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Falmouth, January 23.

**T**He 17th instant arrived here the *St. Francis* of Bilboa, laden with Canaries, and in her way was robbed by a French Caper of one Hogshead of Wine, and by foul weather of several others, which she was forced for her safety to throw overboard.

*Weymouth, Jan. 26.* A Dutch prize of about 50 Tuns, laden with French Wines and Brandy from *Nantes*, taken upon Monday last by a *Fregat* belonging to the Governour of *Fer-sey*, off the *Isle of Alderney*, was by ill weather separated from the *Fregat*, and having since been beating at Sea, but unable to recover the *Island*, was forced the 24. instant to put into this place.

*Bridgwater, Jan. 26.* Several Pickaroons have for some time infested this Channel, but without any hurt that we can yet hear of; but the late arrival of two of his Majesties *Frigates* has cleared the Coast, and will be a great security to the Merchants in their trade to *Bristol Fair*.

*West-Coves, Jan. 26.* On Thursday Night last three small Vessels were upon suspicion seized by one of his Majesties Ships, and sent to be farther examined by the Commissioners of the Prize Office at *Southampton*, they pretending to be of *Offend* and *Bruges*.

*Genova, Jan. 12.* The Duke *D'Albuquerque* is still attending the Arrival of his Gallies from *Sicily*, which with the Duke *di Ferandina* their General, have been some time at *Naples*, and from thence parted, intending for this City to convoy the said Duke to his Vice-royalty, but by ill weather have been forced to make some stop by the way, and to put in at the Port *Gaeta*, from whence in few dayes they intend to put again to Sea, if the weather prove favourable.

By Letters from *Naples* we are also informed, that two Vessels are there fitted and ballasting out, laden with Corn for *Spain*; on which are also to imbarque a *Tertia* of Foot raised in that Kingdom for the service of his Catholique Majesty, commanded by *Don Jacinto Suardo*.

We are here in great expectation of News from our Convoy from the *Levant*, which is upon the way homewards, richly laden with the Commodities of those parts, and with it our Ambassador, infinitely satisfied with his reception in the Turkish Court, and the rich presents made him by the Grand Signior, having (amongst other things of great value) been presented with 36. Vests of extraordinary richness, whereas they never formerly gave to the Emperours Minister above 24. This, with the advantage made by the return of this Convoy, invites our Magistrates to enlarge our Trade to other parts of their Dominions, and particularly to *Tunis*, *Algiers*, *Tripoly*, and *Biserta*; to which places they intend to employ several Vessels, and by an Ambassador (whom they intend to choose for that purpose) to treat with them for the Establishment of a future Commerce, and the redemption of all Slaves that can be found to have been Subjects to this Republicke.

*Vicenna, Jan. 12.* Great care is here taken to give satisfaction to the demands of the Evangelick States of *Hungary*, which when done, the Diet of *Hungary* is ordered to be held in *March* next at *Presburg*, where the Coronation of the Emperess will be solemnized as Queen of that Kingdom: the same care is taken for her Coronation likewise at *Prague*, as Queen of *Bohemia*, and at *Ratisbonne* as Emperess of *Germany*; in all which places she is to be accompanied by his Imperial Majesty, and the Solemnity to be performed with all possible Splendor and Magnificence.

The Turks continue their preparations for War, a great number of their forces being to be employed in the Wars against the *Venetians*, and as they tell us from *Offen*, to be transported into *Candia*, upon which place they seem to bend their strength. Some few Troops are to be entertained for the service of *Abassi*, to be employed against the Prince *Ragotski*, for the regaining of several places that are possessed by him in *Transylvania*.

*Middleburgh, Jan. 29.* We are told from the *Hague*, that the *Sieur Appleboom*, Resident there from the Crown of *Sweden*, in preparation for the arrival of the Count *de Donna*, Ambassador from the same Crown, has lately given a Memorial to the States General, to which he presses hard for a precise and speedy Order.

Colonel *Harfolt*, employed some time since from the States to the Dukes of *Lunenburgh*, has lately advised them, that the *Suedes* had sent back several Troops into *Pomerania*, but not with any intention to lessen their Forces, but to encourage their new Levies; and that General *Wrangel* had given our fresh Commissions for the raising of 3. Regiments of Horse, and one Regiment of Foot, but the Captains were not at the present over-forward in Lifting of men, but expected the Disbanding of their Neighbors Forces, upon which they promised themselves an opportunity of filling up their Companies with expert and able Souldiers, and with less difficulty and trouble than otherwise they might expect. The Prince *d'Osnabruck* has already began to dismiss a part of his Forces, and to Reform his Regiments; which example the Prince of *Zelle* intends speedily to follow, by reducing his Forces to such a number only as shall be sufficient for the present posture of the affairs of that Countrey, without being over-burthen-some to his Dominions.

Some part of the Forces of the Dukes of *Brunswick* and *Lunenbourg* are already drawn out of East *Friesland*: The Deputies of those Estates intending to take likewise such speedy orders, that therett may (as soon as may be) receive their Pay, and remove also their Quarters, which will be no small ease to those parts.

From *Amsterdam*, we are inform'd, that the late Frost which froze up their Men of War, and Merchant-ships; about that City, infused into the Inhabitants a pannick fear and apprehension, lest the fixed posture they lay in, might expose them to much danger, if any Attempt should be made upon them during the Frost; which being blown likewise into the heads of the Magistrates and Officers, so strongly Alarm'd them, that consulting immediately for the prevention of that Imminent Danger, the Citizens were presently drawn into Arms, and the Souldiers kept to more than usual Duty. Great numbers of men were every where employed to break the Ice, and Souldiers sent aboard the Ships to take care, that no suspected persons might be suffered to come near them, and a severe Order published, by which all Inn-keepers, and other persons are commanded daily to bring in to such Officers as were publickly appointed to receive them, the Names and Quality of all persons, especially strangers that lodged in their houses, under a great Penalty upon their Defaults, or Negligence.

*Paris, Jan. 29.* The 22th instant, the Companies of Guards with the chief Companies of *Misquereers*, were drawn up on the Plain of *Ouilles*, where the *Sieur D'Ariznan* was admitted to his Lieutenantcy, and several other Officers established in their Commands.

The Lieutenant General of his Majesties Affairs of *Poytiers* endeavouring in vain to demolish a Temple built by those of the Reformed Religion at *Isodon*, being, as it