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Naples, Nov. 17.

THE last Letters we received from *Palermo*, gave us an account, that the Cardinal de *Porto Carrero*, Viceroy of that Kingdom, was endeavouring all he could to raise a Fond necessary towards the defraying the charges of the War; that in order thereunto, he had set up a certain Tax or Imposition, from whence he proposed to draw a very considerable Sum, but that the People, without having the regard they ought to the present exigencies of affairs, seemed very much dissatisfied at the said Imposition. We hear of late very little of the *French*; it is said here, with how much truth we know not, that the *French Troops* in *Sicily* are so weakened, that they do not in all amount to 6000 men; and besides that the Duke de *Vivonne* begins to have a very great distrust of the *Messineses*, for that reason does not think fit to draw his Troops out of that City, in order to the undertaking any design, till he has received Supplies of men from *France*. From *Rome* we understand, that the matter in difference between that Court, and the *Spanish* Ambassador, is not yet determined. The Court of *Spain*, it's said, approves in part the proceedings of his Ambassador.

Genoa, Decemb. 1. The Dutchess Regent of *Savoy* has, it seems, put *Ast* into the hands of the *French*, who have put a Garrison of 2000 men into it. The Prince de *Ligne*, Governor of *Milan*, has taken the alarm of it, and, as we are told, hath sent to the Court of *Savoy*, to know what the intention of that Government is in it. In the mean time his Excellency is not wanting to perform his part, to put all things in the best posture he can, and has earnestly solicited to be supplied in time with what is wanting, that so he may be able to give a good account of things, in case the War be brought into the Countries under his Government, which there be many in these Parts that will not yet believe it will.

Venice, Decemb. 3. We have Letters from *Constantinople* which say that the Grand Signior was going to *Sileura*, to take the divertisement of Hunting; that the Sultana was upon Lying-in; that if she was brought-to-bed of a Son, it was believed that the Grand Signior would cause his two Brothers (who have hitherto been preserved, for that the Grand Signior had but one Son) to be put to death. The new *Spanish* Ambassador will make his Publick Entry here some time the next week.

Copenhagen, Decemb. 11. We are at present pretty quiet here, nor have we any thing to entertain you with either relating to affairs at home or abroad. In *Schonen* the King of *Sueden* has put most of his Troops into Winter-quarters, and is himself gone to *Fenkopping*, to be present in the Assembly of the States who are met there. We formerly told you that the Sieur *Guldenlieu*, Viceroy of *Norway*, was expected here this Winter, but since we understand that the King has sent him express Orders to remain in *Norway*, to take care of his Majesties affairs there.

Berlin, Decemb. 12. Here is in Town a person, who came out of *Stetin* some dayes since, he reports, that the Besieged were so far from having any thoughts of surrendering the place, that they had entred into a new Engagement to defend it to the utmost, and to endure the last extremity; that no skill or diligence was wanting to raise several Works and Retrenchments, such as might enable them even to defend one part of the Town while the Enemy should be possessed of the other. That the Burghers had lately received a new Charter from the King of *Sueden*, in which he grants them very great Priviledges, and exemption from all Taxes, for many years to come. In the mean time his Electoral Highness has given Orders for several Regiments quartered in the Countrey of *Cleves*, to repair forthwith to the Army to reinforce it. We have advice that the *Suedes* Army in *Livonia* will march very speedily, their General Count *Horne* being arrived from *Stock-holme*.

From the *Brandenburg Camp* before *Stetin*, Dec. 13. We have advanced very little since our last, by the obstinate defence of the Besieged, who, the other day, sprung three Mines; the two first of which did no great execution, but the third, which was on the side of the *Lunenburgs* quarter, destroyed between 50 and 60 of them: And the same day the Besieged had the good fortune to discover a Mine, which was ready to play in the said *Lunenburgs* quarter. On our side his Electoral Highness caused yesterday two Mines to be sprung, which were followed by two Attacks; in the first we were repulsed, in the second we took a Post, and maintained it. We are preparing two or three Batteries on that part of the Bulwark which we are Masters of, as well as on the *Lunenburgs* side, which, when finished, will do great execution; in the mean time we hear not of any intention of making a general Assault, our Generals looking upon it as too hazardous, considering the desperate humor the Besieged are in, and even the Success would be attended with so much blood and slaughter, as gives his Electoral Highness an aversion to the thoughts of it. In the mean time he has sent Orders to those Troops which are quartered in the Countrey of *Cleves*, to repair forthwith hither, and it's believed they will be sent towards *Prussia*, so soon as we hear any thing of certainty concerning the march of the *Suedes* Army in *Livonia*. By the last Letters from those Parts we had an account, that Count *Bent Horne*, appointed to command that Army was arrived there from *Sueden*. We do not reckon the *Suedes* to be above 10 or 12000 strong, though they speak of 16000.

Hamburgh, Decemb. 17. We cannot tell you any thing new since our last of *Stetin*, things remaining there much in the same posture. Here be some People in Town who came from thence about the latter end of the last month, who tell us, that the Burghers had, by a solemn Covenant, engaged themselves anew, to defend the place to the last; amongst others, here is one Person who was at *Candia*, during that famous Siege, who assured us, that the Works made by the Besieged, within the

the Town, their Mines &c. do not come short of those he had seen at *Gandia*. The *Danes* do nothing in the Isle of *Rugen*; had the Frost lasted, Count *Oxenstern* had designed to pass over, and to have made some attempt upon them; but the Thaw we have at present, has prevented him.

Strasbourg, Decemb. 13. For these two or three days past we have seen the Imperial Troops march through this City, as well as by it, in order to their going to their Winter-quarters. The Duke of *Lorraine* having put strong Garisons into several places, which might best bridle the *French* Troops in *Brisgow*, is gone to *Wormes*, where will be the Imperial Head-quarter; though it is thought his Highness will not make any long stay there, but that he will take his journey to *Vienne*, to accomplish his marriage with the Emperor's Sister. The *French* are come again into the *Lower Alsace*, and the Towns of *Murzig*, *Obereneheim*, *Kusheim*, *Molsheim* and *Westhouen* are already filled with them; the Soldiers as also Officers, as well *French* as *Imperialists*, come hither very freely, and buy whatever they have occasion for. We are told that the *French* are drawing a good Body of men together on the *Saie*, to besiege *Bitsch*. They are already possessed of *Sarbruck*, which the *Imperialists* quieted.

Frankfort, Decemb. 17. The Imperial Troops are now all actually marching to their Winter-quarters, and it is believed the Duke of *Lorraine* is by this time arrived at *Wormes*. We are told that *Strasbourg* is not without a fear of being attacked by the *French* this next Campaign, wherefore they are preparing all they can for their security and among other things are careful to exercise their Burghers in Arms, that they may be able to render the more service upon occasion.

Cologne Decemb. 17. Part of the *Munster* Troops, who had passed the *Rhine* at *Andernath*, are come into the Countrey of *Wijl*, where they commit great Exorbitancies, plundering and taking from the poor Inhabitants whatever comes in their way, marching in the mean time very slowly towards their Winter quarters in *Wetzeravia*, that they may have the more opportunity to spoil the Countrey. The three other *Munster* Regiments, which remain on this side the *Rhine*, and have their quarters assigned them in the *Eyffels*, live much after the same manner, and besides exact great Sums of money from the several Bourgs and Villages, who have therefore sent their Deputies to make complaint hereof to the Commissaries of the Emperor, and of the Duke of *Neuburg*, who are at present here. We are informed that the said Commissaries have sent again to the Magistrates of *Aix la Chapelle*, to require them to receive at least three or four Companies of the Duke of *Neuburgs* Troops into their City, though there seems but small appearance of their compliance herein. The Imperial Commissary has demanded 40000 Crowns of this City, towards the subsistence of the Imperial Troops this Winter; but our Magistrates are of opinion, that they shall employ that Sum better in raising Troops for their own defence and security.

Amsterdam, Decemb. 21. The Frost hath somewhat hindered the Equipage for the *Mediterranean*, but now most of the Men of War fitted by this Admiralty have passed the *Pampus*, and have taken in their Guns and Provisions, and will be ready to sail in 8 or 10 dayes. We are told from *Brabant*, that the *French* are drawing their Troops together towards *Dinant*, and it's believed they may have a design upon *Namur*. The Letters we receive from *Hamburg* by the last Ordinary, give us an

account that *Stetin* continues to defend it self with the greatest bravery imaginable.

Hague, Decemb. 21. We are told that the Squadron of Men of War designed for the *Mediterranean*, will be ready to sail in few dayes, and would perhaps have been already at Sea, but that they have been hindered by the Frost. The Letters we receive from *Hamburg*, and those Parts, say, that the Besiegers of *Stetin* rather lose, than gain ground; that they have been lately beaten from a Post they had taken on the wall; and that a Battery of seven pieces of Cannon, they had raised there, had been dismounted by the Cannon of the Besieged.

Paris, Decemb. 18. All the particulars we have of the Siege of *St. Ghislain* are as follow, viz. That the place was invested the 30 past at Night. The first instant, at break of day, the *Marschal d'Humieres*, accompanied by the *Marquis d'Humieres* his Son, and the *Baron de Quincy*, arrived in the Camp. The same day the Cannon, Ammunition, Dragoons, and the Infantry arrived. The 4th at Night the Trenches were opened in three places on the Dikes defended by certain Redoubts, which were taken the day following. The 7th the Besiegers attacked a great Redoubt near the place, and took it. The 9th the *Marschal d'Humieres* had notice, that the Duke of *Villa Hermosa* had assembled his Troops, and was marching to the relief of the place, and that he was come within three Leagues of *Dioms*; whereupon he went out, and chose his Ground to draw his Army up in, and to fight them if they came on. The 9th at Night all the Outworks were forced at the same time, and all things were preparing for a general Assault; but the Besieged prevailed it, their Governor bearing a Parley the 10th, about ten in the morning; within two hours one of the Gates was delivered up, and the day following the Governor marched out at the head of 1200 men with Arms, Bag and Baggage, and one piece of Cannon, and was conducted to *Brussels*. In this Siege we had not above 200 men killed, and 200 wounded.

Whi shall, Decemb. 14. His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Sheriff for

Flintshire,

William Phillips Esq;

Advertisements.

December the 14 instant at Night, lost out of *Mr. 7 Spb* Boot's House next door to the *Hat and Feather* in *Drury Lane*, near the King's Play-house, London, A pair of 12 Silver Candlesticks square at the bottom, and Chair each corner, a Crest upon each Candlestick; at the corner, the Flying Dragon, with a sheaved Arrow in his Claw. A large silver Tankard. A large silver Salt, eight square with four great knobs. Five silver Spoons. Four large silver Forks, all with the same Crest. Three little Caudle Cups, two of them marked with M. C. without the Crest. All the Plate besides are marked with M. C. and the Crest. Twenty Jacob's Pieces of Gold Fifty nine Guineys. Twenty pound in silver. Whoever discovers the Persons, or any part or parcel of their Particulars, and gives notice to *Mr. Bote* aforesaid, shall have Thirty Guineys Reward.

Stolen out of a Gentlemans House in *Tork-Buildings* on Saturday last, being the 15th instant, Two large silver Candlesticks and Snuffer Pan with a Deers Head in a Scutcheon upon them, an Extinguisher without mark, and a pair of Holland sheets marked with a True Lovers Knot at the Corners. The Person suspected, is about 24 years of age, lank reddish hair, long pale face, speaks several Languages, and pretends to Painting. Whosoever can bring either the Plate or Person to *Mr. Kerch* a Goldsmith in the Strand near *Charing-cross*, shall be well rewarded.