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Dublin, Decemb. 17.

**T**HERE were lately scattered here about the Streets, some Letters intimating a Conspiracy against the Life of our Lord Lieutenant, and that it was to be put in execution by one Michael Jephson. Upon which the said Jephson being seized has confessed the Design, and that he was perverted from his Religion, and inclined (among other inducements) to this Murder; for that his Father Alexander Jephson, had been hanged here at Dublin, for the Plot contrived here in the Year 1663, during the former Government of our Lord Lieutenant. Upon the Confession of this Man, Birne and Plunkett, two Secular Priests, are secur'd, Birne being, as he saith; the first that set him on. There was found in Jephson's Box, a Letter signed by him intended for one Owens a Jesuit; who had also by his Letters from Calais, encouraged Jephson, as he doth confess, to this wicked attempt. But it seems he had lately entertained some thoughts of Repentance, it appearing, that he himself, had scatter'd the Letters, which gave the first occasion of the Enquiry, and upon which a Proclamation was on the 13th instant issued in order to the Discovery.

**Vienna, Dec. 12.** The Emperor and his Ministers have of late been very much taken up in their consultations concerning the present Affairs, as well those that relate to the Peace as to the War; for if the first succeed not, the Preparations for the latter will be made with the greatest vigor and application possible; and it is hoped from the good appearance there is of accommodating matters in Hungary, that the Forces which are now in those Parts, to the number of 14 or 15000 Men, may be employ'd against the French in the Empire: And it is said here at Court, that if the War continue, the Emperor will have the next Campaign two Armies in the Field, to consist of 25 or 30000 Men each, the one to be commanded by General Montecuculi, and the other by the Duke of Lorraine. To these Armies, at least to one of them, it is expected the Elector of Brandenburg, and the Prince of Lunenburgh will join a considerable Force; for though that Elector will be diverted by the Swedes in Prussia, yet notwithstanding his Envoy assures the Ministers here, that his Master will have a good Body of Men to spare, which he will employ for the defence of the Empire, according as the conjuncture of Affairs shall require.

**Dantzick, Dec. 13.** We have not of late had any account how Affairs stand between the Turks and the Moscovites, it is probable that the Reason having put an end to their Military operations, they are now disposing themselves in their quarters. The last Letters we received from Mosco only told us, that the Czar was resolv'd to prosecute the War with all the Force of his Empire, and that he had given Orders for raising the 10th Man throughout all his Dominions, which would bring together a formidable

Body. In the mean time People are expecting to see how far the Poles will concern themselves in this War, which will be known by the resolutions of the general Dyet, which is now going to be held, at which will be present the Ambassadors from the Emperor; as well as from the Czar of Moscovy, both which, it's believed, will endeavor all they can, to bring the Poles to take part in the present War against the Turks, whom, by their joint Force, they may reasonably hope they shall be able to bring to such terms, as may be more consistent with the Peace and Security of their Neighbors, than those they are at present with them upon, appear to be.

**Copenhagen, Dec. 13.** A few dayes will now produce a determination in the affair of Lieutenant General Armdorf, which hath now depended for several months before the Commissioners appointed to examine it. The King of Sweden is with the chief Ministers of his Court at Helmstadt, where he will continue till he takes the Fleet again. By a Dutch Vessel arrived from Stockholm, we are inform'd, that they were sitting out their Men of War with the utmost diligence, but that they are in some want of Seamen.

**Contingberg, Dec. 15.** The Swedes Army continues encamp'd, as we told you in our last, leaving us uncertain what their designs are, that is, whether they will advance directly towards this City to attack it, or fall upon some other place, which they may find of use to them. Major General Gorski has not yet joined all the Forces that are in this Countrey together; and though he had, it's said he would not enter into any Action with the Enemy, resolving, it seems, to expect first the rest of the Troops that are coming from Pomeren. The Swedes endeavor all they can to oblige the Countrey People to furnish them with Provisions, which in some places they do, notwithstanding the Orders of the Elector to the contrary. It is believed that at the general Dyet which is now holding in Poland, some resolution will be taken with relation to the present posture of Affairs in these Parts, for it's said that the Poles begin to look with some jealousy upon this advance of the Swedes Army so near their Frontiers. In the interim People here are full of fears, to see an Enemy so near their doors, though they are assured that it will not be long before there is an Army in the Field able to oppose all their designs.

**Hamburgh, Dec. 23.** We are expecting with some impatience our Letters from Denmark, which will certainly give an account of the loss, it's said, the Swedes have at Sea, if there be any thing of it. The discourses that have been very warm here, concerning a League to be entred into by the King of Denmark, the Elector of Brandenburg, the Duke of Lunenburgh, and the Bishop of Munster, begin very much to cool; and, it's said, that the Bishop seems resolv'd to turn all his thoughts towards the endeavoring a Peace, not being of so warlike a disposition as his Predecessor. The Letters from Berlin have

made mention indeed, that the Elector had thoughts of going himself for *Prussia*, to command his Forces there in Person, but we cannot hear that it is certainly resolved, but on the contrary, it is thought that his Electoral Highness will not think fit to remove so far off, till he see what the issue of the Negotiations now on foot at *Nimeguen* may be. His Electoral Highness has, as we are told, written pretty freely to the Emperor on the occasion of them, and has by his Minister at the Dyet at *Ratisbonne*, complained of the hard measure he looks upon himself to have in these Transactions, which are carried on without his consent.

*Strasbourg, Dec. 23.* We are at present pretty quiet in these Parts, but know not how long we may continue so; for the *French* do not stick to give out, that they intend ere long to give us a visit. Our Magistrates have again ordered their Deputies at *Ratisbonne*, to present their case to the Dyet, and to press that some speedy and effectual resolution may be taken for the assisting us, in case the danger prove real; for though the Dyet hath already made several resolves in our favor, yet hitherto we do not see the effects of them; and whatever good intentions the States assembled there have towards us, they will avail us very little, unless they be executed in time.

*Brussels, Dec. 28.* The anxiety People here were in, upon the arrival of the *French* Commissary, who came to demand all the Arrears of Contributions that have become due to the *French* during this War, was in some measure removed, by a message sent two days after to our Governor General by the *Marschal d'Humieres*, to let his Excellency know, that he had received Orders from the King his Master to surrender the Towns that are to be by the Treaty restored to *Spain*; upon which his Excellency has sent the *Count de Pontamougeur* to the *Marschal*, to adjust with him the Day on which the places are to be evacuated, and the Peace to be published here. Our Troops, to avoid all occasion of dispute with the *French*, have wholly quitted *St. Tron*, and the other places they were possessed of in the Country of *Liege*; but whether the *Dutch* will follow our example, is yet a question. We are told that the *French* Officers lie ready to receive those Soldiers that are going to be reformed in *Holland*, into their Service, which makes it somewhat wondered at, that the Most Christian King, now that he hath made Peace with the Crown of *Spain*, and the States General of the United Provinces, should still increase his Forces.

*Paris, Dec. 28.* The *Dutch* Ambassadors in a late Conference they had with *Monfieur de Pomponne*, told him, they had Orders to insist for a Neutrality for the *Dutchy of Cleves* and *Fuliers*, but they were answered, as at first, that the King would not grant it. The Letters from *Spain* give us an account, that eight *French* Merchant Ships who came from *Rochelle* laden with Salt, had been arrested at *Bilboa*, because the Peace was not yet ratified and published. A new Chamber of Justice, of which *Monfieur Colbert* is to be chief, is going to be set up by the King, for inspecting the Accounts of such Persons, as have in their stations been entrusted with Publick Monies during this War. The King has given the Government of the Hospital of the *Invalides*, to *Monfieur de St. Martin*. The King, as we are informed, has sent Orders to the *Marschal d'Humieres*, to adjust

with the *Duke de Vila Hermosa*, Governor of the *Spanish Netherlands*, the day for publishing the Peace in their respective Governments, and for delivering up the Towns. We have nothing new from *Germany*.

*Pendennis, Dec. 23.* The Wind the last Week being at E. and E. N. E. there came into this Harbor the *Thomas and Margerite* of *Dover*, *Richard Clarke* Master, bound for *Cadiz*; the *Edward* and *William* of *London*, *William Roberts* Master, bound with Provisions for *Tangier*; the *Susanna* of *Bayonne*, *Dominick Calingo* Master, bound with Wines for *Amsterdam*; the *Primrose* of *Whitby*, *John Lawson* Master, bound for *Lisbon* from *Archangel*; the *Unity* of *Flissing*, bound home with Wines and Brandy from *Bayonne*, and the *Green Dragon* of *Flissing*, bound home from *Portugal*; the Master of which latter, (whose Name is *John Prophet*) gives us an account, that His Majesties Frigats in the *Streights* had taken five *Algerin* Men of War, and carried them to *Cadiz*, being all mounted from 42 to 32 Guns. Here are several other Ships in this Harbor, the Wind continuing at N. E.

*Falmouth, Dec. 23.* Yesterday came in here the *Flying Dragon* of *Flissing* in *Zealand*, *John Prophet* Master, in 24 days from *Faro* in *Portugal*; the Master informs us, that before he came thence, they had an account there by some Persons come from *Cadiz*, that His Majesties Frigats, under the command of *Sir John Narborough*, had taken five *Turks* Men of War, and carried them into *Cadiz*.

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{	<i>Greyhound</i> of 42	} Guns.
	<i>Golden Tyger</i> of 36	
	<i>Five Stars</i> of 36	
	<i>New Fountain</i> of 34	

(Last cannot tell the name of, but say she is about the force of the others.)

*Plymouth, Dec. 24.* Yesterday came into this Port the *Greenwich* Frigate bound for the *Streights*; and this day we have an account from *Falmouth*, that on Saturday last arrived there a Vessel from *Faro* in *Portugal*, the Master of which said, that before his coming from thence, two Masters of Ships that came over-land from *Cadiz*, reported for certain, that there were brought into *Cadiz* by our *English* Men of War five *Algerin*s, mounted from 30 to 40 Guns, and that there was on Board one of them the King of *Argier*'s Son.

Whereas in an Unlicensed Pamphlet, lately Printed and Published, Intituled, Mr. Coleman's Two Letters to Monsieur Le Chefe. In the Title Page there are these words: With the Duke of York's Letter to the said Monsieur Le Chefe, which sheweth what Mr. Coleman wrote to him was by his special command and appointment. And at the end of the said Pamphlet there is a false and scandalous Letter Printed, Intituled, A Copy of his R. H. his Letter to Le Chefe about the time Mr. Coleman wrote his long Letter, 1675. By which his R. H. the Duke of York is libelled, and most scandalously Aspersed. If any shall discover the Printer of the said Pamphlet, he shall have a Hundred Pounds for a Reward immediately paid.

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