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Madrid, Novemb. 30.

THe Solemnity which was intended in this Court by Count *Trauson* 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 of 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 *Musster Effelt*, 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 th y 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