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Swansey, Decemb, 12.

ON Sunday last in the morning a small light Collier, coming into this Harbor, was cast away under this Town, belonging to *Barnstaple*, the Wind blowing then very hard at East, but all the men were saved.

Falmouth, Dec 12. The 10th came in here the *Thomas* and *John*, in four days from *Bilboa*; and the next day came in here a Dutch Man of War, with several Merchantmen under his Convoy, homeward bound from *Bourdeaux*. Here are likewise several English and Scotch Vessels in Port, bound for *Holland* with Wine and Brandy. By the Vessels that come in we have an account, that there are several Wrecks to the Eastward. The Wind has blown these several days very hard at East.

Pendennis, Dec. 12. The Wind continuing still at E. S. E. and blowing pretty hard, several ships, English, Scotch, and Dutch, are come into this Port, and among them a Dutch Man of War of 32 Guns, who lost the ships that were under his Convoy in foul weather off of *Ushant*. His Majesties Ships the *Oxford*, *Dover*, and *Lark*, are kept in this Harbor by the blowing weather.

Plymouth, Dec. 13. This day arrived here His Majesties ships the *Ruby* and *Guernsey*, bound to the Westward, to *Cruille*; and this morning sailed from hence the *Deptford* Kerch.

Coningsberg, Dec. 9. The *Brandenburg* Troops upon the approach of the Suedes, have quitted *Tilsse*, which they found not tenable, and retired to *Topzaken*, where Lieutenant-General *Gotsky*, who arriv'd here yesterday, will join them, with the Troops that he has brought from *Pomeran*. The Suedes have passed the River at *Tilsse*, and are at present so encamped, that they may march whither they please. Count *Horn*, who commands the Suedes Army, understanding that the *Brandenburgs* design to burn all the Country round, thereby to deprive him of subsistence, has sent Letters to the several Villages, to encourage the Inhabitants to remain in their houses, and to use their endeavors to keep them from being burnt, assuring them of his protection, and of very kind usage from his Soldiers.

Hamburg, Dec. 6. From *Wisnar* we have an account, that on Friday last the King of *Denmark* part'd from thence on his return for *Copenhagen*, and that a Treaty Offensive and Defensive for the security of the Conquests they have made during this War, had been concluded between his Majesty and the Elector of *Brandenburg*. His Electoral Highness we hear is returned to *Berlin*, and was received there with all the solemnity that place is capable of. From *Dantzick* they write, that upon the approach of the Suedes Army towards *Tilsse*, the *Brandenburg* Troops that were posted there, had retired, to join the other forces that came from *Pomeran*, before

they hazard any action with the Suedes, who had passed the River at *Tilsse*, and were consequently entered into *Prussia*, and were at liberty to march directly to *Coningsberg*, if they so thought fit.

Ratisbonne, Dec. 15. On Sunday last we had an account here of the death of the Elector of *Mentz*, which is like to create some difficulty in the affairs of the Dyet, through the pretensions of the Deputy of the Elector of *Saxony*, to have the direction of them during the vacancy of the See of *Mentz*; so that all matters are like to stand still here, till there be a new Election, which in all appearance will be very much contested between the Imperialists and the French; and we are told that there is already a person at *Mentz*, who is employ'd to advance the interests of the latter. From *Vienne* they write, that a Cessation of Arms was agreed between the Imperialists and the Rebels in *Su-gary*, and that it was hoped it would be speedily followed by a Peace, which as well the one as the other seem very desirous of.

Strasbourg, Dec. 16. We are advertised from very good hands, that all the French Troops in these parts, have orders to be ready to quit their quarters about the middle of the next month, and that it is in order to some great Enterprize, which we have sufficient reason to believe to be meant against this City. From *Lorraine* they tell us, that the Troops in that Country have the same orders, but that they know not whither they are designed. The *Sieur de Montclar* having been with 1500 men at *Molsheim*, as we told you in our last, is returned to *Brisac*, keeping us in the mean time in a continual alarm by these his uncertain motions. The French have given leave to the Inhabitants of the Lower *Alsace* to bring their Wines and other Commodities hither to Sell, that with the money they produce, they may be able to pay their Contributions to them. The Duke of *Lorraine* is at *Esfingen*, and it is said, purposes to remain there this Winter, that so he may be at hand to give the necessary orders, in case the French make any attempt upon this City.

Francfort, Dec. 18. The Funeral of the deceased Elector of *Mentz*, is to be on the 28 instant; and on the 9th of the next month the Chapter is to meet to proceed to a new Election, against which time the Bishop of *Aichstadt*, the Emperors Commissioner at the Dyet at *Ratisbonne*, and the Baron de *Zinzendorf*, are expected at *Mentz* to assist at it. We are told that endeavors are using by the French, to dispose the Election in favor of the Baron d'Else, who is one of the eldest Canons, and was a Pretender when the Elector deceased was chosen.

Cologne, Dec. 20. The French have since our last burnt several Villages in our Neighborhood. The last week they drew together in a considerable Body at *Linnich*, and put us into some fear here, but they are since separated again without attempting

attempting anything. Our Magistrates in the mean time continue to raise men, and to do whatever else is necessary for our security. The French parties pass frequently the *Rhine*, and make their incursions into the Country of *Berg*, from whence they return with good Booty.

Liege, Dec. 20. We have been here in great alarm for some days past, occasioned by a report that was got among the people, that the French were coming to take Winter-quarters in this City, which was encreased by the account we had that they were laying a Bridge over the River at *Wesel*, and that 5 or 600 French were come into the Suburb of *Auoy*; but all is now over, and our Magistrates have agreed with the French Intendant to pay 50000 Crowns for this City and its Suburbs; which is very moderate to what the French demanded, viz. 50000 Crowns a month.

Hague, Dec. 20. The States of *Holland* having settled the matter of Reduction of the Forces, are separated till the 3d of the next month; according to this reduction there will remain on foot 66 Troops of Horse, 10 of Dragoons, and 600 Companies of Foot, reduced each to 55 Men with Officers. It is said that the States have not only renewed their instances to the French Ambassador for the obtaining a Neutrality for the City of *Cologne*, but have likewise resolved to employ their offices for the obtaining the inclusion of that City in the Peace. The States of *Friseland* having deliberated a new upon the Point of their disbanding their Troops, have confirmed their first resolution upon that subject, and have sent a Letter to the States General to acquaint them therewith, that they may save the Deputies they had resolved to send to them on this occasion, the trouble of that journey, seeing it will be without any fruit. From *Nimeguen* we have advice, that since the exchange of the Ratifications of the Peace between *Spain* and *France*, the Negotiation between the Imperialists and the latter, has not advanced at all.

Ditto, Dec. 23. The States having caused complaint to be made to the French Ambassador of an Imposition which is laid by the French upon all Dutch Vessels that pass *Ryser*, the Ambassador has answered that the King his Master will give orders that the Imposition shall not be required of the Dutch for the future, provided the States do withdraw out of the Country of *Liege*, such of their Troops, that are still remaining there. Notwithstanding the resolution of the States of *Friseland* to persist in their first resolution concerning the disbanding of their Troops, the States General have ordered their Deputies, whom they had before appointed to go and expostulate with those States on this subject, to proceed on their journey, and to execute the instructions given them in this Affair. The French we hear are drawing their Forces together in the Country of *Fuliers*, and it is generally apprehended, that their design is upon the City of that name, or else upon *Cologne*. The reduction of the Forces will be put in execution the beginning of the next month. There will be reformed 48 Troops of Horse, and there will remain on foot 66, of 50 men each; 10 Troops of Dragoons are to be reformed, and 10 to remain of 60 men each; and all the foot Companies, which are 601, are to be reduced to 55 men each, including the Officers, excepting the Princes Horse and Foot-

guards, which are to continue on the same foot they are now on.

Paris, Dec. 21. The Dutch Ambassadors have, as we understand, received an answer in writing to the instances they made by the order of the States their Masters, for a Neutrality for *Cleves* and *Fuliers*, by which the King repeats what had been before signified to them by word of mouth, of his not thinking fit to consent thereunto. The said Ambassadors are it seems dissatisfied with Monsieur de *Pomponne's* treatment of them, who in the visit they made him, brought them only to his Stairs head, whereas the Ambassadors expected he should have accompanied them to their Coach; and besides, he has not yet returned their Visit, and has let them know he does not intend to do it, till after they have made their publick Entry, for which they are preparing. The Sieurs *Boreel* and *Dickvelt* will have 24 Footmen and Pages in the Liveries of the States and the Sieur *Odyke* will have as many in that of the Prince of *Orange*; so that they will make a very gallant appearance. The Sieur *Odyke* being some days since at Court, met in the Kings Anti-chamber Monsieur *Mombus*, who was formerly in the service of the States, and came over to the French in the beginning of the late War, and had some sharp words with him. On Tuesday night arrived here an Express from *Nimeguen*, who brought the Spanish Ratifications of the late concluded Peace with that Crown, which will be published here on Monday next, and *Te Deum* sung in *Nostre Dame* with the usual solemnity.

Ditto, Dec. 24. From the *Rhine* we have an account, that the Kings Troops possess themselves of all the Posts about *Cologne*; that they have lately burnt two or three Villages, who were wanting to pay their Contributions; that they have a Pais on the *Rhine*, and that they stop all Vessels that pass, in order to the making a Bridge over that River. The Marschal de *Crequi* is still at *Nancy*, though we are told that he has leave to return hither, the Sieur de *Monclar* being appointed by the King to command his Troops that Winter in *Alsace*. It is said that Monsieur *Pomponne* has made certain Proposals to the Dutch Ambassadors about the affairs of the North, and that their Excellencies have sent an Express to the *Hague*, to give their Masters an account thereof. The Negotiation between the Imperial and French Ambassadors at *Nimeguen*, has of late advanced very little, though the Conferences are still continued between them. Monsieur de *Vauban*, one of the Kings chief Engineers, is gone by the Kings order to raise a very strong Fortrefs or Cittadel at *Longvic*.

Advertisements.

LOst the 18th instant, of His Majesties, from *Whitchell*, a liver-coloured Spaniel Bitch, with white about her neck, and white down her breast, of a middle size. Whoever can give notice of the Bitch to *William Chiffins Esq* at the Kings *Ball-stairs*, shall be well rewarded.

WHereas one *Ralph Dickinson* of *Stockport* in *Cheshire*, about 18 years of age, went away from his friends several years ago, and an Estate being lately fallen to him, he is desired to return home, if he be alive; and if he wants conveniences to fit him for his return, he is desired to repair to *Mr. Robert Leigh*, at the *White Fryer* in *White Fryers*, near *Fleet-street*, where he shall receive all things that are necessary.

A Grant to *Ann Parrish* Widow, of a Market to be held at a Place called *the Butts* within the Parish of *New-Branford* in the County of *Middlesex*, every Thursday, for the Sale of all manner of Cattle.