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Copenhagen, December 27.

**M.** Scheffedt, Secretary of State to the King of Denmark has by his Order informed the Lords Polwarth and Glenorchy, his Britannick Majesty's Ministers at this Court, That M. Bassewitz and Hesperen the Duke of Holstein's Ministers have declared to the Danish Minister at Vienna, that the Duke their Master is ready to take Possession of the Dutchy of Holstein, which the King of Denmark has promised to restore: And that his Danish Majesty has thereupon given Orders for the restoring of the said Dutchy to that Duke, as soon as his Commissaries shall come to take Possession of it.

*Hague, Dec. 31.* The Commissioners of the several Admiralties were here some Days ago, to confer with the Deputies of the States General, upon a Project they have had under Consideration for some Time, to alienate and farm for three Years half of the Duties of their Custom-Houses, and take stricter Measures than formerly for the Collecting of the said Duties, which are proposed to be lessened, but better managed. The Design is like to take Effect; but it is feared there will be some Difficulties in the Execution of it; for the Magistrates are always for favouring the Merchants in the Point of the Duties of the Customs. Yesterday the Marquis Beretti Landi, Ambassadour of the King of Spain, took Leave in form of the States, having for that Purpose desired a Conference with their Deputies, to whom he gave great Assurances of the King his Master's good Intentions to this Republick. He proposes to set out in a few Days for Valenciennes; and after some Stay there to proceed to Cambray: Whither Count Windischgratz, the Emperour's Penipotentiary, will likewise be going in a little Time. The Council of State presented to the States General on the 28th Instant, an Estimate of the Military Expences necessary for the ensuing Year; to be sent to the respective Provinces; which is said to be the same as that for the last Year. 'Tis advised from Bruffels, that Mr. Law was gone from thence to Cologoe, in his Way to Rome.

*Paris, Jan. 4.* On the 1st Instant in the Evening the King, accompanied by the Duke of Bourbon, went to the Church of the Jesuites, to assist at the Service which was celebrated there by that Society. The Marschal de Vil-Jeroy was confined that Day by the Gout. The General Assembly of the India Company which was held at the Bank on the 2d Instant lasted above five Hours, by Reason of the several Debates which arose with Relation to the Interests of that Company. The chief Resolutions taken that Day were, that the Duke Regent be continued Governour of the Com-

pany, and the Duke of Bourbon declared Vice-Governour. Eight honorary Directors were appointed, viz. the Prince of Vendome, the Dukes of Gramont, d'Antin, and de Chaulnes, the Marschal d'Estrees, the Marquesses de Mezier and de Lasse, and M. Landivisian. Eight other Persons well skilled in Commerce are joined with them, in order to give their Opinion when they shall be consulted by them. The Company resigns the General Farms, the General Receipts, and the Profits of the Mint; and the King takes upon him the Annuities of the Town-House, the Annuity-Actions, the Annuities for Lives, and the Provincial Annuities. The Farm of the Tobacco remains to the Company for 15 Years; and they are to be exempt from the half of the Customs of Importation and Exportation. His Majesty promises them never to establish any other Company. Another Assembly is appointed to be held on the 9th Instant, when they will proceed to the Choice of new Directors; and a Committee is to sit twice a Week to receive and report the Representations and Memorials of the Proprietors of the Actions. The King has appointed M. Trudaine, de Machault, and Fesnant, Counsellours of State, his Commissaries, to take Care of his Interests in Matters relating to the India Company. The Receivers General of the Finances are re-established upon the Foot they were formerly. It is said that they are to advance 40 Millions, one half in ready Money, and the other in Notes under their Hands payable at certain Terms, which they may reimburse themselves in a limited time. The Cardinal de Polignac being returned from his Abbey of Anchin was introduced to the King on the 2d Instant. The Departure of the Cardinal de Rohan for Rome is put off for some time. The Chancellour and the Archbishop of Cambray did not come to the Sorbonne on the 2d Instant as was expected, and nothing material passed that Day in the Assembly of that Faculty.

Whitehall, Dec. 31, 1720.

The Person who wrote a Letter the 29th Instant subscribed B. J. to the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Cragg, is desired to come to Mr. Secretary any Morning at his Office at the Cockpit Whitehall.

The Lords and others Commissioners for the Affairs of the Royal Hospital near Chelsea hereby give Notice, that all the Out-Pensioners belonging to the said Hospital residing in London, and within 20 Miles thereof, are required to make their personal Appearance before the 29th of March next, at the Secretary's Office in the said Hospital, where Attendance will be given Tuesdays and Wednesdays only, in order to take their said Appearance; and that all such Out-Pensioners who are at a further Distance, do forthwith apply themselves to the next Justice of the Peace where they reside, and make Oath of their being Pensioners of the said Hospital, mentioning the Regiment they did belong to, whether they were wounded or disabled, the present Place of their abode, and

