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Berwick, Jan. 17.

ON Friday last two or three Privateers were seen cruising upon these Coasts betwixt this place and *Holy-land*, but have done no harm that we can hear of; two ships going safely last week from hence.

Plymouth, Jan. 19. The two *Brandenburgh* ships being discharged by His Majesties Order, went hence the 16 instant on their intended voyage. A Ship arriv'd yesterday at *Falmouth* from *New-England*, laden with Mafts upon His Majesties account. Here are several of His Majesties ships, part of which are appointed for Convoyes, the rest to their several stations.

Vienna, Jan. 6. Several new Complaints were brought in against Count *Balaſi Imbre*, upon which, notwithstanding his first defence, he was made Prisoner, and put under a Guard of 24 Musketeers, from whom, he, with several others, made an escape: The Turkish Ambassador complains much of it, and cannot be persuaded but that it was done by consent, which has put the Emperor upon issuing out orders for the seizure of his Estate, till he shall make his appearance, and answer to the Charge brought in against him. The French Ambassador has imprisoned a Person who went under the name of a French Gentleman, but is discovered to be that Monk of *Lyon*, who ran away with a great sum which the Covent intulst him with. The Marquis *Durazzo* coming from *Constantinople* in 18 days, advises, that a French Ambassador was arrived there, and that there was a brisk report among them, that the *Jews* and *Arabs* had destroyed the Tomb of *Mahomet* at *Mecca*, and taken several places, in exchange of which the Turkish Court offered *Tunis*, *Alexandria*, and other places; but that they refuse all, with a resolution to gain the *Holy-Land*. We hear from *Upper-Hungary*, that the Grand Signor makes great preparations against the next Spring, and that the Grand Vizier hath given order to the Princes of *Transylvania*, *Wallachia* and *Moldavia*, to be in a readines at that season to march against *Dalmatia*; and indeed, the Turks are so much now enraged against the Venetians, that their Merchants dare not appear to trade at *Constantinople* for fear of the violence of the People. The Emperor hath granted our Commissions for the Levying of fourteen new Regiments.

Dantzick, Jan. 9. The affairs in *Poland* have a bad aspect, and seem to threaten a greater storm then formerly. Those of Great *Poland* have desired the King to dismantle his Garrisons amongst them; with such reasons, that they seem not well satisfied with. There pass between the Grandees of both Parties very sharp Letters, and such as preface a great mischief. Great sums are daily expected to be remitted out of *Holland*, upon the account of the French, to work some Great ones to their Party in the next Diet; but it is thought, that though the Poles should finger the money, yet it is scarce to be believ'd they will heartily carry on the design of a Successor. On the sixth instant happened an extraordinary accident; two Eagles were brought hither, that had fought so long, till both fell together into the Sea, about two leagues hence; one seeing them drop, made out with a boat and took them up; the one was found dead, wounded in the foot, and struck through the head, the other having little or no harm. And this is looked upon as a very ill Omen, and the rather, because there was the like accident in the year 55, a little before the Swedes invaded *Poland*. The *Weywood* of *Smolenski* hath block'd up the City of *Smolensko* so closely, that all the Supplies from *Russia* are cut off; and the place is reduced already to such extremities, that the Cofacks have left it, which yet some say, was not without the Governors consent. *Dynebourg* is besieged too, and much streightned

for Provisions. A Courier that was sent from *Mosco* to *Warsaw*, is discovered to have been sent principally for a Spy.

Rome, Jan. 8. The disputes concerning the Popes right of sending his Legat to be Governor of the Kingdom of *Naples*, during the minority of the young King *Charles*, holds still as far as discourse goes; but the Pope perceiving them to be only the artifices of the Ministers and Partisans of France, has given very little care to them; and upon the same account denied an extraordinary Audience to the Cardinal *de Retz*, though he pressed it much, for fear he should speak of this Legation, out of a desire, it is likely, they may have at *Paris*, to embroil the Pope and the Crown of Spain. It is certain the French leave no stone unturned, that may give an occasion of quarrel, though having experimented the hazards and expence of such a War, they would willingly see it done at other mens costs; and to that end, they continue to possess, *Dom Pedro*, and the Cardinal *de Arragon*, that the right of the Kingdom of *Naples* belongs to them, (as Heires in whole blood of the Ancient Kings of *Arragon*) telling them withal, how easily they may attain it, both in regard of the Interest and affection they have among the People; but they meet with Persons too prudent to be wrought upon by those little designs, and only discover their ignorance in History, and their indiscretions in publishing their insinuations to kindle a new flame in *Naples*, which we hope will not take effect.

The *Sieur Castaldi*, a *Genoese*, Clerk of the Chamber, is gone to *Siene* to stand for *Dom Mario*, the Popes Brother, at the Baptisme of a Nephew of his Holynesses; and withal, to treat about a Marriage between *Dom Sigismondo*, another of the Popes Nephews, and the Daughter of a Gentleman of *Genoa*, of the ancient Houle of *Pallavicino*, who hath a Million and an half of *Roman* Crowns to her Portion: but whether this Match will go forward or no, is questioned, in regard her Friends seem rather to desire, she should expect the Nephew of another Pope, as being of opinion, That this is not long lived. But there are some, and those Persons not unacquainted in the affairs of State, who think this to be the least part of *Sieur Castaldi's* errand, and that under this disguise he is to break off the Treaty the Duke of *Parma* hath made with some private persons at *Genoa*, for Monies to redeem the State of *Castro*; which if so, it is easily judged, how far his Holyness is averse from gratifying the French, who would fain throw off this business of *Castro* upon the Great Duke of *Tuscany*, Uncle to the Duke of *Parma*; but that Plot will not at all take, but will necessitate the French to abate of that high opinion they conceive of themselves, or to make a farther provision to oppose the Pope, who finding the weakness of the Council of *Paris*, will be glad to repair the reputation, which he conceives he hath lost by the Treaty of *Pisa*, 1664. And as to that, it is believed the Popes Chamber will resolve upon a new account with the Duke of *Parma*, in which such differences are like to arise, as will puzzle the cunning of the French to reconcile them.

His Holyness hath thought fit to refer the business betwixt Cardinal *Piccolomini*, Legat of *Ravenna*, and the Cardinal *Rossette*, to the Assembly of the Cardinals *de bono regimine*, to finde out some expedient that might be satisfactory to them both; notwithstanding which, *Piccolomini* seems discontented, and thereupon hath sent a Letter, in the form of a *Manifesto*, to the sacred Colledge, and to the several Ambassadors residing here; which procedure, the Pope doth much dislike, and indeed all the Court blames him, especially the French Faction, who have had no great kindness for him, since his Nunciature at *Paris*, whence he returned three years since