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Harwich, Jan. 25.

Since Sunday, early in the morning, we have had a very Temptuous season; a private mans ship is spoiled; several Boats sunk, but no great loss; and two or three ships run aground, which, when the storm is over, we question not but we shall see. On Monday last the *Baltimore* brought in a Dogger-Boat, taken on the Dogger-Banks laden with Fresh-fish.

Ile of Wights, Jan. 24. This morning we have had a most dreadful storm at West South West, of Wind and Rain, with Thunder, and an unusual darkness. It is reported, that the Dutch are returned into Harbor, which is most probable, considering how strong the South West winds have lately blown.

Legorne, Jan. 9. An Italian Barque bound hither from *Tunis*, put into *Civita Vecchia*, to procure a *Salvo Condotta*, but an English *Sopraccarico* aboard her, hath prevented and secured the English goods, that the Master of the Barque cannot detain them as intended. It is advised from *Lisbon*, that they have taken *Tuy* from the Spaniards, a place of much importance. It is now 20 daies, since the French have not suffered any Vessel to stir out of their Ports into the Mediterranean, neither Native nor Stranger, for which we can imagine no other reason then their feare of a Fleet from *England*, from whom they knew by their own practices, they are to expect no curtesie. At the present there are in this Port three French Vessels, each of 40 peices of Ordnance, and 130 men.

Rome, Jan. 9. The Duke of *Parma's* affair about *Castro*, goes rather backward than forward; and looks as if it were to pass the delay of another Negotiation, before it can be settled.

The Provinces of *Italy* look strangely upon the Treaty the Prince of *Monaco* is making with the French, to part with the Sovereignty of *Monaco*, though some content themselves with the thoughts, That in regard the French had a Garrison there before, the case would not be altered much, if he were absolute Governour.

The Republick of *Genoua* indeed hold themselves somewhat more concerned, as pretending a right to *Monaco*, yet think it safer to lie still at present, than embroil themselves in any disputes of that nature. However it is possible, that the cause why their Envoy applies himself so seriously to *Spain*, may be to hinder the progress of the French to the River of *Genoua*, viz. From the Coast of the *Ligustique sea*, wherein the Duke of *Savoy* pretends no small interest.

The Sieur *Lombardy*, the Emperors Envoy, is returned home to his Master, as some think, to give account of the money he hath received of his Holiness, for the War against the Turk; though others judge, there is a greater mystery in it; and that the true design of this voyage may be to engage the Emperor, to favor the accommodation of *Portugal* with the Queen his sister; and wittals, to desire him publickly to own the defence of the Bishop of *Munster*. There are a third sort that make another judgment of the intent of this voyage; and that is, to effect a League Offensive and Defensive, between his Holiness, the House of *Austria*, and some Princes that have no great reason to be Friends with *France*.

Marsilles, Jan. 12. All the Men of War are fitting out at *Toulon*, which as they will make no considerable number, so it will require a moneths time, at least, before they be in any measure of readines. The Duke of *Beaufort* hath sent an Expreis to *Alicant*, ordering such ships of *St. Malo*, as are there, to attend in that Port till the Fleet be out. Several

Vessels of this Town are expected from *Turky*, and divers setting forth for those parts, which makes the Merchants hearts ake here for fear of a War. The Count de *Vivone*, General of the Gallies, went hence last week for *Paris*, and is expected back in *April*. Twelve Gallions are here ready fitted, two more building, and two Gallions, which will be ready the next Campaigne. Five ships are on the Stocks at *Toulon*, which will require a years time before they be finished.

Genoua, Jan. 13. Two days since, the *Blossom Pinck* arrived here, coming in five weeks from *Alicant*, and brought 33 Bales of Woollen Goods from *London*, which are received into Quarantine. It is now reported the French have bought *Casal*, and that the French King comes from *Marsilles*, to have a Conference with the Duke of *Savoy*; but this serves onely to show in what uncertainty that whole matter yet rests. The *Centurion* is arrived at *Finale* with four ships from *Cadix*, of this States Convoy. The French are so pressed in their preparations at *Toulon*, that they wrought upon their ships on *Christmas* day.

Vienna, Jan. 9. Monsieur *Gramonville*, is active enough in this place for the French King, his Master, though he findes no great encouragement from the *Grandees*, he makes his application to. The Letter which His Imperial Majesty sent to the Duke of *Lunenburg* on behalf of the Prince of *Munster*, we hope, will have effect; nay, some say, it hath so far prevailed already, that the Dukes Envoy hath signified to the Emperor, that the *Lunenburg* Arms are onely to be employed for the Publick Peace, and guard the Bishoprick of *Osnabrug* against any violencies that might be offered from the Prince of *Munsters* forces.

Weyssel, Jan. 23. Yesterday some French and Dutch went abroad upon a design, but what the success must show. We have advise, that the Bishop of *Munster* hath summoned the House *Ree*, wherein is a Garrison of 200 Dutch.

Offend, Feb. 4. On the second instant, in the morning, five or six of the *Holland* Fleet were seen afar off at Anchor, in the evening none. The Wind in the night was fresh, and continued in a very storm to this time. This morning about 10 or 12 of their ships were spied afar off at Anchor again, who have endured such extremity of weather, that their whole Fleet must have received much damage, if some of them be not utterly lost; of which, we expect hourly an account. The two *Brandenburg* ships, that were cleared from *England*, anchored a while in the Road, and are gone for *Zeland*.

Venice, Jan. 16. Here has been a great Mortality among the Nobility of this Republick, several persons of very considerable quality being lately dead, and many sick: The nature of the disease is not fully discovered; but it is accompanied with a Malignant Fever, *Delirium* and *Lethargy*, and few that are taken with it recover. We have a flying report, that the Marquis de *Villa* hath taken *Candia Nova*, but we dare not be too confident, till a farther confirmation.

Groningen, Dec. 26. The Frosty weather hath put the whole Countrey in a fright, that they shall have the Bishops Army again, and not without cause, they having taken away some Cattle from about *Deventer*. This hath given such an alarm to our Army, that 24 Companies were yesterday commanded out, some to *Wedde*, some to *Bortagne*, and others to *Coeverden*, and such places as we are jealous they may attack. We now complain, that in all this while no greater haste hath been made of the Flying Army, they so much talked of, for our security; towards which, there are neither any Commissions granted out, nor so much as a Commander agreed on; so that unless the weather prove more favorable to us than our Masters, we must expect a second ravaging of the Countrey.