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Naples, Novemb. 23.

OUR Viceoy the Marquis de los Voles, having directed the Governors and Commanders in the several places and strong holds within this Kingdom, to send him a particular account of what they find wanting in their respective Governments; and having accordingly received the same, several extraordinary Councils have been held for these dayes past, to examine the said accounts, and to give such Orders thereupon as shall be found necessary, and besides the Viceoy has charged himself to represent matters to the Court of Spain, in order to be supplied from thence. From Reggio they write, that several persons had been apprehended there, and, among others, the Count de Policastra, for supplying the Messineses with Corn.

Genova, Decem. 10. The 2d instant arrived here the *John*, John Bohemham Commander, from *Trapani* and *Palermo*, who brings not any News of moment from those Parts. Two dayes since sailed from hence the *Arms of England*, and the *Fountain*, for *Legorn*; and the *Continuation*, for *Palermo* and *Tarantia*; and yesterday followed the *Concord*, and the *Golden Fleete*, for *Legorn*; where we understand are arrived four French Men of War, and several Barks, part of a great Fleet returning from *Messina* to *Thoulon*. The *Marygaret*, Thomas Hurlocke Master, is this afternoon come in from *Trapani* and *Palermo*; and this States Convoy is under Sail for *Spain*, consisting in one Man of War, and seven Merchant-ships, most of them of very good force.

Ditto, Decemb. 15. The 11 instant arrived here the *Marygold*, Edward Matthews Master, from *Cadix*; the *Tygre*, Henry Staples; the *Exchange*, Roger Martin; and the *Providence*, Samuel Green, from *Amsterdam*. The *Friendship*, Thomas Chowne, from *London*; the *Samuel and Henry*, Roger Paxton; from *London*; and the *John and Francis*, from *Hull*. These Ships came together from *Alicant* the 25th past, leaving there Sir John Narborough, who was going over for *Argier* with 10 Frigats. Twelve or 14 Sail of English Ships are past by for *Legorn*, under Convoy of the *James* Frigate.

Stockholme, Novemb. 26. Count Henry Horne is marching with 4000 men towards *Femterland*, where he expects to be joined with 6000 of the Countrey Militia. We had Letters yesterday from those Parts, which said that the *Danes*, upon the News they received of this march, immediately retired, and that with so much haste and disorder, that they left several pieces of Cannon, and a great quantity of Ammunition and Provisions behind them, which they threw into the water, upon their passing over a certain River, in which several Soldiers were drowned, who were thrown into it by their Companions, who pressed upon one another, as if the Enemy had been at their heels.

Vienna, Decemb. 16. The tenth man is raising throughout the Emperors Hereditary Countries; pursuant to what had been resolved in the late Assembly of the States, who being formed into a Body, will be em-

ployed against the Rebels in *Hungary*, who, we are informed, sollicite very earnestly by their Agents at the *Port*, and in the Court of the Prince of *Transylvania*, to be succoured from thence, but hitherto with small effect; the Grand Signior remaining constant in his resolution, to observe with all exactness on his part the peace, and good correspondence at present establish'd between the two Empires. The Prince of *Essex*, Governor of *Carinthia*, is arrived at Court, and has given the Emperor an account of the posture of things there. We are certainly informed that the Empress is gone several months with Child, which occasions no small joy at Court. In our last we told you, that we had an account from *Hungary*, that the Rebels had passed the *Reyss*; and were marched towards *Magybania*; since we understand, that General *Cob*, upon News of it, had sent a detachment towards *Tockay* on the said River, to observe their motions, and purposed to follow himself with the rest of his Troops.

Dantzick, Decemb. 20. All the News of these Parts is, that the *Suedes* Army in *Livonia* is on its march; and we have Letters from *Coningsberg* dated yesterday, which say, that the *Suedes*, to secure a passage for their Army through *Courland*, had, on the 15 instant, possessed themselves of *Mitaw*, which is about seven Leagues from *Riga*; we do not hear that they had made any attempt upon the Castle there, where the Duke of *Courland* resides. People speak very variously concerning the Force of the *Suedes*; some tell us, that their Army consists in 15 or 16000 men, and that they expect other Troops raised in the *Polish* Territories to join with them; while others again will not allow them to be 10000 strong; but whatever their strength is, the *Suedes* themselves that are here, seem to apprehend they will come too late to relieve *Slesin*; for though the *Besieged* do all that can be expected from the most brave and resolute, yet it is impossible they should be able to hold out much longer, considering how much they must of necessity be weakened by the several losses they have sustained during the Siege.

Ribnitz, Decemb. 21. The account we have from the Camp before *Slesin*, is, That on the 18 instant the *Besiegers* sprung two great Mines, which did great execution, and made not only a breach in the first wall, but likewise in the stone wall, so that one might see the streets of the Town, which was followed with an attack by 400 men, who, after a sharp dispute, in which the Officer that commanded them was killed, and about 80 common Soldiers killed and wounded, were repulsed. The following Night the *Besieged* filled up the breach in the stone wall, and made several retrenchments within. The next day the Elector of *Brandenburg* caused another attack to be made, in which the *Besiegers* succeeded, and posted themselves. We are told that his Electoral Highness has again offered the *Besieged* a very favorable and advantageous Capitulation, and an assurance that he will confirm to them all the Privileges accorded them by the King of *Sueden*, and even add more to them; but that the *Besieged* have not accepted them, declaring that they will never be induced

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by any considerations whatsoever to surrender the place, and that it must be only Force which must make his Electoral Highness Master of it.

Hamburg, Decemb. 24. The Letters we receive from *Stralsund* give us an account, that some action had hapned in the Isle of *Rugen*, between the *Danes* and the *Suedes*; the former having quitted the Siege of the *New Fehr-Scans*, the *Suedes* came out to demolish the Works they had made during the same, the *Danes* sent a Body of 5 or 600 men to hinder them, on which occasion they engaged, and the *Danes* were forced to retire with the loss of a great many men. These Letters add, that they were preparing at *Stralsund* to make an attempt upon the *Danes* in *Rugen*, so soon as the Frost shall favor them. That the Besiegers at *Stetin* had attacked the *Lastadie*, (a Post of great importance) with 1500 men, and had been repulsed; of which the Letters we receive from the Camp making not the least mention, we know not what credit it merits. Our last Letters from the said Camp of the 20th say, that two Mines were preparing, in order to the making a breach in the stone wall, and when that was done, his Electoral Highness would put an end to the Siege, by a general assault. The Besiegers had taken two Gallies which lay in the *Oder*, and in them 40 men, 6 guns, and several barrels of Powder, which would be of great use to them.

Strasbourg, Decemb. 20. The Imperial as well as the French Officers, repair hither with all imaginable freedom, and provide themselves with such Necessaries they want; and the latter seem very well satisfied with us, provided we endeavor to observe exactly our Neutrality for the future; but in the mean time our Magistrates have given Orders for the going on with the new Fortifications with all the diligence possible, from whence we are apt to argue that they have ground to apprehend some danger. From *Rhinfeldt* we have an account, that Colonel *Kaunitz*, who went out from thence with a Party of Horse and Dragoons, had possessed himself of the Castle of *Brombach*, being esteemed a very considerable Fortress. The Baron de *Monclar* is preparing a considerable number of Boats at *Brisac*, his design we as yet are ignorant of. The French are providing great Magazines at *Schlestadt* and *Colmar*, for the use of their Army this next Campaign, which they say they will begin very early. It is reported that General *Montecuculi* will command the Imperial Army the next Campaign. The Duke of *Lorraine*, had it not been for the accident that befell him at *Philipsburg*, would ere this have been on his journey to *Vienne*, where things are preparing for the Celebration of his Marriage with the Emperors Sister about the beginning of the next month.

Cologne, Decemb. 24. We have advice from *Limburg* on the *Lahn*, that the Regiments of *Grana* and *Sereni* had passed that River the 20th instant, and that they took their march towards *Bonne*; they are to be quartered in this Diocess, and the Towns of *Andernach*, *Lintz* and *Zons* have been already assigned them. The Duke of *Neuburg* is gone to *Werden*, to meet there the Bishop of *Munster*, and to concert with him several matters relating to the next Campaign. From *Frankfort* we have an account, that the Duke of *Lorraine*, notwithstanding the accident which hapned to him at *Philipsburg*, was arrived at *Wormes*, whither the *Sieur van Heckeren*, the Dutch Minister residing at *Frankfort*, was gone to confer with his Highness. From *Vienne* they write, that the News they received from *Hungary* was not at all pleasing; that the Rebels increased daily,

and made already a Body of 15000 men; that they talked of choosing them a King, and that they were resolved to seek their advantages by continuing the War.

Liege, Decemb. 25. Some disorders have lately hapned at *Aix la Chapelle*, occasioned by the Insolencies committed by certain Persons who made Levies there; whereupon the Burghers run to their Arms, and being gathered together, fell upon the said Persons, and treated them very severely. In the Tumult one Capt. *Lyon*, a Person famous for several Services by him done, was killed, and the Count *Vander Naht* dangerously wounded. Some dayes since the *Sieur Calvo*, Governor of *Maeßricht*, was abroad with part of that Garrison, but he is since returned again, without attempting any thing.

Hague, Decemb. 24. We are assured that his Highness the Prince of *Orange* will be very early in the Field, to oppose the progress of the Enemy, if a Peace be not concluded in the mean time. The several Officers are at present busied in making their Recruits, which they are obliged to have complete before the end of *January*. We expect in few dayes to be able to tell you, that the Squadron of Men of War designed for the *Mediterranean* is sailed, unless the Frost hinder them. We know not what to think of *Stetin*, the Besiegers advance still, though slowly, and in all probability the place cannot hold out much longer, if not relieved.

Brussels, Decemb. 28. The French begin to move on all sides of us, and particularly in strong Parties about *Mons*, so that that place is almost blocked; the Duke d'*Aerschot*, Governor of *Hainault*, apprehending a Siege, has sent his Lady and Family to *Antwerp*. The French are likewise in a Body between the *Sambre* and the *Meuse*, leaving us altogether uncertain what their designs are. Our Governor, the Duke de *Villa Hermosa*, is putting himself into what posture he can to prevent them, and has given Orders that the Dragoon Troops, whose quarters were somewhat remote, shall be drawn nearer towards these Parts, that so they may be readier at hand, if there be occasion. We hear nothing of moment from *Germany*, the Troops being everywhere in their Winter-quarters, except those of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, who suffer great hardships and incommunities before *Stetin*, while at the same time the success of the Siege continues somewhat doubtful.

Antwerp, Decemb. 28. We are in daily expectation to hear of some new enterprize of the French, their Troops march to and fro as if it was in the middle of Summer. The Dutchess of *Aerschot* is arrived here from *Mons*, upon the apprehension the Duke her Husband has, that that place will ere long be besieged: yet at the same time People talk much of Peace, and would fain persuade themselves that a short time will produce one, which they extremely wish to be eased of those Calamities they suffer through the War.

Pendennis, Decemb. 16. On Friday last sailed out of this Port the *Success* of *Falmouth*, *William Bewes* Commander, laden with Pilchards for *Alicant*. Here are several small Vessels in this Harbor bound for *France*.

Plymouth, Decemb. 18. This day came into this Port Sir *Richard Munday* in the *St. David*, with between 50 and 60 Sail of Merchantmen under his Convoy, bound to the Southwards.

Whitehall, Decemb. 21. His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Sir *Fohn Boyer* Baronet, to be Sheriff of *Staffordshire*.