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Genoa, December 14.

THE 10th Instant arrived here the King's *Fisher*, and the *Fames Gally*, being Convoy to the *William*, *John Williams* Commander; and the *Theodor*, *Nicolas Caseley* Commander. About ten Sail of Merchantsmen are past by for *Legorn*. And we have an account, that *Sir John Narborough* is gone with 13 Sail of Men of War and Fireships for *Algiers*; and that Viceadmiral *Herbert* Cruises with another Squadron in the *Streights mouth*.

*Vienna*, Dec. 11. Two dayes since arrived here an Extraordinary Courier with Letters from the Duke of *Lorraine*, giving his Imperial Majesty an account, That he had put the Army into Winter-quarters, and that he had assigned his own at *Efingen*; and desiring to know the Emperors resolutions concerning the Recruits, and other Preparations that are to be made against the next Campaign, which he says the *French* intend to begin very early, and for that purpose will have all their Troops complee before the end of *January*. From *Hungary* we have the confirmation of the defeat of 3000 *Turks*, (who had made an incursion into the Country of *Vakon* and *Thian*) by the Imperial Troops drawn out of those and other Garisons; and that of the *Turks*, several Aga's and other Persons of Note had been taken Prisoners.

*Dantzick*, Dec. 12. In our last we gave you an account, that the *Suedes* Army had passed the *Memel* at *Tilse*, and had possessed themselves of that place; all the account we have since from those Parts, is, that the said Army lies encamped about 3 Leagues on this side *Tilse*, endeavouring all they can to oblige the Country People to remain in their Houses, and to furnish them with what they have. The *Sieur Leienboocke*, who hath long resided here on the part of the Crown of *Sueden*, is upon his departure from hence for *Grudentz*, in order, as is said, to his drawing the Troops together, who were raised long since by the *French* Ambassador, and the marching them to the *Suedes* Army; they are to be commanded by Count *Carelfon*. The Elector of *Brandenburgh*, we are told, has sent to the King of *Poland*, to know what he is to expect from him in this conjuncture of Affairs, whether he intends to countenance or assist the *Suedes* or him, or to remain Neutral. His Electoral Highness is, it's said, suddenly expected in these Parts.

*Coningsberg*, Dec. 13. The consternation here is great, occasioned by the Enemies being so near us; they have certainly possess themselves of the Town and Castle of *Tilse*, and of the Castle of *Ragnitz*, and this day we had a report, that their whole Army was advanced to *Wellen*, and that their Parties have been plundering near the *Pillau*. Lieutenant General *Gortskj* is gone hence to join his Troops he brought from *Pomeren*, which passed by this City some dayes

since: The Officer that commanded the Troops that were posted at *Tilse* for the guard of that passage, is very much blamed for having abandon'd it, as he did, and it's not improbable but he may be called to an account for it. We are told that the *Suedes* are 18000 strong, and that they do everywhere treat the Country People very kindly, to encourage them to remain in their Houses.

*Berlin*, Dec. 18. The Wagons belonging to his Electoral Highnesses Artillery are brought hither, as is said, to repair, that so they may be sent to *Prussia*, whither the Troops march daily; as did yesterday 800 of the Electors Guards, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel *Wrangeh*, and they will in a day or two be followed by the Regiment of the Electoral Prince, and five Regiments of Horse; and when these Troops arrive in *Prussia*, and have joined those that are already there, we doubt not but they will be strong enough to make head against the *Suedes*, and to secure that Country against their attempts.

*Copenhagen*, Dec. 19. The mistrust that some had of the Elector of *Brandenburgh* being about treating separately with *France*, are wholly removed by the late Interview between his Majesty and his Electoral Highness. For in the Conferences they had together, all matters were determined with mutual satisfaction, and resolutions were taken to carry on the War with all possible vigor, and never to admit of any separate Transactions or Propositions concerning a Peace. We cannot hear that the Treaty, which hath been mentioned, for the security of the Conquests they have made in this War is yet concluded, much depending upon the resolutions of the Dukes of *Lunenburgh*, and the Bishop of *Munster*, who are to be Parties in this Treaty, and who, especially the latter, is believed to incline more to a Peace, than to continuing the War.

*Hamburg*, Dec. 23. We have heard nothing farther since our last, concerning the loss of the Vessels that transported the *Suedes* from *Pomeren*; there are those that will not believe it, and tell us they have an account; that only four Vessels were lost, and that even most of the Men on board of them were saved; it is to be wished for the sake of so many poor Men, that this last may prove true: But from *Lubeck*, they write very positively, that a Master of a Vessel arriving there, did assure that near 2000 dead Bodies of these Soldiers that were cast away, had been driven ashore on the Isle of *Bornholm*: The *Suedes* Army being come into *Prussia*, has occasioned a great consternation at *Coningsberg*; and the more, for that there appears not as yet a Force sufficient to make head against them.

*Strasburgh*, Dec. 23. The *French* Troops in *Burgundy* have Orders, as we are informed, to come into *Alsace*, to join the other Forces which Monsieur de *Monclar* is drawing together. They threaten us with a sudden Siege, and we have ground enough to be

lieve that they are in earnest; for the Preparations they are making, do plainly demonstrate, that they have some great enterprize in hand. We on our sides do in the mean time all we can to provide for our security, and the Duke of Lorraine has assured us, that he will be at hand to assist us, when ever there is need of it; his Highness is at present at *Gunfberg*, with his Queen; and the Imperial Troops are every where in their Winter-quarters.

*Cologne, Dec. 27.* The French are drawing their Troops together, in order, as is generally believed, to the attacking the City of *Juliers*; which puts us into so great an anxiety here, that besides the Troops we have rais'd at our own charge, our Magistrates are going to call the *Lunenburgh*, and other Troops of the Allies to their assistance, (which they would not do but on the last necessity) for we receive Advancements from all hands, that after *Juliers*, it will be our turn, and this we are confirm'd in, by their having poss'd themselves of so many important Posts in our Neighbourhood.

*Lige, Dec. 22.* This City has wholly accommodated matters with the French, so our fears are in some measure over, at least for the present. The French have forced the Spaniards that were quartered at *St. Tron*, and other places in this Country, to quit them, and have put 700 Men into *St. Tron*; and we are told that they are marching towards *Hasselt*, to oblige the Dutch Troops to retire from thence.

*Antwerp, Dec. 29.* The French, as we understand by Persons come from *Ghent*, *Aech*, &c. are preparing to quit those Places, pursuant to the Treaty of Peace between the two Crowns, which was published yesterday at *Lille*; but from *Brussels* we have advice, that they demand a very great Sum of the Inhabitants of these Countries, for Arrears of Contributions; and that the Duke de *Villa Hermosa* had sent a Person of Quality to *Lille*, to adjust this matter with the Marschal d' *Humieres*, as also to appoint the day for the evacuating the places.

*Nimeguen, Dec. 28.* The French having given in a Project of Articles for a Peace between the King their Master and the Emperor, and the Imperialists having returned a *contra* Project, upon which Counsellors have been dispatch'd to their respective Courts, we are now expecting the return of them, with the resolutions of those Princes upon them. In the mean time the Imperialists have made, as we are inform'd, an overture, that seeing there occurred several difficulties in the Article about *Friburg*, the Emperor would restore *Philipsburg* to the French, upon condition that place were likewise restored to him; but this the French absolutely refuse, as preferring *Friburg* before *Philipsburg*, for the use it may be of to them. Upon this and the other Points which remain in difference, the Imperial and French Ambassadors have, at the desire of the former, had Conferences together, the place was the Stadthou'se of this City, whither the Ambassadors of *Denmark* and *Brandenburgh* likewise repaired, and were present at the Conferences, though without being call'd thereunto. To morrow the Imperialists and the French will have another Conference at the Stadthou'se, and they are agreed in the Point of *Philipsburg* and *Friburg*, the Emperor being content, according to his former choice, to keep the first, and to leave *Friburg* to the French.

*Flague, Dec. 30.* The Deputies of the States have, since my last, had a Conference with the French

Ambassador, on the occasion of the Message sent by Monsieur *Calvo* to the Governor of *Hasselt*, to retire from thence. In the mean time we understand that all the Provinces, and all the Towns of *Holland* are of opinion, that the intended reduction of the Forces ought to be deferred for some time, till it appear more plainly, then as yet it does, what the intention of France is, as well in relation to this their demand of our quitting *Hasselt*, &c. as their restoring the Places in *Flanders*; which though the French, as we understand from *Flanders*, say they are ready to do, yet they pretend not to draw their Troops out of the Spanish Territories, till all the Arrears of Contributions are paid, which amount, according to their Computation, to a very great Sum. The next week the States of *Holland* meet, and then we may expect a final resolution will be taken in the point of the reduction, as well as in other matters. From *Nimeguen* we have an account, that the Imperial and French Ambassadors have had Conferences together at the Stadthou'se, which is new, for all the Negotiations between them heretofore, passed merely by the hands of the Mediators, those Ambassadors never coming together. What these Conferences, at which my Lord Ambassador *Frenkins* assisted, will produce, we must expect to hear; but because this month is now expiring, when the French declared they would be at liberty to advance new Propositions, endeavors are using to dispose the French to a prolongation of that term.

*Paris, Dec. 28.* The Peace between this Crown and Spain, hath been published here with the usual Solemnity. The Letters we receive from *Alsace* of the 19th instant, give an account, That the Troops that winter in that Country are to quit their quarters, and take the Field about the middle of *January*; that those in *Lorraine*, and the *Franche Comte*, have the same Orders; and that it's believed they will in the first place attack the Forts which they of *Strasbourg* are now at work upon. In the Electorate of *Treves*, the French fortifie the Castle of *Dann*, and several other Posts thereabouts. From *Nimeguen* we understand, that the French and Imperial Ambassadors have renewed the Negotiation, which seem'd one while interrupted; and at Court it is said, that the King has sent Orders to his Ambassadors to allow the Imperialists till the 15th of the next month, to expect the return of a Courier they had sent to *Vienna*, to know the Emperors final resolution upon the Project that had been given in by the French Ambassadors. We have Letters from *Vienna* which say, That if the War continue, the Emperor intends to have two Armies in the Field the next Campaign, to act on the *Rhine*; one below, about *Cologne*, under the command of General *Montecuculi*; and the other above, about *Strasbourg*, under the command of the Duke of *Lorraine*. The King has made Monsieur de *Montbrun* his Lieutenant in his Conquests in *Flanders* under the Marschal d' *Humieres*, and Monsieur de *Montauban* his Lieutenant in *Burgundy*, under the Marschal de *Duras*.

#### Advertisements.

The 15th instant, stolen from *Thomas Gardner* of *Hilshops* near *Taunton*. a brown bay Mare, 15 hands, a large white star in her forehead, two hind-feet white, a short stump tail full of white hairs, paces 8 or 9 years old. Whoever gives notice of her to Mr. *Henry Mortlock* at the *Phoenix* in *St. Pauls Churchyard*, or to Mr. *William Turner* Mayor of *Taunton*, shall have 20 s. reward.