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*Pendennis, Novemb. 19.*

**A** Vessel lately arrived here bound for the *Barbadoes*, is here stopp'd by the Deputy Vice-Admiral, upon the complaints of several persons escaped from the Vessel, who pretend they were spirited (as they term it) and invited upon several pretences aboard them, and then clapt in the Hold, and carried away.

*Norwich, Novemb. 21.* The Account of our Bill of Mortality for this last week runs thus, buried of all diseases 41. whereof of the Plague 30.

*Portsmouth, Novemb. 22.* On Tuesday last arrived here the *Saphire* Fregat, belonging to the Western Squadrons, who in Cruising, lighted upon a French Banker which he took, and has sent away to *Cowes* to the Commissioners for Prizes.

*Vienna, Novemb. 10.* The Empress is expected the 30 of this month at *Eberdsdorf*, where she is to continue some few daies, till all things can be set in order for her Entry, a Train is already preparing to attend her of 36 led horses richly covered; and two troops of Gentlemen, one of *Hungarians*, the other of the lower *Austria*, all of them excellently mounted, and richly clad.

The Marquis de *Malagon* Ambassador from his Catholique Majesty had a private Audience the same evening, that he arrived, both from his Imperial Majesty, and the Empress Dowager, the next night the Ambassadors Lady was brought to bed with a Sonne, His publique Entry as 'tis thought will be deferred till the Emperors Marriage be over; he has brought with him several Letters of exchange, for the raising of 12 Regiments for the service of his Master to be employed in *Flanders*, in case the King of *France* should make any attempt upon them there.

Monsieur *Balbitsky* Ambassador from the King of *Sweden* continues still indisposed, and attends only some remission from his distemper, being it seems resolved to leave this Court without any farther ceremony, or making more demands in order to the affaires of his Master, in which he has not yet had any satisfaction.

From *Hungary* we are informed, that *Balassi Imbry* is carried from the Fort of *Marack*, where he has been some months a prisoner, and by a Guard of 100 *German* foot, and 200 *Hayduks* conveyed to the Castle of *Bresbourgh*, from whence we may suddenly expect news either of being acquitted or condemned; it not being easy to divine which of them, the party for him being as numerous as those against him.

The solemn Entry of the Empress (as 'tis said here) is to be deferred till the 16 of *December*, till which time she is to be entertained at *Neustadt*, with all the diversifements of huntings and other recreations: The Emperor has appointed for Bridemen to the Empress, the Prince of *Lorraine* and the Duke *Maximilian* of *Bavire*, both of them are making preparations to appear in the greatest splendor they are able, His Imperial Majesty being pleased to assist the latter with 30000 *Florins* towards his expences at that ceremony.

Some disputes having of late risen between the Republics of *Venice* and *Genova*, about the Trade into the *Levant*: The *Venetian* Ambassador has offered to his Imperial Majesty the reference of that affaire as Umpire, so as to stand to his award in case the other Arbitrators they shall choose on each side cannot determine it.

The Vice-Chancellor of the Empire is ordered speedily to go for *Regensberg*. and 'tis said, to the States of the Empire to consult farther with them concerning the business of

*Bremen*: The Emperor has fully resolved upon the raising a considerable Army against *Spring*, besides the standing Regiments.

A *Turkish* Ambassador is designed hither, with fifty persons in his company, with presents to the Emperor, and to congratulate him upon his Marriage; and was already upon his way, but having intelligence sent him, that the time of her arrival was not yet fully known, he has put a stop to his journey, till he can be informed of the certainty.

*Paris, Novemb. 19.* The Fort lately raised at *Brest*, for the security of the Fleet that lie there, is brought to a good perfection, and 25 Guns planted on it. All the Navy is at present disarmed, except twelve of their lesser ships, who are to be commanded by the Sieur *du Quesne* for the security of the Merchants, and a Squadron of the Sieur *d'Almeras* which are to lie on *Brouage* side.

Order is taken for the paying of all Officers, Soldiers, and Mariners, and for the building of five Men of War at *Brest*; three at *Soubize*, and five at *Thoulon*; which with the six ships built at *Amsterdam*, and four others bought of the King of *Denmark*, are to reinforce the Fleet for the next Summers service.

Monsieur de *la Renie*, one of the Masters of Requests, is about ten days hence to go from this place by order from his Majesty, with two able Ingenieurs, to visit all the Ports of *France*: and 'tis said, the King has a design to make the Port of *Blaye* (very considerable already for its situation) capable to entertain 1000 ships; and to secure them against all weatherers.

His Majesty has given a Commission to the Sieur de *la Roche* (newly returned from *England*, where he was prisoner) to command the six ships built at *Amsterdam*, and the four bought at *Denmark*, and to put them out to Sea.

The chief President of *Provence* has sent a Remonstrance to the Council, shewing, That that Province cannot be in a condition of paying his Majesty the yearly present they were wont to make him, unless his Majesty give them permission to transport their Corn and Cloth into foreign parts, *France* not being a place to sell them in.

The Chamber des *Grands Jours* having cited the Count de *Roure*, his Majesties Lieutenant in *Languedoc*, to appear personally before them: He has refused, returning them in answer, that the employment of his charge, in his Majesties service, required his presence actually where he was; and in that respect he was to be excused from attending them.

The Count de *Ruelus* arrested the last week by order from the Chamber, was this week with a strong guard, commanded by the Provost of the Isle, conducted into the Country. They have already sentenced the Count de *Polignac*, but he has obtained a Decree of the Council, by which his Majesty hath reserved that business for his own hearing.

This week his Majesty hath had a review of his Guards, and is expected this day at the *Thuileries*; but 'tis not yet known whether he intends to reside here this year.

*Naples, Novemb. 2.* The new Arsenal advances much by the care of the Viceroy, and is like to be of much advantage for the security of our shipping; and to oblige the King of *Spain* in furthering the work, Seignior *D. Cesare Caracciolo* has sent 150 of his people to work at it without any pay, but only the ordinary allowance of diet.

We are much concerned here, at the great quantities of fire and ashes of late thrown up by the *Vesuvius*, which not onely covers the Neighbor Towns and Villages with its ashes, but has several times blown them upon this City; the present inconvenience not so much troubling us, as the superstitious ob-