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Lisbonne, November 20.

THe 12th Instant was Publish'd here an *Auto de Fe*, which will be kept the 26 in the Church of the Dominicans, when the Criminals that are in the Prisons of the Inquisition will receive their Sentences. The *Sieur de St. Romin*, Ambassador Extraordinary from France, had the last week a private Audience of the King; He then acquainted his Majesty with the Choice the King his Master hath made of the *Sieur d. maior* to succeed him as his Ambassador at this Court; The Marquis de Torcy Envoy Extraordinary from his Most Christian Majesty, will part from hence the next week on his return to France. The Fleet from the Bay of *All-Saints* consisting in 18 Merchant Ships richly laden, arriv'd here the latter end of the last month. And this week came into this Port 20 Merchant Ships laden with Sugar and Tobacco from *Fernambouque*; But as yet we have no news of the Fleet from the *Rio. Janeiro*. A Vessel which lately arriv'd here from *Goa*, brought Letters from Don *Francisco de Tauora* Vice Roy of the *Indies*, written at *Goa* the 22. of *January* last; They give an account, That the War continuing between Sultan *Aureng Zeb* Emperor of the *Mogols* and the Prince his eldest Son, the *Raja Sevagi*, a neighboring Prince who takes the part of the young Prince, after committing divers Hostilities upon the Portuguese, for that they had given passage through their Territories to the Forces of *Aureng Zeb* advanced with a great Army and besieged *Goa*, which put the Inhabitants of that City into great disorder, the Viceroy (who was gone with several Vessels to succor *Cochim* which was threatned with a Siege) being not only absent but greatest part of the Garrison being drawn out to secure those places that lay most expos'd to the Enemy; So that all the Inhabitants of *Goa*, that were capable of it, and even the Clergy were oblig'd to bear Arms; The Portuguese gave notice to *Aureng Zeb* of the danger they were in, and pray'd him that he would assist them according to the Treaties of Alliance they had with him; The Sultan thereupon sent immediately orders to his second Son to oppose the Enterprizes of the *Raja*; And accordingly this young Prince advanced with an Army of an Hundred thousand Foot, Fourscore thousand Horse, 500 Elephants, and 18000 Camels, besides a vast number of Horses and Oxen for Carriage, and a very good Train of Artillery under the command of an Englishman; This great Army march'd along the Sea Coast, being followed with a great number of Vessels to supply them with Provisions and Ammunition; But the *Raja Sevagi* being inform'd of the march of the *Mogols* and the Besieged on the other side

making a very brave resistance, presently rais'd the Siege, and in his retreat, which was with much disorder, destroy'd all the Country about *Goa*, which had caus'd there a great scarcity of all sorts of Provisions. The day before their Letters were written, an Ambassador arriv'd at *Goa* from the Prince who command'd the Army of the *Mogols*, to assure the Viceroy that the Sultan *Aureng Zeb* would be always ready to assist the Portuguese against their Enemies; And the Viceroy was sending Don *Joam Antunes*, Governor of the Isles of *Solor* and *Timor*, his Ambassador to the said Prince. The Fleet of the *Mogols* was likewise arriv'd at *Goa*.

Naples, November 28. The Popes Gallies are still detain'd by the bad weather at *Puzzole*, having as we are inform'd a great many sick Men on board them. Our Viceroy has prohib'd under very great penalties, the Exportation of Corn, of which there is no great plenty in this Kingdom; Commissions have been given out here to raise some new Troops, for the Service of the State of *Milan*.

Rome, December 5. The Pope has been for several days very much afflicted with the Gout; which is the reason that the Marquis *Brignole*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Republick of *Genova*, has not yet had Audience of his Holiness. It is said at Court that the Pope to satisfy the Most Christian King has given Orders, that the Printer who was lately seiz'd within the French Ambassadors quarter, shall be set at liberty. The Duke de *Giovinazzo*, is preparing for his departure from hence for *Naples*, from whence he intends to go for *Spain* by Sea. The Pope has given the Republick of *Venice*, leave to buy a great quantity of Corn within the Ecclesiastical Territories. We do not yet hear that the Pope has any thoughts of making a Promotion of Cardinals, so there are at present twenty three Vacancies; It is said the King of *Poland* desires a Cap for Prince Alexander his second Son.

Venice, December 9. It was very confidently reported the last week that Signior *Molino* was come with the Squadron of Men of War under his command to *Zant*; But by a Vessel which arriv'd here two days since from those parts we find it to be a mistake; but the loss of two of his Ships of above 60 Guns apiece is confirm'd. Several of the Nobility that serv'd as Volunteers in the Fleet this Summer, are return'd hither, the Campaign being ended; and Captain-General *Morosini* is very suddenly expected. The Letters from *Dalmatia* tell us that the Provveditore-General *Pa'ler* and the Prince of *Parma* were marching with an Army of 18 or 20000 Men towards *Narentia*, but that it was not known what their design was. The *Sieur d'Amelot* Ambassador from France, was the last week in the Colledge to Complement them in the Name of the

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