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Tangier, Octob 16.

**T**HE *Woolwich*, the *Portland*, the *Assurance* and the *Sapphire* Frigats, as they were Cruising, met the other day to the Westward of *Cape Spartel* with 7 *Turks* Men of War, to whom they gave Chace, but could not get up to them; the *Sapphire* out-sailing the rest gained upon one of the Rearmost ships of the *Turks* mounted with 40 Guns, and 400 men, and coming up with her, was engaged with her several hours, but th Night approaching, the *Algieria* stood away towards the *Spanish* Coast, where, the Wind blowing very hard upon the Shore, it is believed she may be stranded.

*Ditto*, Nov. 22. Sir *John Narborough* is sailed with the Men of War under his Command for *Argiers*.

*Naples*, Novemb. 2. The Provisions are not at all plentiful at *Messina*, as the Advices we receive from those Parts assure us; and besides there is a Sickness among the *French* Soldiers, so that many dye. It is added that the last Convoy which arrived at *Messina*, did not bring Provisions proportionable to the necessities they were in.

*Genova*, Nov. 17. We are told that the Most Christian King has resolved to employ his Arms this next Campagne against the *Spaniards* in *Milan*, and that the Duke of *Savoy* will assist him therein. Last Night arrived here the *Concord*, *John Towles* Master, from *England*. The *Algierins*, we hear, upon the advice they had that Sir *John Narborough* has taken several of their ships, have resolved to do the like on their part; that is, to take all they meet with belonging to the *English*.

*Ditto*, Nov. 24. The 20th instant arrived the *Prudence*, *Nathaniel Beckett* Master, from *Legorn*. This day is come in the *Fountain*, *John Warren* Master, from *Rotterdam*; and the *Golden Fleeca*, *Richard May*, from *Lisbon*. We are told that 2000 *French* are come to *Aste*, part of those Troops designed for the carrying the War into *Asian* the next Campagne.

*Madrid*, Nov. 18. On the 17 instant the Duke de *Veraguas* took possession of the Command of Captain General of *Galicia*, formerly possessed by the *Maqui de Falces*, who is appointed to go Ambassador from this Crown to the Emperor. On the 25, Signior *Geranimo Zeno* Ambassador from the Republick of *Venice*, parted hence, to make room for his Successor Signior *Frederico Cornaro*. The States of *Arragon* (where *Don Pedro d'Arragon* presides on the part of the King) are at present assembled, they have made several wholesome Establishments for that Kingdom, and have resolved to raise and entertain a Regiment of 1500 Foot at their Expences for 50 years. On the 3d instant the King returned from the *Escorial*; the 6th being the Anniversary of his Birth, the Court appeared full of splendor. On the 8th there was a Bull Feast in the *Placa Mayor*, in which, besides some inferior persons on foot, two Gentlemen that fought with the Bull on Horse-back, were desperately wounded. On the 20th of *September* an Order was published, that within 15 dayes all the

*French* residing here, should Register themselves before a publick Officer, and that they, except such a were of servile and mechanic Professions, should depart out of *Madrid*, and 12 Leagues distance from it, taking Passports to the places whither they should remove, without carrying any sort of Arms or Travelling above three or four in a Company; that as for such who should pretend to remain here as being Naturalized, or for any other reason, they should within 15 dayes present themselves to the Council of *Castile*, which a great many accordingly did, and presented to the said Council their Parents for Naturalization, under the confidence and security whereof, many of them were married to *Spanish* Wome, and had settled their Families here; but the Council being perplexed with the variety of such Preferences on the 3d instant, a new Order was published in confirmation of the abovementioned, adding some circumstances for the better declaration of his Majesties pleasure, and extending both the Orders to all the *French* residing in these Kingdoms, even such as had armed themselves with Patents of Naturalization, viz. That whatever *Frenchman* that shall remain here, shall not be permitted to exercise any Trade or Commerce in any sort of Merchandize whatsoever; and that those that shall choose to return to their own Countrey, shall be allowed the remainder of this year 1677, to carry out their Effects. The *Portugurce* Armada returned to *Lisbon* from the *Mediterranean*, about the beginning of the last month: On the 18th of the same, departed out of that River four ships, having at least 2000 persons, Men, Women and Children on Board, to plant a new Colony at *Coambo* near *Mazambique* in *Africa* over against *Madagascar*; they expect to find great store of Gold there.

*Rosstock*, Nov. 24. The Besieged in *Stetin* defend themselves to admiration, nothing is able to lessen their courage and resolution, and according to all appearance the Elector of *Brandenburg* will be obliged to raise the Siege. The *Suedes* in the *Fehm-Seans* in the Isle of *Rugen*, likewise defend themselves very well. It is said the *Danes* intend to attack the Fort which Count *Coningsmark* has raised on this side, and that in order thereunto they stop all the Vessels they can meet with.

*Ditto*. The Siege of *Stetin* seems yet to require time to end it, the Besieged remain obstinate, not to give ear to any overtures for a Capitulation; and on the other hand the Elector of *Brandenburg* is resolved not to quit the Siege, though he should be forced to continue it the whole Winter. Passengers come from the Camp, report that his Electoral Highness has not at present above 10000 Foot there, and that the Cavalry especially is in a very ill condition. In *Rugen* the *Danes* seem to despair being able to take the *Fehm-Seans*, till *Stetin* be in the hands of his Electoral Highness.

*Brussels*, Nov. 29. His Excellency the Duke de *Villa Hermosi* continues at *Ghaunt*, where he hath received the Complaints that have been made to him of the Ex-tortions committed by several *Spanish* Officers upon the Countrey people, in which his Excellency is resolved

to do them justice, and for that reason hath caused a strict Examination to be made, in order to the punishment of those that are found culpable. We hear no farther of the Plot for the delivering *St. Ghislain* to the *French*, save that nothing can be proved against those persons that were arrested, and sent to *Mons* upon that account. There has been a great discourse in Town this day, that several *French* Troops are marched towards *Ipres*, and that they have closely blockt it up.

*Ditto*, Decemb. 3. Yesterday arrived here an Express from *Mons*, who brought advice that the *French* had besieged *St. Ghislain* the day before; that they had laid two Bridges over the River, had posted themselves betwixt the Redoubt and the Town; that on Wednesday Night their Cannon, &c. arrived in the Camp, being brought by water from *Conde*; that they had planted six pieces of Cannon upon the Dyke, which goes from *St. Ghislain* to *Mons*; that they make no Lines about the place, reckoning to be Masters of it by Sunday next. At the same time we are told that the Count *de Montal* is drawing together the Troops between the *Sambre* and the *Muse*, and that the Troops of the Kings Household are on their march. We cannot yet tell whether our Governor will make any attempt to relieve *St. Ghislain*, but it is said, that it will be impossible for us to draw any considerable Body into the Field, except the same provision were made for their subsistence, as is for the *French*, by erecting Magazines in several places, from whence an Army might be supplied with Forage and other Provisions, which are not at this time of the year to be found in the Field. *Ipres* is in a manner blocked up, for the *French* have put strong Garrisons into *Furnes*, *Montassel*, and other places round it. The *Sieur Calvo*, Governor of *Maestricht*, has besieged the Castle of *Bremont* near *Liege*, which he did so unexpectedly, that he invested it, while the Governor of it was at *Liege*; the Garrison consists in two Companies of Major General *Spain's* Troops. From *Metz* they write, that the *French* make great preparations on that side, and that the *Imperialists* have quitted *Sarbruck* and the other Posts they had upon the *Saar*. The *Mareschal de Crequi* is going to put his Troops into Winter-quarters.

*Ditto*, Decemb. 7. His Excellency the Duke *de Villa Hermosa* returned hither on Saturday Night from *Ghaunt*, in his way consulted with Count *Waldeck* at *Malines*, about succouring of *St. Ghislain*; which being resolved upon, Orders were sent to Monsieur *Louvigny* to march with the *Osabrug* Troops, to be at the General Rendezvous appointed to morrow betwixt this place and *Hall*; Count *Waldeck* at the same time dispersed Orders to all his Highnesses the Prince of *Oranges* Army, to march towards the said Rendezvous, depending upon his Excellencies promise and care for all sorts of Provision for the Army. The Foot and Horse carry with them five dayes Bread, and the Horsemen Oats for their Horses for the same time, which hath been this day delivered out to them, and they will have five dayes more upon their march. The last account we had from *St. Ghislain*, was written from *Mons* yesterday morning, which said the Enemy began their Attacks the Evening before in three places; that they had taken one of the Redoubts upon the Dyke towards *Mons*, and that those within had abandoned another; that they played very furiously with their Cannon and Musquets all Night, and they have been heard all yester-night, and this Night past, but with what success we know not. This morning Count *Waldeck* and Monsieur *Louvigny* came hither, and their Troops have been marching this day through and on both sides this Town towards their Rendezvous. This day his Excellency called the Generals

to a Council of War, where they have concerted all things relating to their march; to morrow Night the Army will encamp on the other side of *Hall*, betwixt *Limbec* and *Tubise*, from whence they will direct their march, according to the Advices they shall receive of the Enemies motion. A Peasant is come this day from the Camp before *St. Ghislain*, which he left last night, and gives an account that the Enemy pursued the Siege with great vigor, that they had turned the course of the River betwixt *Mons* and *St. Ghislain*, had laid all under Water towards *Harchies*, cut down the Woods, made large Trenches cross the ways, and barricadoed all the passages, so that we fear it will be a hard matter to relieve the place. The Governor of it is counted a brave resolute man, who has been in several Sieges.

*Paris*, Decemb. 4. The 30 past the Kings Troops invested *St. Ghislain* near *Mons*, and the next day the *Mareschal d'Humieres*, who commands the Siege, arrived with the Count *de Nancro*, Governor of *Aeth*, in the Camp. The Letters we receive from *Alsace* are of the 28th past, they tell us, that the *Mareschal de Craqui* was going to put his Troops into their Winter quarters. From *Stilly* we have an account, that our Troops there were very much weakened with sickness.

*Ditto*, Decemb. 8. Our Letters from *Flanders* say, the Siege of *St. Ghislain* advances very successfully; that the Besiegers had taken a Redoubt, which lies at some distance from the Town, and is of great use to them.

Whitehall, Decemb. 1. Their Highnesses the Prince and Princess of *Orange*, after having been for several dayes detained on this side by the contrary Winds, safely arrived on Thursday last in *Holland*, as His Majesty is informed by Captain *Lovell*, Commander of the *Catherine Tacht*, one of those that attended their Highnesses, who came up this Evening.

These two Alterations have been made in the Sheriffs.

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Surrey	Thomas Newton of Stoke Esq;

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Went away *Novemb. 29.* from his Master *Will. Hokey* a short man, aged about 21 or 22, his hair short and yellowish, an old dark-coloured serge Coat, a gray Doublet with pewter Buttons having on Boots, and Spurs inlaid with silver, and a Meal-sack, took away a gray Nag about 14 hands high, paces slow, thick headed, hard mouthed, and thin behind. Whoever gives notice either of the said Man or Horse to Mr. *Edward Gray* of *Windfor* in *Essex*, or to Mr. *Tanton* at the *Mermaid* in *Carter-lane*, *London*, shall have 20 s. Reward.

S Tolen or strayed out of *Robert Lees* Ground, a black brown Nag with a brown muzzle, some white in his forehead, inclining to one side, shorn mane, cut tail, all his paces. Whoever gives notice of the said Nag to *Thomas Smith*, one of His Majesties Messengers, in *Aier-street* in *Piccadilly*, shall have 20 s. Reward.