagen, Jan. 28. The King amongst other his preparations for the carrying on the War this next Summer against the Suede, is not unmindful of those for the Sea, having of late frequently visited the Men of War intended to be sent out, and given orders for the hastening the Equipage with all imaginable diligence. We understand that his Majesty has caused the Passports necessary for the Swedish Ambassadors to be dispatched, and to be transmitted to his Minister at the *Hague*, to be exchanged there with the Passports of the other Allies, when those from France shall likewise arrive in the form desired. The interruption of the ordinary communication between us and the Suedes, is the reason that we have not fresh advices from those parts, our last informed us, that the King of *Sueden* is still towards *Gottenburg*, drawing his Forces together, with a resolution to visit us very suddenly on this side, or else to fall into *Norway*.

Vienna, Jan. 26. General *Montecuculi* is still very much indisposed, though on the mending hand. It is not yet certainly known who will command the Emperors Army this next Campaign, and many are of opinion, that *Montecuculi* will go into the Field again. This morning the Emperor performed the Ceremony of giving the Golden Fleece to the Count of *Coningsec*, the Count of *Wallestein*, and the Count de *Czermini*. To morrow the Baron de *Herwart* parts hence for *Cracow*, whither he will take his journey with all diligence possible, to assist at the Coronation of the King of *Poland*. The Elector of *Cologne* has complained to the Emperor of the Elector of *Brandenburg's* having possessed himself of *Dorstzen*, praying the Emperor to interpose his authority in the matter, that he may have satisfaction.

Strasburg, Feb. 4. The great diligence that is used here in raising the new Levies is a sufficient argument of the apprehensions our Magistrates have of our neighbors the French; though it is said by some, that the secret meaning of reinforcing the Garrison here as well as that in the Fort of *Kiel*, which guards our Bridge, is to put our selves into a posture to be able to maintain the Neutrality, which is said to be still offered us by the French. The Duke of *Lorraine* stirs not from his quarters at *Eslingen*, and is not wanting to give the orders necessary for the preparing things against the next Campaign, as far as in him lies. Though

the French have been somewhat disheartned at the falling of the new Bastions which they had with much trouble and cost raised at *Hagenaw*, yet they continue their Works with the greatest vigilance and application possible, resolving to make that Place, *Saverne*, and *Schlestadt* as strong as their situation is capable of. The Count of *Sternberg* Vice-Chancellor of *Bohemia* is parted from *Dresden*, the Elector of *Saxony's* residence, on his Errand to the Duke of *Hanover*, &c.

*Hamburg*, Febr. 4. From *Copenhagen* they tell us, that that King has drawn together near *Kroonenburg*, a Body of 10 or 12000 Men, besides his Garisons; but that there are few Men in *Funen*, not above 1200, reckoning the five Companies of Dragoons of the Count of *Ratzow*; however they are very much upon their guard, and have in many places, where the ground is higher than the rest, set up pitch Barrels, which upon any appearance of the Enemy, are to be immediately fired, that by that means, the one taking the alarm from the other, the whole Island may in short time have warning for the Boors, as well as the Soldiers to put themselves in Arms. The Inhabitants of *Altena* have for these days past been very much affrighted, the Suedes of *Stade* having sent out several Boats, with Soldiers to plunder them, but they did not put their design into execution, hindered as it is by the Ice.

*Disso*, Febr. 7. Our Magistrates are going to send two Deputies to the Elector of *Brandenburg*, who hath caused the persons of the Subjects of this City, at *Megdeburgh*, to be arrested, and their Goods to be seized. The Danes of *Gluckstadt*, *Altena*, and other places on the *Elbe*, are preparing to make some attempt upon the Suedes by water, in return to what they designed upon *Altena*, and to that end, are fitting up a Merchantman, used to the *Greenland* Trade, and will put into her 20 Guns. Here is a discourse, that the Bishop of *Munster* is going to make a step to *Vicenna*, to confer with the Emperor concerning the approaching Campaign. From *Pomeran* they write, that the *Brandenburgs* had again retaken the Island of *Usedom*, with the loss of 200 Suedes, and that it was believed they would proceed and attack *Anclam*. The Suedes Troops that besieged *Wolgast* are returned to their quarters at *Straelsson*, and the Isle of *Rugen*; and the Elector has supplied the Castle with fresh stores, of Ammunition, and other necessaries. There is an Imperial Decree come out, containing, That the Crown of *Sueden* shall not for the future any more be called to the Dyer at *Ratisbonne*.

*Bremen*, Febr. 5. Yesterday arrived here the Sieur *Klingenberg*, late Ambassador from the King of *Denmark* at the *Hague*, on his way to *Copenhagen*; the Troops of the Confederates which are quartered in this Diocese, have orders to hold themselves ready to march, which makes us believe, the design upon *Stade* will now quickly be taken in hand. Here is appointed to be held within few days a meeting of the Deputies of the several Allies, in order to the agreeing what is to be done with *Carelsburg* (about which there seems at present some dispute) that is, to whose repartition it shall belong, and whether it shall be demolished or not; this City greatly endeavors the latter, for the concern it has, not to have a check upon its Navigation and Trade as this Fort is.

*Liege*, Febr. 7. The fifth instant, the Marechal d'Esgrades marched again out of *Maestricht*, with four Squadrons of Horse, and some Foot, and orders were sent for a Party to draw out of our Cittadel and to join him, this made us imagine that the design was again upon the Castle of *Heers* (which the Dutch have now very well fortified) but these Troops marched

only to *Huy*, for what reason we know not. This poor Country continues to be extremely vexed by the Dutch, who are very severe with the Country people, that do not pay the Contributions demanded of them. The Duke of *Newburg* we hear proceeds with his new Levies, in order to the forming a Body of an Army, for the security of his own Country, against all parties that shall go about to molest them. The French Ambassadors are still at *Charleville*, without receiving as yet the necessary Passports from the *Hague*; and here hath been a discourse, that they have been recalled to *Paris*, which has been the rather believed, for that it's said their Excellencies have caused their Goods which were shipped in certain Vessels, in order to their transportation to *Nimeguen*, to be taken on shore again, though we are this day told, that they have been shipped a second time.

*Amsterdam*, Febr. 11. We are now sufficiently convinced of the error of the report we had heere of the French having taken the Colony of *Surinam*. From *Gelderland* they tell us, that the Troops which upon the French besieging *Heers*, marched that way, are returned again to their former quarters. It is said, that orders are given to begin to work on the Mer of *Wat* that are to be fitted out here, to join with the Danes in the *Baltique*.

*Hague*, Febr. 11. The 7th instant arrived here Sir *Gabriel Sylvius*, sent by His Majesty of *Great Britain*, to complement the Prince of *Orange* upon the death of his Grandmother the late Princess Dowager. Yesterday his Highness parted hence for *Soestdike*, with intention to pass 7 or 8 days there in hunting. At *Nimeguen* are arrived several Domesticks of the French Ambassadors, (who are still expecting the necessary Passports at *Charleville*) with orders, as is said, to prepare the houses which are taken for their Excellencies. We have not any farther account of the success of the Engagement between ours and the French Fleet on the Coast of *Sicily*, which we very impatiently expect. We are told of a Treaty lately concluded between the Duke of *Hanover*, and the Duke of *Zell* and *Osabrugh*, for mutual assistance and defence. The Letters we receive from *Germany* bring nothing new.

*Whitehall*, Febr. 9. His Majesty has been pleased to appoint *Edward Christen* Esq; to be Sheriff of *Hertfordshire*, for the year ensuing, in the room of *Sir John Read*.

#### Advertisements.

W Hereas His Majesty by His privy Seal, bearing date the 31 of January last, hath constituted and appointed *Ed: Seymour* and *Sam: Maydwell* Esquires, His Receivers General of all His Duties arising upon an Act of Parliament for Laying Impositions upon Proceedings at Law; These are therefore to give Notice to all Persons who are employed for Collecting the said Duties, That the said Receivers do keep their Office at Mr. *Burich's* house in *Two Crane Court* in *Fleet Street*, where all persons concerned are to take Notice, that they bring in the Monies that shall be by them received, with their accounts, in their respective Offices, where the said Receivers will be to give dispatch from Nine to Twelve in the Forenoon, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; and from Three to Six in the Afternoon, on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, during the Term. After the Term for three Weeks, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, from three to six at night, excepting Holidays.

One *Thomas Cudwell*, an Apprentice to Mr *William Fowrd*, a Grocer, living at the white Bear in *Thames Street*, near *Billingsgate* in *London*, about 16 years of age, of an indifferent stature, with dark brown lank hair, of an ordinary length, in a brown coloured stuff Suit, and a dark brown cloth Coat, a Dimity Frock over it, a blew Apron, and a Neckcloth tyed about his Neck, hath been missing ever since Monday morning 9 a Clock. Whoever gives notice of him shall 5 l. Reward. Strayed or stolen from *Henry Heston* of *Sudminster* in *Essex*, a grey Nag, 4½ Feet and Nose white, broken winded, two wall Eyes, high 15 hands high. Whoever gives notice of him to Mr. *Henry Stacy* at the *Star* in *St. Peter's Alley* in *Gracious Street*, shall have 20 s. Reward.