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Swansey, December 9.

A Dutch Merchant Ship, her lading Wine and Salt from *Bordeaux* homewards bound, was lately by streis of weather forced up the *severn*, and ran a great hazard of a Wreck, having sprung a considerable leak, but was at the last so fortunate as to get up to *Bristol*, where she is now repairing.

The *Santa Maria* of *Majorca* of near 500 Tun, 28 Guns, and 50 Men, lyes laden in the Road outwards bound, of whom the French Merchants have some apprehensions, fearing lest the Captain may have a private Commission against them.

Minehead, Decem. 9. The 7th Instant arrived here the *Lyon of Youghall* from *Lisbon*, laden with Sugars and bound for *Bristol*, confirming to us the sudden and unexpected Revolution and Change in *Lisbon*, without any tumult, or the least effusion of blood.

Newcastle, Dec. 10. Yesterday and the day before arrived here 14 or 15 great Ships and Flyboats for the Coal Trade, and many more are suddenly expected.

Tarmouth, Dec. 11. Yesterday arrived here two Ships belonging to this place, one from *Hamborough*, the other from *Rossterdam*. Yesterday put to sea from hence 20 sail of light Colliers belonging to this place, bound for *Sunderland* and *Newcastle*; several others passing by this Road upon the same Trade. This afternoon went out two other Ships from this place laden chiefly with Herrings bound for the *Streights*.

Legorne, Nov. 28. This Week by a Dutch Vessel arrived in twenty dayes from *Tripoli*, we are told that four of those Corsaires are already cruising after Prizes, and four others will suddenly put to Sea after them upon the same errand.

The Reports from *Candia* are somewhat various, some speaking as if some sinister practices had been discovered within the Town, for the betraying it to the Enemy. Other advices telling us, that the besieged had lately made several sallies upon the Enemy with great courage and success, having kill'd above five thousand Turks.

We eagerly expect news from the *Streights*, it being strongly reported, that the French expect there twelve Men of War, with which are to joyne three others lately departed from *Toulon*, their pretence being to search all Ships bound for *Spain*: They have granted the Turks at *Alger* a free Port at *Toulon*.

Genova, Nov. 30. The Merchant Ship retaken from the Corsaires of *Majorca* has been since by streis of weather forced into *Corsica*, and is now returned and at Anchor in this Road. Our Convoy for *Spain* is supposed by this to have gain'd *Alecani*; one of the number separated from the rest the 25. instant, about mid-sea off the *Gulf of Lyons*, springing a leak, was obliged to return, and this morning came into this Road: Another of them grown also leaky, was constrain'd to put into *Corsica* to repair.

From *Milan* they tell us, that the Officers of the Spanish Forces in that Government are drawing their Souldiers towards the place appointed for their General Muster: in the mean the Levies are advanced with all convenient diligence; that the State may be in a good posture to make its defence, if attempted by the French.

Dantzick, Decem. 3. From *Warsaw* we are told that the Cong is there preparing business for the approaching Diet, which tis expected will begin about the 24. of *Janua* next. The Land day, or lesser Assembly for *Prussia* in order to

the greater, ended this last week at *Grandenz*, and hath granted 15 Subsidies for the Lands, and a proportionable supply from the Towns towards the payment of the arrears of the Army. That Assembly received some disturbance from a Quarrel between *Jalinsky* and *Crewsky*, founded upon private misunderstandings between them, but both of them seeming to interest the Publick in their dispute, which arose to that height, that coming to blows, several of their Servants were hurt on each side, but none killed; which might have probably occasioned the dissolving of the Assembly, had not the business been timely composd by the Mediation and interposal of their Relations.

Late Letters from *Mosco* inform us that the Polish Ambassadors have made their Publick Entry into that City with extraordinary state, being by order from the Czar introduced by all the Cavalry, and 2000 selected Foot in four Squadrons, distinguished by their Liveries; the first Division wearing Red and Blew Caps; the second Red and White; the third Blew and Green, and the fourth Green and Yellow, with 20 Ensigns, and 24 pieces of Ordnance, before each Division marching several Drumers, all of them clad in the German habit. No contest passed, as was usual on the like occasions, for Preceder y, the *Muscovites* freely giving it to the *Poles*. The third day after their Entry they were admitted to their Audience, with the usual Ceremonies; the next day after the Entry another day was spent in Conference, the Ambassadors requiring a speedy dispatch, that they may be present at the Opening of the General Diet at *Warsaw*. The *Poles* being not satisfied with the Provisions made for their Entertainment, have 2200 Rubles weekly allowed them in lieu thereof during their stay. Their Presents to the Czar were a rich Coach with six excellent Turkish Horses, one lead Horse, and several pieces of Plate of curious Workmanship. They press hard for assistance against the Enemies of *Poland*, the Release of several Prisoners, and the nomination of a place for a Treaty, where they intend to negotiate a perpetual Peace.

Venice, Dec. 9. The Convoy designed for the supply of *Candia*, under the command of His Excellency General *Nani*, is put to sea with a fair wind, consisting of 9 ships, who are order'd to pass by *Zante*, where they are to joyn with a Squadron which there attends them, and so to proceed onward with more security: in few days a greater Convoy will be fitted up to follow them, Care being taken to supply them with Men, Provisions and Moneys: to which purpose we are daily raising men, who freely offer themselves for that service.

By the ships lately arrived from *Candia*, are returned several Officers that have been wounded in the defence of that City; where they eminently signalized their Valours: we still find that the Turks obstinately continue the Siege, and omit nothing that can be practised for the taking in of the Town.

A vessel arriving from *Cephalonia* advises us, that by a ship from *Zante* they were assured of the continuance of the Siege, but that the Turk were not so warm in their attacks as formerly, employing all their pains in their Mines, from which they expect the greatest success.

Here are lately arrived 2 ships from *Constantinople*, informing us that the preparations there for carrying on the war advance not so fast as was expected; that they found a great want of shipping both in that and other of the *Ottoman* Ports.

A large Galeas is lately put to sea from this place well manned, and furnished with Guns and Provisions, which is

ordered to sail to the Armata, and to supply the place of an old one, which is to be recalled.

Thirteen of our Gallies and three Galeasses are sent into the Archipelago, to take in fresh men for the relief of Candia, to supply the places of those that have been killed or hurt. The Visior seems resolved to win the place, or to lose his life in the Attempt, and has sent out Orders to the several Bassa's throughout the Turkish Dominions, to send him all the Forces and supply of provisions they are able to make.

Paris, Dec. 17. His Majesty has lately conferred on the Marquis de Peque'nin, a Master of the Camp, the Title of Colonel-General of Dragons, Resolving at the same time to raise two new Regiments of Dragons to joyn with those others that are now under the Command of the said Marquis.

His Majesty has ordered all the Officers of his Army to repair to the Court to receive such Employments as his Majesty shall think most convenient for his service.

On Tuesday last the Chevalier de Tourbin, Major to the Guards drew them up, and in his Majesties name offered Employments to such as would accept of Commands amongst the Foot, but very few persons embraced the offer, considering the great expences of raising their Companies.

The King having proffered the Prince de Vandemon a Pension of 1000 Crowns yearly, the Prince has for the present desired to be excused from accepting it, till he have first acquainted the Duke of Lorraine his father, and obtained his leave.

The 15th Instant His Majesty took a Review of the Troops of his Household in the Bois de Balagne.

The Duchess de Margarin presses hard for a separation from the Duke her Husband, in whose favour the Parliament have Ordered, that she shall have full liberty given her to repair to Paris at her pleasure, to negotiate for the restitution of the Estate which she requires of the Duke, who is Ordered to allot her an apartment in the Palace Margarin, or at the Arsenal.

The King being informed that the Offenders have by their Privateers much infested the Coasts, and particularly taken a Merchant Ships belonging to Diepe of considerable value, has sent Order to the Sieur de la Roche to put to sea with a Squadron of 12 Men of War to guard the Coasts.

His Majesties Council have lately issued out an Order to the Court of Aydes, to suspend the Execution of the new Code, in relation to the Tailles, or other affairs concerning his Majesty.

From Languedoc we are told that the States of that Province assembled the 8th instant at Montpellier: and from Auvergne, that the Chevalier Paul is very dangerously ill, with little or no hopes of recovery.

Some few dayes since arrived here an Envoy in Extraordinary from the Duke of Newburgh, others being also suddenly expected from the House of Savoy.

There is now published in the Netherlands a Placart for the regulation of Trade, and liberty of Commerce between the Cities subject to the Crown of France, and the others under the Spanish Jurisdiction, a Rate or Tax being fixed upon all persons that shall have liberty to pass from one Port to the other, which 'tis believed will bring into the Finances the sum of 200 thousand Crowns for this Winter.

Hague, Dec. 18. The States have not yet agreed upon the nomination of persons to the chief Military Employments, intending first by their Deputies to sound the intentions of those Provinces, who are not yet come to a full resolution in that point.

We still speak of a stout Fleet which is to be equipped and fitted out to sea against the next Spring, for which there have been several Conferences between the States Deputies and those of the Respective Admiralties.

The Bishop of Strasbourg still continues here, and receives the Visits and Compliments of all the great Personages.

From Amsterdam we are informed that the 17. Instant

there went out from the Texel 20 Merchant Ships for France, some others bound for the Caribees and other parts.

The Ship called the Van Hoorn, intended for the East-Indies is on ground without the mouth of the Texell, but 'tis believed may be got off again with little damage.

The Prince of Russeany is newly arrived at Amsterdam, where he entered in a rich Chariot drawn with six Mules in a handsome Equipage.

Bruges, Dec. 18. For the better maintenance and payment of the Spanish Forces, the Marquis de Castel Rodrigo hath demanded the sum of 600 thousand Guilder, as Contribution from the Province of Brabant, but as yet the States of that Province have not given in their consent, and 'tis feared some difficulties may occur in the levying thereof. For the security of the City of Brussels, and the fortification thereof the Marquis has likewise given Order, that all trees standing near the Town, shall be cut down, and all houses demolished which shall be judged to be prejudicial to the Forts by their too near situation.

Some few dayes since the French appeared with a strong party at Aeth, between Alost and Tournay, their principal design being to levy and fetch in Contribution out of those Countries. They have demanded the sum of 60,000 Guilders for the safe passage of the Common Boat between Brussels & Antwerp, otherwise th' eating to hinder that intercourse.

The frequent Incursions made by them into the Country, and near the walls of the City of Luxemburg, hath occasioned the Governor of that place to give Order for the breaking down of all the Bridges as far as Treves, for the better security of his Quarters.

The 15th Instant the French appeared with a considerable party of horse and foot near Charlemont upon the Moselle, which they had a design to have surpris'd, and accordingly had made provision of several Barques laden with Ladders and other necessaries for their attempt: but were so warmly entertained by the Garrison, who had opportunely received a supply of men, that the French were obliged to desert their design, leaving several dead behind them, and amongst them the Officer that commanded them, with all their Boats and Provisions.

Tarmouth, Dec. 13. Three Vessels which about 10 dayes since went out from this Port, two of them belonging to Lyn, the other to this place, all of them laden with Herrings, have by some ill accident run ashore within a mile of Calice, where they were forced to unlade: the Ships since reported to be gotten off and put into Calice Haven.

Harwich, Dec. 14. On Thursday last the weather being dark and stormy, were heard 5 or 6 Guns from the Offin, but no Vessel was able to put out to take an account of the cause of them: but yesterday by the floating of several Deals and Spars, we guess that a Vessel from Norway was then cast away.

London, Dec. 12. This day between Twelve and One of the clock: the Paper called The Humble Petition and Address of Edward Earl of Clarendon, directed to the Right Honorable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, was according to a late Order of Parliament burnt by the hands of the common Hangman before the Gate of Gresham Colledge, now the place of the Exchange, in the presence of the Sheriffs of the City.

Whitehall, Dec. 14. This day their Excellencies the Heers Meerman and Boreel, Ambassadors in extraordinary from the United Provinces, were with the usual Ceremonies introduced to their Audience from their Royal Highnesses, which had till then been deferred by reason of the Dukes distemper.

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THE Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer are now come to the payment of the 667th Order in course, upon the Act of Parliament for 1250000 l. and so shall proceed as the tax comes in. There are many proceeding Orders that the parties concerned bring not yet: for all which there is Money reserved in Bank to pay, and they may receive their Principal and Interest whensoever they produce their Orders and Tallies.