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Lime, Decemb. 16.

This week arrived a Ship of this place from *Offend* in company of a *Flemish* Vessel of fourteen Guns, who convoy'd twixt forty and fifty sail of Ships from that place to several Ports in *France* and *Flanders*.

Warsaw, Dec. 3. The *Moscovite* Ambassador being dispatched from this Court, Nov. 19th, went hence the next day, He seem'd to be displeas'd that His Majesty had not released their Prisoners, as they had ours; though it is believed the chief reason that induced them to release our Prisoners, especially the 700 at *Kiom*, was not so much out of kindness, as a want of Provision to maintain them: however his Majesty has commanded that all their Prisoners should be released and sent to *Smolensko*, whither the Grand *Czar* has sent those *Poles* that were taken, being a convenient place for exchange. The Ambassador by his deportment made shew, as if the Grand *Czar* had an inclination to Peace, but he was lookt upon here rather to come as a Spy, to give an account how affairs went here, and that was the reason he had so quick a dispatch.

They write from *Ukraine*, that the Rebellion continues still there, notwithstanding that *Opara*, *Drosdenko*, and some other of the chief Rebels are executed, here being some yet left which head them, and do much mischief to his Majesties Subjects there. These Rebels have taken the City *Berezniika* by storm, whither a great number of our Nobility fled for refuge, who are for the most part killed there.

Dantzick, Dec. 2. The late differences in *Poland* tend sensibly to our advantage, for since the King's Forces have made themselves absolute Masters of *Thorne*, they daily draw nearer and nearer to this place, which design looks as carried on by the French interest; For *Pusky* is already required of us, with pretence of an intended satisfaction; which, if we consent to, we unavoidably enslave our selves under the French Yoke; and if we refuse, we can expect nothing but Force, which has been already attempted by the *Poles*, though with loss. The chief Commanders in *Prussia* too are all French, which increaseth our jealousy, and puts us upon maintaining our Guards by our own Burgers.

Hamburgh, Oct. 9. Monsieur *Habeus*, Ambassador from the Crown of *Sweden*, has been with the Duke of *Newburgh*, but his business remains yet private. The Bishop of *Munster's* Forces increase daily by the supply of new Levies, and several Volunteers, and if it prove true, as we hear, that they keep themselves in an entire body, we must judge them to be upon some considerable designe. Count *Waldeck* the chief Commander of the *Lunenburgh* Forces lyes yet in the Countries about *Osnaburg*, without offering any act of Hostility.

Weitzick, Dec. 2. The Treaty concerning the differences betwixt the Electors of *Mentz* and *Saxony*, is as good as concluded. The particulars therin. First, That the City of *Erford* with all the Villages thereunto belonging shall continue Hereditary to the Elector of *Mentz*, and the Duke of *Saxon* renounce all pretences of Right and Protectorship to them, in lieu whereof he shall be gratified with a sum of money. Secondly, The house of *Saxony* shall hold in possession seven Lordships, which the Elector of *Mentz* made pretension to. Thirdly, All pretensions of 200 years standing or more, shall be void. Fourthly, That the Religion shall remain unmolested according to the *Ausburg* Confession. Fifthly, That the two Electors shall enter into Alliance Offensive and Defensive.

Wesfel, Dec. 23. Some Designs have been laid against *Boeckholt*, but the Enemies early intelligence has rendred them fruitless. Last Sunday marched from hence four Regiments of Foot, under *Ittersum*, *Nieuwant*, *Hoenderbeck*,

and *Koets*, with 6 Troops of Horse, who 'tis said, are to joyne with Prince *Maurice*; and the French to meet the *Lunenburgh* Forces, who, as some Passengers from *Exemen* report, make a stop about the *Vecht*, in expectation of further Orders; Towards which another supply is drawn out of the Garrisons, and ours have rais'd the Le guer, for finding the besieged so obstinate, we think it best to quit them, and play this new game. In the mean time the Bishop's Forces hath taken away all the provisions where we are to pass, so that we are forced to send for bread, Oates, Hay, &c. for our whole Army.

Four hundred Horse went out of *Deventer*, under the command of one *Winnewood*, who are totally routed by the Bishop's Forces, and *Winnewood* himself wounded and taken; with several of *Amsterdam*, who were Volunteers with him.

Groningen, Dec. 22. Our Leaguer is broke up, and the whole Army marching toward the Bishop of *Munsters* Country, intending directly, as is said, into *Westphalia*. The Bishop has drawn his Forces in a Body, and it is expected, that, to stop our March, he will bid us battail.

Hague, Dec. 24. There has not one day past, in which the afternoon hath not been spent, in conferences with the *Danish* Ministers, and all, as far as we can see, without the least effect; for *Hannibal Sehested*, their Ambassador Extraordinary, went hence Yesterday, taking his way through *Brabant*, to go for *England*. The Treaty with *Brandenburgh* is come to nothing yet neither, though it is given out to the people that it is upon the very point of conclusion. 'Tis said an Envoye is arriv'd from Duke *Augustus* of *Brumswick Wolfenbutel*, whose business, though not yet known, is buzz'd about, as what they know will please the people, to be to endeavour a mediation betwixt the Bishop of *Munster* and the States General. The States of *Holland* and *Westfrizland* will assemble again the 12th of next month, and on the third of the same the Lieutenants and Ensignes places will be disposed, as well of those Regiments that go to Sea, as those that stay at Land. The other day, and yesterday, the chief Officers took their Oathes before the Council of States.

Paris, Dec. 26. The Jesuits de la *Mission* de *St. Louis* of this place, sending cunningly for le *Pere le Clerc*, their Procureur General to *Rome*, caused him to be seiz'd in the way at *Orleans*, thereby to oblige him to bring in an account for 500000 *Lievers*; which he received to pay the debts of their Collidge, and has as yet paid only the Arrears.

The King has constituted in every Jurisdiction and *Balywick*, two Sergeants at Armes, who are to wear Blew Coates, with Commission to prosecute and sentence Duellists.

The Marquess of *Sauze*, the *Portugal* Minister, is still here, and will dispatch the business of his Masters Marriage with *Madamoiselle D'Anmale* (as is thought) within few dayes, and then 'tis said, that he will goe for *England* to use his endeavors for the making a peace betwixt *England* and *Holland*, and in his return conduct his Masters Consort for *Portugal*.

Copenhagen, Dec. 2. Here was an Accident which hath staggered all the Philosophers in these Parts; and is look'd upon little less than a Miracle. The Sea in one night forsook this Town, so much, that the greatest Ships did lie all dry in the Harbor, and the next morning the Waters were higher then ever they were known before, they never using to rise or fall above two or three foot in this Sea, and all this when there was no wind stirring, that might contribute any thing to such an effect.

Cleve, Dec. 22. The Emperor's Envoy is return'd from the Bishop of *Munster*, but what is the issue of his Errand, is yet private. The Bishop hath drawn most of his Troops into the considerable Towns of his Country, keeping onely Two thousand Horse in a Body, so disposing them, that at present they

they lie secure, and may in short warning joyn together, as the Bishop shall see it most for his advantage. His Electoral Highness hath had the Gout these two days, and now keeps his Bed. The Treaty with *Holland* is much at the same pass as it was, nor yet compleated, nor is it believed it will be so ealie as the Dutch would have us imagine.

Vienna, Dec. 10. Upon the Complaints which have been made from the Grand Seignior of the incursions of the *Hungarians* particularly of Count *Elassi Imbre* and his *Hussars*, his Imperial Majesty has summoned the said Count to *Vienna*, and committed him under a Guard of 24 Musketers, till he shall acquit himself of the charge laid against him. Since we have received advise, that Count *Lisley* is upon his return, and intends to be upon the borders at the end of this month, all the Imperial Ministers are preparing to entertain him in their several turns, every one having a particular order to present him with some kind of curiosity. The *Turkish* Ambassador is resolved to meet ours on the borders, and is expected to take his leave suddenly. The Council of War have resolved to defer the fresh Levies until the next Spring; but in the mean time the recruits go on. Since a stop is put to the incursions of the *Hungarians*, the Trade begins to go on again.

Mentz, Dec. 19. Two days since his Highness dispatche a Courier for *France* (as is supposed) about the affairs of the *Polatinate*, and the negotiation of *Monsieur de Granvelle*, the French Ambassador at *Ratisbon*. The Swedish Resident is expected here this evening or to-morrow.

Genoa, Dec. 11. It was given out, as certain at *Milan*, That a Truce was concluded betwixt the Catholick King, and the K. of *Portugal*, for the space of 20 years, by the Mediation of the King of Great Britain; but the fresh Advices thence say, That the *Portugese* would make a Peace, but will not consent to a Truce: So that as soon as the Celebration of the late King of *Spain's* Funeral is over, and the Oath of Allegiance sworn to *Charles* the second, the Procurators will make fresh Levies of Horse and Foot in all the Cities and places belonging to the State of *Milan*, and repair their Fortifications: *Vigevano*, it seems, is to be Fortified; and *Mortara*, as is said, slighted. The Constable *Colonna*, and the Abbot's brother, are returned from *Madrid* to *Milan*; having paid their Duty to the Catholick King.

Amsterdam, Dec. 25. Some ships are arrived in the *Texel* and *Oly* from the *Baltick* Sea, but about 30 or 40 yet expected to come home. Two of our *Fast-India* ships are gone North about, with a fair wind, so that if they be not met with by this time, we hope they are beyond danger. On the 16th a Collier was brought into *Flushing* by a Privateer, which is all the Purchase we have for a long time seen of the *English*. 'Tis reported, That all the small men of War shall go to Sea with the first, but whither, few or none know. A Coaster was sunk going into *Flushing*, whither a Caper came home miserably shattered: Who saith, That he, with another Caper, were in fight with one of His Majesties Frigate, and made his escape very narrowly, but is afraid that the other is taken. Some French Vessels lately came into *Middleburgh*, laden with Wine.

Brussels, Decemb. 25. The Letters yesterday from *Munster*, allow the re-taking of *Lochem* by the Dutch and French Troops; but relate it to have been yielded upon Honorable composition, after two Assaults, and the loss of 500 men by the besiegers. They assure us also of a second Defeat given since to a party of the Dutch, wherein 300 of them were lost upon the place, and many prisoners taken; among whom, two sons of the Burgomaster *Bickerd* of *Amsterdam*, and many other Merchants sons of that City, Volunteers, two Captains of Horse, five Cornets, and the Colonel who commanded the party slain. The French shrink away this Winter, as we are assured from many hands; by one particularly, who met fourscore in a company one morning upon their return through *Leige*.

Hague, Decemb. 25. Advise came yesterday, that the Army is somewhat at a stand, whether to pursue their intended Expedition into the enemies Country, or to take up their Winter Quarters: It is thought they will resolve on the later, up-

on some Intelligence they received of the Escape, being in a posture too strong for their Force to attack them. Four Troops of Horse are commanded back to the *Hague*, and Quarters allotted for all the Soldiery, by which the French are to be disposed in the *Wesel*, *Rees*, *Dieren*, *Doeshburgh* and *Arnhem*. The equipping of the Fleet is forwarded with the greatest diligence, to get it ready against Spring: 'Tis proposed to consist of an hundred and four ships of War, of which 52 shall be employed in the main Fleet, and 12 sent into the *Mediterranean*.

Dublin, Dec. 16. The Robbers are still very busy in several parts of the Kingdom. A French Church is like to be settled here very suddenly, the Lord Lieutenant, and the most eminent of the Clergy much encouraging it. 'Tis probable, by the next, a place will be appointed for their Assembling, and the Church regulated the same way as the French Church at *London*, (*Monsieur Hicome*, who was late Minister there, and is now one of my Lord Lieutenants Domestick Chaplains) being to take the charge of it.

A Fish-Boat (called the *Mary of Bray*) was cast away in the late great Storm: The pleasure-boat towed her as long as she durst, to save her; but when she began to sink, was forced to leave her for her own security.

Care is taken to look after the Ship that was forced in at *Ros* by streis of Weather, which by all accounts we receive, will prove Prize.

There is lately another Vessel run ashore in the County of *Mayo*, which is supposed to be a Dutch man. The Vessel is richly laden, and had One hundred men aboard; Sixty of them are come ashore, and have been some dayes, endeavouring to patch her up, and get her off; but Orders are sent hence to secure her.

The small Fox is much in this City, and Fevers, which seize upon several in the same House; yet (God be praised) not many die, of the Plague none, neither here, nor in any other parts of this Kingdom.

The Grand Bill of Settlement is now upon the very point of concluding, wanting only one reading, which had been performed this Day, had not the Night prevented us; and therefore is Adjourned till Monday the 18th instant.

The Parliament, upon Advertisement, from his Grace the Duke of *Ormond*, that there are extraordinary Warlike Preparations made by Sea and Land, not onely by the States of the United Provinces, but also in the Kingdom of *France*, for assisting the said States; and particularly, That Forces are drawn towards the Sea-Coasts of *Normandy* and *Britany*, returned their most humble and hearty Thanks to his Grace for imparting it to them, with assurance of their confidence, that His Grace the Lord Lieutenant will use all possible endeavor, by the power of His Majesties Arms, now in pay in this Kingdom (and by the raising such farther additional Forces as may be necessary) to prevent all attempts that may be made against this Kingdom.

The House did farther unanimously Declare, in the name of all the Commons in that Kingdom, that they will be ready with their Lives, Estates and Fortunes, to serve His Majesty, and to be assistant to his Grace, the Lord Lieutenant, against all attempts whatsoever, that may be made by any King, Prince, Potentate, or any other whatever against His Majesties Royal Person, Crown or Dignity, or against their any other His Majesties Kingdoms or Dominions. And to give testimony of their hearty intention to second their words with their actions, they have granted to His Majesty Eight entire Subsidies by the Temporality of this Kingdom, the better to supply His Majesty with moneys, to answer the weighty occasions of his expences.

Landguard-Fort-Point, Dec. 23. The 22 instant, the *Paradise* past by the Fort, conveying 12 Merchant men, seven of them laden with Salt for *London*. The same day about ten Colliers came into this Harbor.

Oxon, Dec. 25. This day the Proclamation for prohibiting the keeping the Fair at *Bristol*, commonly called *St. Pauls Fair*, past the Seal.

The Account of the Weekly Bill at *London*, runs thus, Total 330. Plague 152. Decreased 195.

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