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Dublin, Novemb. 21.

**T**HE first Notice of His Majesties Gracious Intentions of a Marriage between the Lady Mary and the Prince of Orange, came hither on the 5th of this Month, while we were, according to Custom, solemnizing the memory of that day. But the last Saturdays Paquet having brought us an Account of the Consummation of the said Marriage, it filled this place with an extraordinary Joy, and on Monday last his Grace the Duke of Ormond Lord Lieutenant of this Kingdom, and all the Nobility and Gentry in Town, met in great splendor at the Play, where there passed a general Inivision of all the Company, to spend that evening at the Castle. And while the Streets were everywhere filled with Bouffres, the Bells ringing, and all the great Guns of the City firing round, at the Castle there was Musick and Dancing. (The Ball being ended) there was provided in the long Gallery a magnificent Banquet for the whole Company, who parted not till two a Clock in the morning. And to morrow we shall repeat our Joy, with like Solemnities, for the welcome News of the birth of the Duke of Cambridge.

Naples, Novemb. 16. We hear not of any action in Sicily, the season making a kind of Truce. The Spanish Gallies, and those of this Kingdom, are on their way hither from Palermo, being to winter here. One of the said Gallies, who brought the Marquis de Bayonne, arrived some days since, who in her Voyage fell in the night in with a Squadron of 13 French of Men of War, who were returning to Thoulon.

Vienna, Nov. 21. The Rebels demand a Ransom of 25000 Crowns for the liberty of Colonel Boyer, of whose defeat and being taken prisoner you have already had an account (in that action 350 were killed, and about the same number taken prisoners) and if that Sum be not paid very suddenly, they threaten to put him to death, and even to that cruel one of being empaled. Count Harach, Ambassador from the Emperor is arrived here. The news we have from Germany does not at all please us.

Copenhagen, Nov. 30. Last night arrived here an Express, who brought Letters from the Governor of Christianstadt, giving an account, that the Swedes had formed a design to surprize the place on St. Martins Night, when they believed they within would be taken up with the usual merriments and entertainments of that day; that accordingly they approached the Town with a considerable Body of Horse and Foot; which the Governor having notice of, he sent out a good party, with orders to take the advantage that should be offered of falling upon the Enemy, who being approached neay to the great Bridge, they were so warmly saluted by the Cannon which the Governor had purposely placed, that they were forced to retire in some disorder. In their retreat the Party abovementioned did very much gaul them, and besides, another small Body of

Dragoons were sent out, who, it's said, did considerable execution upon the Enemy; the particulars of their loss we do not as yet know. The last account we had from the Isle of Rugen was, that there was no likelihood of our Troops making themselves Masters of the Fehr Scant, which defends it self well.

Straelfond, Nov. 30. Here are several in Town, who came lately from Stezin, they all report that the Besieged defend themselves very well, and that they are resolved to expect a general Assault, which they believed the Elector would now make, having received a Succor of 2000 Danes. On the 24th instant 300 of the Besieged made a Sally, and surprized a small Man of War or Gally which lay in the Oder, the Captain happened to be killed, and the men, being twenty four, were carried into the Town. We are told that the Army of the Elector of Brandenburg is lessened by 7000 men, since he set down before Stezin; and at the same time, much is spoken of the constancy of the Soldiers, who endure the hardships of so long a Siege, and all the incommodities of the season with great patience and resolution. The Danes in the Isle of Rugen, finding they could do no good upon the Fehr Scant, have quitted the Siege, and are removed at a pretty distance from it.

Hamburg, Decemb. 3. Our last Letters from the Camp before Stezin are of the 29 past, they tell us, that the Frost did very much incommode the Besiegers, that the Besieged had made so many Retrenchments within the Town, and had so well fortified several houses which they had filled with Earth, that in all likelihood it would yet require time to take the place; part of the Danish Succors were arrived in the Camp, and the rest daily expected.

Strasburg, Nov. 29. The Marechal de Crequi has caused a Bridge to be laid over the Rhine at Ormsheim, which will be finished to morrow, and then his Troops designed to winter in the Franche Comte will pass it. Those that are to have their quarters in Alsace, will pass the Rhine at Brisac. The Imperial Army continues at Elzach, where several of those Regiments that were already gone into their Winter-quarters, are to rejoin it.

Ditto, Decemb. 3. The French, as we are told, had a design to have surprized Willingen, but the Duke of Lorraine having got notice of it, put a good Garrison into the place, and besides, the Boreg of the Neighborhood put themselves in Arms, so that the French gave over the Enterprize; and this day we understand, that they have passed the Rhine in order to their going into their Winter-quarters, but they give out they will be in the Field again by the middle of January.

Brassels, Decemb. 7. You have been told that the Governor of Macbriht had besieged the Castle of Bremon near Liege, the besieged made no resistance, but presently capitulated to surrender the place, they marching out without Arms. Since which the Sieur Calvo is again abroad with 2000 Horse, and, it is believed, his design may be upon Sittard. The Duke of Neuburg

burg we hear is gone to *Fuliers*, where he has desired General *Wendel*, who commands the *Munster* Troops, Lieutenant General *Speyer*, in the service of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, and Major-General *Webbema*, in the service of the States General, to meet him, to consult about matters of importance relating to the common interest of the Confederates. Those Generals are accordingly gone thither, except the last, who has excused himself, for that he is obliged to attend the motions of the Governor of *Maastricht*. Our Troops are marching, as we told you in our last, in order to the relief of *St. Ghislain*; when they are all together, they will consist in 42 Battalions of Foot (though these Battalions are but small) and 80 Squadrons of Horse, of which many Officers, who are absent, to make Recruits, or upon other occasions, will now be very much wanted. Last night arrived the Spanish Courier, who brought our Governor a supply of 100000 Crowns; but greater Sums are wanted in order to the making the necessary preparations for the approaching Campaign.

*Hague, Decemb. 7.* Upon advice the States have received that *St. Ghislain* is besieged by the French, all their Cavalry is ordered to march, and their General the Count de *Nassau* is parted from hence in great diligence to command them. The States have caused a Placet to be published, giving notice that the Most Christian King has revoked the liberty he had granted for a free Fishery.

*Ditto, Decemb. 10.* It was with great satisfaction, after having with so much impatience expected the arrival of their Highnesses, that we received an account, that their Highnesses, who sailed from *Margate* the day before in his Majesty's Yatches, attended by several English as well as Dutch Men of War, safely landed yesterday about two in the afternoon, at a Village called *Ter-Heide*, the Ice hindring their entrance into the *Maes*, and from thence went directly to *Houlaerdike*, whither the States General immediately sent their Hof-Meester the Sieur *Dinter* to complement their Highnesses, and to know of them when it would be seasonable to repeat the same in a more formal manner by a solemn Deputation out of their Body, as well from the Council of State; as the other supreme Colledges. On Monday next it is expected their Highnesses will come thither, against which time great preparation is making of Fireworks, by which will be represented several Figures, as that of a Drake, a Lion, a *St. George* on Horseback, Fountains, Pyramids, Flower Pots, Castles, Triumphal Chariots, *Jupiter* and *Mars* descending out of the Air, &c. and in all the Streets will be put up a great number of Pitch-barrils to make Bonfires, &c. The Letters we receive from *Antwerp*, dated yesterday say, That the day before, about eight in the morning, the Duke de *Villa Hermosa* parted from *Brussels*, to put himself at the head of the Army, which had its Rendezvous on the other side of *Hall*, and to march to the relief *St. Ghislain*, which the French attacked with great fury. It was said at *Antwerp* that they had made two Assaults upon the place, and were as often repulsed with great loss; but it is with more certainty that they tell us, that they had heard very great shooting all Tuesday and Wednesday night; that the Besiegers batter the place with 30 pieces of Cannon planted upon three Batteries; that they had indeed taken one Redoubt, but that there remained another of far greater importance, which they had not yet made themselves Masters of. All our advices

from *Hamburg* say, that *Stetin* is like to hold out yet some time.

*Ditto.* Last night we had an account that their Highnesses were safely arrived at *Honauer*, having landed at *Ter-Heide*, upon which the Cannon planted upon the *Viverberg*, being 31 pieces, were thrice discharged; and the Bells rung all the evening with other publick expressions of the satisfaction which this news occasioned. The States General, and the Council of State, have ordered their Compliments and Congratulations to be made to their Highnesses in the manner that may best demonstrate the satisfaction they have in their marriage, and their esteem and respect to their Persons. The Deputies of the respective Admiralties continue to have several Conferences with those of the State, concerning the Equipage designed for the *Mediterranean*.

*Paris, Decemb. 11.* The Marschal d' *Humieres* presses the Siege of *St. Guislain* with great vigor notwithstanding the inclemencies of the season, and according to all appearance will in few days put an end to it. The Confederates have assembled their Forces, and are marching, as they pretend, to relieve the place. From *Alsace* we have an account, that the King's Troops had repassed the *Rhine*, and were gone to their Winter-quarters. The Marschal de *Craqui* will retire to *Nancy* this winter.

*Whitehall, Decemb. 5.* The two Houses of Parliament being met on Monday last at Westminster, pursuant to their last Adjournment, received a Message from His Majesty, That His Majesty having given Notice by His Proclamation, that He intended the Houses should be Adjourned till the 4th of April, had now for weighty Considerations thought fit to meet both Houses sooner, and therefore His Pleasure was, that they should be Adjourned to the 15 of January next. And accordingly the two Houses were Adjourned to the 15 of January next.

#### Advertisements.

Whereas there are several Persons in Arrear to His Majesty for Monies by them received upon the Duty on Proceedings at Law, from the 22d of October 1675. to the 23d of October 1676. This is to give Notice to all such Persons so in Arrear, that they forthwith pay the same unto *Edward Symonds* and *Sammuel Maytwill* Esquires, His Majesties Late Receivers of the Law Duty from the 22d of October 1675. to the 23d of October 1676. following; and to no other persons whatsoever.

**S**olen or strayed out of the Grounds of *Thomas Polhill* Esq; at *Charlton in Kent*, one dapple gray Gelding, high 14 hands high, a little saddle-back, one wall eye, flea bitten about the head and neck, about eight years old. Also a brown bay Gelding, about 14 hands and a half high, strong made, short-bodied, mealy nosed, a little white on his forehead, two feet behind white, and one before, bob-tailed, all his paces very well, seven years old. Whoe ever gives notice of the said Geldings unto *Thomas Polhill* Esq; at *Charlton* aforesaid, or to *Mr. Robert Boulton* Bookseller at the *Turks-head* against the *Royal Exchange*, shall have 50s. Reward.

**L**ost the 29th of November, out of the Grounds of *Mr. Robert Siguel* of *St. Andrew Lambeth* in the County of *Surrey*, a bright bay Gelding about 12 years old, 14 hands and an half high, a star made in his forehead, a black mang, short tail, all his paces. Whoever gives notice of the said Gelding to *Mr. Siguel* aforesaid, or to *Mr. Eeles* at the flying horse in *Thames-street* near *London-bridge*, shall have 40s. Reward.

**S**olen November 26 from *Mr. John Wheeler* of *Minster-Lock* in *Oxfordshire*, a young black Greyhound Dog, with little white spots, a white tip on his tail, one white foot, some white on his breast and between his fore-legs, a cut on his left fore-leg a little above the foot, a skar on his face, and a hurt on the flank. Whoever shall bring him to *Mr. John Wheeler* at *Minster* aforesaid, or to *Mr. Thomas Wheeler* at the *Katherine-wheel* in *Gracechurch-street*, shall have five Pound Reward.