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Dartmouth, February 20.

Off of *Torbay* were espied about 2 or 3 of the Clock this afternoon, several Vessels to the number of twenty or upwards, very great ships, plying to the Westward, and stood in for that Bay: what they are is not yet discovered.

Plymouth, Feb. 20. This day in the afternoon came into this Harbor the *Elizabeth*, Captain *Robinson* Commander, bringing with him 2 Prizes, which he took out of a greater number of Merchantmen passing up the Channel from *Burdax*.

Milford, Feb. 16. The *Hope* of London, *Shadrach Benfield* Master, met at the *Maderas* a Caper, and a Londoner taken and man'd by the Caper: though the *Hope* had but four Guns and six Men, he fought both with the Caper and his prize, and after a long contest came off cleere, his Mate only wounded.

St Christophers Island, Dec. 25. Here is within this week arived 10 or 12 Sail of French Merchantmen at the *Back Star* in the *French-Grounds*, from their Royal Company. It seems that the Knights of *Malta* have told their Right here in *St Kitts* to the French King; and that the Company do intend to manage a Trade in these Parts: they will not admit a Dutchman or any other Nation to Trade among them, and they will sell their Goods at their own Rates and Prizes; so that what with the discontentedness of the private Merchant being forbid to Trade, and what with the Companies exacting on the French Planter, they are ready to rise in Rebellion, so that we are forced to stand upon our own guards.

Letters from *Warsovia* tell us, that the King of *Poland* hath sent to each County in his Dominions, his Instructions against the ensuing Diet; in which, he tells them, that during the space of 17 years, in which he hath ruled the Kingdom, he always endeavored, what he might, to manifest his love and affection to the people, which hath been ever sincerely interpreted. That he had proposed to them the Election of his Successor, to the end, that after his death, the Kingdom might not fall into confusions: But some people to whom he had done great kindnesses, had ungratefully sown jealousies and fancies in the heads of his Subjects, which have been the cause of all those evils which have of late befallen the Kingdom, giving them afterwards an account of *Lubomirski*, of the success of the last Campaign. the Treaties set on foot, and what he hath done from time to time to reduce him to obedience. Lastly, he tells them, That to satisfy all good men, he hath called a Diet, as the onely proper method he can use to put an end to all the miseries of his Kingdom; desiring them to consider of the fittest ways and means to arrive at the end, which he believes are to pay off the Soldiery at present, and to make assignations for the future, so, as to take from them all pretences of mutiny, which hath been the ruine of these Countreys, and of the Revenues both of the King and Church, which now are wholly wasted: To satisfy the Emperor for what he hath advanced towards their assistance at the *Svedes* Invasion: To pay off the *Marquess of Brandenburg*, *Duke of Curland* and *Croy*: To restore to his Highness, and to the Queen, the moneys borrowed for the common Interest, in time of their greatest necessities; and to satisfy wholly all other debts of the Republick, which will amount to many Millions of Florins.

Paris, Feb. 24. Monsieur Le Comte de *Vivonne*, General of the Gallies, hath brought the Gallies that were at *Marselles*, to *Tholon*, to joyn with the other Vessels, that, in

great diligence, are there preparing, where they report they have 18 Men of War, and 2 Fire-ships.

The French King hath sent 400000 Livres to *Tholon*, to defray the expences of his Sea affairs. A Son of Monsieur *Les Diguieres*, and another of Monsieur *De Villeroi*, have each of them the command of a good ship, but have able Lieutenants appointed them to instruct them in that employment, they being themselves young Soldiers.

They have lately imprisoned an English man at the Isle of *Rhé*, upon suspicion of being an Engineer, and that his business was to observe the Isle.

Ditto, Feb. 27. The *Sieur de Blumenthal* arrived here Post from *Cleve* two days since, and assures us, He left the Treaty with *Holland*, signed; which exceedingly rejoyses this Court. The terms we yet distinctly know not.

Yesterday came hither the news of the death of the Prince of *Conti*; by which, among other things, is become void the rich Government of *Languedoc*, which the Town says must be kept for the *Dolphine*.

Last week returned hither, the *President de Nouion*, with the rest of the Commissioners lately deputed by the King, for holding the *Grands-jours* in *Auvergne*, which it seems were ended the last of *January*.

Genova, Feb. 3. There have of late been six single persons inscribed into the Nobility: Some of them, for their honor, paying 120000, others 100000 *Royals* of Plate, each; not any made this time for *buoni meriti*, though there have been many pretenders.

Zeland, Feb. 17. The States being informed by several of their Officers and Commanders, that many inroads and plunderings are acted and committed by straggling Soldiers, pretending to belong to the Bishop of *Munster*, in, and near the Quarters of *Willemstad*, who are protected in the Territories of the King of *Spain*; to the great abuse of the State, and their good subjects; and that these injuries daily increase, by giving them a retreat into their Dominions, permitting them publicly to sell the Goods they have plundered, notwithstanding their former promises to the contrary; and also that daily several designs have been formed by them against the Frontier Towns of the State, lying upon *Brabant* and *Flanders*; several Engineers having been sent thence into their Frontier Towns, to take special notice of those places, gathering Soldiers together in marching that way to accomplish their hostile designs. The States have thought fit to Commissionate the *Heer Van Bracchel*, &c. to expostulate with the Spanish Ambassador, in very serious terms, and to lay before him the unavoidable mischiefs that may happen by a continuation of such actings, with an earnest request, That the Ambassador would procure, and take care, that these hostile actions may cease for the future; that no more complaints of that kinde may be brought to them; declaring, That in case no reparation or redress be made, the States will cause the said Troops to be pursued into those places. The Ambassador desiring to give his assistance, that the *Marquess Castel Rodrigo's* many professions in the name of the King, may be effectually made good.

These are to give notice unto all Persons having any Rent or Summs of Money for Wine License, that if they do not forthwith pay the same unto His Royal Highness's Commissioners, for granting Wine Licenses sitting in *Durham-yard* London, Procees will issue out of the *Exchequer* against them for the same, which all Persons concerned are to take notice of, that they may avoid the charge and trouble which otherwise will ensue.

Venice, Jan. 30. We are informed from *Constantinople* of the parting of 40 Gallies with Janisaries from thence, but we do not yet hear that they are come out of the *Dardanelles*. The remaining part of the 25000 Janisaries give out, that they are suddenly, one party of them, to over-run and spoyl the Kingdom of *Candia*; another party to fall upon other parts of our Dominions.

By the same Letters we are informed, that the Divan will send a more numerous Army to fall upon *Corfu*, but the Inhabitants fear not their assaults, being well provided against all Invasions, and the Fort impregnable, though very near the enemy, who much desire to be master of it.

This City is now upon the design of making a Bank of a Million and 500000 Duckats, with which they intend to provide 30 Vessels, to convoy Merchants, and make Repairs upon the Enemy. To which end, divers of the Nobility and Merchants have already subscribed.

We have formerly given some accounts of the *Arabians* and *Jews* actions in *Arabia*; the more full relations we have it, runs thus.

In *Arabia Felix*, lies the Kingdom of *Elal*, in which is the populous City of *Aden*, full of Jewish Merchants, it lying near the Red Sea. In this City, we are informed, there is a Jew called *Giorobazon*, who by his powerful Oratory, hath in a few days reduced all the Citizens to his Devotion; who have slain their Basia, and forced the Garrison to submit to them. In little time after, that party grew very numerous, and gave the absolute command of themselves to this *Giorobazon*, calling him their Prophet; who every day growing greater by the assistance of *Porti d'Uguffo* and *Lira*, drew presently after him all the *Arabians* of the Mountain *Azira* or *Cabuburra*. Since which time, growing more formidable, they marched to the Cape of *Zibil*, without resistance, taking the City of *Ziden*: By the same advice, we are told, that in little more than three months, with a very vast Army they pass the Cape of *Zibil* into *Arabia Petraea*, and were possessors of the City of *Medina*, and afterwards of *Mecca*; from whence they wrote to all the Jews of *Jadmea* and *Syria*, to prepare for their reception, and that they were resolved in a short space to free them from their slavery to the Turk.

Southwold, Feb. 22. This morning we saw a Squadron of Ships East off of this Town, plying to the Southward, and in a short time after were out of sight this Evening. A Vessel of this Town came out of *Yarmouth Roads*, the Master saith, he saw above Twenty Sail standing to the Northward, but they were so far off, that neither our Townsmen, nor the Master of the Vessel, could discover what they were. He reports further, That 40 or 50 Sail of Colliers, with the Convoys, in a thick, wayed Anchor, and are gone to the Northward.

Vienna, Feb. 12. The Count d'Arach is returned from Spain; as soon as he alighted, he was sent for by the Emperor, who seemed very well pleased with the Relations the Count gave him, and in particular, with that part that concerned his Imperial Spouse, who is to part from Spain about the 24 of March.

Count Lesly, by a Courier, informs the Court from *Adrianople*, of his departure from *Constantinople* with a guard, That he received great Testimonies of Kindness and Courtesy from the Turks; and such Honors, as never yet were given to any other Ambassador. On the contrary, the French Ambassadors have had but little satisfaction, being treated by the Grand Seignor: at the first Audience but coldly, and had onely eight Vests, and those very ordinary ones.

We are advised from *Constantinople*, that the Military preparations against the Republick of *Venice* are much hastned, the Chiaules being dispatcht into all places, in order to bring their forces together the beginning of March.

The Grand Visier intends in person to march with the Army; to give life and force to their designs, and to make what impression is possible upon the Kingdom of *Candia*.

Zealand, Feb. 22. The Deputies of this Province of *Zealand* reflecting upon the great liberty the Papists have taken since the hostile invasion of the Bishop of *Munster*, have thought it requisite to take care to have order sent to all the

other Provinces, that the Statutes against them formerly made be put in execution, and that all priviledges granted to Monks and Priests be recalled.

At the same time we are told by *Bevering*, that the Emperor hath sent to all the Electors and Princes of the Empire, to know their respective complaints and grievances against this State, by which we Ominate ill to our selves from that Court and the Empire.

Yarmouth, Feb. 23. Yesterday we discried between *Cromer* and *Winterton*, 14 Men of War, and 2 Gallions, which we suppose may be Sir *Christopher Minnes* Squadron. There is here delivered out of the *Charity*, a Prize, 514 Cask of Sugar, which come out very well conditioned; the day of sale will be on Thursday come sevennight.

There hath not one died here of the Plague these ten days.

Hague, Feb. 23. It hath been observed that several Engineers have been known to pass disguised through our Frontier Towns to make observation of the strength of our Garrisons. *Beuningen* writes from *Paris*, that he shall suddenly know the time when the French Kings ships will be ready, who promise all diligence in setting out to Sea, to be there before the English.

Marseilles, Feb. 19. The 6 Dutch, with the *Merlin*, and a Ketch arrived here two daies since from *Cadix*, bringing with them 2 prizes: They are strangely alarmed here upon the news of the English Fleet, and use all possible industry to fit out their Fleet, which they pretend shall be very considerable. They have ordered 10 Gallies to pass forthwith to *Tholon*, to lye in the mouth of the Harbor, to prevent the attempts of the English Fleet.

The French King contrary to former practices, hath ordered an Impres of Seamen to be made in all these parts, finding that without it, he shall not be able to man his Fleet, the Seamen generally declining the service.

Rochel, Febr. 9. The ten ships that were intended from this West Coast to the English Plantations in *America*, are near ready to sail, being already Tallowing, and its said here, there are five Dutch to joyn with them, and so to pass in company together upon that design.

Newcastle, Febr. 20. Yesterday came into this Harbor ten Sail of small Coasters, most of them to load with Salt, we every day expect the great Fleet of light Colliers, which we think to be near the Bay of *Burlington*, expecting a fair wind.

Yarmouth, Febr. 21. This day were seen off of *Liestoff* fifteen great Ships, judged to be the Squadron under Sir *Chr. Minns*; they pass by the back of our Sailes to the Northward. A Vessel came in this day along the Coast from *London*, which makes us suppose the Coast is clear that way; this day also arrived two Sloops, and a Billander from *Ostend*.

Wymouth, Febr. 21. In the Evening there were thirty Sail of Ships descried to be about three leagues distant from the Westside off the Isle of *Portland*, what they were we cannot learn, they passed along to the Westward, without any stay; its supposed they are a Fleet of our own Merchants ourward bound.

Harwich, Febr. 22. Yesterday morning sailed to the Northward about forty Vessels, great and small. The last night and this morning we descried about a dozen more, all Northward bound. A French Hoy, with about thirty men, has forced two trading Vessels into us, she is now near the *Naze*, attempting a Merchant Ship, but she having six Guns, makes the French-man stand off; however there are two Ketches under brisk wind, with four Guns apiece, well mann'd, gone hence to relieve her.

Falmouth, Febr. 17. The fifteenth instant passed by this Harbor fourteen Sail of Merchants, with a Convoy from *Plymouth*; three more went to them out of this Harbor; some bound for *Tangier*, and some for the *Streights*.

Whitehal, Feb. 24. Yesterday His Excellency the Earl of *Sandwich*, His Majesties Ambassador Extraordinary to the King of *Spain*, having taken leave of His Majesty, set forward hence towards *Portsmouth*, where he is, in few days, to embark with his Train for *Spain*.