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Dublin, Decemb. 17.

THERE 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 Helmskate, 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 fatisfied to turn all his thoughts towards the endeavouring a Peace, not being of so warlike a disposition as his Predecessor. The Letters from Berlin have