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Genova, Decemb. 2.

**O**UR Letters from Naples give us an account, That the Duke de Vivonne was encamped with his Forces between the *Scaletta* and *Taormina*, seeming still to design the Siege of *Catanea*, towards which place 12 Gallies and some Men of War are sailed from *Messina*; That the Town of *Savoca* had been delivered up to the French, by means of an intelligence they had with some Person of Quality there, which is a place of importance by reason it produces a great quantity of good Wines. The four Gallies with several Barks, who were to transport to *Melazzo* four Troops of Horse and some Infantry, were still detained at *Naples* by foul weather, and by the fear they had of meeting with several French Men of War which are cruising on that Coast.

*Milan, Decemb. 18.* Our Governour the Prince of *Ligne* is not a little troubled to see affairs in *Sicily* go so ill, and that all the succors that have been sent from hence have stood in so little stead, while in the mean time this Country is exhausted of Men; and great expences have been made in new Levies, so that it's reported that his Excellency has resolved, that he may not leave this Province altogether naked in case an Enemy should appear against it, to send only one Supply more, which is to consist of one Italian Regiment, and four Companies of the German Regiment commanded by Count *Trossi*; which will accordingly embark at *Final*, to be transported to *Melazzo*; after which we shall not send any more Troops out of this Country, unless a particular order come from *Spain*.

*Venice, Decemb. 19.* This last Week several Merchants of this City have received Letters from *Constantinople* confirming the news we formerly had of the death of the Grand Vizier, and add, That the Grand Signior seemed inclined to confer that charge upon the Brother-in-Law of the deceased, who is said to be of a very active humor. On Wednesday last passed through this City an Extraordinary Courier from *Rome*, being charged with Dispatches for the Sieur *Bevilacqua*, Extraordinary Nuncio at the Emperors Court, who we are told is appointed by the Pope, received as Mediator by the Emperor, *France* and *Spain*, to assist at the Treaty of Peace. Here hath been much discourse of late, as if there were on foot a project for a Treaty to be entered into by the Pope, the Republick of *Venice*, the great Duke of *Tuscany*, and the State of *Genova*, for the preservation of the Peace of *Italy*.

*Coningsberg, Decemb. 14.* We are somewhat alarmed here at the advice we receive, that 7 or 8000 men are on their march from *Poland* towards *Livonia*, where they served against the Turks, to winter there, and the more for that as it is said they are gone over into the service of *Sueden*, which having composed the matters in difference between it and the *Moscovites*, cannot have occasion of any addition of force in these parts, unless they be meant to be employed against our Elector, in fear of which we are doing all we can to

provide for our security; and are endeavouring to penetrate into the true design of the march of these Troops.

*Dantzicke, Decemb. 14.* We have advice from several parts, that 6000 Poles are on their march towards *Livonia*, where they are to winter, having put themselves into the service of *Sueden*; and, it's said, that in the Spring 8000 Poles more will pass over into the service of the same Crown, to be employed, as is at present given out, against the *Moscovites*; but our last Letters from *Riga* assure us, that all matters with those people were sufficiently adjusted, and that the Suedish Commissioners who had been employed in that work on the Frontiers were on their return home. Two thousand Poles are likewise on their march towards *Gourland*, where they are to have their Winter-quarters. From *Coningsberg* they write, that they were there in great fear, occasioned by the march of the said Troops, whose neighborhood they could not but be jealous of, and that the Governor of *Pruссия* had sent to acquaint his Electoral Highness of *Brandenburg* his Master therewith, having in the mean time taken what care he could for the putting things into a posture of defence, and that at *Coningsberg* not only the ordinary guards were doubled, but several Companies of Burghers were ordered to watch in their turns.

*Berlin, Decemb. 19.* Our Elector having found himself obliged by the rigors of the season to quit the Siege of *Sterin*, left it as you have heard blocked up; but that design soon appeared to be impracticable, the Suedes at *Stralsund* being so near; wherefore his Electoral Highness caused his Troops to demolish the Forts which they had raised for the said Blokade; and to retire into quarters, and that the rather that they may be able to make an early Campaigne the next year; which if the advices we receive from the Suedish quarters be true, will be very necessary for the preserving our Conquests in *Pomeran*; They tell us that their Fleet will come to Sea so soon as the Ice is gone, and that its first work will be to bring over a very considerable supply of men and money from *Sueden*, besides the Troops the Count *Coningsmarke*, the Suedish General in *Pomeran*, seems to expect from *Livonia*, where they may now be spared, seeing, as they tell us, they are sufficiently assured of the continuation of the Peace with the *Moscovites*.

*Copenhagen, Decemb. 20.* Since the Battel which happened the 14 instant in *Schonen*, nothing of moment has passed there. The Danish Troops have been put into *Landskroon*, *Christiansstadt*, &c. and the Sieur *Mesheim* has been sent out with a Body of 2000 Horse to observe the Enemy, who we hear are encamped near *Malmoe*; the Seamen which were sent over into *Schonen*, being between 8 and 900 strong, behaved themselves very well, though we do not hear that in all above 60 of them were slain. We expect that several Officers will be called to an account for having been wanting in their duty in the said action, and that at least they will be deprived of their commands. General *Arensdoerf*, who

who died after the Battel of the wound he received in it, is extremely lamented, as a Officer of great resolution and conduct, and who was very well beloved by the Soldiery.

*Hamburg, Decemb. 23.* The Danes we hear complain of their left Wing, and especially the Cavalry in the late Fight, who had they behaved themselves well at first, or afterwards rallied, they doubt not but to have had the Victory, which the Suedes now challenge, in that they kept the Field and relieved *Malmö*; however, it appears that the Fight was very bloody, and that the left Wings on both sides were quite routted (though some of the Suedes afterwards rallied again, and did good service.) That the Cannon was taken and retaken on both sides; That Prisoners were likewise taken on both sides; That the Fight which began about eight in the morning, determined with the day, when the Danes retired in good order towards *Danforth*, having lost part of their own Cannon as well as some Pieces which they had taken from the Enemy in a River, the Ice breaking as they were passing it.

*Strasbourg, Decemb. 25.* We had an alarm here some days since occasioned by the French their assembling a Body of Men near *Benfels*, between the *Rhine* and the small River *Ill*, of which some endeavoured to give us a jealousy, as if they had some design in hand against this City; upon which our ordinary Guards were doubled, and several pieces of Cannon planted, as if that they might most contribute to our defence; but we have since learned that we had no reason to concern our selves, and that the said Troops are marched towards *Basle* with what intention we do not know. The Imperial Commissary here is providing a great number of Shoes, Stockens, Hats, Coats, &c. for the service of the Imperial Troops against they come into the Field again. The Electoral Prince of *Saxony* continues still here, not being as yet well enough to make a journey. The Emperors Marriage was Celebrated the 14 instant at *Passaw*, and seeing the Frost will hinder their Imperial Majesties return to *Vienna* down the *Danube*, two Regiments of Horse are appointed to serve as a Convoy to their Imperial Majesties in their journey by Land.

*Cologne, Dec. 29.* Yesterday Count *Kinsky* the Imperial Ambassador parted hence by the way of *Duseldorp*, where he lodged the last night, for *Nimeguen*, where his presence is much wanted, in order to the carrying on the great work of the Peace; for the Ambassadors of all the principal parties except the Emperors, have been for some time upon the place, and are hindered through the absence of the Imperial Ambassadors from making that progress in the Treaty, which it's hoped they will upon his arrival. The Sieur *Straetman*, who is the Emperors third Ambassador, having assisted at the celebration of the Emperors marriage the 14 instant at *Passaw*, is likewise coming down, being commanded to repair forthwith to *Nimeguen*. From *Westphalia* they write, that the six *Brandenburg* Regiments who designed to have taken their Winter quarters in *Hildesheim* and this Diocesis, are marching back, in order to the taking them in the Territories of the Duke of *Hanover*, &c.

*Hague, Jan. 2.* Upon the reiterated complaints made to the States General by the States of *Oost frizeland* (which Province is under the protection of this State) the said States General have written a very earnest Letter to the Princess Regent of that Province, to desire her to cause the *Munster* Troops, which she has

made use of as Garisons in certain Fortresses, to quit the same, and to depart the Province, or that otherwise they shall be forced to take such resolution as the care they are obliged to have of that Province shall demand. Yesterday we received together 3 Mails from *Denmark*, which brought us an account of the Battel that was fought the 14 past in *Schoren*, and the particulars of it, which you have already known. It seems the Infantry suffered extremely on both sides; That the Danes in their retreat to *Landisoon* lost most of their Cannon in a River, the Ice breaking under it, and that the King and his Brother Prince *George* were in great danger, having exposed themselves in the hottest of the action. The 31 past arrived here his Excellency Sir *William Temple* from *Nimeguen*, and after a short stay here, will return thither again.

*Brussels, Jan. 2.* The Soldiers that are in Garrison here commit several outrages, and some have of late practised a way of extorting Money from the most considerable Inhabitants, by sending a Note to them, requiring them to leave such Sums of Money at certain places they appoint, and letting them know, that if they fail, they must expect to be pistolled the next time they stir abroad; and two nights since an eminent Burgher having received such a Summons, carried the Sum demanded, and left it in a Church-yard according as he was appointed; but having first acquainted the Magistrates with it, they ordered their Officers to wait in some convenient place, to observe who came and fetch the said Moneys; which they performed so well, that they seized a Sergeant and two Soldiers; who have suffered the Torture to discover their Accomplices; and will receive condigne punishment.

*Paris, Jan. 3.* The Deputy of the Elector of *Bavaria* at this Court continues to negotiate several matters of importance, and especially that of the marriage of the Dauphin with the Princess of *Bavaria*, which many are of opinion will be brought to a sudden conclusion. We are told that his Majesty, at the instance of the Pope, has consented that his Ambassador at *Rome* may visit the Cardinals of the last Promotion, which his Majesty has not hitherto permitted, because of the dissatisfaction he had against the Cardinal *Alieri*, who was Cardinal Sacron during the last Pontificate. The Marechal *Cregui* is arrived at Court, where frequent Counsels are held for the regulating the operations of the next Campagne, which will be begun very early, especially in *Flanders*; from whence we hear that all the considerable Spanish places in the Province of *Houmault* are blocked by our Troops, and so streightned by that means, that they will have difficulty to subsist this winter. We have Letters from the Northern parts, which speak of a Victory lately obtained by the Suedes against the Danes in *Schonen*, of which we have not as yet the certain particulars, though in the mean time it is said that the Suedes have relieved *Malmö*, which place had been blocked up by the Danes, and was reduced to great extremity for want of Provisions. Our affairs in *Italy* go still on prosperously; and we expect our next Letters will bring us the certainty that *Catania* is besiged.

#### Advertisement.

Some Gentlemen meeting on Saturday the 23 of December, at the *White-bait* in *Burnwood*, and coming towards *Longon*, before they came at *Ramsford* to drink them change Horses on the Road, and not meeting since, nor knowing one the other he that took the gray Horse to ride hath left him at the *White Horse* in *Sebring Lane*, and desires the other Gent man to bring the black Horse thither, and take away his own gray.