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Dover, Dec. 14.

**Y**esterday the French Ambassadors set sail for their Coast, the Wind blowing stiff Easterly, so that 'tis believed they are harbored ere this. The same day a Privateer of two Guns, brought in thither two Billanders with Holland cheese, bound for Roan: and the Norwich sent in one of near Three hundred Tuns, a light Ship, from Ostend bound for France.

Rye, Dec. 14. His Majesties Fregot, the Norwich, sent in this Morning a Fly-boat of 250 Tuns, bound for Bourdeaux, with a quantity of Split Deal.

Copenhagen, Nov. 25. The Prince of Saxe goeth hence on Monday next (the 2.) and his Marriage is to be solemnized at Dresden on the first of September. The storms have been so violent, that many People have been cast away coming hither from Schonen. Two Swedish Ships were driven ashore in the Sound, and all the rest riding there, forced to cut their Masts by the board.

Rome, Nov. 28. We expect suddenly a promotion of Cardinals, in which, it is believed, one of the Princes of Tuscany will be preferred.

His Holyness hath mentioned his pretention to the Kingdom of Naples, which being held as a Fief from the See of Rome, is alleged to be subject to this condition, that in the minority of the King of Spain, that Kingdom is to be governed by the Pope. This puts the Spanish Ambassador upon consulting the ancient Rolls in that case, but it is believed the point will end in this, That his Holyness, during the minority of the King, shall have power to dispose of the Bishopricks, and other Church Livings, which in that Kingdom are very considerable. It is now a common opinion here, that the Pope will at last assent to the admittance of the Bishops of Portugal; which it is said, he the rather inclines to, upon advice that the late King of Spain, at his death, should forbid his Ministers any longer to obstruct it, in regard there was now but one of the Ancient Bishops surviving in that Kingdom. The French interest grows every day less and less.

Dantzick, Dec. 1. It is now determined in Concilio Senatorum, at Warsaw, that the Parliament shall begin the 17th of March, and the Landtag the third of February. This latter is a Convention of each County six Weeks before the Session of Parliament, at which a Commissioner from the King is present, who declares what is to be debated in the ensuing Parliament on his Majesties part; upon which they deliberate, and then choose the Members of their several Provinces, giving them their Instructions (which they most exactly follow) in reference to the Kings desires; and withal, a liberty to propound what they shall finde conducible to the good of their Country. The Nobility of Great Poland begin to suspect the old Design of introducing a Successor, will be set on foot again, which they are resolved to oppose, and not admit of any such thing during the Kings life. Lubomirski is for certain gone to Breslaw, the reason not yet known. The Crown of Sweden hath writ hither, to know if they can be supplied hence with Salt (fossile) to which, they have received such satisfaction, that in case the Passage from France and Spain should be obstructed, they can have Salt enough out of Poland, at almost as cheap rates as from other places.

Vienna, Dec. 3. The Emperor and his Mother having spent some time at Newstat, in viewing the Building of the New-Cloyster, and diverting themselves in Hunting, are going into Mourning for the King of Spain and the Electrice of Bavaria. The Envoy from Poland's returned, having received a Present from his Imperial Majesty, a chain of Gold with a Medal, and an Horse of great value. Since the Em-

perors return from Inspruck, here hath been a return of read Monies, amounting to 500 M. Florins, the remainder being left in the Exchequer there, to redeem the Lands that itan engaged. His Imperial Majesty hath ordered a Present of the value of 20000 Rixdollars to the Arch Bishop of Saltburgh, as a gratuity in acknowledgement of the entertainment he received from him in his passage through that Arch-Bishoprick. The Spanish Ambassadors Secretary arrived here, with an assurance, that the Infanta would, without fail, begin her journey on February next, taking her way by Barcelona and Milan; for which Message, his Majesty ordered him a Gold Chain: Upon this news, we are now making Fire Works, and two Liveries for the Wedding day; the one rich and splendid, the other altogether extraordinary: and the Ladies of the Court, though with some regret, are to complement her in Spanish Habit.

The Turkish Ambassador in his Audience at the Council of War, Complained of the incursions of the Hungarians, and the stop put upon his Messenger at Raab; to which it was answered, that care was already taken for preventing any mischiefes on the Borders for the future, and that the Messenger which he had sent, was now at liberty. And indeed, since we have heard, that Count Lesley has been so well treated by the Grand Signor, and three several times magnificently entertained by the Grand Vizier, there is nothing wanting here that may show the Turkish Ambassador the like respect, his Imperial Majesty having taken notice of it to him by his thanks, and appointed Prince Gonzaga, the President of the Council of War, to give him a most magnificent entertainment. The people seem generally satisfied upon an opinion of a lasting Peace with the Grand Signor, who has already caused to be set at liberty all those that were taken in Count Forgatz his action before Newhausel, and ordered five hundred Waggons for their return. And Count Lesley gives yet hope that he may prevail with the Grand Signor for the total demolishing of Newhausel, and says, that he is already willing to agree such limits, as for the future may avoid further disputes.

Swoll, Decemb. 16. The Lunenburgh Forces wait for our marching into the Bishop of Munster's Territories to joyne with us, but the Enemies Body lies so unluckily in the way, that neither we know how to get to them, nor they to us, without very great hazard. Some thoughts there were of attacking Borelo, but upon second consultation it was not judged so advisable, because the Bishop lay with six thousand men not above a mile from it. What is the next business to be taken in hand, is not yet concluded on, but 'tis believed the design is to attempt the Bishops Countrey, and endeavour a conjunction.

Hague, Decemb. 17. Yesterday Hannibal Sehestedt, Ambassador Extraordinary from Denmark arrived here, but 'tis muttered his stay will be but short, and that he is to go hence for England. Our Deputies are returned from Cleve, but not a word of their Electors joyning in our quarrel against the Bishop. A Regiment is raising, to consist of three thousand men for the Sea-Service. They write from Amsterdam, that it was advised by Letters from Aleppo, that the Bassa of Bissery had revolted against the Grand Signor, which is supposed to be the ground of the story of the Jewes.

Middlebrough, Decemb. 17. 'Tis more than suspected our Fleet had the Sickness among them, because so very many have died here suddenly, and the greatest part of those Souldiers which were last at Sea, or such as they had most familiarity with. The Garisons of this Island are very much weakened by the late draining of them so much to supply Forces for the Field. The Lords of Zealand that sit here, are exceeding

displeased, that many eminent persons were too much spared in the assessing of the late Taxes, paying far below what they ought to have been proportionably rated at; and therefore are upon the consideration of imposing a New Tax, which if pursued, will make a great confusion in this place.

*Copenhagen, Nov. 25.* We have advice from *Gottenburgh*, that the English Squadron which cruised thereabout, brought in four *Hollanders* Prizes, and one *Dane*; but they discharged the *Dane*, as soon as they understood to whom he belonged. This King hath sent a Frigate to seize a Dutch Ship about *Draaboen*, which in a hurry to save themselves from the English, ran away without paying of Customs. The Dutch Resident *la Maire*, hath paid his word for the payment of them, but that will not give the Court satisfaction. General *Heriz* hath deserted the service here; it is said, the cause of his discontent was, because he would have no dependance on the Council of War, but have the supreme command of all in the Dukedom of *Holstein* immediately under the King.

*Hamburg, Dec. 2.* The difference between the Magistrate here, and the *Burgers*, is not yet composed; nor is it thought it will be, till it comes to trial at the Imperial Court. The Dutch have caused here and at *Lubeck*, sixty piece of Ordnance to be made, to carry thirty six pound bullet. The Levies for *Munster* go on apace, Col. *Mull* having received the third part of his money for the delivering three thousand foot into the service within six Months, and is assured to receive the remainder in few days.

*Paris, Dec. 16.* It is writ from *Toulon* the eighth instant, that the Commander *Paul* is lately arrived here with his Squadron, who brought in a small Swedish Vessel laden with Raisins and Currants, and that the Duke de *Beaufort* is daily expected there with three English Ships, their lading not mentioned. The Treasurer of the Consignations of the Parliament, an office valued at Eighteen hundred thousand Livres, being taxed above six hundred thousand, hath withdrawn himself, and carried away or concealed above seven Millions, which will be the ruin of many men. Monsieur de *Iruait* is no longer Comptroller-General of the Finances, that place being bestowed on Monsieur *Colbert*. Messieurs de *Lorme* and *Pellison* are so over taxed, that they rather chuse to stay in the *basile*, then make payment, saying, Their Taxes are double the value of their Estates. It is said, His Majesty intends to make four new Marshalls Messieurs de *Novailles*, Sr. *Aignan del Estrade*, who is Ambassador in *Holland*, and Monsieur d. *Schomberg*, at the present in the service of *Perse*.

The Judicature called *Les Grand Jours d'Auvergne*, hath caused the Hand and Head of *Mademoiselle de Hauteville* of *Normandy*, to be cut off, upon an Information against her for Coining of false Money. They have passed two thousand Orders for the Arresting of several persons, among whom, five or six of quality, viz. Messieurs de *Gondars*, *Dureluse*, &c. and have appointed Commissioners in the Countreys of *la Forest*, *Beaujolais*, and *Lionnois*, to examine the proceedings of the several Magistrates to visit the Abbys, &c. to oblige the Impropiators to repair the Churches, &c. by a time limited, upon penalty of forfeiting their Impropiations to the Church.

*Flushing, Dec. 18.* A Caper, called the *Young Hollanden*, arrived here, can give onely this account of his Voyage, that he was in pursuit of several Merchant-men, but that they were too nimble for him. Four French men, he saith, were cast away near *Ostend*; two laden with Wine, and two Advice Boats.

*Maestricht, Dec. 18.* It is discoursed, that the *Lunenburgh* forces, under Count *Waldeck*, have already entred upon action near *Warendorp*, with intention to attack some places, which obliged the Bishop to gather his forces together, and that one part of them lie between *Boickholt* and *Borchom*, and the other part between *Goesvelt* and *Munster*: His Garrisons in the mean time, being disposed into trusty hands, the Count *Gorgor* left Governor of *Meppen*, the Grave Efferen of *Boickholt*, the Baron of *Dausen*, Governor of *Borchom*, Colonel *Pleur*, Governor of *Birculo*, and Colonel *Pest* of *Deutecum*. It is reported, that a party from *Weyssel*

have made an Inroad into the Dominion of *Linsbeck*, which they plundered, and carried away many of the Inhabitants prisoners.

*Hague, Dec. 20.* The Officers of the new Regiment are now pitched upon. *William Joseph Van Gent* Colonel, *Francis Palm* Lieutenant Colonel, and Count *Van Horn* Major, the Motto of their Colours, *In utrumque parati*. We still flatter ourselves with the hope of concluding a Treaty with *Brandenburgh*, or at least think it our best game to make the people believe so; and to that purpose have sent Commissioners again to that Elector, which, it is supposed, will have this effect, to keep the people quiet, in expectation of a better success then the former had.

*Rotterdam, Dec. 20.* Several new Men of War are lately launched, but the Sea men and the Schlicty are not satisfied with their usage, that it will be a hard matter to man them out for Service. The Letters from the *Texel* say, Two East India ships are gone thence to Sea, and that others lie at the *Uly*.

*Zurphen, Dec. 19.* Some French came hither yesterday, but went presently to the Leaguer again. Prince *Maurice* intends, as is said, to march to-morrow toward the Enemies Countrey, who lies about *Vreden*, *Osterstein*, *Abuys*, *Syloen*, *Stadles*, *Borchom*, and *Boickholt*; from whence they can very easily draw together a considerable Body upon any occasion. The French have already had experience of it, who adventuring in a party a little too forwardly, were surprised by the enemy, and several wounded and taken prisoners. The enemy lie to advantage onely, and the season is so fit for action, that we much fear the event.

*Falmouth, Dec. 13.* About ten days since, a *Dartmouth* Vessel, called the *Mizabeth*, coming from *New found Land*, was taken and carried into *Flushing*. The *Canary* ship, brought in by the *Elizabeth* and *Richmond* Frigates, is called the *Blew Bear* of *Hamburg*; she hath 400 Ripes aboard, and a Spanish Merchant pretends to claim thirty six of them. On the eleventh instant, three French ships arrived at *Perseance*, laden with Salt from *France*.

*Plymouth, Dec. 15.* On the thirteenth instant, the *Unity* brought in higher eight light ships as prizes; they were bound for *Bordeaux*, with several others, all Dutch Bottoms, and each of about two or three hundred Tun. The *Tyger* hath brought in a Vessel laden with Salt, and is gone again to Sea. Here are about thirty ships from *Dartmouth*, and other places, ready to set sail.

*Hull, Dec. 15.* On Wednesday last, Rere Admiral *Harman* past by with his Fleet from *Gottenburgh*, consisting of thirty eight Merchant ships, besides his own Squadron: Six of them were laden for this place, two of them our own Town ships, one *Newcastle* man, and three *Swedes*. The greater part of their lading, as they say, is Iron, Pitch, Tar, and other Materials for shipping.

*Portsmouth, Dec. 17.* Our Sea-men are all very quiet and orderly, and not without reason, since they finde that all those that went to Sea received their pay very exactly, with a very careful provision of Cloaths and other necessaries. Sir *Christopher Mings* is diligent in fitting out a good Guard for the Channel, and appoints ships constantly to cruise, for securing our own, and annoying the enemy. We hear of no Privateers upon this Coast.

*Newcastle, Dec. 15.* Two ships belonging to this Town, with the *Vidory* Frigate, are safely arrived from the East Countrey. They came in company with Rere Admiral *Harman*, and parted on Tuesday last off the *Dogger-sands*. He had (as they say) Eighteen Frigates, two Ketches, and about forty Merchant men, all richly laden, and most upon His Majesties account. About five or six of them are gone to *Hull* with a Frigate for Convoy.

*Harwich, Dec. 16.* Our parts afford no news more, then that the *Gottenburgh* Fleet are come into this Harbor; a farther account we cannot give, because none of the men are yet come ashore.

The Account of the Weekly Bill of Mortality, runs thus:  
Total 525 Plague 281. Increase 83.