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Falmouth, November 11.

THe 5th instant came in here a Fleet of about 30 Sails of Merchant Ships, who the same day put out again to Sea with a fair wind. Here arrived lately the Brothers adventure from London, bound for Virginia, and yesterday the Dartmouth Fregat with two Victuallers, intended for Tangier, and the Industry of this place laden with Fruit from Alicant having met with much ill weather by the way.

Portsmouth, Nov. 17. The *Edgar* is with the first fair season expected in this Port to be paid off and laid up; the late stormy weather having hitherto kept her out. There are now riding in St. Hellens Road a Fleet of 18 or 20 sail of Dutch ships outward bound, attending for a favourable wind, and amongst them one ship intended for the East Indies, and two or three men of War.

Rome, October 28. The Queen Christina of Sweden, being on her way hither from Hambourgh, has written to several of her friends, giving them notice of her intentions of passing the Winter in this City; and according thereunto, her Pallace is prepared and furnished for her Reception, and her arrival daily expected, she having no intentions of making any stop by the way.

Signior *Francisco Sforça*, having been for some time confined for a Duel which he had fought with the Marquis de *Palombara*; and grown impatient of the delays which were used for the composition of the business, has made his escape out of Town, and as yet no information can be gotten of the place to which he is retired.

The Cardinals Nephew *Rospigliosi*, and *Azzolino* Secretary of State to his Holiness, have obtained the Popes leave to retire themselves for some time from publick affairs, and to divert themselves in the Countrey, and are gone to *Castel Gondolfo*, ten miles distant from this City, during whose absence, here is like to be a Vacation from all business of great concernment.

Letters of the 15th instant from *Zante* inform us, that the Grand Signior was at *Larissa* with a considerable Army for the reinforcement of the Viceroy, and that the passage of their forces was like to be easie and without any interruption, the auxiliary Gallies which were intended for the assistance of the Republick of *Venice*, being retired, and no considerable Fleet abroad to oppose them: *Don Vincenzo Rospigliosi*, the General of the Popes Gallies, has excused his return from that service, laying the charge thereof upon the Duke de *Ferrandina*, who not coming up with the Squadrons of *Naples* and *Sicily* under his Command, he was unwilling to expose the Popes Gallies alone to any imminent danger.

The Duke de *Roanetz* going upon his expedition with the French succors for the assistance of the Venetians against the Turk, addressed his Letters to the Pope, desiring him to favour him with the same priviledges and indulgencies, which were in former times conferred on those who adventured their lives under the Crusado in the wars against the common Enemy, which being taken into consideration, the Cardinal *Dataris* dispatched to him a large Patent, by which full indulgencies in articulo mortis, were given him and all such as followed him in that service, which found not the welcome entertainment which was expected, the Duke aiming principally at a dispensation for holding such benefices as might in some measure recompence the large expences of this expedition, which misunderstanding of his meaning, he has since resented by the return of the Patent; expressing his intentions to adventure his life in the Churches cause against the common Enemy, and afterwards to return

again into France, where he desired to enjoy the benefit of the priviledges which he desired.

The Cardinal de *Pendofme* has by his Letters to the Pope pressed hard for expedition in the affairs relating to the late marriage of the Prince Regent of Portugal, but as yet nothing is determined in that business.

Madrid, Octob. 31. The Council is carefully observing the Motions of Don Juan, and endeavoring to apply such fit remedies to the present distempers, as may best preserve the Peace of the Kingdome. The Queen Regent is very sensible and afflicted at his late proceedings and retirement, which 'tis believed has occasioned in her a feavorish distemper; from which she is not yet recovered. The Letter which Don Juan writ to her upon his retirement from *Consuegra*, importeth as follows:

THE Tyranny of Father *Everard Nitbard* and the Execrable Malice which I find he would exercise upon me, he having already caused my Secretaries Brother to be arrested; whom with a malicious heart he endeavour'd to draw in, to procure my ruin, by raising abominable Calumnies to the prejudice of my honour; has obliged me to take care for the security of my own person: which though at the first view it may appear blame-worthy, proceeds not yet from any other motion then that of a good subject to my Lord the King; for whom I would freely spend all the blood which runs in my Veins, as by the Grace of God, your Majesty and all the World shall clearly see, even in this my retirement: and for the better proof hereof, I declare to your Majesty, without any affectation, as I do also to all who shall read this Letter, that the sole and true cause which hindered my Voyage into *Flanders*, was the belief I had, that I ought to stay and remove from your Majesty a Brute, who upon a thousand considerations is unworthy to be near a Person so Sacred; God inspiring me with this Resolution by a force more than natural, especially at that time when I received information of that his horrible tyranny, in causing an innocent person to be executed, with several detestable circumstances, Till this accident, there is nothing more certain than that it was my Resolution to go whither I was desired, notwithstanding all the knowledge I had of the person I was to leave behind me. All my endeavours have been so to order and dispose things, that they might pass without scandal or violence, if it were not absolutely necessary to the work intended; but I never had a thought of

attempting upon his life, although his ill conscience had so perswaded him. For though I was obliged by all reasons imaginable, both in regard of the publick interest, the good of this Monarchy, and my own private advantages, to endeavour it, yet notwithstanding all these temptations, I would never hazard the loss of his soul, which was probably but in an ill condition; rather chusing to expose my own person to a thousand hazards and dangers, in the hopes I had of making an acceptable sacrifice to God; whose Mercy will, I hope, with an happy success recompense my just intentions, which I shall alwayes continue whilst I have breath, that I may be considerably serviceable to my King and Country. And this Madam, is the reason, and not any fear of danger which I might run at *Consuegra*, why I chose to put myself into such a place and posture of safety; so as not to fear the effects of the perfidious spirit of so mean a man, *viz.* that I may the better give your Majesty the knowledge of my humblest Remonstrances, which aim at no other end than his banishment: having in this no other interest than the reparation of my honour, the deliverance of this Kingdome from this Calamity, the Grandees from the troubles they suffer by his Influence, and the Subjects from the Oppressions he lays upon them. I have waved coming to the Court, although I could have done it with more than sufficient safety, upon consideration of the levity of the People, too easily inclined to Commotions, least any thing of scandal or offence might fall out, whose event might prove irreparable, and contrary to His Majesties service.

I humbly beg of His Majesty with all my heart and with tears, that he will not be prejudiced by the evil Counsels of that envenomed Basilisk, because if the life of my Secretary's Brother or any other person belonging to me, or of those of my friends, which take my part, or declare for me, should be endangered; or that any Spaniards or other Vassals of the King, shall attempt upon them, by vertue of any Orders in writing, or other wayes of violence or injustice, I protest before God, the King, your Majesty, and all the World together, that 'tis not easily known what evils and damages may from thence follow; what reparation can be made me, nor how the Publick Peace can be secured; and I shall then be left at liberty to take my measures according y, and to put into execution such things as have not yet entered into my thoughts to declare. On the other side, if your Majesty shall by Gods Grace (as I hope) be inspired to suspend your Judgement and Resolutions, until I shall give you a more full and ample information, all things will most certainly be ordered to your Majesties full satisfaction, with such a perfect tranquility as shall best conduce to the service of God, my Lord the King, and the good of his Subjects; which shall be ever the object of all my Resolutions, as it is of my Affection;

and may any one who shall discover in me any the least demonstration of a thought contrary to this my Obligation, be the first that shall set an hand to the taking away my life. God keep and prosper your Majesty for the glory and advantage of these Kingdomes.

Your Majesties most humble Servant
From *Consuegra* and Subject,
21 Octob. 1668. D. Juan d' Auftriche.

Venice, Nov. 2. The good news which comes confirmed to us from *Candia* by Letters to the Senate, have been received with infinite joy and satisfaction, giving us hopes, that the Metropolitan is for this year delivered from the danger so long threatened by the Ottoman Empire, for which we are here preparing to return our publick thanks to God Almighty which will in few days be solemnly performed in *St. Mark's Church*, with all the demonstrations of joy that become us. These Letters assure us of the truth of what we formerly received. *viz.* That the Turks having made considerable breaches in the Fort *di Sabionera* and the Bulwark of *St. Andre*, had with all the courage and strength they were able, made two furious assaults upon both places, but were so warmly entertained, that after an extraordinary slaughter of their men, they were forced to desist, and by a stout sally made by Monsieur de *St. Andre Montbrun* (who has upon all occasions given large testimonies of his courage and conduct) were forced from their posts in much disorder; after which, the Rains fell on them for two or three days, with so great abundance, that most part of their Works and Mines were thereby rendred useless and unserviceable to them, so that it was supposed, their constant ill success, together with the season of the year, will not permit them to continue much longer in the field.

The Senate is in the mean time as careful as ever in preparing all sorts of necessaries for the supply of the place, and have sent lately several Companies of Foot into *Dalmatia*, to supply the room of those who were drawn out of that Countrey to be employ'd in the defence of *Candia*.

Vienna, Nov. 4. The Prince of *Lorraine* still continues here but his Train is some days since sent hence towards the frontiers of *Silesia* and *Poland*, being compos'd of many domestick servants, and led horses, with several Coaches and Waggons, laden with his Baggage.

The Count de *Schafgots* is nominated by His Imperial Majesty to assist at the Election of a successor to the Crown of *Poland*, and is accordingly preparing for his journey, and may in few days set forwards. The Baron de *Mayerberg* the Emperours Resident in that Kingdom is departed thence, and already arrived at *Breslaw* in *Silesia*.

Whitehall, Nov. 18. The 15th instant being Her Majesties birth-day, was solemnized here with much demonstration of joy, the Guns discharged from the Tower, and the Court diverted that evening with excellent Fireworks.

The Heer *Borcel* Ambassador from the States of the United Provinces, has lately received and given notice of the said States pleasure for his revocation, who is accordingly preparing for his departure, but as yet it is not certainly known what person is to be sent to succeed him in his employment.

This Week is published a Piece *De Jure Uniformitatis Ecclesiasticae*, Or, *Three Books of the Rights belonging to an Uniformity in Churches*: Dedicated to His Majesty, and directed and submitted to the High Court of Parliament, &c. by *Hugh Davis* LL. B. late Fellow of *New-Colledge* in *Oxford*, and now Chaplain to His Grace the Duke of *Buckingham*.