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Copenhagen. Dec. 2.

THE defensive Alliance between this Crown and Sweden was concluded the 7th of the last Month at *Lundun*. By it is agreed, That in case either King be attacked, the other shall assist him with 2000 Horse, 4000 Foot, and 10 Men of War, and these numbers to be doubled in case need require it. The General or Admiral of the King assisted. shall command. In all Fights the Auxiliary Troops shall, as far as may be, be posted by themselves. Their Ports shall be open to the Ships of both Crowns. And this Alliance shall last ten years. From *Schonen* we hear that the King of Sweden is gone for *Calmar*. And from *Helmstadt* comes a report that ten Dutch Merchant Ships have been lost in the *Katte-Gatt*.

Stetin, Dec. 15. On Wednesday last the *Brandenburgs* quitted this place, as they did likewise *Dam*, and the same day Count *Coxingmark*, Governor General of *Pomeren*, for the King of Sweden, arrived here, and was received by the Burgesses in Arms, to whom his Excellency shewed great Civilities, highly commending them for the brave defence they made, and assuring them that the King of Sweden would, in due time, recompence their Services.

Aix la Chapelle, Dec. 15. This morning part of the French Troops that were in Garrison here marched from hence, and we are told that Monsieur *Calvo* will follow them in a day or two with the rest.

Brussels, Dec. 19. This morning we had our Spanish Letters, dated the 2 instant at *Madrid*, which give an account that their Majesties arrived that day at *Buen Retiro*; that the Queen Mother had visited her Majesty the day before four Leagues from *Madrid*, and had made her a Present of a very great value; that their Majesties would not make their publick entry yet in six Weeks, for which great preparations were making, that a supply of 600 thousand Crowns would be remitted hither by the next Ordinary, and that that would be followed by a Million more, to be paid in 12 Months, which gives great life to things here. There has been some disturbance at *Antwerp* among the common people about certain Taxes layd upon them by their Magistrates, whereupon his Excellency has sent thither *Don Francisco de Veleco*, their Governor, to endeavour to compose matters.

Brussels, Dec. 22. The Letters from *Spain* assure us that we shall have a new Governor in the Spring, some say that the Count de *Monterey*, our former Governor, may be the Person; others again speak of the Duke of *Lorraine*, and of the Duke of *Newburg*, but we may now in a short time expect to be informed with more certainty. The Duke de *Villa Hermosa* will go, after the holidays, with his

Dutchess and most of the Court, to *Ghent*, and will pass some short time there. Our Letters from *Liege* of the 20th tell us, That the French would quit *Aix la Chapelle* as yesterday, and *Huy* and *Perviers* as this day. From *Strasbourg* they make great Complaints of the French, who not only go on in the rigorous exacting of Contributions, but have seized the Papers and Records belonging to several Princes and States of the Empire who have any Lands in *Alsace*, which have been kept above these 200 years at *Croon-Wissemburg*, and have carryed them to *Metz*. The Letters add that the French are making great Magazines in several places in *Alsace*.

Hague, Dec. 22. The chief discourse here at present is concerning the proposal made, some time since, by the French Ambassador, of a defensive Alliance between the King his Master and this State, which he continues to press with much earnestness, and Mr. *Sidney* as vigorously to oppose. The States of *Holland*, since their meeting, have resumed the debate of this important matter, which was much influenced by the letter from the Heer *Leeuwen* the Ambassador of this State in *England*, and the Memorial presented by Mr. *Sidney*, which having been both read, the farther debate concerning the said Alliance, was let fall, only with this resolution, that the farther consideration of it should be referred to a Committee, with orders to send Copies of the said Letter and Memorial to the several Provinces; since which there has been no more notice taken of this great matter, which the French Ambassador not being satisfied with, he has been with the Pensioner *Fagell* to let him know that he expected a positive Answer in 15 days, and that accordingly his Master would take his Measures, which however it is believed the States will not comply with him in, and that if they do, their Answer will not be to his satisfaction. This Morning we have advice of the death of Prince *Maurice of Nassaw*, Great Uncle to the Prince of *Orange*; He was one of the Velt-Marschalls under his Highness, and Governor of *Cleves* for the Elector of *Brandenburg*, and dyed in his 80th year. The *East-India* Company has made the Prince of *Orange* their usual Annual Present, to the value of 6000 Pounds sterl. Since these Rumors of an Alliance with *France*, the Actions of that Company have fallen, but at present, upon the appearance there is that the same will not take effect, they begin to rise again. Last Wednesday there was a very magnificent entertainment at the Heer *Odyk's*, for the Prince and all the Court with a Ball that lasted till five in the morning.

Paris, Dec. 23. The Marriage between the Dauphin and *Ann Marie Victoire*, Sister to the Elector of *Bavaria*, is concluded, and the King and the Dauphin have sent their Procurators to Prince *Maximilian*, the Electors Uncle, to perform the Ceremony of the Marriage as the Dauphins Proxy, which done, the Princess his Wife will conduct this illustrious Bride hither. The King has already named the prin-

eight Officers of her Household, who are to go as far as *St. J. de la Cour* to meet her; The Bishop of *Condom*, Tutor to the Dauphin, is to be her chief Almoner; The Duke of *R. de Richelieu* Knight of Honour, the Marechal de *Bellefonds* Master of the Horse, &c. It is said that their Majesty will part hence upon the 25th of *January*, for *Condom*, from whence the King will advance a days journey to meet the Princess his Daughter. The last week the Dutch Ambassadors were at *St. Germain* to desire an Audience of the King, but after having waited there Fornoon and Afternoon, returned without obtaining it, being told the King was busy; which makes people here think that the States General have acted something that the King is displeas'd at, and that this was done to shew the Ambassadors his resentment of it. At *Geneya* there has happened some disturbance, occasioned by the carriage of the French Resident there, which went so far as to draw the Commonalty together and to put the Resident in some danger, a Pistol having been discharged at him, but the Person that did it was by order of the magistrates, though with some difficulty secured. They have sent Deputies hither to make their excuse to the King, ut his Majesty will not yet admit them to his Presence declaring that he will first be informed of the matter of fact. The Prince of *Canti* is to marry *Madam Campbell de Blois*, the Kings natural Daughter.

Plymouth, Dec. 16. The King-Esther continues as yet in this Port, expecting the *Woodwich* Frigate and the rest of the Fleet of Merchant Ships bound for the *Streights*.

The Earl of *Feverham* is made Master of the Horse to the Queen in the room of *Sir John Arundel*.

Whitehall, Dec. 19. *Sir Edward Wood*, His Majesties late Envoy to the King of *Sweden*, being returned from that Employment, on Monday last kissed their Majesties hands, by whom he was very graciously received.

Whitehall, Dec. 20. His Majesty has thought fit to revoke His Letters Patents constituting the Duke of *Monmouth* Master of His Horse.

Whitehall Dec. 21. His Majesty, out of his continual care of the Protestant Religion, having thought fit to appoint a Committee of the Lords of His Privy Council to consider of the most effectual means for putting the Laws in execution against the Papists, and for the suppression of Popery, and their Lordships having at several times met and reported their opinions, in this behalf, to His Majesty in Council, the Justices of the Peace of *Middlesex* and *Westminster* have received Orders (in pursuance of the late Proclamation against Papists residing in or near *London*) to cause Lists to be forthwith taken of all House-keepers, and especially such as let Lodgings within the Bills of Mortality, and of all Midwives, Apothecaries, and Physicians that are Papists or suspected to be such, and to return the Lists to the Council Board for their effectual Prosecution; And that no Papist may be harboured, or thought to receive Protection within any of His Majesties houses, a Commission is preparing for the Officers of the Green-Cloth to tender the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and to offer the Test unto all such Papists and suspected Papists as shall be found in *Whitehall* and the Precinct thereof, who are thereupon to be proceeded against according to Law. And the Messengers and Knight-Marshall's men are ordered to seize and carry them before the said Officers. And a Reward of ten pounds is to be paid to the Discoverer of any Papist or suspected Papist who shall be harboured in any of his Majesties Houses, and the Officer who harbours them shall be turned out of his plate.

The Justices of the Peace are likewise permitted to search *Somerset-House*, at any time in the Queens absence, as also *St. James's*, for Priests and Papists.

And that no Popish Recusant may expect any Favour or Connivance for their staying in Town,

His Majesty hath declared His resolution not to grant them any Dispensations or Licences to that effect.

And for the preventing the resort of all persons to the Chappels of Ambassadors and foreign Ministers of the Popish Religion, except they be their Menial Servants, the Justices of the Peace, are directed to impart the List of such Servants to the Constables and Beadles of their respective Parishes, who are, upon Sundays and Holydays, to seize all Persons who shall be found unduly resorting thither, that they be prosecuted according to Law.

A Proclamation is likewise preparing to warn all His Majesties Subjects of the danger they incur by their being seduced to the Popish Religion, and to encourage all Persons to discover those that go about to seduce them, or are seduced to that Religion, as also such as are or have been bred in Popish Seminaries, and such others as shall send any maintenance to them.

And that no encouragement may be wanting in order to the Conviction of Papists, a Privy Seal is passing to enable all the Judges to reward according to their discretions, all Persons that shall prosecute such Popish Recusants before them, to be paid out of the Estates or Forfeitures of those who shall be convicted by their Prosecutions.

And for such persons as are already imprisoned any where, upon suspicion of being Popish Priests, it is further ordered that they be forthwith prosecuted to an Attainder.

And whereas the Lords of the Committee have received Copies of the Lists of the Papists and reputed Papists of *England* and *Wales*, which had been lodged in the House of Commons by the Knights of the respective Shires, the Lord Chancellor is directed to cause Commissions to be prepared forthwith (in which the said Lists are to be inserted) empowering and requiring the Justices of the Peace of each County to tender the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy to the persons particularly named therein, and, upon their refusal, to proceed against them according to Law, in order to their speedy Conviction; which Commissions are to be accompanied not only by special Instructions for the better direction of the said Justices herein, but also with Letters from the Council Board, requiring and encouraging them diligently to execute the said Commissions, and to return an account of their proceedings in pursuance thereof, as also to send up the names of all others whom they shall know or suspect to be Papists, not mentioned in the said Commissions.

And the Lists of some Counties having been formerly withdrawn, or not delivered to the Clerk of the House of Commons, Letters are written from the Lords of the Council to the Knights of the Shires who served in Parliament at that time, to remit them to the Council Board, that thereupon Commissions may be prepared in like manner as is already directed in respect of the other Counties.

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These are to give notice that the Creditors of *John Lindsay* are desired to meet, upon the 31st day of this instant *December*, at *Widow Kemps* Coffee house, in *Exchange-Alley*, at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon precisely, forasmuch as something of importance will be communicated to them about this affair; And they are desired to come themselves or to empower a friend to meet for them.