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*Dantzick, Nov. 28.*

**O**ur Letters from Poland tell us, That most of the Senators were already come to *Warsaw*, and that several Conferences had been held between them, in order to the promoting their respective Interests at the next Election, which will be hastened with all the diligence possible, by that means to put us in a condition to continue the War against the Turks, who give out, that though they are at present somewhat surpris'd with the March of our Forces, yet that they will have a very formidable Army in the Spring, and with it come and visit us, but we should little have regarded those their Vauntings, had it not pleased God to give a suddain stop to our Successes abroad, and cast us into manifold troubles here at home, by the death of the King; our Armies who are already very well advanced into the Turkish Territories, will no doubt, so soon as they hear of the posture of things at home, quit all thoughts of farther Action, and return to their own Frontiers, to do which, if the Grand General *Sobietzki* had no other Motive, the approaching Election, would certainly be a great one with him, where he has great reason to be present to promote his own, and the Authority of his Friends; Many people report, that great endeavors are already used to incline the Nobility to Elect him, and as we are told, amongst other Arguments, make use of this, That he has at present a great Army under his Command, and may be able to attempt it by force, but without any likelihood of success, for according to the general discourages of people, they seem to desire a Foreign Prince to succeed in the Throne; Several great inconveniences, having, as they say, attended home Elections. An Ambassador is suddainly expected from the Emperor at *Warsaw*.

*Warsaw, Nov. 28.* We have now the certain confirmation of the great Victory obtained by our Forces over the Turks; of which we can at present only give you this Account; That the Turkish Army being counted 30000 Fighting Men, Commanded by the Hussan Bassa, lay entrenched near *Cochim*; That the ninth instant the Poles, under the Command of the Grand Marshal *Sobietzki*, and the Under-General *Wisnowitzki*, advanced within Cannon shot of the Enemies Leaguer; The next day the Grand Marshal went in person within Musket shot of the Enemies Camp, to observe in what posture they lay; at his return, a Council of War was called, and there it was resolved, that considering the want of Provisions that was in our Army, they should Attack the Enemy in their Retrenchments; That day the Hospodar of *Wallachia* came over to us, with 5000 Men, out of the Turkish Camp; In the mean time our Cannon plaid very furiously upon the Enemy, and the next Morning the 11 instant, our Forces fell on in five several places, having their General and Under-General, with the rest of their chief Officers, in the head of them, encouraging them; The Turks made a brave resistance, and their Cavalry came out of their Camp, fell upon our Infantry, who were advanced somewhat too far, and made a great slaughter among

them, but our Hussars, (to whose Valor this Victory may greatly be attributed) came in and seconded them with so much bravery, that the Enemy began to stagger, however, the dispute continued hot on both sides, till at last it pleased God to give us the Victory; the Enemy endeavored to Retreat, but our Troops pressed so hard upon them, that of their whole Army, hardly 8000 Men escaped falling by our Swords, and of these near 5000 who endeavored to save themselves by Swimming, were drowned in the *Nieper*; the rest got over the Bridge, and saved themselves, some one way, and some another. The Earth was covered with dead Bodies, and amongst them were three Bassas, but what is become of Hussan Bassa the General we cannot yet learn. On our side this Victory has cost us many brave Men, and several eminent Officers, whose Names we shall be able to give you hereafter. The Enemy being thus totally Defeated, our Troops took possession of their Leaguer, where they found a great deal of richness, and many stately Tents, and to conclude the day, the General caused *Te Deum Laudamus* to be sung in the Tent of Hussan Bassa. Since we hear, that our Forces have the 12 instant taken the Castle of *Cochim* by Storm, and found much rich Plunder there.

*Basil, Nov. 18.* The Cantons have at last declared in favor of the French, notwithstanding all the endeavors of the Dutch to the contrary; That is, have agreed, that his most Christian Majesty shall make what Levies he pleases in their Territories, and already we see a great many Officers employed by the French Ambassador about this work; and though many reports are spread abroad here with design to discourage Men from entering themselves into the French service, yet they come into it very readily, and in good numbers, so that his most Christian Majesty may have several thousand Men from hence before Spring. Monsieur *Vaubrun* is passed by this place towards *Brisc*.

*Ratisbonne, Nov. 25.* The Resolution of the Three Colledges on the point of the Publick Security, and the general Arming, hath been put into the hands of the Bishop of *Aichstadt*, the Emperors Commissioner here, to be by him sent to his Imperial Majesty for his approbation. The 14 instant the said Commissioner communicated in the Assembly of the Dyet, the Answers he had received from the several Circles of the Empire to what he had writ to them concerning the number of Men to be brought by them on foot respectively; The Contents of which were, That the Circles of the Upper and Lower *Saxony*, of *Franconia*, and of *Suabia* hoped to have their Troops very suddainly ready to march: Those of the Upper *Rhine*, and of *Bavaria* excused themselves from furnishing theirs, by reason of certain difficulties they met with in the matter; The Circle of *Westphalia* likewise alledged several reasons to excuse themselves from contributing towards this Arming; and that of the Lower *Rhine* hath not as yet made any Declaration. The Sieur *Blom*, Resident of *Sweden*, continges to sollicite with all the earnestness possible a general suspension of Arms, and the recalling the Emperors Army.

*Frankfort,*

*Francfort, Dec. 4.* We were here wholly taken up with various guesses concerning the intended march of Monsieur de Turenne, with the Forces under his Command, when at last we received Letters from the Army that they were going into their winter Quarters, which were appointed to be all along the *Saar*; That Monsieur de Turenne had obtained leave of his most Christian Majesty to return to *Paris*, and pass the winter there, the season being so far advanced, that there was little likelihood of their being able to attempt any thing considerable. From *Vionna* they write, of preparations that are in hand there, to recruit their Forces against Spring, for that they have advice that in *France* they are making great Levies, and that his most Christian Majesty will then have a greater Army in the Field than he has had yet since the War; In the mean time we have leisure here to make some reflexions upon the present Conjunction, and cannot but wonder that the Council are so backward to promote the Peace, as all our Letters from *Cologne*, and even those written by their own Party, tell us they are; as if they expected some great advantage by the continuance of the War, and with the assistance of their Allies to make themselves greater than ever they were both by Land and Sea, but it is probable they may hereafter find their error, and understand that in accepting of a just and reasonable Peace they would have better complied with their own interest, than in pursuing the War.

*Ofsnabrugh, Dec. 6.* Our Prince having been at the Conference which was held at *Burgdorf* near *Zell*, is returned hither, though we do not hear as yet what passed there. The Sieur *Brasser* resides here on the part of the States General of the United Provinces, and uses all endeavors possible to induce the Princes of *Luxemburgh* to Declare in favor of his Masters, but hitherto without any effect. We have advice, that the French which remained in *Heuxter* on the *Wefer*, in all about four Companies of Foot and a Troop of Horse, have now quitted that place, having broken down the Bridge which was there over the River.

*Brussels, Dec. 13.* Our Governor the Count de *Montreuy* is parted hence on his way to *Tillemont*, where is appointed the Rendezvous of our Troops; The Dutch are to bring theirs to *Diest*, in order to a Conjunction, and that done, they are to march under the Command of the Count de *Montreuy*, to cut off the passage of the Duke of *Luxemburgh*, as is said here. All our Letters from *Paris* tell us of the great preparations that are making there against Spring.

*Hague, Dec. 11.* Friday last about seven in the evening his Highness the Prince of *Orange*, accompanied with several persons of quality, arrived here, the Magistrates not having had sufficient notice to make him any publick Reception, but the next morning, to make good what had been omitted the day before, the Burgers, in all 13 Companies came together in Arms, and marched, Commanded by Colonel *Pieterfon*, to the Princes Court, where they were drawn up in good order; The several Captains in the mean time, together with their Colonel, went up and Complimented his Highness upon his safe return, by whom they were received with a great deal of kindness, after which the Prince came down to the Burgers, and having passed some little time with them, returned to his Apartment, whereupon the Burgers gave three Salutes, and so marched off again. His Highness hath been likewise Complimented by the several Colleges and Courts of Justice. This day his Highness was in the Council of State, where it was resolved that the Forces of this State the ensuing year, should consist in 900 Companies of Foot, and 148 Cornets of Horse.

*Hague, Dec. 15.* The Count of *Waldeck* is on his March with the Forces under his Command towards *Diest*, where he intends to leave his Forces, and to proceed in person to *Tillemont*, to meet the Count de *Montreuy*, who will be there this day with the general Officers; It is said, their business is to concert together, the most effectual means to cut off the Retreat of the Duke of *Luxemburgh*. The States of *Holland* will not admit those of *Utrecht* into the Union, and much less the other Provinces that have been Conquered; The Pensionary *Kagel* is in the mean time Commanded to go to *Utrecht* to order Matters there. There is not any likelihood of coming to a conclusion at *Cologne*. This day the Prince of *Orange*, parted hence for *Breda*, and took his way by *Rotterdam*.

*Whitehall, Dec. 8.* Yesterday in the evening the Spanish Ambassador had his Audience of their Royal Highnesses at *St. James's*, to Compliment them upon their Marriage, having till then deferred it, in expectation of receiving Letters from their Majesties of *Spain*, to be at the same time presented to their Royal Highnesses on this occasion.

*Ditto*, His Majesty hath been pleased to Confer the Honour of Knighthood upon Captain *Richard Mundy*, in consideration of the eminent Service performed by him, in the Retaking *St. Helena*, and the taking at the same time, the Three Dutch *East-India* Prizes, Having been recommended to his Majesty by the Right Honourable *George Lord Berkeley* of *Berkeley*; his Lordship being known to be an Eminent Encourager of Trade, and a great Lover of Merchants and Seamen. His Majesty has likewise been pleased, being Graciously mindful of the good Services heretofore done to the Crown, by *Sir Thomas Warner* Knight Deceased, to confer the Honor of Knighthood upon his Son, *Thomas Warner*, of the *Inner Temple* Esq; as a Mark of his Royal Favor towards him.

*Ditto, Dec. 9.* His Majesty reflecting upon the great inconveniences formerly, by withdrawing the species of Money out of the several Counties of *England*, and *Wales*; and being most desirous to prevent the like for the future, and to give all possible Accommodation and Encouragement, to all His good Subjects in their Commerce and Trade, hath been Graciously pleased, to cause an Office to be Erected, under the Management of *Sir Richard Mason* Kt. *Richard Sherwin*, *William Webb*, *Bartholomew Fillingham*, and *Philip Lloyd* Esquires, situate in the *Exchange Alley*, over against the *Royal Exchange*, for return of all Monies arising from the Eighteen Months Assesment, the Hearth Duty, and Arrears of other Taxes, where any Person that will deposit Money for the like value in any County, shall have a Bill of Exchange to the Receiver there, for his satisfaction, and in case of failure, upon notice, the Money immediately paid back.

#### Advertisements.

*William Snow*, Footman to the Right Honourable *Edward Earl of Meath*, on Monday, being the first of this instant *December*, ran away, having Stollen out of his Lordships pocket forty four Guineys, and a half Guiney, besides Silver; he is a strong set Man, of a middle stature, aged about 30 years, his hair is inclining to a sandy colour, thick and short, a full face, and ruddy complexion, he has a black tooth in his under jaw, just before; whosoever can secure him, and give notice to his Lordship thereof, at his Lodging in *New Palace Yard Westminster*, shall have 3l. for his pains.

Lost the third of *December* at night, out of a Close Lighter at *Brewers Key*, one Fangot of white Cyprus Silk, in great and little scains; let any one give intelligence of either the Bayle or Scaines, to Mrs. *Elford*s Coffee-house in *George yard* in *Lombard street*, and they shall have five pounds for their reward.