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Dover, Jan. 22.

THE *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 sevendnight, 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 *Boncuil*, 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 *Almeida* 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 *Raefvelt 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