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Madrid, December 9.

HIS Catholick Majesty having resolved upon a War against France, on the 26th of the last Month Expresses were dispatched with Letters to the several Vice-Kings, Governors, Commanders, &c. as well throughout Spain as other his Majesty's Dominions, to acquaint them therewith, and to require them everywher to Confiscate the Estates of the Subjects of France, to seize their Ships, and to commit all other Hostilities upon them as in open War. On the 27, the French Effects were seized here; and for the better discovery thereof, the Books of many trading Spaniards were secured in order to be examined, that so it might appear what sums they were indebted to the French. On the 29. the Conductor of Ambassadors and his Assistant delivered a Message from the King to the Count de la Vauguion, Ambassador from France, letting him know, that upon the news his Majesty had of the Hostilities committed in the Spanish Netherlands, he had recalled the Marquis de la Fuente, his Ambassador at Paris, and that his Majesty desired he, the French Ambassador, would likewise return home, and leave this Court within four days. On the 30th, Circular Letters were drawn up and Signed by the Secretaries of State in the manner of Manifesto's, which were the next day sent to the several Foreign Ministers residing at this Court, for their Information, and to the end they might acquaint their respective Masters with this state of Affairs between the two Crowns. On the second Instant the French Ambassador took his leave of their Catholick Majesties and of the Queen-Mother, and the same day had a Jewel sent him by the King, valued at 1200 Pistols; And on the 6th, after having received some messages to hasten his departure, he began his journey. On the 7th the War against France was proclaimed here in the usual manner, by sound of Trumpet, &c. and the same day the Officers of Justice began to proceed with more rigor against the French Merchants, taking their Goods out of the Churches and Convents where they had endeavoured to conceal them, having some of the Ecclesiasticks with them to authorize their proceeding. And Count Mansfeld, the Emperor's Ambassador, being informed that several French men were retired with their Goods within his quarter, caused Papers to be affixed at the Corners of several Streets, declaring he would not give them any protection, but would permit the Justice to search for and seize what they should find belonging to them. They write from Cadix of the 28th past, that the French had removed most of their Effects from thence, and had sent away their Ships; and we are told they have been as quick in other places; so that the advantage that

will arise by these seizures, is not like to be so great as was expected. The same Letters add, that the *Swiss* Frigate was gone to *Marseilles* with the French that lived at *Tangier*. We have advice that the *Centurion* hath taken a *Sally* Man of War on the Coast of *Portugal*.

Viena, December 7. Our Letters from *Hungary* tell us, that the Poles, since the taking of *Zitichin*, have made themselves masters of two Castles nor far from that place. That Count *Tockeley*, believing he could not be safe in *Hungary*, was retired to Great *Waradin*. And that the Turks understanding that the Troops that block'd up *Canisza* were withdrawn and gone into their Winter-quarters, had reinforced that Garrison with 2000 men.

Lintz, Dec. 11. The Officers that are here to receive the Emperor's orders concerning their recruits will be all dispatched in few days, the Emperor allowing them, as we are informed, 16 Crowns for every foot Soldier; and 60 for each Trooper. And we are told that orders have been sent for the buying 1000 Horses in *Friesland* for the service of the Artillery. The Count de *Kuffstein*, Colonel of Dragoons, being lately dead, the Emperor has given his Regiment to Prince *Charles* of *Neruburg* Brother to the Emperess. The Queen Dutchess of *Lorraine* is expected in few days from *Tyrol*, intending to pass the Winter here. The King of *Poland* having made himself Master of *Zitichin*, wherein the Turks had a very good Garrison, he has since put it into the hands of the Imperialists. There are several Letters from *Hungary* which tell us, that the Grand Signior upon the complaints that had been made to him against the Grand Visier by the principal Officers of the Army, had caused him to be strangled, and had made choice of *Cuspeoli*, Brother to the Grand Visier that took the City of *Candia*, to succeed him in that eminent Station; but this news though it comes from several hands, and is written with much confidence, will need a confirmation. The Ambassadors which the Emperor is sending to the Czars of *Moscovy* and to the King of *Persia*, are still here, but it's said they will begin their journey presently after *Christmas*. Count *Seymi*, who has been sometime a prisoner at *Passava*, being accus'd of holding correspondence with the Turks, is removed by the Emperor's command to the Castle of *Radelsberg* in *Tyrol*.

Copenhagen, Novemb. 27. The 24. Instant our King took a review of the Troops in Garrison here; and ordered two Captains to be cashiered for not having their Companies complet. The greatest part of his Majesty's Troops have their Winter-quarters in *Holstein*; the Officers are commanded to make their Recruits with all possible diligence, and we are informed that several new Regiments will be raised. From *Stobonen* we have advice that the King of *Sweden* is expected at *Carelscroon*.

Hamburg, Decemb. 10. We have an account that the Elector of *Brandenburg* continues very ill

of the Gout at *Posidam*: That his Electoral Highness has given out Commissions for the raising several new Troops, resolving to put himself into a condition to bring an Army of 24000 men into the Field the next Spring, if there be occasion; and that it is the common discourse at that Court that a marriage is treating between the Electoral Prince, and the Princess of *Hanouer*.

Hamburg, December 14. There will be a great meeting the next week at *Hanouer*, of the Princes of *Lunenburgh*, to consult together upon the present juncture of Affairs. The Baron *del Val*, Envoy from the Marquis *de Grana*, Governor of the Spanish Netherlands, continues at the Court of the Duke of *Zell*, without having made, that we hear of, any considerable progress in his Negotiation.

Hague, Dec. 24. The States of *Holland* separated the 18 instant till the 22. when they reassembled, and the next day adjourned again till after the Holydays, without coming to a resolution concerning the new Levy, which *Amsterdam* continues to oppose; and we are told that *Delfe* and some other Towns begin to be of the same opinion. The Heer *Heinsius*, who has resided some time at the French Court in the quality of Envoy Extraordinary from this State, being lately returned hither, has made report to the States General, of his Negotiation concerning the affairs of the Principality of *Orange*, &c. The Prince of *Orange* and the Council of State having drawn up a State of the Forces for the year ensuing, the same hath been communicated to the States General, who have ordered Copies to be sent thereof to the several Provinces, that they may consent thereunto; which it's believed they will readily do, it being upon the same foot as is that of this present year, without any alteration.

Brussels, December 21. The French Troops are marching towards *Luxemburg*, as is thought, to attack or block up that place. And from *Flanders* we have an account that between 10 and 12000 French having with them several pieces of Cannon, came on Saturday last to *Deynse* and *Betteghem*, between *Gaunt* and *Courtray*, intending, as we believe, to pass the Canal of *Bruges*, and to attack *Damme*, or to fall into the Country of *Waes*, but the sudden breaking of the Frost put a stop to their design. In the mean time they continue at *Deynse* and *Betteghem*, and the Marquis *de Grana* not knowing what they may attempt, has sent all the Officers that were here about their Recruits, to their several Garisons, and some Dutch Troops are ordered to march towards *Flanders* to joyn, if there be occasion, our *Maistre de Camp* General, who is at *Gaunt*. The *Marschal d'Humieres* has caused a Placet to be published, whereby he declares, That being informed that several Villages within the Spanish Territories, which are under Contribution, pretend they are not able to pay the same, for that the most considerable Inhabitants, to avoid paying their part, are retired with their Goods and Families, he had commanded the Officers employed to raise the said Contributions, to burn the Houses and Farms which they shall find so abandoned. And that for every House or Village which the Spaniards shall burn within his most Christian Majesty's Dominions, he will cause a hundred to be burnt within the Spanish Territories. The French have put a Garison into *Cheney* between *Namur* and *Bas-*

flogne, and it's believed they will do the like at *Huy*. We have several advices which say, that 14 Bassas having joyned in a complaint against the Grand Visier, the Grand Signior had caused him to be strangled, and had made *Cupeoli*, his Grand Visier, but we are unwilling to give credit to this news till it be confirmed.

Paris, December 25. The Spanish Ambassador is preparing for his departure; it's said he purpois to leave this place some time the next week. And we have advice that our Kings Ambassador in *Spain*, is likewise on his return. From *Flanders* we have an account that the *Marschal d'Humieres* having drawn together between 10 and 12000 men, was marched with them towards the Canal of *Bruges*, and that his Majesties Troops on the side of *Luxemburg*, are marching under the command of the *Marschal de Crequi*. This day *Te Deum* was sung at *Notre Dame* for the Birth of the Duke *d'Anjou*, and in the Evening there was a very fine Firework before the Town-House, and the Streets were filled with Bonfires.

Deale, December 16. Yesterday in the Afternoon the Fleet of Dutch Merchant Ships, who were forced into the *Downs* by foul weather, sailed to the *Westward*.

The Sheriffs for

Glamorganshire Rynald Deer Esq;
Merioneth Anthony Thomas Esq;
Cardigan Herbert Esq;

WHEREAS the former keeping of Holy days by the Penny-Post at Christmas, &c. has been found to be prejudicial to Correspondence. These are to give notice that the Officers thereof, in Conformity to the practise of the General Post Office, will give their attendance at the respective Offices in the several Precincts of the Penny-Post in London, Westminster, and the places adjacent, as well in Christmas as all other Holy days (Sundays only excepted) and where any of the Letter-Recovers are Tradesmen and their Shops not open: Such Persons that send Letters, &c. are desired to leave them at the Coffee-Houses known to be appointed for that purpose, that they may be Collected and delivered in due time.

SIR ROBERT VYNER having made some Additions to the Proposals he formerly made, Those who are concerned with him, are desired to call for them at the Vine in Lumbard-street.

Advertisements.

The Arraignment, Tryal and Condemnation of Algernon Sidney Esq; for High-Treason for Conspiring the Death of the King, and intending to raise Rebellion in this Kingdom. Before the Right Honourable sir George Jeffreys Knight and Baronet, Lord Chief Justice of England, at His Majesty's Court of Kings-Bench at Westminster, on the 7. 21. and 26th. of November 1683. is now in the Press, and will be in a few days published by Ben. Took at the Ship in St. Paul's Church-yard.

STolen or strayed out of the Grounds of John Briggs of Stretsham in the County of Surrey, a light Dapple-gray Gelding, 14 hands high, comes Seven, low Heeled, with a Charge on each Leg, with two large M's cur with Siffers, on both sides the Saddle-place, with all his paces, trots most; Whoever can give notice of the abovesaid Gelding to Richard Wallis Arms Painter, over against the Royal Exchange, London, or to Mr. James Hicks at the Post-Office, shall be well rewarded and their Charges born.

A little Deer colour Grayhound Bitch, with a black list down her Back, black Bars, and a cur cross her, four Legs; Whoever gives notice of her to Captain Miller in Ax-Yard, shall have two Guineas reward.