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Warsaw, Nov. 11.

Our last Letters from *Leopol* give us an account of several Successes which our Troops sent out in parties, have already had over the Enemy, and that General *Sobiesky* was so far advanced with the gros of the Army, that he had had an opportunity to give the Enemy battle, which, however he declined, because the Forces of *Lithuania* were not yet come up to him, which they are making all the haste possible to do, and then we are confident our General will make some considerable attempt, in order to the recovering of those places which belong to this Crown, and are now in the possession of the Turks; and we have great reason to hope he will succeed in it, as well because of the number and good condition of our Forces, as the weakness and want of preparation of the Enemy to oppose us; our Army according to the general computation, consisting in near 50 thousand Men, most of them old experienced Soldiers, whilst on the other side, we do not hear that the Turks have any where together, a Body of 30 thousand fighting Men. A party of our Troops have lately taken *Jassowid*, a place of some importance; and to add to this good news, we have advice that the Czar of *Moscovy* has ordered his Forces to march, in order to their joining with those of this Crown, to act together against their Common Enemy; it seems the King in his return from the Army was taken ill, and some there-upon reported, that there was danger of his life, but we are now satisfied of the contrary by the last Letters we had from the Court, which assure us, that his Majesty is pretty well again.

Leghorn, Nov. 11. His Excellency Sir *John Finch*, continues as yet at *Florence*, having on all occasions been Treated by the Great Duke, with the greatest respect and kindness imaginable, and having as to the business he came about, received all possible satisfaction, so that now he is preparing for the continuance of his Voyage to *Constantinople*, in order whereunto, he will in four or five days at farthest, part from *Florence*. By a Bark arrived this day from *Marseilles*, we have advice, that the French are fitting out 14 Men of War at *Thoulon*, who are appointed to cruise in these Seas, for the security of their Trade.

Venice, Nov. 11. This day we have received Letters from *Constantinople*, dated in *September* last, which inform us, of the present miserable condition of that City, by reason of the Plague, which hath raged there all the latter part of the Summer, and still continues with much violence. That the Captain *Bassa* has orders to Reinforce his Fleet, that he may be the better able to secure the *Archipelago*, which is almost become innavigable for the Turkish Ships, by reason of the Christian Gallies which Cruise there; and that they had news, that the Poles were ready to March with a great Army, which had very much surprised that Court, who had believed, that that Crown would rather have endeavored by amicable means, to have obtained a good Peace.

Vienna, Nov. 12. Yesterday in the afternoon their

Imperial Majesties arrived here, without any publick reception, or other solemnity, save that all the great Guns about the Town were thrice discharged; their Majesties since their arrival, have received the Complements of all the forreign Ministers and other persons of quality of this Court: It is said here that the Emperor intends to raise several new Regiments, but that the Commissions will not be given out till towards Spring: From *Hungary* we have advice, that the Rebels continue to do much mischief, they having lately plundered and destroyed a place called *Kernstur*, and carried the Inhabitants away with them; we cannot but suspect that the Turks assist them under hand, for otherwise they could not be able to maintain themselves as they do. The Poles it seems, instead of expecting a War from the Turks, are carrying it into their Territories, with likelihood of good success. It is reported here that Count *Montecuculi*, General of the Emperors Forces is ordered to return hither, having first put them into their winter Quarters. We daily expect here the arrival of an Ambassador from the Great Duke of *Tuscany*, to complement their Imperial Majesties on their late Marriage.

Roche fort, Nov. 16. The sixth instant, one of his Majesties Men of War, called the *Vigilant*, Commanded by the *Sieur Gabares*, being separated from the rest of her Squadron, happened to Rencounter a Spanish Man of War, Mounted with 36 Guns, with whom she had a dispute, which lasted four hours together; the Captain and Lieutenant of the French were killed at the beginning of the Fight, which somewhat discouraged the Seamen, however, with the assistance of their remaining Officers, they so well behaved themselves, that they sunk their Enemy, and brought their own Ship safe in here.

Brest, Nov. 18. The 10 instant the Count *d'Estrees* Vice-Admiral of France, came to an Ankor in this Bay, having on y with him four Men of War, and one *Freshet*, the rest of his Squadron having been separated from him in bad weather, but are all safely arrived here and at *Roche fort*.

Cologne, Nov. 24. The second instant General *Montecuculi* parted from *Bruno Coblenz*, intending to pass on from thence to *Picenna*, the Duke de *Bourbonville* being left in his absence to Command the Imperial Forces. The French have lately seized a Castle which stands in the middle of the *Rhyn*, between *Meyence* and *Bin en*, which will hinder the communication between the Imperialists that are in that place, and those above them on the *Rhyn*. The Confederate Troops lye still in this Neighborhood; *Zons* and *Lichten* have received Imperial Garrisons. The Bishop of *Strasbourg* is gone to *Kejserwaert*, to confer with the Duke of *Luxemburgh* who is arrived there; The Forces which he hath drawn out of the Conquered places, together with those Commanded by Monsieur *d'Humeres*, make up in all about 20000 Foot, and 3000 Horse.

We have advice that the Count *de Monserey* will come to *Venice* with a Body of Cavalry to reinforce the Spania

Spanish Troops. The Dutch Ambassadors have lately given a Memorial to the Mediators, which they pretend to be in answer to what they not long since received from them touching the demands of the two Kings, as well as the point of *Fortain*. The Mediators seem extremely surpris'd at this Paper, it being so intricate and embroyed in every particular, that they have profess'd, at their communicating it to the several Ambassadors, that they know not what to make of it, and that they see plainly that the Dutch, instead of promoting the Peace, daily bring new difficulties to retard it. The 22 instant, Monsieur *Olyké*, one of the Dutch Ambassadors, parted hence for the *Hague*.

Amsterdam Nov. 24. The Admiralty of this place are fitting out two Men of War, the one called the *Middleburgh*, mounted with 44 Guns, and the other the *Starbuck* 2 Guns, which it is said, are designed for the *West Indies*. In the *Tixel* lye now two *East India* Ships ready to sail, and three more are fitting out, which will be likewise ready to put to sea before *Christmas*.

Hague, Nov. 27. The States of *Holland* are parted till Wednesday next, having first ordered the *Raet* Penitentiary *Fagdi*, with five others of their Body, to go for *Utrecht*, and there consult with the States of that Province, concerning their future security; and yesterday Morning early the said Deputies parted hence. The news we had of the French being about demolishing *Grave*, is not confirmed by our last Letters from thole parts, onely so ne Passengers tell us, that the French do in deed slight some of the Out-works, but without any intention of quitting that place. From *Gertruydenbergh* we have advice, that our Forces having Rendezvous'd in *Lang Straet*, broke up from thence yesterday, and Marched under the Command of Count *Waldeck* towards *Brabant*, where it is said, they are to joyn with some Spanish Troops. The Trumpeter which was lately sent with a Letter from these States, to His Majesty of *Great Britain*, is returned again with His Majesties Answer, though as yet we are kept ignorant of its contents. The Confederate Troops since the taking of *Bon*, have not thought fit to attempt any thing farther; whether hinder'd by the weather, or discouraged by the great Garrison the French have in *Nuis*, which they give out should be their next work to Attack, we know not; however, they continue still in the Neighborhood of *Cologne*, and still make us believe they will enterprize something considerable.

Brussels Nov. 29. Our last Letters from the *Rhyne* tell us that General *Montecuculi* was returned for *Vienna*, leaving the Command of the Imperial Troops to the Duke of *Bourbonville*, which are now disper'd up and down in the Electorates of *Cologne* and the Countrey of *Fuliers*, and that the winter coming now on apace, it is thought they will not enter upon any farther action, but go into their winter Quarters. *Lichtenitz* hath surrendered to the Imperialists, the Garrison that was there being retir'd to *Nuis*, where the French have at present a Garrison of near 3000 Men; The Imperialists have their head Quarters at *Frisheim*, the Prince of *Orange* his at *Blatzheim*, and the Spanish Troops theirs at *Beur*. We have advice here that the French, having sent out a party from *Mastricht*, have taken and plundered *Tongres*; Monsieur de *Turenne* continues with the Forces under his Command, in the Territories of the Elector Palatine.

Falmouth, Nov. 17. This day came to Town several Dutch Prisoners, who were put ashore Saturday last as *St. Ives*, and reports that about eight days

past, they being in a Caper of 12 Guns, called the *Old Stadione* of *Hilfing*, met about *Landsend* with an English *Smarna* Merchantman, called the *Golden Fleece*; who it seems was separated from the rest of her Company, and that they had a sharp dispute with her for several hours together, all which while the Merchantman behaved himself very well, and had the good fortune to shoot down the Capers *Boulsprit* and *Fore-top-mast*; But in the mean time the *Augustin* Fregat came in, and put an end to the Combat, by taking the Caper, and having put the Men ashore; the Fregat is fayled with her Prize up the Channel.

Rye, Nov. 18. On Sunday last a French man of War off of this place, gave Chase to a Dutch Caper, who coming very near the shore to secure her self, we Manned our two or three small Boats from hence, who took the said Caper, and have brought her in here.

Dover, November 21. His Evening her Royal Highness, accompanied with the Dutcheis of *Modena*, her Mother, and several other persons of Quality, arrived here, and was received by his Royal Highness, who resolves to stay here till Monday Morning next; and then to see forward, to lodge the first night at *Canterbury*, the next night at *Raghester*, and the third day to come with the Tide from *Gravesent* to *London*.

Whitehall, Nov. 20. His Majesty has been Graciously pleas'd to Issue his Royal Proclamation as follows,

CHARLES R.

WHEREAS in pursuance of Our Gracious Assurances to both Houses of Parliament, at the late Prorogation, to let all our Subjects see, that no care can be greater then Our own, in the effectual suppressing of Popery; We were pleas'd the Fourteenth of this instant November, in Council, to Direct and Command the Lord Steward, and Lord Chamberlain of Our Household, to hinder all Papists and Popish Recusants, or reputed Papists and Popish Recusants, from having access to Our Presence, or to Our Place, or the place where our Court shall be, from and after the 18 day of this instant November, and did the like likewise Command the Judges of our Courts at Westminster, to consider of the most effectual means of putting the Laws in Execution, for preventing the Growth of Popery, and speedily to Report the same to Us: now for the more effectual Suppression of Popery in all parts of Our Kingdom, and preservation of the true Religion Established, We do hereby Declare and Publish Our further Will and Pleasure, and a so strictly Charge and Command all the Judges of our Courts at Westminster, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bishops and other our Officers and Ministers of Justice whatsoever, That they do forthwith take effectual care, for the Prosecution of all Papists, and Popish Recusants, according to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm; And for that purpose, That they give the said Laws in Charge at their respective Assizes; Gaol-deliveries, and Quarter Sessions, and then and there take Order, that such Papists and Popish Recusants, or Persons suspected to be so, may be specially Presented, Indicted and Convicted according to Law; and that due Procs be from time to time issued thereupon.

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