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Westminster, Novemb. 25.

**H**is Majesty came this day to the House of Peers, attended with the usual Solemnity, and being in his Royal Robes Seated on the Throne, and the Commons being tent' for up, His Majesty gave the Royal Assent to

*An Act for the Doubling the Excise upon Beer, Ale, and other Liquors, during the space of one Year.*  
*An Act to Enable Elizabeth Mountagne Widow, to let Leases for Years of Houses and Ground in Stepney in the County of Middlesex.*

And afterwards His Majesty was pleased to make a most Gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament, as followeth:

My Lords and Gentlemen,

**I** Take this Occasion, with great Willingness, to assure you, That I am extremely sensible of the Zeal and Cheerfulness of all your Proceedings in this Session of Parliament, and of the Readiness which you Gentlemen of the House of Commons have shewn, in Granting such large Supplies towards the Pressing Occasions of the Navy and Army.

And I do farther assure you, That I shall not be wanting on My Part, to see them carefully applied to those Uses for which you intend them.

At the same time I must observe to you, That the Posture of Affairs Abroad does necessarily require My Presence at the Hague before the end of this Year, and by consequence, I must desire you to use no time in the Dispatching and Perfecting of such further Supplies, as are still Necessary for the Navy and Army; and not for them only, but it is high time also to put you in mind of making some Provision for the Expence of the Civil Government, which has no Fonds for its Support, since the Excise which was designed for that Service, and also the other Branches of the Revenue have been Applied to other Publick Uses; and therefore I earnestly Recommend it to your speedy Consideration.

*Veisna, October 16.* Yesterday filed from hence the English Convoy commanded by Captain Cole, who came last from Naples, and stayed here about 6 days. We have advice, that Captain Swaine in the Royal Oak of Bristol, being hired to carry home some of the Pope's Soldiers, that had served this Campaign in the Venetian Army, met off of Cape Colonna a French Man of War, who demanded from the Marquis a French Man of War, who demanded from the Marquis *Monaldi*, Commandant of the said Soldiers, all the French that were under his command; which being refused, the French Man of War gave them a Broadside, which a Volley of small Shot, which killed Captain Swaine

and several of the English Sailors, wounded the Marquis, and killed and wounded about 50 of his Soldiers; The French afterwards plundered them, and then let them go; and the Ship is since arrived at *Cotrone*; from whence the Pope's Soldiers will go to *Rome* by Land.

*Rome, November 4.* The French Ambassador had on Sunday last an Extraordinary Audience of the Pope, and has since had several Conferences with the Chief Ministers of this Court, though hitherto he seems to make little progress in his Negotiation, the Pope persisting in his Resolution, not to grant the Bulls for the French Bishops, till satisfaction be given him in the Matter of the four Propositions, and the other Points in question. There has lately happened a new occasion of Complaint against that Crown, a French Man of War having attack'd some of the Pope's Troops commanded, by the Marquis *de Monaldi*, who were returning home from the Venetian Fleet in a hired Merchant Ship; and killed and wounded above 60 of them, because they refused to deliver up such French Men as were among them, and Reparation has been demanded of the French Ambassador for this Insult. In the beginning of the last week the Pope received the ill News of the taking of *Belgrade*; whereupon he immediately caused 100000 Livres to be remitted to *Vienna*, to be employed in the War against the Turks.

*Venice, November 11.* By a Vessel which arrived here in 15 days from *Zant*, we have Letters of the 7th past from the *Morea*, advising, that the Turks had made an Incurtion towards *Corinth*, and had taken a great many Prisoners, and abundance of Cattel, but that the Governor of the *Morea*, upon notice of it, drew part of his Troops together, and pursued the Enemy with that diligence, that they were forced to abandon all their Booty, saving themselves by a very precipitate and disorderly Retreat. We have an account by some Vessels come from the *Levant*, that the Ottoman Fleet was put into *Focis*, to repair the Damage they sustained in the late Fight with the Venetian Squadron commanded by Signior *Delfino*; and that the Ships of *Argiers* and *Tripoli* were going home. The new Captain-General *Mocenigo* will part from hence towards the end of this Month, to take possession of that Command.

*Madrid, November 1.* Their Catholick Majesties are still at the *Escurial*, and they begin to speak of Court of the Queen's being with Child. The Count of *Egmont* is on his departure for *Flanders*, where he is to command the Horse during the absence of the Prince of *Vaudemont*, who has the King's Leave to go and pass some time in *Italy*. On the 11th of the last Month the Spanish Gallies parted from *Barcelona* with 800 Foot Soldiers, which they were to transport to *Genoa*, being designed for the Service of *Milan*. The Emperor of *Morocco* desires

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