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Falmouth, January 15.

Yesterday put in here the *Alcoran*, a French Frigate of about 40 Guns, with two Merchant men under her Convoy, bound for *Haure de Grace* from the *Streights*; the Seamen tell us of a Sally man of war they had advice to be at present abroad, of 24 Guns; and that those Corsairs were building another to carry 20, but that they were so blocked up by the French, that they could not without much difficulty pass out of into Port.

Frankfort, January 10. Our Magistrates considering the great preparations that are at present every where making; have thought it necessary for their better security, to reinforce their Garrison, and have therefore resolved immediately to raise 400 Men, intending still as there shall be occasion, to increase their number. The Marquis de Grana is at present with the Elector of *Mentz* at *Wurtzburgh*, from whence he intends within few days again for *Cologne*.

From *Ratisbon* they write, that they had some days since observed a kind of an Earthquake in those parts, which had onely lasted some Minutes, but had however much terrified those Inhabitants.

Trier, January 12. The French Army is at present on its march, being divided into four Squadrons under the Command of the Marshal de *Crequi*, and take their way through these Countreys towards the Electorate of *Cologne*, where they designe to be the 20 instant; it is said they are at present but 7000 strong, of which 2000 onely are Foot and the rest Horse. We are told that the Marshal de *Crequi* hath desired of our Elector that these Troops might continue for some short time in his Territories, but that his Electoral Highness had answered, that he could not do it without a notable prejudice to his own interest, all that he could well doe being to grant them passage.

Hamburgh, Jan. 19. Here is appointed a meeting of the Deputies of several Princes, upon what account is not certainly said, though as is generally thought, it is for the making a League of mutual defence between the said Princes; the Deputies of the Electors of *Saxony* and *Brandenburgh*, and of the Dukes of *Lunenburgh* and *Saxen Lawenburgh* are already arrived, those from *Sweden* being likewise daily expected, so that this Assembly may now be begun very suddenly.

From *Stockholm* they write, that they had ordered 16000 men to be transported to *Pomeran* and other their Territories in *Germany*; and that the Heer *Van Haren*, Ambassador from the States General of the *United Provinces* was arrived within 14 Leagues of that place.

Cologne, Jan. 19. The 15 instant the Marquis de *Louvois* arrived at *Bon*, from whence he went the next day for *Nuis*, to visit as well the Fortifications as the Magazines there; it is said he will continue in these parts till the arrival of the French Troops, which we hear are on their march from

Mentz towards these Territories, they consist as we are told of 4000 Horse and 8000 Foot, and are upon their entering into their Quarters in these Countreys, to take the Oath of Fidelity to the Elector.

The Marquis de Grana is lately returned hither from *Wurtzburgh*.

Colonel *Bampfild* hath some days since presented a Letter to these Magistrates from the States General on the occasion of the accommodation concluded between their Elector and them; having at the same time declared that he had received Orders from the said States to march out with his Regiment so soon as they should direct. Here hath been a strong report for several days about Town, as if matters might be yet accommodated, between his most Christian Majesty and the Duke of *Lorraine*; and that Monsieur de *Louvois* had Orders from the King to receive such overtures as might be made by that Duke on this behalf; but of this we must expect to hear with more certainty.

Ditto, January 22. Our Magistrates having been made acquainted by Colonel *Bampfild* that he had received his necessary Orders from the *Hague* in order to the marching with his Regiment out of this place, they have desired him to continue here with his said Regiment till the 1 of the next month, when the Troops of the Circle of *Westphalia* are to come into Garrison here. We have not as yet the Emperors Guaranty, together with the three Electors, of our late Treaty, but daily expect them.

The French Troops come down apace into these parts, *Nuis* and *Bon* being already filled with them. It is said that our Elector will goe and pass the approaching Spring at *Munchun*, leaving the Command of his Forces to the Duke of *Luxembourg*. O Yesterday arrived 2000 French Horse within the League of *Nuis*, where having lodged that night, they this day continued their march, it being said they are to be followed very suddenly by a body of 16000 men; Several Companies of his most Christian Majesties Life-Guards are likewise arrived in these parts, this morning several of the Officers came hither, with intentions as is said, to take Lodgings here for some short time.

From *Frankfort* they write, that those Magistrates had given out Commissions for the raising of men in order to the reinforcing their Garrison.

Brussels, January 19. His Excellency the Count de *Monterey* has ordered several Troops to march towards *Gelderland*, and amongst others a Spanish Regiment out of *Ipre*, for the security of that Province, or at least for the better satisfying those Inhabitants, who seem much alarmed by the French forces which march near those Frontiers towards the Territories of the Electors of *Treves* and *Cologne*.

The Deputies from *Holland* are not yet arrived, however daily expected, so that the Marquis de *Fresno* continues still here, he desiring to know their errand before he begins his journey from hence towards *England*.

From the *Hague* they write of some difference that may arise between *Holland* and the other Provinces concerning the affair of his Highness the Prince of *Orange*;

Orange, which though it is not doubted but will at length be reconciled, yet in the mean time very much retards their other resolutions concerning the new Levies, &c. It is said that his Highness seems to express no great forwardness to accept of the Command of Captain General on the terms proposed by the States of *Holland*, but that he hath been in person in the States General to thank the other Provinces for their good affection to him in this particular. Besides the two Regiments we daily expect to arrive here Under the Command of the Prince de *Vaudemont*, we are certainly told of three Regiments more that are raising in the Emperors Hereditary Countreys for the service of these Countreys; so that we doubt not but we may be able to bring a good Army in the Field this Summer.

Vienna, Jan. 9. The Spanish Ambassador here hath at length received the Moneys for the raising three Regiments of Foot in these Countreys to be sent in to the service of the Spanish Netherlands, where it is said here, they will have 60000 men in Arms the next Summer.

London, Jan. 9. The sixth instant arrived here the Owners Adventure from *Genova*, with Corn from *Lisbon*; Here are at present several English Merchant men in Port, ready to sail with the first opportunity for *England*: The society Merchantman, parted hence the seventh for *Genova*, from whence the will continue her Voyage for *England*.

Park, Jan. 23. His Majesty hath as is said, upon the advice of the Council lately held by the chiefest Officers of his Navy for the Maritime affairs, resolved to have this Spring a considerable Fleet at Sea.

Our Forces march still from *Metz* towards the Electorate of *Cologne*, dividing themselves into small Bodies, that so they may the less inconvenience the Countreys through which they pass.

Monsieur de *Louvois* continues still in those parts, taking great care that the soldiery commit not the least disorders on their march, having declared it death to any man that shall goe about to take anything by force from the Countrey-people, or other ways molest them; and about the beginning of the next Month he is expected here again. Monsieur de *Pompe* having since his return taken the usual Oaths as Secretary of State, has accordingly entered into the several functions belonging to that place, having on Sunday last, together with Monsieur *Colbert*, been to take an account of Monsieur de *Lyonne* (his Predecessor's) Papers of State, which have since his death by the King's Order remained sealed up.

We have advice here in Town of one of the King's greatest of war that was lost in the late Hurricane at *S. Christophers*, together with all the men that were on board her.

The Heer *Grossius* Ambassador from the States General of the United Provinces, hath as is said, desired Audience of the King for the taking his leave in order to his return home, whither he purposes, except he receive Orders from the States to the contrary, to begin his journey about the middle of *February*. We are told of new Instructions that have been sent to the Marquis *Villars*, his Majesties Ambassador at the Court at *Madrid*, to press the Queen Regent finally to declare how she will carry her self in the present conjuncture of affairs.

Hague, Jan. 26. The States General, continuing altogether dissatisfied, with the Advice of the States of *Holland*, concerning the making his Highness the Prince of *Orange*, Capitaine General for one Campaigne only, and still persisting, by the directions of their respective Principals, to desire that

Command may be given his Highness during life, according to the Instructions framed by their Deputies, and approved by them, the States of *Holland*, have as we are told declared, That they could consent to nothing farther, and that unless the other Provinces were satisfied with what they had already done, they ought Categorically to declare, whether they would adhere to the Resolution made some years since, which obliges them not to chuse a Captain General, without the free Consent of all the Provinces, and their respective Towns: In the mean time, the States of *Holland* are adjourned, at whose next meeting we may expect to see what conclusion this matter may have.

Nothing is as yet finally determined, in the affair concerning the new Levies, or the next years Equipage, though in the interim, the States have taken a list of those Officers, who at present officiate in their Service.

Ditto. The States of *Holland* are at present adjourned, by reason *Amsterdam* and most of the other Towns are at this time, about renewing their chief Magistrates, till Tuesday next, when we cannot but expect a final resolution in the matter of the Levies, and the next years Equipage, as likewise what will be farther done, in the affair of his Highness the Prince of *Orange*: It is laid, that the States General had written a Letter to the States of *Holland*, before their parting, to press them to agree with the rest of the Provinces therein. At *Amsterdam* there are building several flat bottomed Boats, to carry about 10 or 12 Guns apiece, which are so soon as the waters are clear of Ice, to be employed on the *Rhyn* and *Issel*, and as is hoped, may be of great use, as well for the hindring the passage of such Vessells, as may be employed for the carrying of Victuals and other military Provisions for the use of foreign Troops, as for securing our own.

The Heer d' *Amerongen* arrived the sixteenth instant at *Berlin*, though we hear not as yet of the arrival of the Heer *Brassers*, at the Court of the Dukes of *Luxembourg*. We are told of a Letter the States General have written to the Dyet at *Ratisbonne*, on occasion of the Forces which are at present gathering together in the Electorate of *Cologne*, with design, as they seem to apprehend, to attacque some of their places on the Frontiers. The States of *Holland* have made choice of the Heer *van Beverninge*, and the Heer *Rumwart van Ruyten*, to be their Deputies in this next Campaigne. We cannot as yet hear, who is designed for the Extraordinary Embassy to His Majesty of Great *Britain*, though the general report names the Heer *van Bruningen* to be the person.

From *Rhyneberg* they write of the 23 instant, that the French Troops, about 10000 strong, horse and foot, were arrived at *Zulich*, about six leagues from *Duren*, from whence they were to continue their march towards *Bon*, *Nuis*, *Keserwaert*, &c.

Plymouth, Jan. 16. The 14th arrived here the *Con-Adventure* of *Weymouth*, *William Percy* Commander, laden with Fruits from *Malaga*, the Captain tells us, that about 40 Leagues from the *Streights*, mouth he met with an *Argiers* man of war, and that after having saluted each other, they friendly parted again.

Advertisement.

A Bright Bay Gelding with a black List down his Back, and a whisker Tail, and a Lock upon his fat Leg before, was lost from the Grounds of *George Whitmore*, Esq; at *Barnes* near *Hogsdon*, he is about 14 hands high, with no bones, lost on or about the One and thirtieth day of *December* last. Whosoever shall bring tidings of his Gelding to *Mr. George Barnes* at the *Angel Inn* in *S. Giles's* in the Fields, near the Church, shall be well rewarded for his pains.