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Falmouth, Jan. 3.

THe 5th instant arrived here a Privateer of *Flushing in Zeeland*, called the *America*, and in its company six large *Dutch* Merchantmen, who came out from *Holland* six dayes since; three of them are bound for the *East-Indies*, and the other three for the *West*. Here are in Port several other Vessels, some homeward bound, and others bound for *France*, who wait for a fair Wind to put to Sea.

Pennentis, Jan. 11. The Wind continuing at S. W. the ships outward bound are still in this Harbor, among which is the *Unicorn*, bound for the *East-Indies*. On Tuesday last arrived here the *Hendricke* of *Middleburg* in *Zealand* of 800 Tuns, mounted with 32 Guns, and 300 men, of which 150 were Soldiers; and the *Sparbrucke* of 440 Tuns, and 16 Guns, being both laden with Provisions, and bound for *Batavia* in the *East-Indies*; as likewise the *Constantia* of *Flushing* bound for *Guinea*.

Plymouth, Jan. 12. We have of late had very bad weather, and especially these two dayes past, insomuch that the *Swallow* Frigate was forced to let slip in the *Sound*, and came into *Cartwater*, where she is now at Anchor; but several Merchantmen that were in *Cartwater*, were at the same time forced ashore.

Weymouth, Jan. 15. The last Night came into this Bay a *French* ship of *Newhaven* of 400 Tun, and mounted with between 30 and 40 Guns, and this morning before day was forced ashore between *Portland* and this place, but it being low water, when the Tide came in, by the help they had from shore, she got well off again, and is now in *Portland* Road, being bound for *Guinea*.

Venice, Jan. 2. It is now many months since some difference arose between the Emperor and this Republick, for that the latter did not think fit to permit the passage of some *German* Troops which were intended to have been transported from *Trieste* to *Naples* through our Gulf, at which the Court at *Vienna* was very much dissatisfied with this Senate, and has on several occasions since exprest the same, so far as that it is said that the Emperor and the King of *Spain* have for this reason hitherto declined the mediation of this State; but at present the discourse is, that the Pope has interposed for the composing this matter, and that the Emperor and this Senate have referred the adjustment thereof to him. On Thursday last the Duke of *Marina*, who had passed some time here *incognito*, returned home, though with intention to be here again in the *Carnaval*.

Copenhagen, Jan. 5. What was said in our last concerning the taking the Castle of *Helsingburg*, is contradicted; the last advice we have from thence, is, that on Sunday last the *Suedes* sprung a Mine which they had prepared, but that instead of doing the intended execution, it killed several of their own men; which the *Danes* perceiving, they made a Sally, and for several hours afterwards entertained the Enemy with discharges of their Cannon and Muskets from their Walls; since

nothing of moment has passed there, and we have hopes that notwithstanding all the endeavors of the Enemy to make themselves Masters of the Castle, they will not succeed in it. The Auditor General is returned from *Schoonen*, where he has exchanged 400 Prisoners, and it is said four hundred more are yet remaining Prisoners who were taken in the late Battel, who are all *Danes*; for the *Germins*, who were made Prisoners, have taken service with the *Suedes*, who, as it is said here, own to have had 1800 wounded in the late Fight.

Elfsencr, Jan. 5. The Cattle of *Helsingburg* holds out still, notwithstanding the several reports we had to the contrary, and the Governor, Colonel *Schonevelt*, hitherto answers the opinion we had of his great courage and experience; however the Enemy does not give over their design, but continue to work for the preparing of several Mines, in which they meet with great difficulty, for that the ground is very hard and stony. We have not for several dayes past had any account of the *Suedish* Army, but it is believed the King is still at *Malmoe*. Our King has put out a Declaration, by which he commands all the Inhabitants of the Duchy of *Sleswick*, as well Nobles as others, not to render for the future any obedience to the Duke of *Holstein*, their ancient Lord and Prince but that they look upon his Majesty for their Sovereign, and Supreme Lord of the said Duchy, which his Majesty has accordingly sequestered, and taken into his possession, because the Duke of *Holstein*, as is attedged, hath not received within the time appointed the Investure of the said Duchy from his Majesty.

Dantzick, Jan. 8. From *Coningsberg* they write, that as well the Inhabitants as the Soldiers keep very strict Guard; for although there appears not as yet any certainty that there is any design against them, yet they continue full of jealousies and fears, lest the *Polish* Troops which have at present their Winter-quarters toward the Frontiers of *Livonia* and *Couland*, should on the sudden pass over into the *Suedish* service, and then fall into *Prussia*, which belongs to the Elector of *Brandenburg*. Most of the Provincial Dyets in *Poland* have ended well, and the Deputies have received their instructions for the General Dyet, but some have been dissolved without coming to any resolution, by reason of the divisions among the Members.

Hamburg, Jan. 12. You have formerly heard of the differences arising between the King of *Denmark* and the Duke of *Holstein* and *Sleswick*; and that his Highness not thinking himself secure in his own Territories after that the King had caused his Fortresses and chief places of strength to be demolished, retired hither, where he has lived privately ever since, and will continue, till matters be accommodated; but it is so far from that, that we have advice, that the King of *Denmark* upon some new dissatisfaction against the said Duke, and for that, as is attedged, his Highness has not received the Investure for the Duchy of *Sleswick* within the time agreed, has sequestered the said Duchy, and has taken the same absolutely into his own possession, which at the same time a Declaration is to be published, by which

the Nobility, Gentry, and all the Inhabitants of that Dutchy, are commanded not to regard the Duke of *Holstein* any more as their Lord and Prince, but to obey his Majesty as their Sovereign Lord; and accordingly all the Rents, Revenues, &c. arising from that Dutchy which were belonging to the Duke, are for the future to be paid to such as his Majesty shall appoint. It seems the News we had of the taking of *Helsingburg* was without ground.

Cologne, Jan. 12. The *Osnabrug* Troops having obtained the Emperors Orders to continue their Winter-quarters in this Diocess, they have now dispersed themselves into their said quarters. We are still told that the *Imperialists* will quit the City of *Bonne*, and that a Garrison of the Duke of *Nenbourg* will be put into the place, which our Elector does consent to, and will then go and reside there as formerly; part of the *French* Garrison that was at *Limburg*, is already retired from thence to *Maestricht*, and the rest will follow in few days.

Hague, Jan. 19. The illness of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, which still continues, will retard the Conference intended between his Electoral Highness and the Prince of *Orange*, who notwithstanding means to part hence some time the next week, and to continue at *Dieten* in the Province of *Mirecht*, till such time as the Elector be in a condition to come to *Wesel*, or else sends him an account of the continuance of his indisposition, and that he cannot repair thither. The Pensioner *Fagel* is now abroad again, so that several matters which could not be advanced in during his illness, will now be dispatch'd out of hand. We do not hear that any thing of moment does pass as yet at *Nimeguen*, or indeed that any one step has been made in the substantial part of the Treaty, the time having hitherto been spent in the Preliminaries; and in the mean time the Spring comes on, and the Parties are preparing for the Campaign, which in all appearance will be begun very early by the *French* in *Flanders*; and therefore the Prince of *Orange* will do all he can to hasten into the Field, in order to the opposing the Enemies designs, with a resolution however, as we are informed, to act separately with his Army.

Paris, Jan. 20. The sudden Thaw which hapned the last Week, has done much mischief in several places, and we have likewise seen the sad effects of it here; for on Saturday last, about three a clock in the afternoon, our River did on a sudden swell to an extraordinary height, through the abundance of water that descended from above, mingled with great flakes of Ice, and that with so much violence, that nothing was able to withstand it; all the Boats that were in the River were carried away by its impetuosity, and broken into a hundred pieces against the Bridges; but that which was most lamentable was, that a great many Women who were in several of the said Boats to wash their Linnen in the River, were drowned in the sight of a great number of people, who could not give them the least assistance; greatest part of the red Bridge was by the violence of the Current broken down, and four Gentlemen that hapned to be passing it, fell into the Water, and were drowned; but another Gentleman that was passing the said Bridge in his Coach, had better fortune, for it hapning that that part of the Bridge which fell, broke away under the hindermost part of the Coach it was falling into the River, had not the strength of the Horses retrieved it. We hear also that two Bridges between this City and *St. Germain*, are quite ruined, as are all our Mills upon the River, We continue our preparations for an

early Campaign, and the discourse at Court is, that the King will part hence the latter end of the next month, to put himself at the head of his Army. The King has resolved that a reinforcement of 4 or 3000 men shall be sent for *Sicily*, so soon as the weather is proper; and, amongst others, it is said 1500 *Suissers*, under the command of Colonel *Stoup*, will be sent on that service. The News in Town for these dayes past has been, that *Don Juan* of *Austria* was come by the Kings command to *Madrid*, and that the Queen had left the Court, and was retired into a Monastery.

Disso, Jan. 20. We have Letters from *Madrid*, which give an account of *Don Juan* of *Austria*'s being sent for to Court by the Kings particular command; that the Queen was resolved to go and pass the rest of her time in a Monastery; and that the Marquis *de Villa Sierra*, who had been lately declared chief Minister of State, would retire from Court, and leave the management of Affairs to *Don Juan*; of all which we must expect the confirmation, before we can give an entire credit to it, for the consequence it may be of to the Affairs of that Monarchy. We are assured that the King has not only given the final Orders for the demolishing of *Limburg*, but likewise of *Haguenaw* and *Saverne* in *Alsace*; and some say farther, that *Deux-ponts* and *Mombeliard* are to be served in the same manner, that so our Armies may be the more powerful in the Field this next Campaign, which will be begun very early on our side, in *Flanders* especially; and it is said that the Troops of the Kings Household have Orders to march the 15 of the next month, but it's probable the hard Winter we have had, may be the cause that it is not opened altogether so soon as otherwise it would have been. The Men of War and Gallies which returned some time since from *Sicily*, are sitting out again at *Thoulon* and *Marseilles*, and will certainly Sail the latter end of *March*, or the beginning of *April*; several other Vessels are likewise preparing for the Transporting the Troops, as well Horse as Foot, designed for *Sicily*. The first instant dyed *Messire Francois de Bonne de Crequi*, Duke of *Dosdignieres*, Governor and Lieutenant General of *Dauphine*. From *Vienna* they write, that Prince *William of Furstemberg* had contracted in his Prison a very dangerous distemper, occasioned, as is believed, as well by a great melancholy, as the strictness of his Keepers.

Whitehall, Jan. 17. His Majesty has been pleased to make this following Alteration in the List of Sheriffs for the Year ensuing.

Suffolk Henry Edgar of Eye Esq;

Advertisements.

UPON the 18 of December last, went from the City of *London*, one *William Scale*, being very large in stature, and fat, about 35 years of age, ruddy complexion, Pockholes in his face, hath taken away a brown bay Stone-Horse, near 15 hands high, he was Coachman to the Countess of *Gowran*. Whoever gives notice of him to the said Countess at *Rowhampton*, or at the Duke of *Ormonds*, shall have three Guineys Reward.

Anthony Dale, alias *Parsons*, between 11 and 12 years of age, smooth brown hair, a large cut down the hinder part of his head, he shews Agility of Body, or Tumbling Tricks, in an old blew Ruff Livery laced with blew, white, and green Lace, a Cap of the same edg'd with white Furr, ran away from the *Golden Fleece* in *Barnstable*, the 5th instant. If any one bring him back to his Master, *Mr Tamblin Harvey*, or secure him, and send word to the *White Balcony* with 100 *Golden Balls* in *Great Suffolk street* near *Charing-crofs*, shall be very well rewarded.