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Naples, October 3.

WE have a sad account from the Provinces of *Otranto*, *Puglia* and *Bari*, of a Pestilential Distemper that rages there to that degree, that several Villages are quite Depopulated; and that there are no Labourers to be had to gather the Fruits. And here we fear we shall be afflicted with another Plague, that of Famine, for here is already great scarcity of Corn.

Vienna, Octob. 15. The sad condition of this place is hardly to be described, though God be thanked the Plague abates, there having died the last Week 300 less than the former, and better Order is likewise now observed than could be at first, for which we are obliged to the Count of *Swartzenburg*, who two days since caused 9 Persons to be hanged, for having stole several Rich Goods out of infected Houſes, under pretence of assisting the Sick. In the mean time while the Plague decreases here, it spreads it self into the neighbouring Countrey, and grows so violent in the Parts hereabouts, that a great many people would come hither, but that they are not permitted.

Prague, Octob. 16. This City continues hitherto free from all Infection, so that there is not now any discourse of their Imperial Majesties removing from hence; and that we may continue in Health all possible care is taken, and no Person is permitted to come hither till he has performed a Quarantine; and to see this observed Commissioners are appointed. The *Empress* is at present indisposed, and its feared she may miscarry. Several of the Emperors Troops are disbanded at *Egra*, and most of the Men are gone to put themselves into the Service of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, or the City of *Hamburg*.

Hamburg, Oct. 24. The *Lunenburg* Deputies are returned to the King of *Denmark's* quarters, to endeavour to obtain some farther moderation in his demands upon this City, in which they are the more likely to succeed for that the *Sieur Rabenac* the French Minister has received orders to join with them in this Mediation. In the mean time our Magistrates have forbid the carrying of any Provisions to the Danish Camp upon very severe penalties, but have given leave to the persons employed by some of the Danish General Officers to provide 12 Tun of Beer and some Wine for their particular use, they demanded 24 Tun, but it would not be allowed. It is said here that they begin already to have a scarcity of Provisions in the Danish Camp; and that for this reason two Regiments have left it, and are gone into winter quarters, which is an Argument likewise that things are in a fair way to be accommodated.

Hamburg, Octob. 24. While we are expecting to know the final resolution of the King of *Den-*

mark upon the Overtures that have been made him by the *Lunenburg* Ministers since our last, we are not a little troubled to hear that the Danish Men of War, who lay at *Gluckstadt*, 14 in number, have stopt several Merchant Ships that were coming hither, viz. two English Ships, two Hollanders, and one belonging to this place; the former are simply stopt from coming hither, but as for the latter we fear the Danes will proceed to confiscation. The *Sieur Rabenac* received, two days since, Orders from the French Court, to repair to the King of *Denmark*, and to endeavour to reconcile the differences between him and this City. This day the said *Sieur Rabenac* parted hence for *Haerburg*, to communicate the matter of his Instructions to the Duke of *Zell*; and from his Offices joyned with those of the Princes of *Lunenburg* we promise our selves a good effect.

Amsterdam, Octob. 27. From the *Hague* we have an account that the Deputies of the States General have had several conferences with *Monſieur d'Avaux* the French Ambassador; whom they acquainted, That the States could not think fit to enter, at present, into the new Alliance proposed by his Excellency, adding the Reasons that lead them to this Resolution, with which they desired the Ambassador to be satisfied, assuring him that they would, on all occasions, shew the high value they set upon the Friendship which the King his Master is pleased to honour them with. We are likewise told that *Mr. Sidney*, Envoy Extraordinary from His Majesty of *Great Britain*, has had conferences with the Ministers of the Dukes of *Lunenburg*, concerning the Affairs of *Hamburg*, which according to our last Letters from thence, we have great reason to hope will be amicably accommodated seeing the Most Christian King is become a Mediator therein. The States have sent orders to their Ambassador in *England* to return His Majesty their Most humble and hearty Thanks, for having by his Mediation procured a general Peace; and to assure His Majesty that they will have a perpetual remembrance of his Kindness and Goodwill towards them, and that they will, on all occasions, shew their acknowledgment thereof. The Duke of *Monmouth* is gone for *North-Holland*, and in 8 or 10 days will be back again at *Utrecht*.

Hague, Octob. 27. The last week the Elector of *Brandenburg's* Minister here presented a Memorial to the States General concerning the Arrears of Subsidies due to his Master, in which he earnestly presses them to take some speedy resolution, that his Electoral Highness may know what Measures to take; sets forth the great Services done by the Elector to this State, That he had exhausted himself in the prosecution of the War, and at last had been forced, to give up all his Conquests by the Peace; But declares however, that in case the States do satisfy him in his just pretentions, his Electoral Highness will be glad to maintain the ancient

ancient Friendship between them, and to enter into any new Alliance for the strengthening it. The States General, in Answer to this Memorial, have ordered their Treasurer General to inform the several Provinces, in which they will then come to a determination. Yesterday the *Heer d' Amerongen*, Envoy Extraordinary to the said Elector, began his journey. In his way he will see the Dukes of Lundenburg and Bishop of Münster to confer with them concerning the affairs of Hamburg. The Prince and Princess of Orange continue still at Soestdike, where they can have had but little diversion by reason of badness of the Weather. It is thought their Highnesses will not be here yet this Fortnight. The Duke of Monmouth left Amsterdam last Wednesday, and is going to see the Towns of North-Holland, from whence it is thought he will pass into Brikeland, to do the like there, and then to return to Utrecht.

Falmouth, Octob. 16. The 14 Instant arrived here a Dutch Merchant Ship in 6 Weeks from Cadix; by which we have Advice, that our last *Streights* Fleet was safely arrived there, before the calm thence. Saturday Night last was call away near the *Island* a Vessel belonging to Dover, bound for France, the Men being all saved.

Lime, Octob. 18. Two days since arrived here a small Vessel called the *Society of Guernsey*, from that Island, which we are told is in a very good Condition, and that the Castle is Rebuilding. We have had of late very stormy and rainy Weather, the Ships in this Port have received some damage, but not any loss.

Plymouth, Octob. 19. This day Sir *William Pool*, in the *Happy Return*, with another of the Kings Ships, arrived here with several Merchant Ships under their Convoy from the *Streights*, from whence we are expecting a greater Fleet, which was to sail from Cadix in two or three days after Sir *William Pool* came from thence.

Portsmouth, Octob. 19. In the late bad Weather, the *Swiftsure* sprang her Main Mast, and was in some danger of being lost, last Night she came into the Harbour in order to be paid off.

Whitehall, Octob. 20. This evening, His Majesty was pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Sir *Raymond* and Sir *Simon Lewis*, the Sheriffs, as also upon Sir *William Russell*, one of the Common Council of London, being persons whom His Majesty had received a very good Character of, as to their Principles and Affections to the Government and to the Protestant Religion as now established in the Church of England.

London, Octob. 21. This day the *Artillery Company* kept their Annual Feast at Merchant Taylors Hall. In the Morning they met in the Guild-Hall, and went to Bow-Church, where the Earl of Ossory and the Earl of Feversham, out of a particular respect to the Company, met them, and after Sermon marched with the other Stewards, which were Colonel Legge, Sir Richard How, Sir John Chapman, Capt. Dodson, for Sir Robert Holmes, Major Horne, Captain Hudson, with gilt Staves in their hands: After whom followed the Lord Mayor, the Court of Aldermen, the Recorder, and the two Sheriffs in their Scarlet Gowns, the Court of Assistants, and the rest of the Company. Being come to the Hall, they found there His Ro-

yal Highness (whom they had prayed to honour them with his presence) attended by many of the Nobility and other Persons of Quality. The Chief Officers made their Compliments to His Royal Highness, kissed his hand, and presented to him, as their Captain, their Ensigns, which they first laid at his Feet. Then his Royal Highness went to Dinner at a Table at the upper end of the Hall at which the Lord Mayor, the Nobility, and other Persons of Quality likewise sat, the rest of the Company being at four other Tables. The Entertainment was great and Splendid, and all things performed with great Order and Nobleness. Then, according to Custom, The new Stewards were chosen, which are The Lord Marquis of Worcester, the Earl of Shrewsbury, the Earl of Mulgrave, the Earl of Berkeley, Sir *Raymond*, Sir *Simon Lewis*, the Sheriffs, Sir *Ben. Newland*, and Captain *Ben. Hartey*. After Dinner His Royal Highness returned to Whitehall, leaving the Company extremely pleased with the Honour he had done them.

These are to give Notice to all Persons that shall have occasion to receive Money in any County of England or Wales, That upon payment of their Moneys into the Hearth Office (late the African-House) in Throckmorton Street, London, the Commissioners and Managers of that Revenue will draw Bills for the like Sum upon their Receivers of such Counties where the same shall be desired which Bills shall be punctually complied with, and paid at the time agreed upon.

Advertisements.

ONE *John Henderson*, a young man about 18 years old, round visaged, smooth face, of an indifferent height, came Post to Bristol from London, on Sunday the 12th instant, his Habit very mean, in a red Cap furred about the edges, his hair of a light brown colour and straight, being taken upon suspicion, upon his Examination gives a very trivial account of himself: that 23 Guineas about him, besides three broad pieces of Gold, and some Silver. As soon as he came hither he cut off his hair and wears a Perwig, and put himself into new apparel, he has a Pick Lock found about him. Whoever has had stolen from him such money, if they will charge the said person therewith, he is detain'd at Bristol till he can give a better account of himself.

A Dark Brown bay Gelding, 15 hands high, a star in his Forehead, a pair of straight heeled shoes before, a brown Muzzle, something a rough Coat, stolen out of the Stable of Mr. *Richard Dealy* a Gentleman of the Queens Troop of Guards, the 22 instant by *Edmund Grady* his servant an Irish man, low of stature, and slender, a wrinkled face, his Forehead broad and his face flat, grey eyes, a wide mouth, light brown hair, the top of his head a little bald, limps a little in his going, and seems to be about 40 years old. Whoever gives notice either of man or horse to Mr. *Dealy* aforesaid near the Five Compasses in Finsbury Street beyond the Abby in Westminster shall have a Guineas Reward.

Stolen or Stayed, the 8th instant at night, out of *Giltshire* Grounds, near *Kestring*, in *Northamptonshire*, a black brown Gelding, the mark out of his mouth, about 10 years old, between 14 and 15 hands high, a bob tail, a pretty large star in his Forehead inclining to a blaze, wots all. Whoever gives notice of him to *Robert Markham*, at the 7 Stars over against St. Dunstons Church in Fleet Street, or to *Francis Lane Esq.* at *Glendon* aforesaid, shall have 40s. Reward, And Stolen or Stayed the same night out of *Rowlandfield*, in the same County, a dusky brown stoned Colt, 2 years old, with a little white down his face, both his hind feet white. Whoever gives notice of him to either of the said persons shall have 20 s. Reward.

Lost on Sunday the 12th instant in the Evening, out of Mr. *Popes* Stable at *Newmarket*, a bay Nag, near 14 hands high, with a Cross burnt on the near hip. Whoever gives notice of him to Mr. *Bignall*, at Mr. *Popes* House in *Newmarket*, or the *Palace* in *Cambridge*, or at the *Green Dragon Tavern* in *Fleet Street*, shall be well rewarded.