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*Falmouth, November 11.*

**T**He 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:

**T**HE 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