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*Dover, Jan. 22.*

**T**HE *Ruby* Frigate coming into our Road, brought with him a Ship laden with French Wine and Brandy from *Rochel*, about 100 Tuns burthen, which is to be sent into this Harbor.

*Yarmouth, Jan. 22.* Last Saturday a Vessel belonging to this Town, was chased by a Caper of 8 Guns off of *Orfordness*, into two fathom water; and last night a *Lyn* man was chased into this Road by a West-Country-Boat, which being formerly taken, is now made a Private man of War: She forced the *Lyn* man ashore about Midnight, right over against this Town, took the Vessel, but the Men escaped in their Boat.

*Newcastle, Jan. 23.* The Ships that lie here, will not stir out without Convoy, a discretion now taught them; and had they heretofore observed the same prudence, as it was already prescribed to them before, they had given the Dutch small encouragement to adventure on these Coasts.

*Hull, Jan. 23.* We have not lately had advice of any Holland man of War upon our Coasts. We have a report here from *Elisneur*, that on the 2d instant, three of His Majesties Ships took out of *Mardoe* in *Norway*, an Holland man of War, called *The Charity*, the only Ship that unhappily fell into their hands in the beginning of that glorious day in *Fune* last.

*Portsmouth, Jan. 23.* There is advice of some *Hollanders* about the *Isle of Wight*, who have given chase to some small Vessels; but that is no place for them to continue in. Seven Ships, that pretend themselves free, are brought in hither as Prize, till further proof appear of their quality.

*Land-guard-fort point, Jan. 23.* The 19th instant, the *Plymouth* Frigate came into this Harbor, having met with six Dutch Men of War, and a Fire-ship, who endeavoured to board her; but she received them so bravely with her broad-sides, that they quickly quitted her, without doing her much damage. The *Baltimore* brought in a Dogger-boat laden with Cod, having eleven Men aboard.

*Harwich, Jan. 23.* Both Sunday night and Saturday morning, here was a very great Storm, which did no farther harm, that we can yet hear of, than the sinking two or three Boats near the shore, which are since recovered.

*Kingsale, Jan. 12.* A Ship of *Dartmouth*, laden with Pipe-slaves, and taken by the *Hollanders*, is come in hither, being retaken by the *Sorlings* and *Nightingale*. The *Ann* and *Sarab* of *London*, Mr. *Limbery* Master, laden with Sugar, Indico and Cotton, from the *Barbadoes*, was taken by the Dutch, who put 9 of their men aboard to carry the Ship, and 6 of ours prisoners in her, into *Holland*: But it seems they did not allow themselves odds enough upon the English they had on board; for being got quit of the Dutch Men of War, the English mastered the Dutch and brought them prisoners into *Bear Haven*. A private French Ship, laden with Wine, from the *Canaries*, being put into *Cork*, she is there detained till better evidence what she is.

*Dublin, Jan. 20.* The House of Commons adjourned on Thursday till Monday come sevennight, having given the first reading to these Bills. A Bill for Uniformity. An Additional Bill for Collecting the Hearth-money. An Act to enable the City of Dublin to raise 2500*l.* A Bill for letting to Farm the Hearth-money. A Bill for relieving poor Prisoners: And a Bill for Encouragement of Linnen Manufactures in this Kingdom. The Commissioners of the Court of Claims sat on Thursday the 16th instant, and after a short time adjourned to Thursday the 23d. It is reported, that

they will remove to *Kilkenny*, in order to which, the Town hath been surveyed, to see if it could afford Accommodation to such numbers as must necessarily repair thither.

*Plymouth, Jan. 21.* Last Evening the *Richmond* brought in hither the prizes from *Falmouth*, laden with Sack, Copper, &c. and convoyed among other Ships, one laden with Malts from *New England*, on His Majesties account.

*Paris, Jan. 24.* The great Discourte of this Town, at present, is, the late Generosity of the King of *England*'s Ambassador, the Lord *Hollis*, in refusing this King's Present, by which, it seems, he intends to triumph over all the Greatness of this Court: For the *Sieurs de Boncui*, Introdutor of Ambassadors, and *Girault* his Deputy, having been with him the 24th instant, solemnly to present him, in this King's name, with a Table D'ambon of very great value; after many Acknowledgments of the King's Complements and Civilities to him, and with professions of all Respect and Veneration imaginable, for his Person and Greatness, he desired to be excused from receiving his Present, telling them plainly, That where he had not received that Satisfaction, in certain Occasions, which he ought to expect, he could not receive a Present.

*Paris, Jan. 27.* War is the Cry of all the Town now, for the King has said it; having taken occasion, it seems, to tell the Queen Mother of *England*, that he had ordered Monsieur de *Lionne*, one of the Ministers of his Affairs, and his Secretary of State, to go and acquaint her, That he could no longer keep off the Declaration of War against *England*, but that he should always preserve the same Esteem and Value for His Majesties Person; and hoped His Majesty would continue the same Kindness and Affection he had hitherto expressed for him. *Britany* has wholly refused to confirm the Kings Edicts, and lest they should take place, have given out Ordinances to the contrary; that Money should run at the old rates, Offices be liable to the former value, &c. *Bourdeaux*, it is thought, will do as *Paris* has done, Register them as the King's Will, but make no arrest to approve of them. The English Ambassador's Refusal of the King's Present, hath given the French much subject of Discourse, but how the King resents it, is not yet known, he being at *St. Germain*; whence it is said, he will make a Progress through *Normandy* and other parts, and not return these 18 months. Monsieur *Colbert*, Master of Requests is parted from the *Hague*, to go to *Cleve*, where the Dutch are confident of an happy issue of Negotiation with the Elector of *Brandenburg*.

*Hague, Jan. 16.* The *Sieur Almelo* being made a Colonel, and his Place in the States General being by that means vacant, the Nobility of the Division of *Twente* have named the *Sieur Raesvelt de Twickloo* to succeed him in the States General, which the other Divisions of that Province, oppose, alledging it to be against the Orders. A certain Person here, who heretofore foretold the Restauration of the King of *England*, having lately obtained a Committe to be appointed him here, it is said, he hath Prophesied very unluckily to this State, in the issue of the present War against *England*, and its Allies. The Ministers of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, instead of coming to any Conclusion upon the desired Treaty, have, these late days, put in a serious complaint of the ill Usage they suffer upon the *Rhine*, by reason of the Customs we expect from them there, which is referred to the Admiralty to consider of, but nothing yet done to their content in it. Our resolutions of a Flying Army, remains yet without effect. The Council of State have been in a Body in the

States General, with a List of a Body of about 10000 Men. Those of *Guelder* proposed that 2 Deputies might be named, one of *Guelder*, the other of *Ouerissel*, who, with one of the Council of State, might have full power to frame a Model of this Body of Men, to be put in execution by Prince *Maurice*; but that was not liked by the rest. It seems the *Sieur Frequet* hath received some answer for his Master to the Articles of Agreement, which the Bishop heretofore delivered him by the States, which he hath communicated to the *Canonary (de Witte)* alone, who having made no kind of Report of it to the Assembly, nor of a long Conference, it is known he had with *D'Estrades*, and the *Sieur Colbert*, (Envoy from the French King,) it hath given matter of great jealousy to the rest.

*Dec 6, 17.* Its said, the Prophet having been called before *Raenswode* and *Glinstra*, he told them, in serious terms, God was angry with us, and that we must expect great and heavy Evils, while we continue in Ingratitude to those that he had made the Instruments of our good, and particularly to the House of *Orange*. His Prefaces do more especially point at intestine Troubles and Tumults at *Amsterdam*. In the mean time, towards the fulfilling this Prophetic, it's observed, the Generality begin to murmur at the Choice of our Alliances, and much more at the Terms on which we take them: Why we should fall into so sharp a War; and for whose sakes: Three poor words only, *Litem incipiam, prosequi*, (the Clause in the Treaty with *England*, upon which we first differed,) have, as we say, cost us all this; the sense of which concerns only the Province of *Holland*, and among them, none but those of the East-India Company; so as indeed, the King of *England* had reason, in the Letter he writ to the States of the 18th *Dec.* to charge this whole War upon those of *Holland*, as the proper Authors; which hath so pricked them, that they have used all means possible to stifle that Letter, forbidding, under the severest Penalties, that no Printer within that Province dare to Print it; but this makes it but the more fought after.

*Rome, Jan. 9.* The Emperor is much concerned at the trick put upon him, by the Marquis *Durazzo*, who under the disguise of a Companion to Count *Lesly* his Ambassador, Negotiated and Established a Commerce with the Turks, in the name of the Republick of *Genoua*; and to that purpose, has sent to the Pope, to make known his resentment of this Action of the *Genoveses*. And it is believed here, that the Pope hath several matters to charge them with; as for banishing Cardinal *Imperiali*, in a time when he could not revenge it; and the contempt upon his Commandes at the Crowning of the last Duke, where it seems they would, contrary to former practice, have placed their Archbishop, the *Sieur Spinola*, on a Seat lower than the Duke, whereas the Custom always has been, to place it somewhat higher than his; which aggravated by the Emperor, the Venetian and the Spaniard, the two former being engaged in it, and not to suffer the *Genoveses* to thrive upon their War with the Turk, and the latter out of jealousy, that finding a better employment for their money, they will no longer lend their Treasure at his Command, it is thought, will bring this new Affront of Treating with Infidels without his Holiness's Consent, to an Excommunication, being expressly contrary to the Canons in that case provided. We have advice from *Civita Vecchia*, that a Bark was sent Express from *Marseilles*, to advise the French Navigation to be careful of falling into the power of any English shipping, and to avoid the Ports of the Spanish Dominions, which seems to imply a Consideration between those two Crowns, to the French King's prejudice, which is here understood with extraordinary content.

*Cleves, Jan. 22.* *Bevering* will certainly be here from the States, within a day or two, who, tho' at first he refused the Employment, upon fresh instances accepted of it, to the dissatisfaction of *de Witte*, who was much against his undertaking of that Errand. The sum of his business is supposed principally to make an excuse to the Elector, for lodging the French Troops in his Towns, without asking his Consent: To complain of a sharp Letter writ by the Elector to the States, some parts of which, they desire the Electors Explanation of, and to try if he can prevail with the Elector upon any conditions, to levy some Troops for

that States Service; but the Elector does sufficiently understand their Intrigues, and hath reason enough to suspect their juggling. We here, upon Advertisement from several parts of *Germany*, believe, that the *Swedes* have agreed with *Bremen*, and are marching down to the Assistance of the Prince of *Munster*. The *Hollanders* are preparing to send out an Army of 10000 men, but if the Froit continue, the Prince of *Munster's* Forces will take another progress into their Country, before they can be in any readiness. Yesterday here was published the Match between the Prince of *Denmark*, and the *Landgrave of Hesse's* eldest Daughter, who is Neice to this Elector. An Envoy hath been at *Cassel* from the Prince of *Denmark*, with Presents to the Princess. The Elector of *Brandenburg* is sending the Baron of *Blomendal*, Son in Law to the Baron *Swerin*, in quality of Envoy to the King of *France*. The next week we expect the Marquis of *Conflans*, Envoy from the Marquis of *Cassel Rodrigo*; and the Count of *Furstenberg*, from the Elector of *Cologne*: The former about a Pension due to the Elector these 3 or 4 years, by Treaty from *Spain*; the later about a Meeting at *Neuis*, betwixt this Elector, the Elector of *Cologne*, the Duke of *Newburgh*, one of the Dukes of *Lunenburgh*, and perhaps one from the *Swedes*, who, they say, have notice of it, to agree the Time and Matter they are to treat of; and this, it is said, gives matter of great jealousy to *France*.

*Kingale, Jan. 16.* Several Ships are put in hither, much torn by storm; among the rest, one belonging to *Lime*, on Saturday last, who was above 400 Leagues in her way to *Virginia*; another of this Town, the *Edmond*, bound for the *West-Indies*, who being about a month at Sea, lost most of his Masts and Sails in the storm. One Sea struck three of his Men over board, another threw two of them back into the Ship, the third drowned.

*Plymouth, Jan. 23.* Last Evening arrived here a Vessel of *Topsham* from *Malaga*, the Master of which reports, that he met with 10 Turks Men of War in the *Streights*, from 40 to 60 Guns, who treated him very kindly: With this take another piece of their respect to a Ship of this Town, who being chased by two of them (which she supposed to be Dutch) the Master and Company forsook the Ship, and betook themselves to their Boat for safety, the Boatswain still staying to see the event. When the Turks came aboard, and found the Ship English, they excused their mistake, and put in some of their men to carry her to *Cartagen*, to the Master and his Company, without the least detriment to Ship or Goods, and gave her Convoy thence to *Malaga*, where she now remains. Captain *Erown*, a Privateer, hath carried into *Salcombe* three Vessels, one laden with Irish Beef and Herrings, a second with Linnen Cloth, and a third with Wine and Brandy.

*Dover, Jan. 23.* Captain *Lucy*, in a small Privateer, hath sent into this Harbor, a Frenchman, belonging, as is pretended, to *Calis*, laden with Fish, and bound for *Bourdeaux*.

*Covertry, Jan. 27.* About 7 this Morning there happened so dreadful a storm, (some say, accompanied with an Earthquake, Thunder and Lightning,) that among other considerable Mischiefs, it hath done in and near our City: it hath thrown down the stately Spire of *Trinity* Steeple, even to the very Battlements; which falling on the East and North-East part of the Church, hath so battered the Roof, rent the whole Fabrick, and made such lamentable havock within the Church, that it's believed many thousand pounds will not repair the Damage. It hath done no farther harm, by its fall, than the killing one poor man, a stranger, passing through the Church-yard, notwithstanding so many Houses are so near it; which we took on as a wonderful mercy.

*Ile of Wight.* On the 22th instant, a lusty Ship of *Mayden-blick*, of the United Provinces, laden with Corn, and two others, were brought into *Portsmouth*.

*Hampton-Court, Jan. 27.* This Afternoon about 3 a Clock, His Majesty arrived here from *Oxford*, accompanied by his Royal Highness, and attended by several of His Principal Ministers, (having left Her Majesty, with her Royal Highness and their Attendants at *Oxford*) to remain some time here, in consulting about his great Affairs of State; during which time, we hope, God will in mercy so confirm the Health of the City, that His Majesty may with safety to His Royal Person and the Publick, immediately return to *White-hall*, which He is pleased to express a very longing desire of.