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*Gottenburg, Novemb. 19.*

**A** Bout a fortnight ago Baron *Trost*, Baron *Serabbe*, and other Danish Noblemen, who have Lands and Castles in *Schonen*, and had therefore sworn Allegiance to the King of *Sueden*, having under hand had a Correspondency with the King of *Denmark*, and particularly the latter received a Commission from the King of *Denmark* to command the *Snaaphans* of these Countreys, by whose means it came to pass that almost all our small Parties or Convoys were cut in pices, and that the Roads from one place to another were become very dangerous; but at last perceiving they were discovered, endeavoured under a Convoy of 300 Horse to save themselves and their rich Household-stuff, Plate, and other things, in eighteen great Wagons in *Landscroon*, but being met by 400 Suedish Horse, commanded by the Governor of *Helsingburg*, they so warmly engaged them, that 250 were killed and taken prisoners, and amongst them the said Gentlemen, and their Wagons carried to *Helsingburg*; where the Baron *Serabbe* hath had sentence passed upon him, to be hanged and quartered, and the pieces of his Body to be dispersed here, and there upon the Highways. Admiral *Siohst* parted hence three days ago, to wait upon the King, having been exchanged for Major-General *Duncamp*. The King is expected about a fortnight hence at *Wexie*, to confer with some of the Senate about the Affairs of State, as well as of the War. Four hundred Polish Soldiers are come from *Dantzick* to reinforce the Garison of *Marstrand*.

*Milan, Nov. 24.* Our Governor having by two severall Expresses received advica from *Genova* that 40 French sail of ships had been seen off of that place, his Excellency immediately gave orders that the Cavalry should be put in a readines to march, and that the Garisons on that side should be reinforced. His Excellency has likewise ordered that every Troop of Horse shall be made up ten men, and every Company of Foot twenty men more than they are at present; and we are farther told, that two new Regiments will be forthwith raised.

*Vienna, Decemb. 5.* The States of the *Lower Austria* being assembled here, upon the news of the taking of *Friburg* by the French, resolved to offer his Imperial Majesty the best Man within this Country, which having been accepted, they have proceeded to nominate the Officers that are to command them, and the place for their Rendezvous. And besides we are told, that severall persons of quality have offered to raise Regiments at their own charge. In *Hungary* the Rebels proceed with great severity against such prisoners as they happen to take. They are said to be 60000 strong. On Monday last arrived here Lieutenant-Colonel *Schmidt* from the Army on the *Rhine*, being sent by the Duke of *Lorraine* to give the Emperor an account of the condition those Troops are at present in.

From the Elector of Brandenburg's Camp before *Stetin*, Dec. 10. We have an present not much to

write, all we can tell you is, that we are now lodged upon the Wall, where we posted our selves, notwithstanding considerable loss, for the Besieged make a great defence. The weather very much incommodes us; we reckon we are still 14000 strong; the Soldiers are not disheartned with the tediousness and difficulties they have rencountred with in this Siege, but are willing to endure yet more to put an honourable end to it. His Electoral Highness has caused little Deal Houses & Huts to be built to shelter the Soldiers from the extremity of the weather. The deserters that come out of the Town still entertain us with a Relation of the Ruines of the place, and of the miseries the Inhabitants are reduced to, and persuade us that they cannot hold out much longer.

*Rosstock, Decemb. 10.* Our advices from the Camp before *Stetin* say, that the Besiegers had made their Batteries upon the Walls, which they would do great execution; that the Danes Forces were arrived in the Camp from *Rugen* and *Copenhagen*; that the Besieged began to be discouraged, seeing the Relief so long promised them from the Army in *Livonia*, did not yet appear; that the Elector of *Brandenburg* was resolved to put a speedy end to the Siege, and to rest it with all his Force; that preparations were making for a general Assault, which would certainly determine the matter one way or other.

*Hamburg, Dec. 10.* Our last Letters from the Camp before *Stetin* are of the 6th instant, they tell us, that on the 4th at night the Besiegers gained a Post upon the Walls, though with the loss of a great many Men, the Besieged having made three several attempts to beat them out again; that the Lunenburgs on their side were posted upon the Bastion or Bullwork, and that they were in hopes of being Masters of the place in a short time. But at the same time the Letters we receive from all the neighbouring places assure us, that the Besieged are yet in a condition to defend themselves till *March*. The weather does greatly incommod both Parties, especially the Besiegers. In *Sueden* we hear the States are assembled, and have taken severall resolutions suitable to the present exigence.

*Ribnitz, Decemb. 11.* By Passengers come from the Camp before *Stetin*, we are informed, that the Generals themselves know not what to think of the Siege, as to the end it may have. As yet there appears not any disposition in his Electoral Highness to quit the Siege, and if he persevere in it, and that on the other hand the Besieged receive no relief, as they have hitherto little prospect of any, the place must inevitably fall into their hands. The *Suedes* tell us indeed that their Army in *Livonia* will march with the first hard Frost, and fall into *Prussia*; but time must show. We understand that eight ships are arrived at *Rugen*, with Danish Troops, and five more laden with Provisions. However the Danes are retired from before the new *Fehr Scans*, contenting themselves to keep it blockaded up, while in the mean time, the rest of their Troops are quartered at large in several Villages.

*Mertz, Decemb. 8.* This day the French Genfdarm,

that were in *Alsace* pass through this place on their march to *Foul*; we expect here very suddenly the rest of the Troops of *Marechal Cregu's* Army, who are to winter in these parts. They are but few, for the greatest part of that Army will winter in *Brisgow*, *Alsace*, and the *Franch Comte*.

*Strasburg, Decemb. 10.* The 8th instant the Imperial Army decamped and took its march through the Vally of *Knitzig*, four Regiments of Foot, the Light-hoife, and the Guards of the Duke of *Lorrain*; with some other Troops remaining in *Brisgow* and the neighbouring places, to briade the Garrison of *Friburg*. Yesterday the Duke of *Lorrain* arrived at *Offenburg*, where he will this day take a review of seven Regiments that are to remain in Garrison there. So soon as his Highness has given the necessary orders for disposing the Troops into their several Winter quarters, he will take his journey to *Vienna*. The Deputies of the thirteen Cantons being assemb'd at *Basle*, have resolv'd to write to the Emperor and the Most Christian King, to pray them to agree to a certain Project now fram'd by them for the security of the four Forest Cities, *Rhinfeldt*, *Lauffenbourg*, *Sockingen*, and *Waldthut*, as likewise of thofe of *Constance*, *Biegenz*, and *Rutolfzel*; by which Project it is said that the Most Christian King shall not make any attempt upon those places, provided the Imperial Garrisons that are there do keep themselves Neuters, and do not commit any hostility upon the French.

*Metz, Decemb. 12.* Our Elector, as well as the Elector Palatin and the Elector of *Trier*, have resolv'd to fortifie several places within their respective Territories. We are told that 3000 Imperialists are to winter in this City. The Count de *Caprais* is arriv'd with nine Imperial Regiments at *Dachstuhl*, not far from *Prieves*, which are to have their Winter-quarters upon the *Moselle*, to cover *Treves* and *Luxemburg*, one of which its probable the French will attack the next Campaigny and we have reason to believe so, from the great preparations they make at *Metz*.

*Brussels, Decemb. 14.* Our endeavors for the relief of *St. Guislain*, have prov'd very unsuccessful; for our Army came too late, and besides found all the passages so beset by the Enemy, that they could not without great hazard and difficulty, have approach'd the place, which was surrender'd on Friday last; after having suffer'd an Assault of several hours, wherein the Besieg'd defended themselves very well, but the Enemy having gain'd the Rampart, and one of the Gates being broken down, the Governor was oblig'd to capitulate; and obtain'd honourable Conditions, to march out with Arms, Bag, and Baggage, and one piece of Cannon. The Garrison consisted before the Siege in 11 or 1200 men, 400 of which were killed, and 200 wounded, and the rest arriv'd here the last night with their Governor. It is said that the Besieg'd want'd Fire Arms, most of their Muskets being broken by being over heated, and there being no Magazine to supply them with new. His Excellency the Duke de *Villa Hermosa* return'd hither this day, having remanded the Troops to their several quarters, after having reinforced the Garrison of *Mons* with three Battalions of Foot more, and put several pieces of Cannon into the place. The *Mareschal de Humbert* has likewise separated his Troops, having given them orders to be ready to take the Field again in three weeks.

*Ditto, Decemb. 17.* Since his Excellencies return'd hither he hath order'd the Dutch Cavalry, who before had their quarters in the farthest parts of *Brabant*,

to lodge in the Villages between *Antwerp*, *Lier*, *Malins*, and *Herental*, that they may be so much nearer and readier to march in case of an occasion. Count *Waldec*, and the Count de *Nassaw*, are, as we hear, gone towards the *Hague*, to give his Highness the Prince of *Orange* an account of their late march. The Count de *Monial* has drawn together a Body of 6000 men between the *Sambre* and the *Meuse*. We apprehend he may have a design upon *Charlemont*, and the more for that great preparations are making at *Dinant* for some such Enterprize.

*Antwerp, Decemb. 15.* *St. Guislain* is taken, the Enemy having gain'd the Rampart by Assault, the Besiege'd capitulated, and surrender'd the place upon honourable Conditions. The Enemy had turn'd the River, and by that means had drawn the water out of the Ditch, so that they made their Attack with the less difficulty. The Duke de *Villa Hermosa* is return'd to *Brussels*, and all the Troops, as well the French as those of the Confederates, are separated again, and gone into their Winter quarters.

*Hague, Decemb. 17.* The 14 instant their Highnesses the Prince and Princess of *Orange* made their publick entrance into this place, having been received by the Burghers in Arms, with all other honors and respects we were capable to express, and the evening was clos'd with Bonfires and all sort of publick demonstration of joy. The next day the Heer Van *Gheus*, the Heer *Werehdam*, the Heer *Stryn*, the Heer *Odyke*, the Heer *Renswoude*, the Heer *Boosfma*, and others, were to complement their Highnesses in the name of the States General. The same Compliment was some hours after performed by the States of *Holland* in Body. The Letters we receive from *Strasburg* advise us, that the Duke of *Lorrain* having put strong Garrisons into *Dillengen*, *Offenburg*, and other places, was going to repass the *Rhine* with the rest of his Troops, in order to the putting them into Winter-quarters.

*Deal, Decemb. 16.* Yesterday arriv'd in the Downs the *Loyal Subject* from *Baniam*.

*Whitehall, Decemb. 12.* This morning between eleven and twelve died at *St. James's* the young Duke of *Cambridge*, to the unspeakable grief of their Majesties, of their Royal Highnesses, and of the whole Court.

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The Common Interest of King and People: Shewing the Original, Antiquity, and Excellency of Monarchy, compar'd with Aristocracy and Democracy, and particularly of our English Monarchy, &c. By *F. Nalson* Esq. D. Sold by *F. Bawyn* at the *Three Roses* in *Ludgate-Street*.

A Sermon Preached to the Artillery Company at *St. Mary le Bow*, Septemb. 11. 1697. And at their earnest desire published. By *Thomas Paine* D. D. One of His Majesties Chaplains in Ordinary. Sold by *John Baker* at the *Three Pidgeons* in *St. Pauls Church-yard*.

These are to give Notice, That upon Thursday the Twentieth of December instant, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, My Lord Treasurer will be ready at the Treasury Chambers in *Whitehall*, to receive all such Proposals as shall be then offer'd for the Farming of the Duties of Four and half per Cent. of the *Barbadoes* and *Leeward Islands*, together or apart.

Taken from her Chain at *Greenwich* on Saturday night, the first instant, the Horse-Ferry Boat; if any person bring tydings to *Thomas Buckley* one of His Majesties Watermen, at *Greenwich*, or to *John Warner* Master of His Majesties Barges at *Lambeth*, where the said Boat is, or shall bring her to *Greenwich*, he shall be well rewarded. This Boat is to be known from all other Boats, by having two Posts on each side for Horses to go in and out. The Ferry is now provided of another good Boat, where due Attendance shall be given to all Passengers.