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Whitehall, Octob. 21.

**T**his day the Parliament, pursuant to His Majesties last Prorogation of them, met at Westminster; And His Majesty being come in His Royal Robes, attended with the usual Solemnity, into the House of Lords, and the House of Commons attending there, His Majesty made a most Gracious Speech to the Two Houses, on the Subject of their Meeting; After which, the Lord Chancellor more fully declared His Majesties Mind to them, on this Occasion: And that done, the Commons returned to their own House, to enter upon the debate of the Matters before them.

*Venice, Octob. 7.* The Ambassador of this State at Constantinople, hath concluded with *Achemet Caspa Bassa of Tunis*, a Treaty of Commerce, by which it is agreed, that the said *Bassa* shall grant every year, to commence from the first of *January* next, four Passports, for as many Vessels, to make one or more Voyages in a year to the Ports and Havens of *Tunis*, and the places of its dependance. That the said Vessels, for their greater security, shall likewise have Passports from this State. That the said Vessels, by virtue of the said Passports, may freely enter into any Ports of the Grand Signior, and remain there, and depart again without any molestation. That the said Passports shall be granted every year, for five years to come. That this State shall send a Consul to *Tunis*, and for this next year shall be obliged to send at least two of the said four Vessels. That this Treaty shall be approved and confirmed by the Grand Signior.

*Copenhagen, Octob. 12.* We are every hour expecting to hear of some Action between the Armies in *Schonen*; ours, commanded by the King in person, is marched, in order to engage the Enemy to a Battle, upon the success of which very much depends. We hear very little from *Sueden*, but what is brought by the Masters of Vessels that come from thence, and touch here, and at *Elfenore*; the last Account we had, was, that there had been great expressions of joy at *Stockholme*, upon the arrival of the news there, that the Peace was concluded between *France* and *Holland*; that the Ryck-Chancellor was returned to Town, after a long absence; and that Orders had been sent to the Army in *Livonia* to march, without any farther delay.

*Hamburg, Octob. 18.* The Elector of *Brandenburg* presses the Siege of *Stralsund* with all possible vigor, and, as our last Letters told us, the Batteries were finished, and would be made use of the 14th instant at night; that the Besieged had sent out to pray his Electoral Highness, that several Women and Children might have liberty to go out of the place, but that his Electoral Highness had absolutely refused it. The Advices from *Livonia*, speak much of the march of the *Suedes*, who hope to give the Elector of *Brandenburg* so powerful a diversion in *Prussia*, as to oblige him to quit his designs in *Pomerania*.

*Ditto, Octob. 21.* We have Letters from the Elector of *Brandenburgs* Camp before *Stralsund*, dated the 16th instant, which say, That they were preparing to batter the place with 100 pieces of Cannon and Mortars; that Count *Coningmarke* did very much encourage the Inhabitants to make a resolute defence; and that the Besieged had taken some of the *Brandenburg* Foragers. *Demgarten* is surrendered to the *Lunenburghs*.

*Berlin, Octob. 21.* The last Letters we had from *Pomerania*, gave us an account, that the Elector of *Brandenburg* did extremely press the Siege of *Stralsund*, and that the Besieged had desired they might free their City of the Women and Children, whom they thought ought not to be exposed to the extremities, which a Siege brings with it; but that the Elector had refused it, and had let them know, that the only way of freeing themselves and their Relations from the miseries they were threatened with, was to surrender their City into the hands of his Electoral Highness, upon the advantageous conditions he offered them, and not to compel him to make use of those means, which would be very ruinous to the Town, and finally force them into his hands. From *Riga* in *Livonia* we have an account, that the *Suedes* Army was going to march, in order to the giving the Elector of *Brandenburg* a very powerful diversion in *Prussia*.

*From the Imperial Camp at Screcke, Octob. 8.* The Duke of *Lorraine*, upon the Advice he had, that the French Army was decamped, and marched towards the *Upper Alsace*, immediately caused the Sieur *Schulz* to march towards *Strasbourg* with a Body of Horse, to be ready to assist that City, in case there be occasion; yesterday five Battalions of Foot marched the same way, and are this day followed by the Regiment of *Graz*. The Duke of *Lorraine* resolves to continue here with the main of his Army, till he sees for certain what the Enemies designs are.

*From the Marechal de Crequi's Camp at Ingweiler in Alsace, Octob. 16.* To the Account we have already given you of the Siege of the Castle of *Lichtenberg*, what we have to add, is, That on the 12th instant, the Besieged made a Sally upon our Men that were working in the Trenches on the left, but being guarded by Monsieur de *Vaubourguet* with 50 Men, the *Germans* were repulsed. The said *Vaubourguet*, and his Brother, were wounded in the Action, and are since dead. The same night Monsieur de *la Bource*, Major of the Regiment d'*Anjou*, was dangerously wounded with about 15 or 16 Soldiers killed. The 13, the Miners continued to work, three on one side, and three on the other, but advanced very little, that, as well as the day following, they working against a Rock; but the last night the Governor sent to desire a Parley and agreed to several Articles for surrendering the place, and marching the Garison to *Strasbourg* and *Kayserslauterne*. To-morrow we shall decamp from hence, and march towards *Molsheim*; the

the Marechal has caused a Bridge to be laid over the Rhine at Sponecke below Brisac, for the passage of the Troops that are designed to winter in Brisgow; the Imperialists are apprehensive that we will attack Offenburgh, which they are resolved to quit, and in order thereunto, are now about demolishing it. The Imperial Army lies encamped on the other side of the Rhine from Philipsburg as far as Offenburgh, being, as is said, in all not above 9 or 10000 Foot, and about 7000 Horse; which, if so, their number is much lessened since they came into the Field. The Garrison of Strasburgh consists in about 7000 Men.

Strasburgh, Octob. 17. The French threaten they will keep us block'd up all this Winter, and by that means reduce us to great extremities. On the other hand, the Duke of Lorraine promises to stand by us, and secure us against all dangers. We have at present here a Garrison of 8000 Men, and have made all the Provision we can for our subsistence this Winter.

Liege, Octob. 21. Yesterday about 50 or 60 French Horse came to Vêset, and brought Orders from the Marechal de Crequi, that there should not be any Corn, Hay, or Straw, removed from thence; and this morning we have Advice, that the Duke of Luxemburg is coming back with his Army towards the Meuse, leaving near 20000 men in the Dutchy of Juliers, dispersed into several quarters, where, it is believed, they will winter; and the common report is, that the French design to put a Garrison into this City, as they have done into Aix la Chapelle. This day arrived here three Vessels with Hay from Maestricht, whether it be for the use of the Army, or whether to be carried to Huy, we know not. We do not yet hear when the French will quit Maestricht, the Dutch Troops that are to take possession of it, have lay'd ready some time, and are somewhat dissatisfied that the French delay it.

Aix la Chapelle, Octob. 21. The French Army is coming down again, and takes its march towards Limburg, having left the places in Juliers well beset.

Hague, Octob. 25. We have Letters from Brussels of the 21 instant, which say, that an extraordinary Courier was arrived there from Madrid, bringing Letters to the Duke of Villa Hermosa, in which his Excellency had an account, that the person who carried the Treaty of Peace Signed at Nimeguen, was arrived at Madrid that the Treaty had been examined and approved by the King and his Council; and that the Ratifications would be dispatched with all possible diligence: but this will need a confirmation; and the more, for that, as we are told, Don Emanuel de Lyra the Spanish Minister here, has no advice either from Brussels or Spain, of what is above-mentioned. The States have not as yet been able to obtain any other answer from the French Ambassador concerning Maestricht, then that he will undertake that the place shall be vacuated on the 6th of November next, which the States think to be contrary to the Treaty, which says, that the place shall be restored immediately after the Exchange of the Ratifications.

Paris, Octob. 22. Our last Letters from the Marechal de Crequi's Camp in Alsace, were of the 16th instant, and by them we have an Account, that the night before, the Commander in the Castle of Lichtenberg (which, it is said, might have held out many days longer) capitulated. The Garrison consisted

in 800 Men, part of which were to be conducted to Keyserlauterne, and the rest to Strasburgh. That the Marechal de Crequi was upon the point to decamp from Ingweiler, and would take his march towards Molsheim. That the Brigade of Renet, and the Dragoons of Lixtenay were already marched, to join the Sieur de Monclar, who was posted on the River Ill, about a League from Strasburgh. That the Marechal de Crequi had caused a Bridge to be laid over the Rhine below Brisac, and that the Imperialists were demolishing Offenburgh. It was said here at Court, that the Duke of Luxemburg having put his Army into Winter-quarters in the Dutchy of Juliers, had Orders to return hither, but at present we are told, that directions are sent to him to continue with the Army, and to pass the Rhine with it. On Wednesday last a Reform was made of all the second Lieutenants of the Guards, who are reimbursed the Monies they gave for those Commands.

Ditto, Octob. 26. We do not yet hear any thing of the Ratifications of the Treaty of Peace from Spain, and some begin to doubt whether they will come at all, it being said that the Court of Spain does not approve some Articles of the said Treaty; but others rather believe the cause of the Ratifications tarrying so long to be, that the Person dispatched with the Treaty signed at Nimeguen, did not perform his Journey to Madrid in the time that was expected. There has for some days been a discourse at Court, as if the Marechal de Belfonds would have the Command of a Body of 15000 Men, to act with them for the assistance of the Crown of Sweden. We have nothing new from Alsace, where the Armies are preparing to go into their Winter-quarters.

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