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*Brussels, December 10.*

**L**AST Week all the Houses at Mechlin and Antwerp were viewed by the proper Officers, in order to know what Number of Troops could be quartered there. Marshal Lowendahl is not yet returned; notwithstanding which, Marshal Saxe's Departure from hence for Paris seems fixed for Wednesday next.

*Hague, December 12, N. S.* Yesterday the first Commission that has been granted, was delivered to a Privateer of Amsterdam, and they will now be given out to all who apply for them. The Prince of Orange, for these four or five Days past, has been troubled with a Cold, and a slight feverish Disorder, but is now much better, and has begun again to attend Business. Count Fleming, who is lately arrived here from Dresden, proposes to set out for England in four or five Days. We hear from Maestricht, that Felt Marshal Colyear died there a few Days since, in the 90th Year of his Age. Letters from Paris mention, that Marshal Belleisle arrived in that City the 7th Instant, N. S. and as he has left all his Equipages in Provence, it is thought by some People that he will return thither; but others are of Opinion, that he will be employed as first Plenipotentiary at Aix la Chapelle. Marshal Saxe was expected at Paris about the 15th. A new Regiment of Scots Infantry has been ordered to be raised,

and is to consist of thirteen Companies; viz. one of Grenadiers, and twelve of Fuziliers, of 47 Men each, Officers included.

*Whitehall, December 8.*

The King has been pleased to appoint Richard White, Esq; to be Deputy to the Lieutenant of the Tower of London, in the room of Lieutenant General Williamson, deceased.

And Charles Rainsford, Esq; to be Major of the Garrison in the Tower of London, in the room of the said Richard White.

*Whitehall, November 23, 1747.*

*It having been represented to his Majesty, that on Tuesday the 17th of this Instant November, about Eight o'Clock in the Evening, Twelve Persons armed and disguised, broke into the Goal at Maidstone, in the County of Kent, and, after wounding the Keeper of the said Goal, and his Assistants, in a most barbarous Manner, went into the Room where Samuel Prior, Richard Blundell, Francis Marketman, and John Hales, four notorious Smuglers were locked up, and took them out of the said Prison, and carried them to a Place at a little Distance from thence, where a Gang was assembled, to the Number of Twenty at least, who, having Horses ready, conveyed them away.*

*And it having been further represented to his Majesty, that Benjamin Bransden, a Riding Officer of the Customs, in the Port of Yarmouth in the County of Norfolk, assisted by other Persons, having, on Sunday the 8th of this Instant November, apprehended James Holt, a notorious Smugler; several Persons, armed with Fire-Arms, to the Number of Eighteen or Twenty, after firing many Times into the House, wherein they had secured him, broke open the Doors thereof, and rescued the said Prisoner; His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned*

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