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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 *Luxemburgh*. 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;