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*Dartmouth, February 20.*

**O**ff 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 *Burdawx*.

*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 Quartes 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.