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Falmouth, Jan. 29.

Yesterday came in here the *St. Lucy* of this Harbour from *Bourdeaux*, informing us that at her departure there was a rumour that the Dutch ships then in Harbour, had Orders to leave that Port, and to return homewards, whether laden or not. Two ships are also put in here from *Flushing*, intended for *France*.

Plymouth, Jan. 31. Yesterday went from this Port between sixty and seventy sail of English, Dutch, Swedes, and Hamburgers, bound to the Eastwards. The same day put in here about ten or eleven sail of Dutch ships, and amongst them three Men of War their Convoy, bound to the Westwards. This day arrived one other French Man of War of 38 Guns, belonging to the Squadron under the Command of Monsieur *de la Roche*. Also a Londoner from *Zant*, who in her way homewards met with several ships belonging to *Algier*, *Tunis*, and *Tripoly*, who dismiss her without any the least disturbance.

Newcastle, Jan. 31. Several small Coasters are lately come into this Harbor, and this last night arrived about 12 sail of light Colliers, supposed to be the Headmost of a great Fleet which is daily expected.

Newcastle, Feb. 1. This last Tide about 40 sail of laden Colliers went off from this Port; but the wind coming Southwards, 'tis believed they may be obliged to put back again: 60 sail more are lading, and may in little time be ready to sail, we daily expect a great Fleet of light ships.

Portsmouth, Feb. 2. Yesterday, the *Milford* went out from this Harbor intending for the Downs, to meet the Fleet there riding under the Conduct of Sir *Thomas Allen*. Here is lately put in an *Ostender* with 3 small French Prizes, 2 of them laden with Oysters bound from *St. Maloer* for *Diepe*, and the 3d with window-Glass.

Malaga, Jan. 8. The Turks have been lately very active and busy upon these Coasts, having taken several ships, and forced divers others on shore, both to the East and West of this Port. Yesterday arrived here a Venetian ship from *New England*, which was the Night before taken by a Turk, and in great danger of being seized on as Prize; but having aboard them an English young man, who passed with the Turks for Master of the ship; she in the dark escaped, upon the pretence of being English.

From *Tangier* they tell us that *Zaffelerte* is retired to *Fesse*, having left *Arzila* blockt up at a distance, wherein *Gayland* remains with little hopes of freeing himself from his too powerful adversary, and 'tis believed has some intentions of closing with the Turks of *Algier*.

Naples, Jan. 10. The *Banditi* have been of late very troublesome in the Countreys, plundering and abusing the people, and forcing many of them to quit their Habitations; some few days since a party of 60 of them having committed great spoil in the Countrey, fell in the night upon the house of one of the most principal persons of this Province, lading 30 horses with the richest of his Furniture, and by actual Tortures examining such persons as they found, to extract from them a Confession of their Wealth: Upon complaints made to the Viceroy of this and several other insolencies committed by them, a party of Horse was lately sent out against them; but are returned without having done any thing considerable for their reduction, which is ill referred by the Viceroy, who 'tis said, intends to cashier the Captain who commanded them.

Rome, Jan. 14. On Sunday last the French Ambassador received by a Gentleman whom he had for that purpose sent to *Paris*, a return of his Letters to the King his Master, containing a Confirmation of His Majesties Resolution, for the better composition of his differences with *Spain* to Treat at *Aix la Chappelle*, and his readinesse to accept of the Pope as mediator, of which the Ambassador gave a full account to the Cardinal *Patron* on Tuesday last, during the Popes indisposition, which continued for 2 or 3 days; and since to the Pope himself; and at the same Audience in His Masters name desired His Holinesse would be pleased to Honour the Baptisme of the *Dauphin* by being his Godfather, with the Pope with many hearty expressions accepted of, and nominated the Cardinal *de Vendosme* to supply his room, and represent his Person at the Ceremony, whom he intends to create his Legate.

The Pope has lately chosen several Nuncios, particularly, Monsiegnor *Mareschotti* His Nuncio Extraordinary, lately dispatched to *Vienna*; Monsiegnor *Borromeo*, His Nuncio in Ordinary to *Spain*, who is also to take the Charge as Governor of *Rome* during the Carnival; Monsiegnor *Bargellini* of *Bologna* for *France*; Monsiegnor *Gallio Comasco* for *Naples* in the room of *Rocci*, newly called home; Monsiegnor *Trotti* of *Milan* for *Venice*, in place of *Brancacci*; *Pallavicini* of *Genova*, for *Florence*, in the room of *Trotti*; *Acquaviva* a Neopolitan for *Switzerland*, in the place of *Baldeschi*, who is made Secretary to the Congregation of *Propaganda fide*; and *Ranuzzi* Nuncio for *Turin* in the place of *Bargellino*, besides several Offices of great importance which have been lately disposed of.

This week the Senate of *Rome* petition'd the Pope, that he would give them leave upon their own expences to Erect His Statue in the *Campidoglio*, but the Pope with much modesty refused the Honour they intended to him by it.

Hamborough, Jan. 21. Our late Letters from *Warsaw* inform us, that the Ambassadors from the Great Duke of *Muscovy*, since the late Ratification of the Truce, and the Solemn Oath, with much formality given by his Majesty; for the inviolable observation thereof, have been very honourably treated, and entertained at an extraordinary Feast; where his Majesty sitting at a Table apart, the Ambassadors were seated at a second Table, and the Senators of the Kingdom at a third; but that the Ambassadors were not a little displeas'd, at some more than usual liberties taken in the height of their jollity and mirth.

Letters from the Here *Myltesewsky* Governour of *Camience*, affirm that the Sultan *Gulga*, in his return out of *Poland*, has been much disturbed by the *Calmick* Tartars, and the *Zapoto* with *Cossacks*, who have several times assaulted him, and killed some considerable numbers of his men; and that the inhabitants of *Crim Tattary* having suffered much by the late incursions made upon them, and highly sensible of the loss of their Wives and Children, as well as their Goods, are fallen into some divisions amongst themselves.

Several Officers are lately arrived from *Blata Cierkw* at *Lemberg*, intending in few dayes for *Warsaw*, and with them two Ambassadors, sent to his Majesty from the *Zapoto* with *Pied-Hets Twarko*; from whom we are assur'd that the *Cossacks* with an Army of above forty thousand men had invaded *Tattary*, and carried away prisoners several thousand of the inhabitants, for whom they expect considerable ransoms; and that they delivered out of prison above ten thousand Christian Slaves.

Some few dayes since the Chancellor of *Poland*, by his Letters

Letter to the Archbishop of *Gnesne*, amongst other things of moment, informed him of his Majesties resolution to retire himself from publick Affairs, and by quitting the Government, to pass the rest of his dayes in devotion and retirement; to which the Chancellor seemed much averse, it being a business, which in the present juncture of affairs, might involve the Kingdome in much trouble.

The people are with greedines expecting the issue of the ensuing Diet, and 'tis said that all the Provincial and Lesser Diets, have unanimously resolved to petition his Majesty for the dismissal of the French Ambassadour, before they make any progress into other affairs of the Kingdome.

Vienna, Jan. 21. The Levies upon the account of the Spanish Ambassadour being compleated, and most of the new raised men already upon their way for *Milan*, care is now taken for the speedy raising of 10000 men, to recruit the Emperors old Regiments.

A Courier sent lately to this Court from the Governor of *Inpruck*, to acquaint the Emperour of some apprehensions he had lest the French might make a sudden attempt upon the Neighbouring Countries, is again returned with Orders from the Emperour for the necessary defence of that Countrey, and the reinforcement of the Garrisons in the Frontier Towns upon *Alfania*.

No time nor place is as yet prefixt for the Diet, which is to be held in *Hungary*, but 'tis supposed the Deputies from those Estates will in little time be dismissed with a Resolution in that point. The Turks reinforce their Garrisons about *Offen*, and draw some Forces together, which administers matter of jealousy to our Governours upon the Frontiers, though to divert our apprehensions the Bassa gives out, that his intention is only to take care to have some succours in readines to be sent to the Grand Visier to reinforce his Army against Spring for the better pursuing of his design for the taking in of *Candia*.

Genova, Jan. 25. Yesterday arrived here the submission from *Yarmouth*, who lest the Happy Return of London about 4 days since coming in for this Port, and is hourly expected. The Dutch Convoy from *Spain* may also suddenly arrive in this Port.

From *Milan* we are told, that notwithstanding the great preparations for War, they have some leisure for diversions, having there began the Carneval with a Masquerade on horseback, composed of 12 Squadrons, all of them excellently mounted and habited, and at the head of them Seignior *Montato* Lieutenant of the Company of Launces, preceded by a great number of Trumpets, Drums, and kettle Drums.

The several Provinces of *Milan*, have lately by their Syndics and Orators, applied themselves to the Governor *Don Luis Pons de Leon*, complaining of the great burthens laid on them for the maintenance of the souldiery; to whom the Governor has returned fair promises, with some hopes of redress; in the mean time taking care to reform some abuses which are crept in amongst the Officers of the Army, particularly that of giving liberty to the Souldiers to absent themselves from their Quarters, and in the mean while themselves receiving their pay.

Paris, Feb. 8. The Prince *Maximilian of Bavaria* is here arrived *incognito*, whose intended marriage with *Madamoiselle de Bouillon* is reported to be fully agreed and concluded on, and that the Prince is preparing to appear publicly with a Train of above sixty persons, with Liveries and Equipage suitable to his dignity.

This day *Monsieur de Beaufort* leaves this place, intending for *Bress*, to take care of the Maritime Affairs committed to his Charge, and to be able to set out his Fleet by the first of *March*.

The King is far advanced on his journey, and 'tis believed may this day enter into *Franche Comte*, where the Prince de *Conde* is already in the Field, and 'tis said has taken in some small Castles and Forts, and that their design is in little time to lay siege to *Besancon* and *Salins*.

Monsieur de Lionne intends suddenly to marry his Daugh-

ter to the Duke de *Vantadour*, with whom he will give a portion of 10000 Crowns, and the King the summe of 20000 *lives*.

Monsieur the President Pelletier has lately received a Brief from his Majesty, conferring on him the Honourable Charge of *Provost des Merchants in Paris*.

Tarmouth, Feb. 3. This morning 20 sail of light Colliers passed through this Road to the Northwards, and upon the Flood, 3 or 4 laden ships came in from the Northward, a greater Fleet being suddenly expected to follow them. This day arrived a vessel of this Town from *Bordeaux*, much complaining of the rudeness of some Ostenders, who boar'ing her took away some barrels of Herrings; with some Wine, stripping her men, and beating the Master: about 50 sail of ships are here fitting out, and may in few days sail to Fish in the North seas: several others are intended for *Ireland*.

Bristol, Feb. 3. The Master of a Galliot newly arrived here from the River of *Charante* informs us, that during his stay in the River, the Magazine of Naval Provisions belonging to the French King, by some accident took Fire, and in his sight blew up; in which were said to be many thousand barrels of Powder, with all other Provisions for the Fleet, and that the Fire took hold of four of their best men of War of Sixty and Seventy Guns apiece and upwards, and utterly destroy'd them, and had not a company belonging to a Provincial ship then in the Road, stoutly adventured in their Boats with great danger to prevent it, most part of the French Fleet might in probability have been destroyed.

Whitehall, Feb. 5. His Majesty continuing to pursue, what he hath so happily begun, for the better regulating his affairs for the future; and having amongst other important parts thereof, taken into his Princely consideration, the wayes and methods of managing matters at the Council Board, was pleased on Friday, *Jan. 31.* to declare his pleasure to the Board, that certain standing Committees of the Council for several businesses, should be henceforth established, together with regular dayes for their assembling.

1. A Committee for Forreign affairs, to which is to be also referred the corresponding with the Justices of the Peace, and other his Majesties Officers and Ministers in the several Counties concerning the affairs of the Kingdom, &c. to meet always on Mondayes.

2. A Committee for such matters as concern the Admiralty and Navy, as also all Military affairs, Fortifications, &c. so far as they are fit to be brought to the Council board, without intermeddling in what concerns the proper Officers, unless it shall by them be so desired, to meet on Wednesdayes.

In pursuance whereof, that Committee did this day meet, and his Royal Highness (according to his indefatigable Labour and industry in what ever concerns his Majesties service and the Publick) was pleased to be present, and to preside in it.

3. A Committee for the business of Trade, under whose consideration is to fall whatsoever concerns his Majesties Foreign Plantations, as also what relates to his Kingdomes of *Scotland* and *Ireland*, with the Isles of *Jersey* and *Guernsey*, to sit on Thursdayes.

4. A Committee, to whom are to be referred all Petitions of Complaints and Grievances, to whom His Majesty hath thought fit particularly to prescribe, that they meddle not with Property, or what relates to *Menum* or *Tuum*, to which Committee His Majesty is pleased that all matters which concern Acts of State or of the Council, be referred; to sit on Fridayes.

For the rendering which Constitution the more effectual, His Majesty was pleased to declare, that for the future, as nothing is to be resolved in Council till the matter hath been first examined, and have received the Opinion of some Committee or other, so on the other side, nothing be referred to any Committee, until it have been first read at the Board; with other wholesome Rules, which are for the future to be strictly observed.