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Barbadoes, November 11.

Here has been lately discovered a Conspiracy of the Negroes of this Island, to destroy the English Inhabitants, which had been carried on for some time, but the Conspirators met with several disappointments about the execution of it. Their design was to kill the Governor; and at the same time those who were chiefly trusted in each Plantation were to fall upon their Masters and Overseers, and after that to Rendezvous with what Arms, Ammunition and Horses they could seize, at *Bridge-Town*, where they were to form themselves in several Regiments of Horse and Foot, of which they had agreed who were to be the Chief Officers. They were to have been farther supplied with Arms and Ammunition out of the Magazine by a Negro employed there, who was to kill his Master the Keeper of the Stores; They designed also to surprize the Fort, and from thence to batter the Ships in the Harbour; But their wicked Conspiracies were happily brought to light by two of the chiefest of the Conspirators, who were overheard as they were discoursing thereof, and being thereupon seized, were condemned to be Hanged in Chains till they were starved to death, which they endured four days, and then finding they were not relieved by the Succor they hoped for from their Accomplices, they promised to declare the whole Design, which they did accordingly, and made a large Confession, and discovered the principal Conspirators, who were secured, and divers of them Executed; And several Laws have been since made for the future security of this Island against the like Attempts.

Coimbra in Portugal, Jan. 11. On the Eighth Instant the Queen Dowager of England arrived here; Her Majesty was much indisposed in Spain, but finds her self so well at present, that she resolves in a day or two to continue her Journey to *Lisbon*. Mr. *Methuen*; Envoy Extraordinary from Their Majesties of Great-Britain at the Court of Portugal, is come hither from *Lisbon* to wait upon Her Majesty.

Leghorne, January 8. By Letters from *Argiers* of the 20th past we have advice, that on the 18th of November was brought in there a Dutch Ship called the *Young Roman* of *Dort*, having on board 20 Men. That 4 or 5 days after the Admiral of *Argiers*, with 6 other Algerines, returned from Cruising, and brought in 30 Men belonging to the Ship called the *King of Poland* or *Rosendans*, which was burnt in the Fight she maintained against those Corsairs, the Captain and divers of his Men perishing with her. On the 9th of December the *White Horse* of *Argiers* brought in 27 Men, belonging to two other Dutch Ships, whereof one was burnt and the other sunk. The Algerines had likewise taken two Portuguese Ships called the *St. Jago* and the *Pellican*, bound to *Lisbon* from *Pernambuc*, but the first soon after sunk, and the other was not yet arrived at *Argiers*, but 80 Men belonging to them, were brought in, together with a Genoese Bark bound home from *Marseilles*, and another Bark laden with Wine and Almonds.

Rome, Jan. 10. On the 2d Instant was held a private Consistory, in which several Nespopolitan Bishops were present; but the chief occasion of this meeting was to declare Signior *Caccia* Titular Archbishop of *Locadicea*, who was Consecrated the next day, and is now on his departure for *Madrid*, where he is to reside as the Popes Nuncio. The matter about the French Bishops who have not yet their Bulls, continues still in the same state, the Pope expecting some farther Satisfaction from that Crown, be-

fore he will grant them. The Ecclesiastical Gallies are not only fitting out with all diligence for the assistance of the Venetians, but orders are likewise given for sending with them 1000 Land Soldiers more than were employed in that Service the last year. The Pope continues very intent upon making *Civita Vecchia* a free Port, and has sent for the Chief of the Jews, that live in this City, to know how many of them are willing to go and settle in that Place. We hear that the Great Duke of *Tuscany*, has on this occasion commanded, under severe Penalties, that none of his Subjects shall go and settle at *Civita Vecchia*, which this Court is much dissatisfied at. We have an account of the death of Cardinal *Visconti*, Archbishop of *Milan*.

Turin, Jan. 10. On the 24th of the last month the *Vaudois* of *Pramel*, and *St. Germain*, sent out a Party of 30 Men towards *St. Brigid* near *Pignerol*, where they made a pretty good Booty, and took several Prisoners in the Valley of *Zenne*, who have been since ransomed by the Count de *Tesse* Governor of *Pignerol*. The great Snow which has lately fallen makes the passage of the Mountains impracticable, so that the Inhabitants of the Valley of *Aost* are now under no apprehensions of the Enemies making an Incurfion into that Country. On the 3d Instant we had advice, that a Party of French were upon their march from *Susa* with a design to burn the rest of the Castle of *Rivole* about 6 miles from this City, whereupon a Detachment of Dragoons was sent out against them, but they returned without meeting with any of the Enemies Troops, though they advanced within 3 miles of *Susa*. We hear that the French have taken the great Guns out of the Castle of *Nice*, and sent them to *Toulon*, in order to be new cast for the use of their Ships of War that are fitting there, which want them very much, especially Brass ones.

Venice, Jan. 16. The Senate has given out Commissions for raising within the Territories of the Republick in *Italy*, a Regiment of Dragoons, and another of Foot. Orders and Money are likewise sent to *Dalmatia* for the making a Levy of 3000 Morlacs and Montenegrins; and 2000 Men are to be raised at *Corfu* and *Zant*; besides the Recruits that are making in *Germany* for the Troops of that Nation. The Doge *Moresini* went on Monday last with the greatest part of the Senate to view the Men of War and Gallies that are fitting in the *Arsenal*; There are built two new Men of War of about 70 Guns apiece, which will be launched the next week. The Doge will set out for the *Levant* about the beginning of April, whither several Senators are appointed to accompany him; 12 Noble Venetians are to serve near his Person in the Quality of Volunteers; and he is to be attended by Two Troops of Guards.

Warsaw, Dec. 30. The King of Poland is now with the whole Court at *Grodno* in *Lithuania*, where the Dyer is to be opened to-morrow. The last last Letters from thence give an account of the arrival of an Envoy from the Cham of *Tartary*, who is sent with new Proposals of Peace, and with Orders, as 'tis said, to declare, that in case a satisfactory Answer be not given him in 40 days, the Poles must expect to see their Frontier Provinces invaded, and laid waste by the whole Force of the Tartars; who, as they write at the same time from *Moldavia*, are drawing together about *Budzack*. But these Menaces, which the French Ambassador does all he can to improve, in order to dispose the Dyer to a separate Treaty with the Turks, are little regarded at this Court, and in all probability will have no other effect than to quicken their Care for the security of the Frontiers, and to strengthen their Union with the Emperor and the Republick of *Venice*, in