

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 Cregui'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 *Lorraine*; with some other Troops remaining in *Brisgow* and the neighbouring places, to briade the Garrison of *Friburg*. Yesterday the Duke of *Lorraine* 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 now winter'd in this City. The Count de *Caprais* is arriv'd with nine Imperial Regiments at *Dachstuhl*, not far from *Prievs*, 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 Campaigne; 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 heard, 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 of Hungary* 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 *Montal* 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 Gheyn*, 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 *Lorraine* 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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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.