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Leghorne, January 11.

**T**he sixth instant parted hence the Society in Company of several Dutch Merchant men, for England; the seventh arrived here the *Hambrough Merchant*, and *England Frigate* from *Smirna*; the eighth came in here the *Providence* laden with Oyles from *Gallipoly*; and yesterday arrived the *Golden Fleece*, together with the *Unity* and *Florentine* from *England*, as likewise the *Lady Ketch*, who meeting with three *Argiers* men of War, upon notice of her being *English*, was not in the least molested, but received all kindness from them.

*Ditto*, 25. The 15 arrived the *Anne* and *Judith* from *Gallipoly* with Oyles, and may in few days depart in Company of several other Merchant men for *England*; the 23 arrived the *Greyhound* from *London*; this day the *Golden Fleece* may sail for *Naples* and *Messina*.

*Vienna*, January 20. Here is lately returned the Courier, who was some time since sent with Instructions to the Imperial Resident at the Port, bringing Letters from the said Minister; which tell us, that the Grand Visier openly declares, that the great preparations they are making, are intended against *Poland*, and that he will Command in Person the Army, that shall be employed against that Kingdom, for which we are not here, without a particular concern, in respect of the near Alliance of the Emperor with that King, by the Marriage of his Sister.

We are told, of a Turkish Chiaus, who is on his way hither from the Port, and is in few days expected here. They of the Reformed Religion in *Hungary*; seem to make great difficulty to part with their Churches to the Roman Catholics, as their Archbishop hath let them know, his Imperial Majesty hath Commanded they should; upon which, several persons who were the most active, in the opposing the execution of these orders, have been taken into custody, not without occasioning some dissatisfaction in those parts. The *Sieur Souches*, General of the Emperors Forces in *Hungary*, lyes dangerously ill, almost past hopes of recovery.

*Ditto*, January 23. The Turkish Chiaus is arrived within three miles of this place, to morrow he will be conducted hither, and the same day have Audience of the Count de *Montecuculi* President of the Council of War; it is said, his Errand is, to demand passage for the Ottoman Forces through some of the Emperors Territories, on their march towards *Poland*, and farther to desire the Emperor, that he would not break the present good correspondence between the two Empires, by going about to assist the Poles, whom the Grand Signior is, as they pretend, forced to declare War against; in that they detain from the *Cossacks* of the *Ukraine*, who are now become his Subjects, several places they violently took from them this Summer. The Dutch Envoy continues his negotiation here with much diligence, for the abating the Impositions on Wines and other Commodities, carried out of these

and other parts, of the Empire, for the use of the United Provinces, though it is thought, he will hardly be able to prevail in it, because of the great revenue it brings the Emperor.

*Dantzicke*, January 23. The 26 instant will begin the great Dyet here, several of the Deputies are already arrived, and say they have Instructions to agree to any thing, which may be for the good of the Kingdom in general, and chiefly for its security and defence, in a time when they are threatened with a powerful Invasion. Our Ambassadors arrived the 12 of the last Month at *Moscow*, but complain very much of the Treatment they received, as well during their journey, as since their arrival there from those people.

*Hamburg*, February 2. Yesterday arrived here several Officers, bringing with them a considerable summe of Money, being, as is said, to raise in these parts four Regiments, two of Horse, and two of Foot, for the Service of the Bishop of *Munster*. In *Pomerania* the Swedes are bringing together several Troops, and will, as is said, have in that Province, and their other Territories in *Germany*, an Army of 16000 Men this Spring.

*Brussels*, February 5. His Excellency continues to Treat the Deputies, at present here, from the States General of the United Provinces, with extraordinary kindness and respect. The Duke de *Bourbonville*, Governor of *Artois*, is lately come hither to confer with his Excellency, concerning several matters relating to his Government. Count *Marcyn*, who was lately indisposed, is at present perfectly well again. We expect with much impatience, the return of a Courier lately sent hence to *Madrid*, and by him the Queen Regents directions, how to proceed with the Treaty, proposed by the States General.

*Cologne*, February 5. Yesterday went hence, Colonel *Bampfilds* Regiment, and the same day entered this place the Troops of the Circle of *Westphalia*, who being immediately upon their arrival drawn up in the Market place, took the Oath of Fidelity to these Magistrates; in the mean time we hear, that at *Keysermaert*, the French intend to visit this Regiment, and to stop all such, as either are his most Christian Majesties born Subjects, or have deserted his Service, to which end, they have planted four pieces of Cannon near the Rhyn, to Command the Vessels which transport this Regiment. The third instant the Bishop of *Strasburgh* entertained the Duke of *Lorraine* here in Town at a noble Dinner, where it is said, there was some discourse of that Dukes accommodation with his most Christian Majesty. We hear of more Troops that are coming down into these parts, to *Alsace* there is at present in Garrison 2400 Men.

*Paris*, February 6. Monsieur de *Louvois* hath since his return, taken his place in the Kings Council as Minister of State, with which Title, his Majesty has in consideration of his many Services, been particularly pleased to honor him. The fourth instant dyed here in Town, *Anne Marie Mariniotzi* Princess de *Conti*, Wife to the late Prince of that name; in the 35 year of her age, after five days illness, leaving

Wing behind her two Sons; the eldest Prince de Conti, of about 11 years, and the other Prince de la Roche sur Ton, one of eight years of age, to the great grief of that Family. Madam, hath been for some days very much indisposed, which was at first feared, might have proved the small Pox; but is since turned to a Tertian Ague.

The Seals have ever since the death of the Chancellor, remained with the King, who hath not as yet made any nomination of a Successor in that great employment. At Thoulon is arrived one of the Kings men of War, which was feared to have been loit, from the Mediterranean, where he left the Sieur d'Almeras with his Squadron; part of which, were before Tunis, and the others before Tripoli, endeavoring to oblige those Corsairs to a Peace. We are told, that the King intends to have this Summer, a Squadron of men of War in those Seas, under the conduct of the said Sieur d'Almeras; and that the Count d'Estrees, Vice Admiral of France, is to command in chief the Fleet in the Western Seas: It is said, that the principal Merchants here in Town, have had notice to withdraw their effects, from some parts abroad, for that there seems great appearance of a War.

We now begin again upon the arrival of Monsieur de Louvois from Cologne, to discourse concerning the Commissions which are to be given out for the raising 20000 Foot more, and 6000 Horse. We have advice, that several Troops of those Forces, which went from Metz, were marched into the Countrey of Juliers, and had taken their quarters about Duren.

Our Letters from the Electorate of Cologne, tell us, that the French Troops being arrived within six miles of Bonn; the Elector came out to see them there drawn up in Battaille, where they then likewise took the Oath of Fidelity to his Electoral Highness, during the time they should continue in his Service. That the Dutch have about 15000 Men, dispersed in their several Garrisons on the Rhyn, ready to assist them, as may be first attacked. From Madrid they write, that they began to make great Levies in that Kingdom; that the Queen Regent had not as yet given any positive answer to the Proposals of the French Ambassador, and seemed as yet unwilling so to do.

The discourse here is, that the Prince de Condé, is to Command in chief this Campaign; and that the Duke of Luxembourg, is to Command the Forces of the Kings Allies.

By Letters from the Herault, we continue to hear of the good success of his negotiation in that Court; that the Elector had in several conferences, he had with his Electoral Highness, declared himself very much in favor of this State; that amongst other things, he had told this Minister, of having written to the Bishop of Malster, to desire him, not to grant passage to any Foreign Troops; and that if he did, he would give him very much cause to be jealous of his intentions.

Yesterday his Excellency Sir George Downing, Ambassador from His Majesty of Great Brittain, had Audience of the States General, to take his leave of them, in order to his return home; this day his Excellency hath sent away most of his Baggage, himself intending with the first opportunity of wind and weather, to embark at Scheveling on the English Yacht, which will be there ready to transport him for England.

All this discourse here, on Saturday last was, that the affair of his Highness the Prince of Orange, would have been that day finally concluded, though

it proved otherwise; however, one step hath been made farther in it by the Nobles of Holland, who have proposed a Temperament in this matter, to which they expect the concurrence of the States of this Province: what they may do in it, and how far, the rest of the Provinces will condescend to it, we may now expect to hear very suddenly.

On Friday last was finally concluded in the Assembly of the States General, the matter concerning the new Levies, and the next years Equipage; since which, several Commissions have been given out, as the rest may likewise be in few days: it is said, that some Propositions have been made for an other Leavy of 20000 Men more, as likewise for the fitting out this Summer, instead of 48 men of War (as is now resolved) 72 with Fireships and other Vessels proportionable. We are told, that the Elector of Brandenburg, hath offered to send several Troops into the Service of this State, though we hear not as yet, of any thing finally resolved in it.

The young Prince of Curland, will have the Command of a Regiment in these new Levies, and as is said, hath already received his Commission. Our Letters from the Court at Madrid tell us, that the Queen Regent had not as yet given any positive answer to the Proposals of the French Ambassador, but that on the contrary, her Majesty, had on several occasions, declared her good intentions towards this State.

Our Deputies continue still at Brussels, where they have been very kindly received by the Count de Monterey, who, as is said, hath assured them of his readiness to promote, as far as in him lyes, the Treaty, we are told, is now on foot here between that Crown and this State.

Argiers, December 29. Before the conclusion of the Peace with the English, here was brought in Prize, the William and Thomas, Thomas Forman Commander, from whom we have this account; That about twelve days after his departure with the said Ship from Portovenise, he met off of the South Cape, the Vice Admiral of this Kingdom, who came immediately on board him, but found there such brave resistance, that after two hours close engagement, the Turks were forced to cut loose, and make all the Day they could away, leaving three of their Men behind them, two killed, and the other three, whereupon the English gave them a broad side, consisting of six Guns, which so disabled the Algerians in her Masts, Sails, and Rigging, that they left her lying like a wrack upon the Seas; Captain Forman had in this action, two Men killed, being himself, with four others, very much wounded. About 7 days after, he had the misfortune to meet near the Strait of Mouth, with another of these Corsairs, mounted with 30 Guns and 400 Men, who came to rights on board him, pouring above 200 Men into him, against whom they made a long and brave resistance, but the Ship being much damaged, and their strength considerably weakened in their former encounter, he was after all the defence he could make, taken and brought in here, the Turks having by their numbers overborn him, that they broke down his Deck, and left him in a short time, without any the least power of means longer to withstand them.

#### Advertisement

All persons in England, Wales, and Berwick, who owe any Rent in arrear, or by advance by their Wine-Licenses, are hereby directed forthwith to pay the same (by themselves, Attorneys or Friends, that shall come to Town this Candlemas Term), into his Majesties Office for Granting Wine Licenses, at Durham-Ford, London, else they will be forthwith Arrested for the same.