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Warsaw, Nov. 18.

**T**He certain confirmation we have of the Death of the King, causes here an extraordinary trouble amongst all people, and the more, to see the great danger that this Kingdom is exposed to; for on the one side we have to do with a powerful Enemy, who it is not to be doubted, but will take the opportunity of this Interregnum, to make some great advantage upon us; on the other hand, the Moscovite is at present able to back his pretences for his Son to this Crown, by a powerful Army, which he has now on our Frontiers; and here at home we have reason to fear our own Forces, and that the Grand Marshal, seeing himself at the head of so considerable an Army, may attempt to make himself King by force of Arms, so that the Death of the King, which in it self might sufficiently have troubled us, being now with it many aggravations.

Rome, Nov. 11. The more then ordinary indisposition of his Holiness for several days past, had given occasion to many persons of this Court, who desire a change in the Government, to report with much confidence, that there was hardly any hopes of his recovery, who are therefore now the more concerned to see themselves deprived of their expectation, his Holiness having so far got the upper hand of his distemper, that he is at present in as good a condition of health, as he hath at any time been for many Months past; and on Wednesday last gave Audience to the Ambassadors and other Foreign Ministers here, and received their Congratulations upon his recovery.

The same day arrived here a Courier with Letters to the Duke d'Esrees, the French Ambassador at this Court, giving his Excellency an account of the Declaration of the Rupture with the Crown of Spain. It is said here, that the Cardinal Patron is very much dissatisfied with Cardinal Neri, Secretary of State, for that he hath discovered several things to the other Cardinals, much to his prejudice. The Cardinal Savelli is arrived here from Milan.

Madrid, Nov. 22. Her Majesty is now perfectly recovered of her late Indisposition, and hath already appeared several times abroad, to the great satisfaction of this Court. Since the Declaration of the Rupture between the two Crowns, the Estates of all French men here, have been seized, who however, will not receive any great damage, they having before secured most of their Effects. Our last Letters from Lisbon tell us, that that Government is highly incensed against us, first for the Affront offered their Ambassador here, but more particularly for that the Marquis d'Umanes, Ambassador on the part of this Crown, is found to have had a great hand in the Conspiracy lately discovered there, but that the Prince Regent seems not to take publick notice of it, meaning to leave it to the Cortes, and so advice with them what is to be done in the matter. From Tangier we have advice, That they were in daily expectation there, to hear that Old Fet was

Surrendered to Mu'ey Ismael, who is always Conqueror, and in prospect of making himself absolute Sovereign of all those Countries; That the Tyger Fregat, who hath already destroyed two men of War, and two Barks belonging to Sully, continues to Cruise on those Coasts, insomuch, that those Corsairs have not of late brought in one Prize. The French Ambassador hath taken his leave of their Majesties, in order to his return home.

Vienna, Nov. 20. Their Imperial Majesties are much troubled at the news they have received by Express, of the death of the King of Poland, and have presently dispatched the Count d'Oetting, Chamberlain to the Empress Dowager, to go and Condole with the Queen on this sad occasion. It is said here that the Great Men in Poland seem enclined to elect Prince Charles of Lorrain to be their King, and to marry him to the Queen Dowager.

Francfort, Dec. 2. We have Letters from Monsieur de Turenne's Camp, dated the twenty sixth past at Kirkberg, which say, That they were moving towards the Saar. The French have quitted the Siege of Berncastel; and the Spaniards we hear have possessed themselves of L'Asserbillich on the Moselle. The death of the King of Poland will very much incommode the affairs of the Emperor.

Luxembourg, Dec. 4. The Troops Commanded by Monsieur de Turenne, having for some time had their Quarters in the Territories of the Elector Palatine, have now changed them, and are removed towards the Saar, being at present lodged between Birkenfels and the City of Treves. It is reported here that Monsieur de Turenne is returning for Paris, and that Monsieur Schorlberg will Command the Army in his place.

Cologne, Nov. 23. The 26 past Duke Charles of Lorrain arrived here from Coblentz; and on Sunday last Madame de Colonna, wife to the Constable of that name parted hence for Brussels; we have advice that the Imperialists have made themselves Masters of Duren, since the surrender of Kerpen and Lichwitz; In the mean time we are wholly ignorant of what they intend farther; it was formerly said, that they would Attack Nuß, but if they had ever that intention, they have now changed it, having two considerable Armies to observe; that Commanded by Monsieur de Turenne, and the other by the Duke of Luxemburg, and to keep them from a Conjunction; The French have at present 4000 Men in Nuß, and have reinforced the Garrison at Keyserwart with 1500 fresh Men.

Cologne, Dec. 5. The Holland Troops Commanded by the Prince of Orange have repassed the river at Venlo, and are gone to take their winter Quarters; General Spork who convoyed them as far as Venlo with 6000 Horse, is returned again to Frijzen, where the Imperialists have their head Quarters; the Duke of Luxemburg advances with great journeys at the head of 25000 fighting men, and lodged yesterday within seven Leagues of the Imperialists, being counted 18000 Men, and Commanded in chief by the Duke of Bourbonville

*nonville*; who, thinking that they had no more to do but to live at ease in their Quarters and ruize the Countrey round about, are extremely surpris'd to find themselves now ready to be engag'd by the French, who seem to have that intention. We are assur'd that the Prince of *Orange* parted very much dissatisfied with the carriage of the Imperialists, all the endeavors that were us'd not having been able to reconcile him. At *Keyserwaer* we hear they are framing Procces against the late Governors of *Kerpen* and *Lichnitz*, for not having better defended themselves, when Attack'd by the Confederate Troops, to whom they immediately surrendered. Some people have spoken much concerning a Treaty which the Imperialists endeavour'd to have made apart with the Elector of *Cologne*, by which they offer'd to oblige themselves to quit *Bon*, and the other places they now possess, belonging to his Electoral Highness, and that they would immediately retire their Troops out of his Territories; but in reality we cannot hear that there is any thing of it.

*Brussels, Decemb. 2.* For several days past it was generally believed here, that an Accommodation between the Elector of *Cologne* and the Imperialists, had been concluded, but at present we hear quite the contrary, and that his Electoral Highness absolutely refuses to desert his Treaty with the Crown of *France*. The Prince of *Orange* is come to *Venlo* with his Forces, and so soon as Count *Waldeck* is come up, his Highness will leave the Army to be Commanded by him, and return to the *Hague*, where several affairs of importance seem to require his presence. All our Letters confirm the death of the King of *Poland*, which it is thought, may make some alteration in the affairs of *Germany*.

*Brussels, Dec. 5.* We have Letters of the 1 instant from the *Hague* which advise us, That upon the return of the Trumpeter from *England*, with his Majesty's answer to the States Letter, they met, and having perus'd it, Voted, That the King was very sharp and obstinate in his Letter (these were their very words) and that there was nothing else to be done but to continue the War; and accordingly Orders are given for the Equipping their Fleet against Spring; that they hoped they should be able to bring that ungodly King and Covenant-Breaker (so they are pleas'd to term his Majesty) to a Peace by Force; that in the mean time reasonable Proposals (as they call them) be drawn up, Printed, and sent to the chief Members of the Parliament in *England*, to try what they can do that way: That no farther Instructions shall be sent to their Deputies at *Cologne*, till they see how the Parliament at the next meeting will order Matters. The same Letters add, That the States of *Utrecht* had nominated Monsieur *d'Amcrongen*, Monsieur *Van Aolcz*, and another third person to be admitted into the Assembly of the States General, on the part of the Province of *Utrecht*, and that accordingly, they having presented themselves in the *Hague*, the States would by no means accept of them, but on the contrary had agreed, that they would not admit the Province of *Utrecht* at all into the Union, but exclude them for having thrown themselves so easily into the hands of the French; and in the mean time have order'd Monsieur *Fario*, Governor of *Utrecht*, to shut up the Town-house, and to take the Keys of the Town into his own custody; so, that they of *Utrecht* have lost their Liberties, and are us'd by their ancient Allies as a Conquered Province, of which we expect to hear farther.

*Ditto, Decemb. 6.* The Count *de Namur* Governor of *Aeth*, having with the Troops he had brought together, to the number of 5000 Men, continued some days on the River of *Dendre* near *Ninove*, advanced on Saturday last towards these parts, as if he had design'd to come to the Canal of *Antwerp*, and the next day appear'd with 14 Squadrons of Horse, and two Battalions of Infantry, within a League and a half of this place, and having perform'd his intentions, which were to set those Villages under Contribution, which hitherto had had the good fortune to escape it, he return'd again, Commanding out a Party to go and take the Castle of *Ternat*. On Monday last our Governor the Count *de Montcy* parted hence for *Antwerp*, being as is said, to meet and confer with the Prince of *Orange* in his return home.

*Brussels, Dec. 9.* The 7 instant our Governor the Count *de Montcy* went hence to *Herentals*, about six Leagues from hence, to meet the Prince of *Orange*, who was returning to the *Hague*; and after having had a Conference with his Highness, which lasted several hours, return'd hither again, and the Prince went to *Breda*, to proceed from thence to the *Hague*. The Count *de Namur* Governor of *Aeth*, who we told you in our last, was come into our neighborhood, with 6000 Men, is retired again, having set all the Countrey round about under Contribution. From the *Hague* they write, that the States had given orders for the fitting out against Spring 72 Capital Men of War and 30 Fregats.

*Ghent, Dec. 9.* On Sunday last the Prince of *Orange* pass'd the *Meuse* at *Venlo* with the Forces he brought with him out of the Electorate of *Cologne*; and is since gone for the *Hague*; We are told that his Highness complains very much of the carriage of the chief Commanders of the Imperialists, who it seems, took too much upon them in the ordering of matters; and now it seems they had laid aside all thoughts of farther action, intending to live at ease in their winter Quarters, when the French have given them fresh cause to look about them; for our Letters tell, that the Duke of *Luxemburgh* was advancing with all the speed he could towards the Imperial head Quarter, which is at *Frisen*, having with him between 25 and 26000 Men, and that the 4 instant the said French Troops were within seven hours march of them; The Letters add, that the French seem'd intended to give them Battel, and were in hopes of performing something very considerable.

#### Advertisements.

✪ *Norwoods Epitome, apply'd to plain* and Mercators Sailing, is Reprinted, which (with all other Sea and Mathematical Books, that were formerly Printed for *Ben. Hurlock*, lately Deceased,) are to be sold by his Widdow at the Rose, at the West end *St Pauls*.

✪ *The Countrey School-Master, or the Art of* Teaching fair Writing, and all the useful parts of Practical Arithmetick in a School method, to which are added some Greek Copies for the use of Grammar Schools. *The Pens Facility*, a Copy Book of all the hands of *England*. A Collection of the Armes, Crests, and Supporters of all the Companies in *London*; All Three to be sold by *Robert Watson* at the *Globe* and *Compasses* at the West end of *St. Pauls*.

✪ Finally left about the middle of *November* last, between *Colchester* and *Harje* in *Middlesex*, one broad seal Ring, being a Coat or Arms cut in a *Cornelian*, (viz.) 6 Mulletts, and a bend, with *Persian* Characters Ingraven about the Coat, and set in Gold, with two small *Diamonds*; Whosoever gives notice thereof, at *Mr Tho. Brownes* House the *Flying Horse* in *Cornhill*, and restore the same, shall have the full value of the Ring in Money, and 20 s. over and above.