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Madrid, October 26.

THE Marquis de Gaftanaga has desired leave to resign the Government of Catalonia, but we do not hear that the King of Spain has yet appointed him a Successor. They write from Barcelona, That the Spaniards have put Ostalricke in a posture of Defence, and that they re-fortify Palamos, both which places were lately abandoned by the French. Ceuta holds out with much ease against the Moors, the Spaniards having fortified the place of Arms, and the Outworks, and having plenty of Provisions; The Moors have made several Mines, which the Besieged rendered useles by their Countermines.

Corunna, November 12. The 6th Instant a Dutch Privateer called the *Hannibal*, brought into this Port a French Privateer of 6 Guns and 40 Men, which he took on this Coast, as also a small Spanish Vessel bound from London to Bilbao, which he retook from the French.

Venice, Nov. 5. The Senate have received Letters from the Captain General *Molino*, of the 2d of October, acquainting them, That he returned the same day with the Venetian Fleet to *Napoli di Romania* from cruising in the *Archipelago*, where he had two Rencounters with the Enemies Fleet, (of which we had before several Reports from *Corfou* and *Zant*) the first was on the 15th of September, when the Turkish Fleet, composed of 19 Ships called *Sultanes*, and 15 Men of War of *Barbary*, came down upon our Fleet, then near *Scio*, with a very stiff Gale of Wind, but the Fight lasted but a short time by reason of the Weather; which likewise hindered the Gallies from having any share in it; and the Turks retired to *Scio*, where they continued the 16th and 17th: In this first Action Signior *Angelo Bembo*, Governor of the *Gulfe*, was killed, and the Commander of one of the Men of War was dangerously wounded, and we had about 100 Seamen killed and wounded. The 18th the Ottoman Fleet came out again with the advantage of the Wind, which blew very fresh, and engaged the Venetians; The Fight continued several hours, during which 3 Turkish Ships were sunk, and 4 so disabled that they were towed off, and got with much difficulty to *Scio*, whither the whole Ottoman Fleet retired towards Evening, and the Venetians followed them, but by accident the Ship *St. John Baptist*, of 50 Guns, and 350 Men, was blown up, and set on fire the Sails of another Ship called the *Redemptor*, which obliged the Commander to cause her Masts to be cut down; This encouraged the Turks to renew the Fight, but soon after they fled the second time, and our Ships pursued till the night parted them; Signior *Giramo Michiele* Captain Extraordinary of the Ships, and Signior *Zeno* Commander of one of the Men of War, were killed, with about 100 Men, and 200 wounded. The day following the Captain General held a Council of War, where 'twas resolved to return to *Napoli di Romania* to repair the damage the Ships had received, as well as to refresh the Soldiers and Seamen; and to send home the Popes of Maltese Gallies seeing there was no prospect of any farther Action this year. The Captain General upon his arrival at *Napoli di Romania* gave

Gold Chains and Medals to several of the Commanders for their good Service in this Engagement, wherein the Victory of the Venetians would have been more compleat had not the Weather as well as the Night favoured the Enemies Retreat; of their Loss we have yet no exact account, farther than that in general 'tis agreed by all, that several of their Ships were destroyed, and most of the rest put into a very ill condition.

Paris, Nov. 19. The French Court returned the 17th from *Mal li* to *Versailles*; where the Consultations are continued about raising Money for the next year; There are many Projects proposed, but none of them yet resolved on; so that it seems they will after all be forced to keep up the Poll Tax, and even to augment it. The *Marschal de Choiseul* is returned from his Command on the Coasts of *Normandy*; and the *Marschal de Joyeuse* is shortly expected from *Germany*; as is likewise the *Marschal de Catinat* from *Piedmont*. The *Marquis de Pins*, who Commanded this Summer in *Provence*, is gone to *Catalonia*, to supply the place of the Duke of *Vendosme*, who has leave to return hither: The French Forces on that side are all in their Winter-quarters; and the Spaniards have Refortified the Places our Troops lately abandoned there, and particularly *Ostalricke* and *Palamos*. Here is a Discourse of several New Regiments to be raised this Winter, and of augmenting besides the Militia of the Country, which latter may be made use of in Garisons. The *Marschal de Boufflers* has taken his leave in order to his return to *Flanders*.

Brussels, Nov. 16. The last Spanish Post, which arrived here some days ago with Letters of the 27th of October from *Madrid*, brought a Brevet for the Count *de Brouay* to be Governor of *Namur*, where he has Commanded ever since the taking of that place. They write from *Namur*, that a Party of 60 Men belonging to that Garison marched the 10th instant, and went as far as the Village of *Maroual* beyond *Mabeuge*, where they raised Contributions. Another of our Parties routed some days ago, a Party of *Mons*, and brought back 14 Prisoners. The French have not yet begun to work upon the new Lines, which they have marked out between *Mons* and *Chasselee*.

Hague, Nov. 18. The States of *Holland* met yesterday for the first time since their last Adjournment; and they have now under Consideration the raising a great Sum of Money at Interest, for the Service of the War. The *Marschal de Bareith* is expected back in few days from *Amsterdam*.

Guernsey, Nov. 7. Captain *Tupper* Commander of a Privateer belonging to this Island, called the *Monmouth* Galley, took the 19th past on the French Coast, a Brigantine of 30 Tuns, and on the first instant came up with a *Dunkirk* Privateer of 6 Guns, and after an hours dispute took her; And the same Evening Capt. *Tupper* took 2 Ketches, one belonging to *Barfleur*, and the other to *Dunkirk*. On the 4th Captain *Stephens* in the *Guernsey* Galley gave Chace to a Privateer of *St. Malo*, called the *Nightingale*, carrying 12 Guns and 62 Men, and after an Engagement of two hours took her, and brought her hither.

Falmouth, Nov. 9. On the 7th came into this Port 4 *Flushing* Privateers, and brought in with them a French Ship of 16 Guns and 200 Men, belonging to *St. Malo*. Last night arrived hither the Spanish Alliance in 5 days from the *Groyne*.

Plymouth, Nov. 10. On the 8th Instant sailed hence His Majesty's Ship the *Lichfield*, *Anglesey* and *Harwich* to the Westward.

Hull, Nov. 11. Yesterday arrived here the *Saphire* with several merchant Ships under her Convoy from London.

Deale, Nov. 12. The *Martin* and *Alborough* sailed this morning out of the *Downes* to the Westward.

Welbecke, Nov. 11. Before the King went from this place on the 3d instant, the Corporations of *Newarke* and *East-Retford*, waited on His Majesty, being introduced by his Grace the Duke of *Newcastle*, and Kissed His Majesty's Hand,