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Whitehall, January 3.

THis day the Right Honorable James Earl of Salisbury was Sworn one of the Lords of His Majesties Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly:

Deale, Jan. 4. Yesterday sailed out of the Downes a Squadron of His Majesties Ships, and this morning six Frigats more: They are gone over for Flanders, to transport hither His Majesties Troops that are there, in order to their Disbanding.

Portsmouth, Jan. 5. Yesterday came to Spithead from the Westward the Oxford, the Dover, and the Lark Frigats, and this morning set Sail for the Downes, the Wind at S. W.

Vienna, Dec. 25. The 23d instant arrived here an Extraordinary Courier with Letters from the Elector of Bavaria to the Emperor; relating, as is said, to the Negotiation of the Peace now on foot at Nimeguen. It is said at Court, that the Electoral Prince of Bavaria will be here very suddenly; and that Orders are already given for the preparing an Apartment for him to lodge in. Here is arrived lately an Envoy from the Elector of Brandenburg, his Errand is, as we are informed, to complain of the separate Transactions that have been managed by the Imperial Ambassadors at Nimeguen, in order to a Peace with France, in prejudice of the Treaties between his Imperial Majesty and the Elector, to pray that no steps may be made in this great work; but with the communication of his Electoral Highness, and the other Allies, and that no Peace be concluded, but such an one as they are included in; and lastly, to assure the Emperor, that if he will continue the War, he will join this next Campaign 15000 Men with the Imperial Army; and that he will enter into any Alliance the Emperor shall think fit, for supporting the common Interests of the Empire, and those of the House of Austria in particular. The Baron Salay, who has been here on the part of the Malcontents of Hungary, parted hence yesterday, with a Project of Articles that have been proposed here, to which he is to bring the answer of his Principals before the end of February; and in the mean time we understand that the Troops in Hungary, as well of the one side, as the other, are in their Winter-quarters.

Dantzick, Dec. 31. The Letters we receive from Grodna in Lithuania inform us, that the Dyet was begun there, that they had chosen their Marshal or Speaker, and that it was hoped it would prove happy to the Kingdom, but that by reason of the inconveniency of lodging, it would in all likelihood be but a short Session. From Prussia we hear, that the Swedes Army continues encamped on this side Tilsse, without any appearance of action, which is very much wondered at, seeing the Brandenburgs have thereby time to reinforce themselves, and in effect the Electoral Troops increase every day, and will be very suddenly

in a considerable Body. Some will say that the Swedes expected, so soon as they set foot into Prussia, that the Troops raised by the French Ambassador in these Parts, would have joined them, and that failing of that succor, their measures have been broken. Count Caresson, who came hither from Stockholm, will part hence in a day or two, to join the Army, which however he will have difficulty to do, for that the Brandenburg Troops lie in his way.

Berlin, Jan. 4. Our Elector parts hence on Monday next for Prussia, from whence we have fresh Letters, which say, that the Swedes were going to remove from their Camp near Tilsse, but that it was not known whether they would advance towards Coningsberg, or take some other way.

Hamburg, Jan. 6. The Troops of the Elector of Saxony, and the Duke of Hanover, upon some apprehensions they had of being disturbed in their Winter-quarters, which they have in the Countrey of Mansfeld, drew together, to secure them, but are since, upon further information, returned into their said quarters, the Brandenburg Regiments that were designed to have shared those quarters with them, being appointed to march towards Prussia; where the Seat of the War is now like to be. People here seem much to wonder that the Swedes make no further progress in that Countrey, having say'd still ever since they passed the River at Tilsse, whereas they might have advanced directly to Coningsberg, or any other place, without meeting with any great opposition; which they must in a short time expect they will do, since the Elector of Brandenburg has sent so considerable a Force thither from Pomeran, and that he purposes to follow in person. The several Princes of the House of Saxony are at present assembled at Byssleben; and at Niebau near Paderborne is another Assembly of the Deputies of the King of Denmark, Elector of Brandenburg; and the Dukes of Brunswick. We are expecting to know what Resolutions will be taken by them.

Cologne, Jan. 8. It beginning to freeze pretty hard, we may expect the Rivers will be quickly closed, and rendered passable, which it's not to be doubted but the French are expecting, in order to their falling into the Countrey of Bergs, the poor People on that side the River are very sensible of the danger that is threatened, and though they are endeavouring to provide against it, by drawing the Boors together in Bodies, and posting them for the guarding of the most important Passes, yet it is to be feared they will not be able to make Head against the Force the French have in these Parts. For what concerns this City, our Fears increase daily; and there are those, who have even the worse opinion of things, because of the Compliment the Sieur Galus sent to make this City two or three dayes since, and to assure us that we might rest undisturbed, and without any Jealousie of the motion of his Troops.

Brussels, Jan. 10. On Thursday next Charleroy is to be evacuated, whereupon his Excellency has this day