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Milan, Decemb. 8.

**O**UR Governour continues to make vigorous preparations for the defence of this Countrey, in case the War be brought into it. He has given out Commissions for raising two Regiments of Foot, and 4 Troops of Horse; has reinforced the Garrison of *Final*, and for its greater security is going to build a Fort near it. The Government of *Genova* has reinforced the Government of *Savona* with 300 men.

*Naples*, Decemb. 8. The last week arrived here an extraordinary Courier from *Spain*, which brought Letters to our Viceroy, in which he receives the Kings commands to pay all respect to the Pope, and not to engage himself in the difference depending between that Court and the *Spanish* Ambassador at *Rome*, which the King has commanded him by all means to compose. The advices we have from *Sicily*, assure us that the *French* Troops are at present reduced, through sickness, to a very small number; and that the Duke of *Vivonne* had desired leave to return home.

*Vienna*, Decemb. 19. Every Post brings us worse and worse News from *Hungary*, the Rebels increasing daily in number, and encouraging themselves with an expectation of being assisted by the *Turks*, notwithstanding the assurances they continue to give this Court to the contrary. From *Germany* we have an account, that all our Troops were gone into their Winter-quarters, and that the Duke of *Lorraine* intended to be here before the end of this month.

*Copenhagen*, Decemb. 21. Monsieur *Olivier*, one of the Ambassadors of the Crown of *Sueden* for the Treaty at *Nimeguen*, having been with the King his Master to receive his Orders concerning several matters relating to the present Negotiation there, is now returning to *Nimeguen*, and our King has accorded him a Pass to go by Water from *Malmoe* to *Lubeck*. The *Suedes* in *Schonen* are in their Winter-quarters, and are underhand, make great preparations for the next Campaigne.

From the Camp before *Stetia*, Decemb. 21. The Militaire at Night his Electoral Highness caused a great Mine, in which was 30 Barrels of Powder, to be sprung, it did not do all the execution that was expected, the greatest part of the Earth falling backward, yet it made a small breach in the Town-wall. We found that the Besieged had made several Retrenchments within, and had raised an Artillery with against the place, where a breach was made. We are preparing another Mine to make the first breach larger, in order to an assault. By the Deserters that come out of the Town, we have an account, That of the Garrison there remained not 400 Men that can do service, and that of them, the Burgers have a very great number, they having several times declared that it was time to think of a Surrender, which is the reason they have not made any Sallies of late. It is computed that he hath cost his Electoral Highness in this Siege, only in Powder, Cannon, great and small Shot, 6000 Crowns every day and night. We are told that the Besieged begin to want Powder, which is taken

as other considerations, will, it is believed, at length oblige them to a Capitulation. Six Regiments, part *Imperialists*, and part *Brandenburg* Troops, are arrived in the Countrey of *March*, on their way hither, to reinforce our Army.

*Ditto*, Decemb. 24. At length we can tell you, that the Burgers of *Stetia*, despairing of relief, and finding that they must inevitably be lost at last, have Capitulated. The 22d instant, in the afternoon, a Letter was brought out to Major General *Endron*, signed by the Magistrates, and some of the principal of the Burgers, in which they acquaint him, that they did now lay hold of the promise he had often made them, to obtain an honourable Capitulation for them, when things should come so far; with which he having acquainted the Elector, it was resolved to close with their demands. And the said Major General *Endron* returned for answer the next day, that though it was somewhat late, he would use his endeavour to procure them good and advantageous terms, and in order hereunto desired them to send our Hostages. This morning the Hostages have been accordingly exchanged, on the part of the City, are Major General *Plowin*, Colonel *Ameritz*, and chief Commissary; on your side, were Major *Klein*, Colonel *Lechdorf*, Colonel *Euk*, and another Officer; and now at the paying of these Letters, the News in the Camp is, that the Capitulation is signed.

*Hamburgh*, Decemb. 24. All the News here is, that the Siege of *Siebin* draws towards an end; the Besiegers being advanced to the Stone-wall, and the Burgers are very jealous that the Garrison will not stand by them. This afternoon is come hither a considerable Officer from the *Brandenburg* Camp; he tells us that the Besiegers had made two breaches in the Stone-wall, and had raised a Battery there; that on the other side, the Besieged had made several Retrenchments within, and seem resolved to defend them, and that a great many men were killed on both sides.

*Wismar*, Decemb. 25. This City is full of the News which our Letters from the *Brandenburg* Camp before *Stetia* from *Berlin*, and other places bring us; that *Stetia* has lately Capitulated, and that the Capitulation was signed the 22d instant. All the particulars they tell us of it, that it is very advantageous for the *Swedes*; his Electoral Highness not only having confirmed to them all the Privileges granted them by the King of *Sueden*, but had likewise added several new ones to them; and there is some Letters which say, that the place was actually surrendered, and a *Brandenburg* Garrison entered thro' it.

*Frankfurt*, Decemb. 25. The *French* seem to threaten the Elector of *Rhine* and *Palatinate*, therefore are putting them selves into a posture of defence. The Duke of *Lorraine* continues at *Strasburg*, whether he was brought by the King of *Phillipsburgh*; so soon as he is in a condition he will begin his journey for *Frankfurt*. The Elector of *Prussia* continues by his Deputies at *Frankfurt*, to press the Dyet, that they will take such Resolutions as may advance the Peace. Our Advices from *Vienna* say, that the *Hungarians* occasion great inquietude

Vudraē the Court at *Vienna*, that they are going to choofe them a King, and give out that they expect an assistance of 15000 *Poles* more.

*Rastibonne*, Decemb. 23. The *Suisse Cantons*, upon the pressing instance of the Ministers of the Emperor, and the King of *Spain*, have taken under their protection the four *Forest Cities*; and besides have declared, that they will assist the Crown of *Spain* with such Troops as shall be necessary for the preservation of *Flanders*. The Count de *Sternberg*, Vicechancellor of *Bohemia*, is in few dayes expected at the Court of the Elector of *Bavaria*, being charged with a Commission from the Emperor. The Duke of *Lorraine* is expected at *Vienna* yet before *Christmas*; and his marriage with the Emperor's Sister will be Celebrated the 25th of the next month; in his absence Prince *Herman of Baden* will have the command of the Army. From *Cassaw* in *Hungary* we have advice, that the Rebels had attacked a strong Post called *Bresfermin*, and that they had been repulsed in three Assaults they made.

*Strasburgh*, Decemb. 24. The apprehensions and fears of People, that they shall be attacked by the *French* is very great, but what ground they have for them besides their own distrusts we cannot learn. The *French* are laying a Bridge over the *Rhine* at *Blosheym*, in order to their attacking, as is said, *Offenbourg* and *Stollhoffen*. Major General *Vermuller*, who was appointed by the Duke of *Lorraine* in the first place, is said to be dead. The States of the *Lower Alsace* are summoned to repair to *Brisac*, to agree with the Intendant there about their Contributions.

*Cologne*, Decemb. 28. The Sieur de *Landeset*, the Imperial Ambassador, continues still here, and presses our Magistrates to raise the 40000 Crowns demanded by the Imperial Commissary for the freeing them from *Winter* quarters, to which they have not been as yet able to consent. The *French* found a very great quantity of Corn and Ammunition in *Sardruch*; they have on y<sup>e</sup> put 25 men into the place, and are returned to *M. 17*. The Count de *Caprara* remains with the Troops under his command in the Neighborhood of *Dreuxpontois*, finding himself not strong enough to make head against the *French* Troops, commanded by the Marquis de *Rannes*, on the *Saar*. The Elector of *Treves* has reinforced the Garrison of that City, upon the apprehension he has that the *French* will attack it at the opening of the Campaign.

*Hague*, Decemb. 28. The 24th his Highness went hence to his house at *Soestdike*, with intention to pass some dayes there in *Hunting*. The Deputies from *Groningen*, as likewise those from the *Ommelanden*, are now in *Town*; it is believed the matters in difference between them will be finally composed in a short time, the States very much concerning themselves therein. Count *Waldecke* is gone to his house at *Cuxlenburg*, where he will make but a short stay, and return to his quarter at *Malines*. My Lord Ambassador *Hide*, who arrived here some dayes since from *Nimegue*, to perform his Compliment to their Highnesses, is returning thither.

*Amsterdam*, Decemb. 31. The News we have this afternoon by our Letters from *Hamburg* of the Capitulation of *Stetin*, is at present the sole entertainment of this place; it is lookt upon as a thing of very great importance, and which in all likelihood will produce a great change of affairs in those parts. It is believed the loss of this place will have a great influence upon *Strasburgh*, which is the only place of consideration that remains to the *Suedes* in *Pomerania*. From *Flanders* we have an account, that the *Spaniards* are kept in conti-

nual Alarm with the motions of the *French*, who draw their Troops together in different places, and seem to have some great design in hand; every body thinks *Mons* or *Namur* will be besieged before the end of the next month, and that the *French* King will be in the Field in person by the middle of the month. In these Countries the preparations for the Campaign are hastening with all the diligence possible; and it is said the Prince of *Orange* purposes to be in the Field by the beginning of *February*.

*Brussels*, Decemb. 31. The motions of the *French* Troops do very much alarm us, and give us ground to believe their design to be upon *Mons* or *Namur*, or upon both. His Excellency the Duke de *Villa Hermosa* sent the last Night Count *Horne* with his Regiment to *Mons*, and at the same time ordered another Dutch Regiment to march to *Namur*, to reinforce that Garrison. And this morning the Prince of *Vaudemont* is gone hence with 200 Horse, to put himself into *Mons*, to be present with the Duke d' *Aerschoot* his Uncle, in case of a Siege. From *Metz* they write, that the *French* having taken the several places possessed by the Imperialists on the *Saar*, are gone into their quarters, with Orders to be ready to march again by the 6th of *February*.

*Antwerp*, Jan. 1. We hear from all sides of the preparations of the *French* for an early Campaign, their Troops begin to march already, and we are in expectation to hear very shortly that they are drawn into a Body, in order to the attacking some place, as *Mons* or *Namur*. The Prince de *Vaudemont*, we hear, has put himself into the former, the Duke d' *Aerschoot*, the Governor of that City and Province, being his Uncle. The Letters from *Hamburg* just now arrived, bring an account that *Stetin* had finally Capitulated.

*Paris*, Jan. 1. The Duke de *Vivonne*, Viceroy of *Sicily*, having desired leave to return home, which the King has granted him, and at the same time has appointed the Duke de la *Fouillade* to succeed him in that Government; and accordingly he will part hence in two or three dayes for *Thoulon*, where he will embark on the ships designed with a supply of Men and Provisions for *Messina*. The King has likewise nominated the Sieur de *Ouillerragues* to go to *Constantinople*, in quality of his Ambassador.

#### Advertisements.

These are to give Notice, That His Majesty hath been lately pleased to Grant by His Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *England*, unto the Right Honourable Theophilus Earl of *Hannington*, and his Heirs for ever, Two New Fairs to be held Yearly at *Loughborough* in the County of *Leicestershire*; the one on the Tuesday before *Palm-Sunday*, and the other on the second Tuesday after *Easter*; with liberty to sell Horses, and all other Cattle, upon the first six Thursdayes after *Christmas* day.

December 26, last Night, or rather this morning early, a House was broken open in *W. Stinifer*, and a Fellow came in at the Window, out of which he pulled an Iron Box and took away one large Silver Tankard, with a Coat of Arms on it, being three Lyons Rampant, and three Bugle Horns; Three Silver Boxes, one for Sugar, one for Pepper, and another for Mustard, Eight Spoons. Six Forks. Six Salts, each of which had engraven on it, a Lyons Head crowned between two Feathers; he also took two Silver Candlesticks, one Silver pair of Snuffers, and a Silver Snuff dish to them; these last had no Arms engraven on them. If any one can seize the said Plate and Person, and give notice of it to *Philip Frowde* Esq; at the Post-Office, *London*, he shall have Five Pounds for a Reward.

Lost from *Feverham* in *Kent*, the 23d instant, a brown bay Gelding, with a small star in his forehead, blind of the farther eye, above 14 hands, a cut tail, all his paces, ten years old. Whoever gives notice of the said Gelding to Mr. Day of *Feverham*, or to Mr. Edw. Trang at the Rams head in *Fenchurch-street*, *London*, shall have 20 s. Reward.