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Madrid, Novemb. 30.

THe Solemnity which was intended in this Court by Count *Trautson* the Emperors Ambassador, on occasion of the birth of the young Archduke of *Austria*, having been deferred by his Excellencies death, was performed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday last by the Count of *Berckz*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Emperor, with great magnificence, a Triumphant Arch of exquisite Fireworks being erected and consumed each day, with two Fountains of Wine, Red and White continually running out of the two Beaks of an Imperial Eagle, which was placed upon an Artificial Precipice or Rock, all the Balconies of his house having two great Wax Torches in each, &c. The Letters from *Cadix* of the 13 instant advise, that the Spanish Armada, consisting in ten Sail, was arrived off that Port from *Messina*; and Letters of the 20th from the same place say, that the said Armada, by reason of ill weather, was come in there to Victual, and that being done, would sail for *Galicia*; that four days before, the *Crown* arrived there with Corn from *Sardena*; and had met an Algerine between that place and *Tangier*, who kept at a great distance from the *Crown*, believing her, as may be thought, a Man of War; that Captain *Gutteridge* in the *Arms of Bristol*, coming from the *Levants*, had fought a whole day with an Algerine, and had freed himself of him, but that the next day meeting with two others, himself and several of his men being killed, his Ship laden with Salt was taken. From *Malaga* of the 15th instant they write, that that City was almost clear of the Plague, there being not above 22 persons sick of it in the Hospitals; that on the 17th sailed thence 18 Ships, of which 12 were English, bound home. From *Alicant* of the 14th we are told, that Sir *John Narborough* arrived there the 11, with 12 Frigats, besides 3 Sloops and Fireships; that he was going to send his Vice-admiral, with a Sloop, to Cruise off of *Cadix*; had ordered two other Frigats to Convey some Merchant Ships for *Italy*, and intended to stand over with the rest of his Fleet for *Argiers*.

Copenhagen, Decemb. 3. From *Wismar* we have an account of our Kings safe arrival there, and that his Majesty purposed to return hither in very few days. The Swedes Men of War who have lay'n all this Summer at *Calmar*, are sailed from thence for *Stockholme*. From *Schonen* all the account we have is, that the King of *Sueden* is at present with several Senators and General Officers, to take resolutions concerning the operations of the next Campaigne.

Cologne, Decemb. 13. Our fears of being besieged encrease every day, which makes us hasten all we can to put our selves into a posture of defence. Several of the Subjects of the Duke of *Neuburg*, Inhabitants of the Dutchy of *Fuliers*, not able to bear the insolencies of the French Soldiers have retired hither; upon which the French Officer who commands at *Munster Eyssel*, hath sent a Trumpet

with Letters to our Magistrates, to require them to oblige the said persons to return to their respective Habitations, but our Magistrates have absolutely refused it. From *Mentz* they write, that their Elector having the 6th instant been taken with a Fit of an Apoplexy, as he was going to write a Letter, died soon after, in the 55 year of his age, very much regretted by his Subjects. They that pretend to succeed him, with most probability of success, are the Baron *Else*, who is not doubted but will be assisted by the French interest, his Brother being a Bishop in *France*; and the Baron *de Metterniche*, now Bishop of *Vienna*, who will have the assistance of the Imperialists.

Brussels, Decemb 13. The Letters which we received this morning from *Nimeguen*, assure us, that the Ratifications will be certainly exchanged on the 15th instant, the Marquis *de los Balbaces*, the Spanish Ambassador, having declared that he will not expect the Emperors entering into the Peace beyond that day. The said Letters add, that the Imperial Ambassadors are now inclined rather to choose the other Alternative, that is, to restore *Philipsburg* to the French, and to receive *Friburg* from them. In the mean time we have adviced, that the Marechal *d'Humieres* has received orders, to renew the acts of hostility in this Country, if the Peace be not ratified before that time. From *Liege* of the 10th they write, that a party of 300 men of the *Neuburg* Troops, being gone out from *Fuliers*, to cut down Wood, the French that were at *Linich*, having notice thereof, sent out a party to watch them; who passing the Bridge at *Fuliers* without Cannon shot of the Town, they overtook and defeated the said *Neuburg* Troops, taking 200 prisoners, and killing the rest upon the place.

Ditto, Decemb. 16. On Wednesday morning the Baron *de Saventheim* arrived here from *Nimeguen*, with an assurance from the Marquis *de los Balbaces*, to his Excellency, that the Ratifications would be exchanged yesterday, and that so soon as it was done, those of *France* should be dispatched hither, to be carried by the said Baron *de Saventheim* to *Madrid*, who is therefore come hither to fit himself for that journey. The Governors of the places that are to be restored to us by *France*, are already appointed; Lieutenant General *Agurib* is to be Governor of *Gaunt*, Baron *de Cumiers* of *Audenarde*, Viscount *Seaberg* of *Courtray*, Monsieur *de Fue* of *Binch*, Count *Rybenberg* of *Arth*, and Monsieur *Sermiento* of *Charleroy*. From *Germany* we have an account of the sudden death of the Elector of *Mentz*, who died of an Apoplexy.

Hague, Decemb. 13. The matter of the intended reduction is now said to be quite finished by his Highness, the Deputies of the States of *Holland*, and the Council of State, and will in a day or two be reported to the States General, to have their formal resolution upon it. We are told that the States are deliberating about raising the 200

Peny four times in four successive years, for the discharging the Debts which the State hath contracted during this War. From *Nimeguen* we have advice, that the remaining differences between the French and Spanish Ambassadors were wholly removed; and that it was agreed between them, that the Ratifications should be exchanged the 15th instant. Two days since was hanged a Soldier of the Regiment of Guards, having been taken abroad in the Street, after-ten a clock at night, contrary to the published Orders of his Highness; with this aggravation, that he had laid off his own blew Coat, and had put on another to disguise him; so that it is justly suspected that he had some ill design in hand.

Ditto, Decemb. 16. The reduction of the Forces of this State is now finally concluded; all the Companies of Foot are to be reduced to 50 men, including the Officers; 48 Troops of Horse are to be quite reformed, as likewise 12 Companies of Dragoons. The States have by an Express from *Nimeguen*, that the Ratifications of the Peace between *France* and *Spain* were exchanged yesterday, and that Expresses were immediately after dispatched to *Brussels* and *Paris*, to give notice thereof, that so necessary orders may be given for the evacuating the places that are to be restored to the Crown of *Spain*. A certain person, who is accused to have on several occasions counterfeited the Hand and Seal of the Emperor, in whose service he was, having been arrested here at the desire of the Imperial Minister, was yesterday sent from hence with a good Guard, towards *Cologne*, where he is to be put into the hands of the Imperialists. The death of the Elector of *Mentz* may make a great change in affairs on that side, especially if the Baron *d'Elle* should be chosen to that Dignity, he being lookt upon as a favorer of the French interests. On the other side it is said, that the Imperialists will endeavor to promote to that Electorate, the present Bishop of *Vienna*, who was a Candidate at the last Election. The French Ambassador hath given in another Memorial, declaring, that the King his Master cannot admit the inclusion of the Emperor and the Princes of the Empire, in the Treaty of Peace between his Majesty and this State.

Paris, Decemb. 15. The Dutch Ambassadors have had their Audience of the King, and afterwards a long Conference with Monsieur *de Pomponne*, concerning the Neutrality of *Cleves*, which this Minister has told the Ambassadors, his Master can by no means consent to, for that if he did, he should deprive himself of the means of bringing the Elector of *Brandenburg* to a Peace. A Reform hath been made of 300 Foot Companies, the Soldiers being put into the old Troops. From *Lille* we are told, that in case the Spanish Ratifications are not exchanged by the 15th instant, the Sieur *Pellissier* the Intendant, has orders to put in execution the Order which the King made some time since in his Council, for the confiscating the Estates of such who are in the service of *Spain*, and have Lands within the Kings Dominions; as also to cut down all the Wood in the Bailiages that are to be restored to *Spain*. The Marschal *de Crequi* continues still at *Nancy*, and will do so, as long as the Duke of *Lorraine* remains in the Neighborhood of *Strasbourg*. There is a discourse at Court of a Marriage between the Duke of *Savoy* and Madamoiselle *de Blois*.

Ditto, Decemb. 14. On Monday last their Majesties and the whole Court parted from *Versailles*, and lodged that night at *St. Germain*, where they will pass the Winter. We are expecting to hear, by the next Letters from *Nimeguen*, that the Ratifications of the Peace with *Spain* are exchanged; if they are not by to-morrow, the Spanish Netherlands will suffer extremely. From *Germany* we have an account, that the Duke of *Lorraine* was at *Esslingen*, and that he purposed to remain there the whole Winter; That the parties of the Garrison of *Strasbourg*, made their incursions into the *Franche Comte*, and into *Lorraine*, to the very Gates of *Metz* and *Nancy*, and that they threaten to burn all before them, unless they bring their Contributions to *Strasbourg*.

These are to give Notice, That there is Money in the Exchequer, to pay off all Orders of Loan to Number 6. inclusive, Registered on the first part of the Act for the Disbanding the Army.

These are to give Notice, That the persons who have agreed with His Majesty (under the Great Seal) to Manage the Collections of His Revenue of Hearth-Money, for the Term of Five years, to Commence from Lady-day next (are to be spoke with at their Office kept at the late African-house in Throgmorton-street, London, every day forenoon and afternoon.)

Advertisements.

Forasmuch as all Natural Knowledge was Originally proceeded, and still eminently depends upon Experiments; and that all our most Experiments are conducted among the Handicrafts; and also that all Handicrafts themselves may be improved, there was begun by *Joseph Moxon*, a Member of the Royal Society, and Hydrographer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, Jan. 1. 1677. Monthly Exercises upon the Mechanick, and hath been since continued in Nine Monthly Exercises, viz. Three upon the Smiths Trade, Three upon the Joiners Trade, and the last Three upon the Carpenters Trade; wherein is described all their Tools, and the manner of using them. These Arts are expressed in Workmens Phrases, and their Terms explained. And these Exercises are intended to be Monthly continued upon all other Trades. The price of each Monthly Exercise Sixpence. Sold by *Joseph Moxon* on Ludgate hill, at the Sign of the Atlas.

A Little English Spaniel of a dark Liver colour, with a white breast, Lost in *St. James's Park* on Monday last. If any person can give notice of him, and bring him to the Earl of *Sunderland's* Lodgings in *Whitehall*, they shall have Five Guineas Reward.

These are to give notice, That in the City of *Bristol*, there is to be sold (at the House of the deceased Monsieur *de S. Villiers*, late Bourg-Master) a very rich and rare Cabinet, consisting in an exceeding great quantity of divers curious Pieces both of the Indies, *Assica*, *China*, and other remote Countries; as also several Pieces of Crystal of the Rock, with a great quantity of fine Porcelaine, Arms and other Rarities. If there be any who desires to buy this Cabinet, they may address themselves to the aforesaid house, where the same will be exposed to Sale. all the remainder of this month of *December*, and the next ensuing *January*.

Lost at *Somerset* hill a gold Chain Watch, in a new fashioned Case, round Hours, the Chrystal and Pendant Ring broken off, made by *Robert Signior*, on the outside of the Shagreen Shell a Cypher of two L's, there was tied to the Watch two Seals, one a small gold Seal, with a Coat of Arms, the other enamelled set with a Cornelian, and therein engraven the Figure of *Pegasus*. Whoever can give notice thereof, so that it be recovered by the Owner, to Mr. *Huro* Goldsmith at the Golden Bottle in *Chapel-street*, or to Mr. *Robert Signior* in *Exchange Alley*, shall have 5 l. Reward, and if bought, the Money shall be paid with content.

Solen *November 16.* at night, out of the Stable of Mr. *William Drew* Postmaster in *Newbury*, a bright bay Gelding, with a star in his forehead, a scar, occasioned by the Farly, in his near cheek, bob-tail'd, trots all about 5 hands high. Whosoever can give knowledge of the said Gelding to Mr. *Job Jeffs*, Sword-cutler under the *Greyhound Tavern* in the Strand, or to the abovesaid Mr. *Drew* Postmaster in *Newbury*, shall have 20 s. Reward.