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Bridlington, October 15.

Yesterday, at 12 of the Clock, begun a very great Storm, as hath not been known in many years, which lasted till 3 with great violence. There were about twenty Sail of light Ships at Anchor in this Bay; several of them were driven from their Anchors, and one forced ashore two Miles to the Southward of this place, where she was broken in pieces, though the Men were all saved.

Naples, Sept. 28. From Reggio we have Letters which inform us, that the 12th instant the French Fleet returned to Messina, their Land Forces being retired to Taormina, and the neighbouring Places; the cause of this sudden Retreat is said to be the discovery made by the Governor of Siracusa of the intelligence the French had within that City, before which their Fleet lay several days, firing a great many Guns into the Town, which was not wanting to answer them; and we are told that two or three of the French Men of War received considerable damage thereby. At Messina sixteen Gallies and ten Men of War are preparing to return to Thouron, to fetch a fresh Supply of Provisions from thence, of which, as they tell us, they begin to be in some scarcity at Messina.

Vicenna, Octob. 10. Their Imperial Majesties continue at Luxemburg, from whence they go to morrow to Newstadt, and are expected here against the Feast of Theresa. It is said that a considerable Sum of Money is remitted hither from Spain, for the making of Levies against Spring. From Caschau in Hungary we have an account, that above an hundred Officers lay sick there, and among others, General Schmits and Count Palfi.

Copenhagen, Octob. 12. The last account we have from Sthenca is, that the King of Sweden having only withdrawn his Troops from Christianstad, to amuse us, was returned thither again, and had closely blocked up the place, having sent part of his Army towards Norway, to be employed against the Sieur Guldensien. Our great Ships come daily home to be laid up; but the Sieur Fuels continues with a Squadron of the lightest Ships upon the Coast of Sweden, giving a great alarm to all the Maritime Countreys. We have advice that our King arrived on Thursday last on the Isle of Rugen, and that his Forces consisted in 8 or 9000 men, which exceeded those of Count Coningsmarke in number. The Queen has been extrem ill these few days past, insomuch that it was thought fit to send an Express to the King to give him an account of it. This morning sailed a Dutch Fleet of Merchant Ships, bound for Holland. We just now hear that Admiral Fuels is come with his Fleet into the Sound.

Stralsund, Sept. 30. Nothing of moment passes in the Isle of Rugen, the Danes continuing close in their Retrenchments. The 28 instant the Count Coningsmarke marched all night, to see if the Enemy might be attacked on the side of the Sea, but it was found impossible to march in the night with the Cavalry over the Downes, where there is no beaten way. Yesterday we received certain advice from Wolgast and An-

clam, that the Elector of Brandenburg had assisted the King of Denmark with 1400 Horse, and that the King in exchange, furnishes his Electoral Highness with the like number of Foot. In the mean time the Count Coningsmarke fortifies the Fort called New Scans. Yesterday the said Count received Letters from Stetin, which give an account of the great Union there is between the Burghers and the Garison, of considerable advantages by them gained in several Sallies they had made, and of several brave Officers both of Horse and Foot having been killed. The Burghers in the said Letters pray Count Coningsmarke to let them know the certainty as to the Succor they are to expect from the Army in Livonia, assuring him, that whatever advice they receive from him concerning it; they will now change the resolution they have taken to defend the place to the last extremity; and that having lost their Churches, Houses, and Goods, which are ruined and destroyed by the Enemies Cannon and Bombes, they will not be sparing of their Persons in the defence of the place; adding, That if they were assured of Relief, they would, the more to harass the Enemy and ruine their Army, make vigorous Sallies, which they had of late forbore to manage the Garison in, it being very much weakened; but if not, they would for the same reason continue to forbear them. The Count Coningsmarke sent back the same day the Person that brought those advices, with such Letters as he had received from the King of Sweden, and from Livonia; which will certainly give great encouragement to the Besieged, who have hitherto given so great an example of Constancy and Fidelity to their Prince in the vigorous defence they have made.

From the Camp before Stetin, Octob. 15. Since our last of the 8th instant, we have been busied in laying a Gallery over the Ditch, and to pass the same, which we have not as yet been able to accomplish, through the great resistance of the Besieged. This morning we sprung a Mine under a Ravelin near the Holy Ghost Gate, which did considerable execution. The ill weather comes on apace, and very much incommodes us; but we hope a short time will put an end to this troublesome Siege.

Hamburg, Octob. 19. The King of Denmark being returned with fresh Troops to Rugen, and having in all an Army of 10 or 11000 Men; it seems the Count Coningsmarke having held a Council of War, resolved to yield to the force of the Enemy, and to quit the said Isle, as he accordingly did, leaving only a strong Garison in the Fort called the Fehr Scans, and passed over to Stralsund, near which place he was encamped when our last Letters came from thence. There are Letters which speak as if Count Coningsmarke had not quitted Rugen, but in order to execute some design of importance which he had in hand; what it is we must leave to time to discover. The ill weather begins to make the Siege of Stetin more troublesome than heretofore. The Lunenburgs are advanced the farthest on their side; the Letters from the Camp of the 15th said, that they had prepared their Galaty to pass the Ditch, and that