

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 Febr-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 *Lafsdie*, (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 Gallions 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 *Vienna*, 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 *Seveni* 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 *Francfort* 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 *Francfort*, was gone to confer with his Highness. From *Vienna* 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-Nath* dangerously wounded. Some dayes since the *Sieur Calvo*, Governor of *Maeffricht*, 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 Dutch 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 incommodities 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 *Allicant*. 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 *John Boyer* Baronet, to be Sheriff of *Staffordshire*.