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Madrid, Jan. 27.

**Y**OU have already had an account how his Majesty had upon the representations made to him by several of the Grandees and other eminent Personages, commanded his Highness *Don Juan* of *Austria* to repair forthwith to Court, to take upon him the administration of affairs; and that pursuant to these orders his Highness was come very near to this place, having with him a Body of an Army of 6000 Foot, and 2000 Horse, for the security of his person, as well as the better attaining those publick ends, aimed at by the Nobility, viz. the removal of the Marquis *de Villa Sierra* from Court, whom they accused of great excesses and enormities. The approach of so considerable a Body of Men could not but occasion some disorder here, and the more for that several of the Nobility had even jilted men here in Town, and had fortified their Houses. In the mean time several of the great Officers, which were near his Majesty, humbly advised him to leave the Palace, and to retire to *Buen Retiro*, and that privately without the Queens knowledge, because it was believed her Majesty would have done her utmost to hinder it; accordingly the 14 instant about midnight the King being attended by the Conde *de Telara* and the Duke *de Medina Celi*, went out of the Palace by a private way, and was conducted with three Coaches to the *Retiro*; the next morning the news being spread about Town, that the King was at the *Retiro*, it occasioned a general rejoicing among the people, who flocked thither in multitudes to salute his Majesty with their acclamations. At the same time the King understanding that the Queen his Mother was somewhat disturbed at what had hapned, he sent to visit her, and to desire her to continue in the Palace, most of the Grandees repairing likewise thither, to pay their respects to her Majesty. The 18, the Cardinal *d'Arragon* went to meet *Don Juan*, with whom he had several Conferences; and upon his return hither the 21, represented to his Majesty, that his Highness humbly prayed his Majesty would please to cause the Regiment of Guards to march out of Town, most of the Officers being disaffected to him; accordingly that night the necessary orders were given, and the next morning the said Regiment marched out towards *Catalonia*. All this while the Marquis *de Villa Sierra* was with his Lady and Children at the *Escorial*, seven Leagues from hence, which had since the 17 been in a manner besieged by the Duke *de Medina Sidonia*, and *Don Antonio de Toledo*, eldest son to the Duke *d'Alva*, accompanied with 400 Gentlemen; for the Prior refusing to let them come into the Convent, they made it their business to intercept their Provisions, by that means to compel them to a compliance; at last the Prior being necessitated through want of Victuals, caused the doors to be opened, and a guard being immediately set upon the Marchioness, diligent search was made for the Marquis, who after two days, viz. on the 21 in the morning, having been discovered by a servant belonging to the Convent, was taken in a private place, in one

of the Monks Cells, and conveyed to the Castle at *Roslas*; the Guard at his entreaty was taken off his Lady, and she permitted to come hither. The Goods of the said Marquis were likewise seized, and brought hither, being laden on 16 Wagons, and are valued, that is, in Jewels, Plate, ready Money, Household-Stuff, &c. at several Millions. Of all which his Highness having had an account, left his Troops the 22 in the evening under the command of the Count *de Monterey*, with direction not to come nearer than eight Leagues of this place; and having travelled all night, arrived here the next morning by six a clock, and entering the *Retiro* a back way he went immediately to the Kings Bedside, and after having been with his Majesty about an hour, retired to his own Apartment, where the rest of the day was spent in receiving the visits and compliments of the Grandees, &c. The 25th, the Kings pleasure was signified to the Admiral of *Castile*, who is Master of the Horse, to leave *Madrid* in four days. Several Officers Civil and Military will be changed. The Marchioness *de Villa Sierra* was commanded to depart ten Leagues off, and she is gone to *Toledo*; and the Marquis her Husband is removed to a Castle at *Consuegra*, 18 Leagues from hence. We are told that orders have been given for the arresting several persons of quality; and thus the storm, which threatened us with intestine troubles, is past over us, without the least disturbance; but on the contrary, all people are filled with joy and satisfaction to see his Majesty assisted with the Counsels and Experience of his Highness.

*Copenhagen*, Jan. 26. There is very little at present to advise from hence, unless it be of the preparations that are making for the Campaign, and the news we have that Major-General *Meerheim*, who is quartered at *Christianstadt*, had been out with a strong party, and had done the Swedes much damage. We have at present a great Thaw.

*Ditto*, Febr. 3. We have an account of several advantages obtained by our parties in *Sohonen*, but the most considerable is, of Major General *Merheims* exploit, who went out from *Christianstadt*, and is said to have ruined two Swedish Regiments. The News we had of the Enemies attacking *Landscroon*, was without any ground; and we are now told that part of the Swedish Army is retired into Winter-quarters; and that the King himself is gone to *Gottenburg*, to be present at the Assembly of the States of the Kingdom. The Heer *Tromp* will certainly part hence some time the next week for *Holland*.

*Hamburg*, Febr. 5. The Elector of *Brandenburg*, as our Letters from *Berlin* tell us, is not yet so perfectly well as to be able to appoint the day, on which he will begin his journey to *Wesel*, which cannot now be deferred much longer, seeing the season for the Campaign comes on so fast, which his Electoral Highness means on his part to begin very early; and we have Letters from *Nuremburg* which say, that the *Brandenburg* Troops which were quartered at *Erfurt* and those parts, had received orders to march, in order to their being the 29 instant at their Rendezvous at *Maegdeburg*.

*Vienna*,

**Vienna, Jan. 24.** On Sunday, being the 17 instant, their Imperial Majesties made their publick Entry into this place, with great pomp and magnificence, which was much obscured by the illness of the weather, there having fallen a very great Snow all that day, accompanied with a violent wind. The Sieur *Bevilacqua*, the Popes Nuncio, who is appointed to assist at the Treaty at *Nimeguen*, purposes to begin his journey from hence the 3<sup>d</sup> of the next month. We have advice from *Hungary*, that the Rebels have made an overture to the Imperial Generals, of submitting themselves entirely to the Emperor, provided his Imperial Majesty will please to grant them certain Articles for their future security as well in relation to their persons, as to the free exercise of their Religion; which is a piece of news that extremely pleases this Court, for that the Emperor will be thereby eased of the great charges he would otherwise be forced to be at in keeping an Army in *Hungary*, and will be able to act the more vigorously in the present War, being freed from so considerable a diversion, which it was feared the Rebels would have given us this next summer. The confirmation of this News will be very acceptable.

**Mexico, Febr. 1.** From *Lauterne* we have Letters of the 24 past, which advise, that the Count *de Bissy* with 500 Foot and 400 Horse, had made a great ravage in the Baillage of *Gräubacke*, and besides had burnt seven or eight Villages in the Duchy of *Deuxponts*; that 500 French Horse more, who came from *Cassel*, had burnt *Weilzbach* in the Baillage of *Lauterne*, and from thence continued their march to *Rodenback*. The French were according to these advices preparing their Mines at *Deuxponts*, intending to quit the same in few days.

**Cologne, Febr. 2.** The Letters we received by the last Ordinary from *Vienna* gave an account, that the Rebels of *Hungary* had offered to submit themselves to the Emperor, upon certain conditions, which it was said his Imperial Majesty was willing to grant; which is looked upon as a piece of news, of great importance. From *Strasbourg* of the 29 past they write, that the French will wholly abandon *Hagenau*, having deserted the entire demolishing of that place, at the instance of the Officers of the Bishop of *Strasbourg*, till farther orders came from *France*. From *Estingen*, where is the Imperial head quarter, they write, that orders had been sent to several Regiments to pass the *Rhine*, to oppose the Enemy, who have burnt many Villages between *Philipsburg* and *Hagenau*.

**Dizzo, Febr. 9.** On Saturday last arrived here the Sieur *Stractman*, third Ambassador of his Imperial Majesty for the Treaty at *Nimeguen*, whither he will continue his journey to-morrow. The Duke of *Newburg* will be suddenly in these parts, expecting only before he begins his journey this way, to have a meeting with the Elector of *Bavaria*.

**Brussels, Febr. 9.** On Monday last arrived here Count *Waldeck*, accompanied with Mr *Dickfeld*, the Dutch Envoy, and having had several Conferences with his Excellency Count *Waldeck*, returned towards *Holland* yesterday in the afternoon. Four of the eight Regiments, which the Prince of *Orange* sends to our assistance, are already passed by *Antwerp*, and the other four will arrive there to-morrow or next day. The French Troops still continue at *Nivelle*, *Enghien*, &c. And from *Ipres* we have an account, that the French make great preparations on that side, which in all appearance is intended for the Siege of *S. Omer*. From *Spain* we have Letters by the way of *France*, which say, that

*Don Juan* was arriv'd at *Madrid*, and had taken upon him the administration of affairs; and that the Marquis *de Villa Sierra* was made Prisoner, and alie he had seized.

**Hague, Febr. 12.** Yesterday Count *Waldeck* returned hither from *Brussels*, where he had concerted several matters with the Duke of *Vil'a Herm* s<sup>r</sup> Governor of the Spanish Netherlands. According to our last advices from those parts, things there seem not in so bad a condition as our former told us; for on the one hand, the hard Winter we have will hinder the French from beginning the Campagne so soon as perhaps they otherwise intended; and on the other, the Duke *de Villa Hermosa* has so well taken care to provide all the places upon which the Enemy seem to have any eyes, with sufficient Garrisons, that we doubt not but the Enemy will find work enough whenever they attack any of them; and that the Prince of *Orange* will have sufficient time enough to come to their relief. We are told that his Highness has appointed a general review of his Forces on the 13 of *March*, when which is done, they will immediately march to the place of Rendezvous. Preparation is making for his Highnesses journey to *Wesel*, to meet the Elector of *Brandenburg* there, and it is reported as if the Duke of *Zell* and the Bishop of *Munster*, would likewise be there, in order to the taking the necessary resolutions in relation to the approaching Campagne.

**Portsmouth, Febr. 1.** Yesterday returned to the Isle of *Wight* four Dutch Men of War of the Sieur *Almond*'s Squadron, which lately sailed from hence, having met with so much Ice upon their own Coasts, that they could not get into any Port, they lost most of their Cables and Ankors, and fear one of their Companions is cast away; but the Sieur *Almond* with the rest are got into the *Tuzel*. This was the Squadron that was employ'd in *Singly*, for the service of the Spaniards.

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Lost upon Monday night, the 5<sup>th</sup> instant, betwixt *Charing-cross* and *Whitehall*, one silver Watch, with a silver Case; it hath two Motions, the hour of the day, and the day of the Month. If any one can bring tydings to Mr *Thomas Richards* at Sir *Joseph Williamson*'s Office in *Whitehall*, shall have 30 s. Reward.

These are to give Notice to the two Brethren *Ambrose* and *Adam Hills*, that there is left to each of them by their Grandmother, an House and Close with the Appurtenances; And if they come to Mr *Simon Watson* at *Caton* by *Cambridge*, and make proof by sufficient testimony or circumstances, that they be the persons intended, he will inform them where the said Houses and Lands be, and who be their Tenants, and put them into present possession of the Rents; which Estate and Rents in case these do not appear, are to go to their next Heir at Common Law, whose residence and place of abode is better known to the said Mr *Watson*.