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Falmouth, Feb 3.

ON Thursday last a French Man of War of 40. Guns, with a Fire-ship belonging to him, came into this Port, having in a late storm been separated from nine others of the same Squadron, which were upon the Coasts; with an intention to have cleared the Seas from those *Offend Privateers*, which have of late given so great a stop and interruption to their Commerce: they have from hence dispatched away one of their Officers to *Plymouth*, to give notice to some others of their company put in there of their arrival, that they may again unite, and proceed upon their design.

Plymouth, Feb. 4. Two ships belonging to this Town, are newly arrived here, one of them from *Rochelle*, the other from *Alicant*. The two French Men of War still continue in this Port, having not as yet heard any News of the rest of their Squadron, dispersed by the late ill weather. The Dutch Merchant Ships which were also forced to put in here, are yet in Harbour, expecting a fair wind.

Newcastle, Feb. 4. On Saturday last a Fleet of 80. Sail of laden Colliers, most of them small ships, went out from this Harbour; some few light Ships are since come in, and more daily expected. A great Fly boat of this Town coming in for this place, was put on shore upon the *Black Middings*, but the weather favouring, and timely assistance being given her, she got off again with little damage.

Lisbon, Jan. 23. Yesterday arrived here his Excellency the Earl of *Sandwich*, as Ambassadour Extraordinary from his Majesty of *Great Britain*, on that great End of making a Peace between this Kingdome and *Spain*, and is to morrow to have a private Audience from the *Infante*. The next day after the Cortes or States of the Kingdome were to begin to sit, if nothing new intervene, to delay their Meeting.

Hambourg, Feb. 2. Letters from *Ratisbone* advise us of the great endeavours used to compose the quartel between the Two Crowns, for which purpose Deputies are sent from thence to all the interested Princes; that the Marquis *Pis* was hearing up his Drums and lifting men for the Emperors Services, and that the New Levies were much advanced. That the Spanish Regiments were compleated, and had leave from the Duke of *Bavaria* to pass through his Territories without disturbance.

We are also informed that the deputies between His Majesty of *Denmark*, the Duke of *Holstein*, and some other Princes, concerning the County of *Oldenbourg*, are to be heard and determined at *Lubeck*, by the mutual consent of all the interested parties, whose Deputies are to attend them, with some others from the Emperour, who is chosen arbitrator between them.

From *Muscovy* they write that the *Czar* has concluded a Treaty with the *Sophy of Persia*, and thereby given Liberty to the Persians to trade and convey their Merchandises throug *Muscovy*.

Flague 3 Feb. 10. The young Prince of *Tuscany* having visited *Zealand* in his return hither, and left great and honourable marks of his bounty in all places where he came, was on Wednesday entertained at a Glorious Ballet by the Prince of *Orange*, and is since departed from hence, and 'tis said intends for *Saxony*. The *Wre Beverning* is daily expected here, upon whose arrival Prince *Maurice* will be in readiness to begin with him his journey towards *Vicna*; their Trains being already ordered, and this Embassy de-

signed to exceed in Magnificency all that have been formerly sent from these States.

The States General have lately received a Letter from his most Christian Majesty, acquaintaing them with his design of entering *Franche Comte*, with an Army, but assuring them his intentions are only to presse the Spaniards the more heartily to incline to peace, which he will be always ready to accept, upon the Conditions formerly offered them. The States immediately ordered a Copy of this Letter to be sent by their Deputies to the Marquis de *Castel Rodrigo*, enjoining them to press him to employ all his industry for the happy compolure of the differences between the two Crowns.

The States have also ordered advice to be given to the King of *Denmark*, Elector of *Brandenburgh*, and the Dukes of *Brunswick* and *Lunenbourg*, of the late League made with *England*; and to invite them to enter into it, for the restoring peace to *Christendom*, of which we expect in few dayes some account.

The States are now resolved to proceed in their new Levies of 12000 men, besides the Recruits intended for filling up and compleating their old Regiments, and 'tis said that the *Lunenbourg* Forces will also amount to above 5 or 6000 men; all the new Officers of the Army have taken the usual Oath of Fidelity to the States, and received their Commissions, only General *Hurt* excepted, who is daily expected from *Hambourg*, to take upon him his Military employment, with the charge of a Regiment of Dragoons, and a number of Foot, consisting of 16 Companies, wherof his own to be 150 men, and the rest 20 in each company. The States being informed that some Privateers of *Offend* had in their roving taken some Vessels belonging to their Subjects, intending for *France*, have ordered *Lourens* to be written to the Marquis de *Castel Rodrigo*, and to the Admiralty at *Offend*, desiring that those Vessels and Goods may be speedily restored, and the Capers receive such punishment as they shall be found to have deserved.

From *Amsterdam* we are informed that by some Ships arrived there from the *Streights*, they have news that one of our men of War which went our Convoy to some Merchants ships designed for *Smirna*, had been by storm separated from the rest of his Company, and much endamaged by the violence of the weather, in which condition he was found by 5 Turkish Corsairs, and after some little resistance seized on by them.

From *Brussels* we are informed of the late arrival of the States Deputies in that City, where they were Honourably received by the Marquis de *Castel Rodrigo*, and presently admitted to Audience. They have there intelligence from *Spain*, that *Don Juan* having made some new demands in relation to the employment for which he was designed into the *Negherands*, the business is as yet under debate, and his coming uncertain.

They tell us also that the French had lately a design to have surpris'd *Namur*, to which purpose they had corrupted one of the Inhabitants, who was to have assisted them, and had undertaken to have poisoned the waters in the Castle; but this plot being timely discovered, the Traitor was lately executed, and the design prevented.

Paris, Feb. 11. From *Auxonne* we are informed that the Governours of *Dole* and *City* having had intelligence given them of the motion of the French Forces towards them, had immediately ordered all the Forage of the Countrey thereabouts to be burnt up & destroyed; and that *Le Prince de Condé* was arrived at *Auxonne*, where he expected farther Order from