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*Stockholm, Nov. 16.*

**T**He King, who we have told you had broke his Leg, and very much hurt himself by a fall from his Horse, is in a fair way of Recovery, to the great joy of this Court. Here is a discourse that several Princes will enter into the late League concluded between this Crown and the States-General of the *United Provinces*, for the maintaining the Peace of *Westphalia* and *Nimeguen*. It is said at Court that the Queen is with Child.

*Genova, Dec. 3.* Our Letters from *Thoulon* inform us, That only two of the men of War that were fitting out there, were designed for *Argiers*, and that these were to carry all the Moors that are now Slaves in the French Gallies, and to offer them to that Government, if they will continue the Peace with the French. The rest of the Ships that are Equipping at *Thoulon*, are designed for the *Levant* to joyn the *Sieur du Quelne*, of whom we have no fresh Account.

*Berlin, Nov. 29.* The Heer *d'Amertongen*, Envoye Extraordinary from the States-General, continues to have frequent Conferences with our Electors Ministers; and it is generally believed, that he will succeed in his Negotiation; and that the Elector of *Brandenburg* will enter into the Allyances of Guaranty, for the maintaining the Peace of *Germany*. The Plague is very much abated at *Maegdeburg*, and we hope, by the Blessing of God, that City will in a short time be perfectly freed of it. Our Elector is sending a splendid Embassie to the *Czar of Moscow*: and we hear the *Baron de Skulambour* is named for that Employment.

*Strasbourg, Decemb. 8.* Lieutenant-General *Montclar*, who was here some days, is gone back again to *Brisac*. The new Fortifications that are making here, are carried on with so much diligence, that they are almost all ready in a state of Defence. From *Suffersland* they write, That the Cantons are much alarmed at the like proceedings of the French, and that they have desired the French Ambassador the liberty he desired to raise Men within their Territories for the Recruiting the *Suisse Regiments* in *France*.

*Hague, Dec. 26.* We have already given you account of a thing that has made a great deal of noise here, viz. Of a Design to seize a French Gentleman who some time since retired into those Countreys, and became an Inhabitant of *Amsterdam* which was chiefly managed by the *Sieur Brecon*, the French Comedian, and was to have been executed by a Lieutenant and ten French Dragoons, who were for that purpose brought from *Ipres*, but the Design miscarried, the *Sieur Brecon* fled, and the Lieutenant and the Dragoons were

seized at *Rotterdam*, and brought hither; what we can now farther tell you is, That the said Dragoons having been examined by the Counsellors of the Court of *Holland* (which is the ordinary Court of Justice here) they Declared that they were engaged to execute some great Design, but that they knew not what it was; In the mean time the French Ambassador gave in a Memorial to the States, owning and justifying the thing, and Demanding the Liberty of the said Lieutenant and Dragoons, who he said were employed by the King his Masters Order for the seizing a Person guilty of several Treasons against his Majesty and his Government; and who as such ought no where to be Protected. His Excellency had thereupon several Conferences with the Deputies for Foreign Affairs, and was very earnest with them that the Prisoners might be restored to their Liberty; Declaring, if they were not, the King would very highly Resent it. However the Court of *Holland* proceeded against them, and having fully examined the Matter, on the 12th Instant passed Sentence upon them, which was, That the Lieutenant should be Beheaded, and the Dragoons to be put to hard Labour for ten years in the House of Correction. But intercession having been made on their behalf to the Prince by the French Ambassador, his Highness was pleased to Pardon them; and yesterday the said Lieutenant and Dragoons were accordingly set at Liberty.

*Paris, Dec. 17.* The report which was lately spread abroad, that the Protestants of this Kingdom had of late met with a better Treatment than before they had done, is so far from having any ground for it, That we receive an account from all hands, of the severities that are still used against them. Our last Letters from *Rochele* told us, That the poor Protestants at *Poidu* fled thither in great numbers; as well to seek a subsistence, which they could no longer provide for themselves at home, as an opportunity to pass into Foreign Countreys; but that the Magistrates of that City, by Order of the Intendant, did cause them to be seized and to be cast into prison, That they had forbid all persons to receive them, or to give them any Relief or Support, and had severely punished some persons that had. That on this Account there were at this time above 400 Prisoners in *Rochele*, Men, Women, and Children, who suffer very much. That, however, 450 Protestants had now lately Embarked at one time, and 850 at another, and got away, but to hinder the like for the future, the Magistrates had appointed Soldiers, to pass continually to and fro on the Coast, and to secure all persons they suspected. We are likewise informed from other parts of the Illage of several Protestant Ministers, and of the sufferings of the Protestants in general. From *Bayonne* they write, that some French Troops, having laid themselves as it were in Ambush, near the Town of *Fontarabie*, had taken 40 or 50 of the Inhabitants thereof, and brought them prisoners to

Bayonne, and threaten to hang them by way of satisfaction for the Filthiness of *Andaye*, which it's said here were murdered by the Spaniards of *Fonserabau*. On Thursday last the Lepetics of the Clergy came to a Resolution in the matter of the Regality, which as we are informed is; *That the King has the Right of the Regality on all the Bishopricks of his Kingdom*: However, that his Majesty be humbly Prayed, not to extend it farther than on the Benefices of which the Bishops have the nomination; That the Assembly will write to the Pope, and that his Majesty be Prayed likewise to desire him to send a Nuncio hither, as a mark of a perfect reconciliation between the two Courts. The Presidents of the Assembly have waited upon his Majesty to acquaint him with the Resolutions they have taken; to which they are now expecting His Majesties Answer.

### To the Kings most Sacred Majesty.

**W**E your Majesties most Dutiful and Obedient Subjects, the High Steward, Mayor, Jurats, Under-Steward, and chief Inhabitants of Your Poor, but very Loyal Towns of Gravesend and Milton in your County of Kent, whose Names are here Subscribed. Taking into our Considerations, your Majesties late most Gracious Declaration to all your Loving Subjects, wherein you have been pleased (though no ways obliged therunto) to Declare your Resolution to have frequent Parliaments, and both in and out of Parliament to use your utmost endeavour to extirpate Popery, to redress all Grievances of your good Subjects, and in all things to Govern according to the Laws of the Kingdom. In a deep and grateful Sense of all which most Gracious Expressions, As we conceive all Dutiful Subjects ought to acquiesce, and be fully satisfied; So we (though one of your poorest Corporations, yet as perfectly Loyal as any) having been prevented by so many Dutiful Addresses of Thanks to your Majesty from other parts of your Kingdom, desire as timely as we may to express our most zealous Acknowledgments of your Majesties great Goodness and Clemency therein manifested, being most confident of your Majesties most real intentions to perform the same: And thus (according to your Gracious Declaration, to make the known Laws of the Land established, to be the Rule of Government, to your self and others) your Judges and Ministers of Justice, shall on all occasions receive all fitting encouragements from your Majesty, to put all penal Laws in execution, according to their Oaths and Duties; not only against all Popish Recusants, but all Protestant Dissenters also impartially; Which your Majesty hath Declared to be both in Prudence and Experience, the best support of the true Protestant Interest, and of the Peace of the Kingdom.

And we most Humbly beseech your Majesty, to accept of our hearty and unfeigned Purposes according to our Duties; with our Lives and Fortunes, to adhere to your Majesty, in the Defence of your Sacred Person, and the just Rights and Privileges of your Majesty, and your lawful Heirs and Successors, and of the true Protestant Religion, as it is now established by Law, against all Persons, Parties, and Interests whatsoever.

Windsor, Dec. 8. On Tuesday His Majesty saw the effectual performance of Sir Samuel Morland's Engine, to His very great satisfaction, it having filled the great Cistern in the Castle in a very short time, by the easie force of a Wheel from the Mill, near a Mile distant: And the waste Water, as fast as convey'd thence in a great quantity, so far as the Pipe is laid in his Park (being about 500 yds)

towards the new Pond. In fourteen days that Pipe will be laid to the Pond, and then the Engine will be employed continually to fill it.

Whitehal, December 14. His Majesty having appointed the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London, and the Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, to attend him this day in Council, was pleased Earnestly to recommend to them the making some Temporary Provision to accommodate the French Protestants, who are lately fled hither for their Religion, with Lodgings in convenient spare places in and about the City, untill they be dispersed into other parts of this Kingdom; much of what has been so charitably collected in the City for their Relief, being already spent in hiring Lodgings for them.

And the said Justices of Middlesex having some days since humbly represented to his Majesty, that an Intimation of His Pleasure was necessary at this time, as to the putting the LAWS in Execution against CONVENTICLES, in regard that when it was lately given them in Charge at this Board, to put the Laws in Execution against Popish Recusants, there was no mention made of Suppressing CONVENTICLES, and therefore it was pretended that they were not to be disturbed, or meddled with; His Majesty was pleased to take this occasion to Command the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, and the said Justices of the Peace, to use their Utmost Endeavours to Suppress all CONVENTICLES and Unlawful Meetings upon Pretence of Religious Worship; His Majesty Declaring, it is His Express Pleasure, that the LAWS be Effectually put in Execution against them, both in City and Country.

### Advertisements.

#### An Argument for the Bishops Right of

Judging in Capital Causes in Parliament; for their Right unalterable to that Place in the Government which they now enjoy. With several Observations upon the change of our English Government since the Conquest. To which is added a Postscript, being a Letter to a Friend, for vindicating the Clergy, and rectifying some mistakes that are mischievous and dangerous to our Government and Religion: By *The Honour of Gray's Inn*, Esq; Sold by T. Fox at the Star, and at the Angel in Westminster-Hall.

These are to give Notice that Mr. *Edm. is Child*, Goldsmith, within *Trump's-Bar*, is appointed by the Right Reverend *Henry Lord Bishop of London*, to receive the Moneys Collected throughout *England and Wales*, for the Repair of the Great and Antient Church of *St. Andrew*; and his Receipt shall be a sufficient discharge to any Persons that shall Pay such Moneys, and return the Duplicates thereof; and the Persons entrusted with the said Repairs, do humbly Request the most Reverend the Archbishops, and the Right Reverend the Bishops, and the respective Archdeacons, to further the speedy Collection and Payment thereof according to the Tenor of His Majesties Letters Patents in that behalf, bearing date the 26th of February last.

A Leather Portmantle, with Boots, Shoes, Linnen, and other things, was lost out of a Coach the 14th Instant, in the Highway between *London and Ayles*; Whoever brings it to Mr. *John Walcott*, Barber, near the Little *Turn-Style in Bulbourne*, shall have 20s. reward.

Stolen out of *Aspsford* in the County of *Kent*, the 10th Instant, a Sad colour Brown Mare, about nine years old, a Mealy Nose, a white Ring in the Forehead, a Feather on each side of her Neck; her Mane lately thorn almost to the Withers, 14 hands high, Trots all, bob Tail. A dapple Grey Gelding about 4 hands high, much Fleabitten about the Head, four years old; all his Paces, a white spot above the Huxen of his further Leg behind, bob-Tail. Whoever gives notice of them to Mr. *Wade of Aspsford* aforesaid, or to Mr. *Oliver Wright*, near *St. Mary-Owens Dock*, Southwark, shall have 20s. for each.