

are the preparations that are making by the *French*, that they give us but too much cause to believe that they have great designs in hand, and that this City is particularly concerned in them. Our only hopes are, that the Emperor and the Princes of the Empire will on their side take such measures, as that we may have the advantage of their protection, in case we are attacked. Our Letters indeed from *Lintz* tell us, that his Imperial Majesty is making new levies; and at the same time we are informed that several Princes of the Empire are going to raise men, for the Emperors service but we wish that the preparations, which are making on that side may be equal to those on the other, though we have reason enough to doubt it: We continue to see the Comet.

Hamburg, Decemb. 11. The Prince of *Hanover*, eldest Son to the Duke of that name is preparing for his journey for *England*. We are informed that the Bishop of *Munster* has given out Commissions for the raising of several new Troops, and that they are designed for the service of the Emperor, who as our Letters from *Lintz* tell us, is resolved to have a very considerable Army in the field the next Spring, which he will be the better able to do, if the advices we have of a Peace being concluded with the *Hungarian* Malecontents be true. We are at present very quiet in these parts and hope we shall continue so.

Hague, Decemb. 17. The Letters, we receive from *Flanders* speak hardly of any thing besides the great preparations that are making by the *French*, and the apprehensions they have, that they are designed against those Provinces, which is feared are not in the condition that is necessary for their defence, though the Prince of *Parma* is doing what he can to put them into it. Several of the Subjects of this State that were in the service of the Elector of *Brandenburg* having quitted it, so soon as they understood the Placet that was published by the States General for that purpose, it has renewed the displeasure which his Electoral Highness took against the said Placet, and has put him, as they write from *Berlin* upon a resolution of returning it with a like on his part.

Brussels, Decemb. 14. We understand that the Count d' *Archino*, and Don *Bernardo de Salinas* have finally effected what they went to *Amwerp* about, having settled the affairs of that City, and obtained its consent for the paying several Imposts as formerly. The Indisposition of the Prince of *Parma* still continues upon him; to the great hindrance of the publick affairs, tho' his Highness omits not during the least relaxation, to apply himself thereunto; the chief matter he is more particularly zealous in, is the settlement of the Army upon such a foot, as that it may answer the present occasions, the rencounter that happened the other night between the Prince of *Vaudemont* and some persons, that are as yet unknown, begins to be otherwise interpreted than it was at first, many people now looking upon it as a Duel, designed on both sides; but though they were three persons that at first met the Prince yet it was only one that fought with him, the other two immediately retiring, as the third did upon the breaking of his Sword.

Brussels, Decemb. 17. Yesterday the Count d' *Archino* came hither from *Amwerp* and having

been last night with the Prince of *Parma*, to give him an account of what he had done, and to receive his directions upon it, he returned to *Amwerp* this morning, from whence we expect him and Don *Bernardo de Salinas* back again to-morrow, having settled the matters they went thither about. The Prince of *Parma* continues very much indisposed, which obliged him to receive Mr. *Legg*, who had his Audience this afternoon, in his bed. From Germany they write that the Elector *Palatine*, the Elector of *Saxony*, and the Bishop of *Wurtsburg* were going to raise each 10 or 12000 men.

Falmouth, Decemb. 8. The 5th Instant came in here the *Foas* of *Dover*. The Master reports that off of *Scilly* he saw a Ship lye upon her side, but knows not what she was,

Portsmouth, Decemb. 12. We have an account from *Cowes*, that about the beginning of the last week a Vessel fitted out as a Privateer, met a Dutch Galliot-Hoy on the other side of the Isle of *Wight* laden with wine and Brandy from *France*, boarded her and took her (pretending they had Letters of Reprisal) and set the men ashore upon the Island, who presently applied themselves to the Governor of *Cowes* Castle, and the Vessel accidentally coming into the Road, was seized, and the Captain committed prisoner to the Castle, and the rest of the Seamen secured, as Pyrats. These two last nights appeared to us here, about 6 a clock in the Evening a pale bright stream, supposed to come from a Star set in the West.

Portsmouth, Decemb. 14. Yesterday the *Crown* Frigate set Sail from the *Spitehead* for *Plimouth*.

London, Decemb. 14. This day was made Publick, the Speech of the Lord High Steward in Westminster-Hall, at the time of his pronouncing the Judgment of the House of Peers, against the Lord Viscount Stafford. Printed by his Majesties Printers.

Advertisements.

☞ *The Unreasonableness of Separation*: OR, an Impartial account of the History, Nature, and Pleas of the present Separation from the Communion of the Church of *England*. To which several late Letters are Annexed, of Eminent Protestant Divines Abroad, concerning the Nature of our Differences, and the Way to Compose Them. By *Edward Stillingfleet*, D. D. Dean of *St. Pauls*, and Chaplain in Ordinary to his Majesty. Sold by *Henry Morlock*, at the *Phoenix* in *St. Pauls Church-yard*.

☞ There is published a new Book of Musick, Entitled the Third Book of Choice Ayres, and Songs to sing to the *Theorbo-Lute*, or *Bass-Viol* being most of the newest Ayres and Songs Sung at Court and at the Publick Theatres; Composed by several Gentlemen of His Majesties Musick and others. They are to be sold by *John Playford*, at his Shop near the *Temple-Church*, and *Johannes* at his Shop at the middle *Temple-Gate* in *Fleetstreet*.

John Milborne about 34 years of Age short hair wears a brown Perriwig, halts in his gate, plies upon Musick, went away from Mr. *Cooley*s House over against the Kings-Printing-House in *Black-Fryars*. Whoever gives notice of him to the said Mr. *Cooley* shall be well rewarded.

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