

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 Capen came home miserably shattered: Who saith, That he, with another Capen, 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 *Essex*, 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 stress of Weather, which by all accounts we receive, will prove Prize.

There is lately another Vessel run ashore in the County of *Maye*, 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 only 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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