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Madrid, Decemb. 2.

THE King has nominated Prince *Vincenzo de Gonzague*, great Master of the Household to the Empress Dowager, to be Viceroy and Caprain-General of *Sicily*, and accordingly that Prince is on his way hither from *Vienna*. And the *Sieur Franque* Native of *Mons* in *Flanders*, is made General of the Cavalry in the said Kingdom, in the place of *Don Diego Bracamont*. Here is lately arrived an Envoy from *Portugal*, he remains as yet *incognito*, though he hath been to visit the chief Ministers. On Sunday last arrived here from *Flanders* the *Marquis de Raggi*, Brother to the Cardinal of that Name; it is said he was sent by the Duke of *Villa Hermosa*, Governor of those Provinces to give the King an account of the present posture of affairs there. *Don Hieronimo de Quinones*, late Maitre de Camp General in *Flanders*, is made Governor of *Malaga*. We are told that Orders have been sent to our Ambassador at *Rome*, to endeavor to compose the matters in difference between him and that Court, on account of the Privileges belonging to him as Ambassador.

Vienna, Decemb. 12. This Court is in great joy for the assurance they have that the Empress is with Child. The marriage between the Duke of *Lorraine*, and the Queen Dowager of *Poland*, will be celebrated at *Newstadt*, about the latter end of the next month. The Rebels in *Hungary* increase daily in number; the last account we had of their motions was, that they had passed the *Teyffe* near *Nagykalo*, and took their march towards *Nagybania*.

Copenhagen, Decemb. 11. Though the *Suedes* are at present quiet in *Schonen*, yet they are preparing for some great action in order to the undertaking whereof they expect a Frost; which should it so far favor them as to freeze the *Sound*, it is thought they would make us a Visit on this side. The last account we had from *Rugen* was, that our Troops having wearied themselves in the Siege of the *Fehr-Scaus*, without making any great advance therein, had quitted the same; till the Season shall be more favourable, and had put themselves into Winter-quarters in the said Isle. The King, at the request of the *Dutch* Minister, has accorded him two Frigats, the *Neptune*, and the *Falcon*, to convoy for *Holland* above 100 Sill of *Dutch* Merchantmen, who are now in the *Sound* ready to sail.

Stralsund, Decemb. 13. We are told for a certainty that the *Suedes* Army in *Livonia* is marching, or ready to do, so that we hope to see suddenly some considerable change in the affairs of these Parts. The *Sieur Gastave Carelson*, Natural Son to the late King of *Sueden*, is here in quality of Major General. There is a design to attack the *Danes* in *Rugen* this Winter, so soon as the Frost will give us a passage over the Ice; and we are told that this Town has offered 2000 men to be drawn out of the Burghers, to be employed in that expedition. The constancy and resolution of the *Straleners* cannot be sufficiently extolled, it would extremely move even the most void of tenderness, to hear the Relation those come thence make of the Ruines and Deso-

lations there, and the Hardships the Inhabitants have cheerfully undergone.

From the Elector of Brandenburg's Camp before Stecin, Decemb. 17. The Besieged having from a Post they held near the *Holy-Ghost-Gate*, very much incommoded us, his Electoral Highness resolved to cause the same to be attacked; the Mines to that end having been prepared, and the necessary Orders given they were executed yesterday about two in the afternoon, and with that success, that we made our selves Masters of the said Post, the Besieged that were there being together with the Ensign that commanded them killed, except 12, who were taken Prisoners, and 4, who escaped in the Town; we likewise took there two pieces of iron Cannon, shooting each 61. The Prisoners inform us, that Colonel *Isensee*, an eminent Officer, and greatly esteemed by the Besieged, is killed.

Hamburg, Decemb. 21. Our Letters from *Pomerania*, that if the Frost had continued some dayes longer, Count *Coningsmarke* would have passed over to *Rugen*, and made an attempt upon the *Danes*, who finding they could do no good upon the *Fehr-Scaus*, were retired from before it, and were quartered at large in the several Villages of that Isle. The *Suedes* talk much of the march of their Army in *Livonia*, of which we cannot yet hear with any certainty. Notwithstanding the brave and resolute defence of the Besieged in *Stecin*, it is thought they are upon their last legs, they having lost a great many men in the several attacks that have been made, and not received any Succors; on the other side the Besiegers advance still, though very slowly, and it is reckoned the place cannot hold out above a month longer. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* on his part is resolved not to raise the Siege, till he be Master of the place.

Strasburgh, Decemb. 17. The *Suisse Cantons* have received a Letter from the Most Christian King, wherein he assures them, that he will not employ his Arms to the prejudice of the Forest Cities, which are under the protection of the said Cantons. We are not without our apprehensions of the *French*.

Frankfort, Dec. 19. An ill Accident hapned the other day to the D. of *Lorraine* at *Phillipsburg*; for as he was passing over the Bridge on *Horseback*, it broke, and he fell into the Ditch, by which fall he very much bruised himself, and particularly very sorely hurt his Leg, which will detain him there 10 or 14 dayes. The Magistrates of *Strasburgh*, though they live in all outward appearances of friendship and good correspondence with the *French*, yet remembering how often they have acted in favour of the *Imperialists*, in prejudice of their Neutrality, they extremely apprehend they will make use of the first opportunity to take their revenge.

Metz, Decemb. 20. General *Caprara* is retired with the Troops with which he was posted on the *Mosella* to *Deux-Ponts*, which place he is fortifying with all diligence possible. At *Trovet* they are likewise working on their Fortifications. The 12 instant a Body of *French* Troops, under the Command of the *Marquis de Rannes*, appeared before *Sarbruck*, and within three hours

hours were Masters of the Castle, having taken it by assault.

Cologne, Decemb. 21. The Imperial Regiment commanded by Count *Serin*, is within these three days come down into these Parts, and the Commissaries are at present busied to assign them Winter-quarters; our El. for having by the late Treaty concluded with the Emperor, obliged himself to furnish Winter-quarters for 2000 men.

Brussels, Decemb. 21. The French make great preparations on all sides of us, and we have reason to believe that the Most Christian King will be in the Field in person before the end of the next month, if not prevented by the Overtures which may be made towards a Peace. The Prince of *Orange*, as we are told, hath assured his Excellency the Duke *de Villa Hermosa*, that he will not be wanting on his part to use his utmost endeavors to be very early in the Field, to oppose the progress of the Enemy. Our Letters from *Cologne*, and those Parts, are filled with Complaints of the Violences and Extortions of the *Munster* Troops committed by them in their march, to that degree, that they become insupportable to the poor People. Yesterday arrived the Spanish Ordinary, we are told his Excellency received by it Bills of Exchange for 300 000 Crowns, to be laid out towards the making the necessary preparations for the next Campaign, but a far greater Sum is required, to put things into the posture they ought to be, and to provide Magazines necessary for the subsistence of our Armies, which the Prince of *Orange*, it's said, calls very much upon his Excellency in time to take care of.

Duis, Decemb. 24. This morning parted hence for the *Hague* Monsieur *Dickfield*, the Dutch Minister, pursuant to the Orders he had received from the States. Monsieur *Chauvet*, and Monsieur *Louigny*, Generals of the *Lurenburg* and *Osnabrug* Troops, have not yet received the satisfaction they pretend as to the quarters, as well as subsistence to be allowed to their Troops this Winter, and we are told that they make great Complaints on this occasion. The French have drawn a considerable Body of men together between the *Sambre* and the *Meuse*, with what design we know not, unless it be to possess themselves of certain Castles about *Namur*, in order to their facilitating their enterprise upon it, which, it's believed, they will besiege the next month. From *Treves* they write, that Count *Caprara* is retired with the Imperial Troops from those Parts, having only left 400 *Lorrain* Horse and Dragoons in *Treves*, and that he is marched to *Deux-Ponts*, which place he pretends to fortifie. That the Marquis *de Rannes*, who commands a detachment of the Marechal *de Crequi's* Army, had taken the Castle of *Sarbrucke*, after three hours attack, the Garrison being made Prisoners at War, and stript all to their Shirts, except such as took service with the French. The Duke of *Lorraine*, we hear, hath had a dangerous fall at *Phillipsburg*, which will oblige him to keep his Bed for some dayes. From *Vienna* they write, that Count *Montecuculi* will command the Imperial Army the next Campaign.

Amsterdam, Decemb. 24. People here are very much taken up with the appearances they persuade themselves there are of a sudden Peace. From the *Hague* they tell us, that his Highness the Prince of *Orange* has of late had several secret Conferences with the Deputies of the States; and that the state of the War is settled for the next year. In the mean time we have nothing of moment from abroad, all action ceasing everywhere, unless it be before *Stetin*, where the Besieged give daily new proofs of their Constancy and Courage, to that degree, as to create an admiration even in their Enemies. They

tell us from several Parts, that we shall now very suddenly hear of the march of the *Suedes* Army, under the Command of Count *Beut Horn*, and that that will be quickly followed with an account of their being fallen into *Prussia*, which they think will oblige the Elector of *Brandenburgh* to raise the Siege immediately, to take care of the defence of that Country.

Hague, Decemb. 24. On Wednesday the States of *Holland* separated, having passed a Resolution for the raising the 20th penny once, intending when they meet again, to have the same repeated as often as they shall see occasion. We are told that the state of the War is settled for the next year, on the same foot it was the last. In the mean time People talk much of Peace, and are the more ready to believe what is said on that Subject, because they desire to see an end of those burthens the present War layes upon them. Their Highnesses are gone this afternoon to their house at *Soestdike*, to divert themselves there. The Besiegers at *Stetin* advance very slowly; we have seen Letters from the Camp, which said that the Elector of *Brandenburgh* seems not disposed, for several considerations, to hazard a general storm; and on the other hand it is thought, the slow paces which the Besiegers make, will cause it to be a work of time, and perhaps give the *Suedes* an opportunity to succor the place, especially if it be true what they say of the march of their Army in *Livonia*.

Paris, Decemb. 24. We have nothing to write from hence, but of the preparations we hear are making for the opening the Campaign very early, as well on the side of *Flanders*, as of *Germany*. As to the first, the King will command his Army in Person. Monsieur *Louquet*, and the Count *de Lauzan*, who are Prisoners at *Pignorol*, have, at the Suit of the Chancellor, obtained permission to walk about in that Castle, and to converse with, and receive Letters from their Friends, which some think may be followed with other marks of Grace. From *Thoulon* we have an account, that several Vessels are preparing there to carry Provisions to *Messina*, and that they will be ready to sail in a very short time under a good Convoy. From *Savoie* they write of the death of the Marquis *de St. Thomasa*, the chief Minister at that Court.

Advertisements.

A Patent granted to the Earl of *Huntingdon* for two new Fairs to be kept at *Loughborough* in the County of *Leicester*, the one on the Tuesday before Palm Sunday, and the other on the Tuesday fortnight after; with liberty to sell Horses, and all other Cattle, upon the first six Thursdayes after the Nativity of Christ.

One *John Walton*, the first instant, took from his Master *George Devereux* Esq; of *Vaynor* in *Montgomeryshire*, the Sum of 160 l. and a gray Gelding high 16 hands high. He wears gray Cloaths, aged about 40, of a thin round visage, a flat nose, thin lank light hair, his left thumb shot off. Whoever apprehends him, and gives notice to Mr. *Arthur Devereux* of the Middle Temple, or to Mr. *Swamersset Fox* at *Sir Gilbert Gerard's* in *St. James's*, or to his Master aforesaid, shall have Ten Guineys Reward.

These are to give Notice to such Persons in or about the City of *London*, that have any Sea-coal Sutt to sell, that they are desired to signify in the weekly Gazette the place where the said Sutt may be sold, for the Accommodation of others that will give a valuable Price for the same, upon such Notice given.

About a month since, strayed or stolen out of the Grounds of *Sir James Morion* of *Cuckfield* in the County of *Sussex* Knight, two Mares; the one a dark dapple gray, near 15 hands, 5 years old, her mane formerly cut half way, ringed, all her paces; the other a black, 16 hands, lame behind, 8 years old, a bushy tail. Whoever gives notice of them to *Sir James Morion* aforesaid, or to *Thomas Burrell* Bookseller at the *Golden Ball* under *St Dunstons* Church in *Fleet street*, shall have Four Pounds Reward.