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Milford, October 21.

**A** Ship of 200 Tuns belonging to *Southampton*, having past some hundred leagues on her way for *Virginia*, was surpris'd by ill weather, in which spending her Masts, she was forced to put back again into *Tinby*, and intends for *Bristol*, to repair the damages which she has received.

A Vessel arriving here from *Cork* in *Ireland*, informs us, that several Merchant Ships are put in there from *Barbados*, with two of His Majesties Fregates their Convoy

*Falmouth*, October 21. The 19th instant the Fleet of Merchant Ships in this Harbour put again to Sea, and are this day forced back (the third time) by contrary winds.

*Naples*, Oct. 9. Three great Ships are now fitting up in the Arsenal and hired upon the publick account, to be sent for *Cadix* with 800 Italian Soldiers. which are to be drawn out of the Garrisons belonging to His Catholick Majesty in *Tuscany*.

From *Tarante* we have Letters informing us of the return thither of the Squadron of ours and the Sicilian Gallies from the *Levant*. The Popes Gallies are pass'd by at some distance from this Port, on their return homewards, with a fair gale of wind.

From *Puglia* we are told, That the *Banditti* are grown very numerous, and make great spoils in the Countrey, marching in Companies after a warlike posture, not at all apprehending the approach of the Spanish Companies of Foot which were sent out to suppress them.

*Rome*, October 13. On Monday last arrived here an Express from her Highness the Duchesse of *Savoy*, sent to the Duke's Resident in this Court; who the next day obtained an Audience from the Pope, and on Wednesday returned the Courier for *Turin*: the business being supposed to be, to desire His Holiness to favour and expedite the business of the Dispensation of the Marriage of the Prince Regent of *Portugal*; in which the Pope meeting with many difficulties, has now referred it to the examination of three Cardinals, viz. *Rospigliosi*, *Arzolino*, and *Orsboni*, and five assisting Bishops, viz. Monseignor de *Vecchi*, Secretary to the Congregation of Bishops, Monseignor *Fagnoni*, Secretary to the Congregation of Regulars, Monseignor *Rossi* Advocate Fiscal of the Apostolical Chamber, with the Fathers *Lauria* and *Bona*, both of them Divines and Officers in the Inquisition. They have had already two Meetings, but are little advanced in the Work, many scruples and disputes arising, the debate whereof may require much time.

This week the Roman Senate attended His Holiness, to give him thanks for the fatherly care he has taken for the advantage of the City, in endeavoring to introduce the Manufactures of Wooll and Silk; which were much decayed, and almost lost, forwant of Encouragement from the Popes his Predecessors.

Here are lately arrived the Constable *Colonna*, with his Lady, and the Duchesse *Mazarinac*, who have kissed the Popes Foot, and for some time gone to divert themselves in the Countrey.

We have now advice of the arrival of the Popes Gallies at *Terracina* on their return from the *Levant*; so that in few hours they are expected at *Civita Vecchia*, the General *Fra. Vincenzo Rospigliosi* is for some dayes to continue at the Popes Palace at *Castel Gondolfo*, with many of the Cavaliers who accompanied him in this Expedition.

*Legorne*, Octob. 15. A French ship in 32 dayes from *Smirna*, informs us, that at their departure thence six other French Ships, 3 Raguseans, and one Hollander, were there lading, and might be ready to sail in few dayes; that two dayes before; there went from thence two Turkish Gallies laden with Powder and other Ammunition for *Scies*, where they intended to meet with the Captain *Bassa*, with a considerable part of his Fleet: About three weeks since passing by *Argeniteres*, they were told, that on the 6th past the Turks had made two very violent attempts upon the Metropolis of *Candia* at the Ports *Sabionera* and *St. Andre*, where they had gotten upon the walls. but were valiantly beaten off, with the loss of great numbers of men; and that the besieged had sprung a Mine under them with such success, that many hundreds of Turks lay buried in the ruins of it. They farther say, that the Captain *Bassa* had with 50 Gallies three times landed men for the assistance of the Visier, and that the General of the Venetian Armata had put into the Town great numbers of soldiers taken out of his Gallies, small Gallies, and other Vessels which he had put into the Port.

Letters from *Smirna*, inform us, that in *August* last there happened extraordinary Earthquakes in *Asia* for 37 dayes together, by which the Cities *Begbazar*, *Angora*, and several other places towards the Confiners of *Persia*, have suffered much in their Walls and Houses, several of the Inhabitants destroyed; and the rest forced to leave their Habitations and retire themselves into the Fields; and that the City of *Tocat* is wholly levelled with the ground, together with the Old Cattle and City walls.

They farther tell us, That a Rich Caravan of Silk designed for *Smirna*, was set upon on the way by a Company of 400 Thieves of which the *Bassa*, to whose care is committed the Government of those parts, sent out 500 of his best men to their assistance; who were presently defeated by the Thieves: onely some few returning to the *Bassa* with the News.

The 10th instant arrived here the *William* and *Nicholas* from *Lisbonne* and *Genoa*, and this day the *Good Success* in 42 dayes from *Plymouth*.

*Dantzic*, Octob. 16. Upon the Resignation of King *Casimir*, the States were pleased so far to comply with his Desires, in the Settlement of a Revenue on him, for His Maintenance during his Life, that they presented him with this following Assurance.

**W**E the States Ecclesiastical and Civil, as also Inhabitants of the two Nations of Poland and *Lyfland* in Council Assembled, Do by these Presents Certifie and Publish to all the World, and to Our Posterity, That We have humbly besought, and by all wayes imaginable endeavour'd to perswade *John Casimir*, Our King and Master, That he would not Relinquish that Crown, to which Himself, as formerly His Ancestors the Renowned and Mighty Kings of Poland had been Elected; but that he would continue the Government so long as He liv'd: But for as much as no Perswasions could induce His Majesty to alter His Resolution; but that he hath freely Resigned the Kingdom of Poland, and Great Ditchy of *Lyfland*, together with all their Dependences, into the Hands and free Disposal of the Republick. We knowing not how to resist His Majesties Intentions herein, His Majesty desir'd, That We would make some convenient Provision for His future Subsistence; which