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Pendennis, Nov. 18.

ON Friday last, the wind being at N. W. the Fleet bound for France sailed out of this Harbor. Here is detained a French Privateer, and her Sails are brought ashore, but hitherto no Complaints are brought against him.

Falmouth, Nov. 19 The 16 instant sailed from hence about forty Sail of Merchantmen bound for several Ports in France, the wind at N. W. the weather for these 14 dayes past hath been very stormy, we fear we shall hear of much harm done at Sea. We have an account of an English Vessel, laden with Sugars from the *Barbadoes*, being cast away near *Scilly*, all the men and most of the Goods being saved. The 13 instant a French ship laden with Sugars from *Martenico*, was cast away near *Paafou*, all the Men and most of the Goods being likewise saved. This day is come in the *James* Frigate of London. *Solomon Blackloch* Commander, from *Carolina*, with some other small Vessels from London; the wind is at present at N. E.

Truroe, Nov. 19. Two days since was cast away within ten miles of this place a Flyboat of 150 Tun, and 13 Men, who were all saved; they say the Vessel belonged to *Raucin* in France, and was laden with Sugar, which is most spoiled.

Plymouth, Nov. 20. This afternoon came into this Port two Dutch Privateers, mounted with 14 and 20 Guns each.

Venice, Nov. 12. This State hath forbid all Trade and Commerce with *Dalmatia*, for that the Plague rages very violently in that Countrey, so that several Vessels which were on their way thither are turned back. By a Vessel arrived from *Naples* we have an account, that nothing of moment passes in those Parts; That the French Men of War designed to winter at *Thoulon*, were sailed from *Messina*, and that it was believed nothing of moment would be undertaken in *Sicily* during this Winter, but that both Parties would make all the preparation they could possibly, for the beginning the next Campaign very early.

Copenhagen, Nov. 20. The 18 instant the King, accompanied with the Duke of *Croy*, passed over to *Landskrona*, to give the necessary Orders about several matters there. The Duke *de Croy* is to remain Governor of the place in the room of the Heer *Hoffelen*, who is indisposed. The Heer *Guldenhies*, Viceroy of *Norway*, is expected here in few dayes, as is also the Duke of *Holftein Ploen*, and then a great Council of War will be held. We know nothing at present of the *Suedish* affairs.

From the Camp before Steirn, Nov. 22. Nothing of moment has hapned since our last, save that yesterday the Besieged made 2 Sallys, but were presently driven in again. We are preparing several Mines under the walls of the Town, and it is said that so soon as the *Danish* Auxiliary Troops arrive, we shall make a general Assault. Within these three dayes eight Deserters are come out of the Town, who tell us, that the Garrison still consists in between 1 and 600 men, and that the Burghers continue to flatter themselves with an expecta-

tion of relief. They add, that there was yesterday a great quarrel in the Town between the Soldiers and the Burghers, and that several were killed on both sides, from which misunderstanding we hope to draw an advantage. In the Isle of *Rügen* the *Danes* continue to be employed in their attacks upon the *Fris-Scans*, which in it self is very strong, and made much more so by the rainy weather, which makes it very difficult for the Besiegers to make their approaches, the said Fort being situated in a wet and marshy ground.

Strasburg, Nov. 24. In our last we gave you an account of the Surrender of *Friburg*, of which we have now these particulars; That the *Marschal de Crequi* being resolved to make a speedy end of the Siege, had caused a great Battery to be raised, in order to the making a breach in the walls of the Town; which having been done accordingly, an assault was made, in which the *French* were repulsed with considerable loss; but the Besieged perceiving that the Enemy were coming on with new force and vigor, and despairing of being able to defend the place, sent a Trumpet to the *Marschal de Crequi*, to demand Conditions; who answered, That he would not grant any, unless they would Treat as well for the Surrender of the Castle, as of the Town: To which the Governor being unwilling to expose the Town and its Inhabitants to the last extremity, consented, and obtained Articles to march out with Bag and Baggage, two pieces of Cannon, &c. Since which, the *French* have possessed themselves of *Markirke*, which was surrendered to them upon the first Summons; and are at present besieging the Castle of *Hoogburg*, the residence of the *Marquis of Bieden Durlach*; when that is in their hands, they will be sole Masters of the Countrey of *Brisgow*: *Basel* and *Rhinfeldt* are not without their fears, that the *French* will look towards them. We cannot certainly say where the Duke of *Lorraine* is at present, but we know that wheresoever he be, he is not in a condition to make head against the *French*, who exceed him in number, for a great many of the Imperial Regiments were gone from the Army towards their Winter-quarters, before the News was brought to the Duke of *Lorraine* of the Siege of *Friburg*. On the other hand we have advice, that the *French* besiege *Sarbrucke*.

Framfort, Nov. 24. We had thought the Season would have put an end to the Campaign, and have left the Parties at leisure to prepare for another; but on the contrary the Enemy makes Conquests of great importance, having already possessed themselves of *Friburg* and *Markirke*, as they will in all likelihood be in few dayes of the Castle of *Hoogburg*, after which there is nothing in the Countrey of *Brisgow* that can make the least resistance. The Duke of *Lorraine*, that he might do what lay in him to secure that Countrey, marched with what Troops were not yet gone into their Winter-quarters, but he came too late to relieve *Friburg*; and besides we are told, that if he had not, the *French* would have been too strong for him. His Highness has sent an Express to *Vienna*, to inform the Emperor of all matters, and to pray his Imperial Majesties directions upon them.