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Barcelona, Nov. 26. N. S.

The Spanish Forces are in their Winter Quarters; and our Viceroy the Marquis de *Gastanaga* returned hither this day. *Ostairicke* is Refortified, and a good Garison left there. Levies are making to Reinforce our Army against the next Campagne, and some new Troops are expected here from *Naples*. Several French Privateers have of late appeared on this Coast.

Cadix, Dec. 4. The 24th of the last month arrived here the *Chichester*, *Rocheester*, and *Lime*, who saw the Merchant Ships bound to *Lisbon* and *Port O Porto*, safe in Harbour; and the 25th came in the *Glocester*, having Convoyed several Merchant Ships to *Faro*. The 27th was brought in by the *Romney*, (who went out about 10 days before, together with the *Canterbury*, to Cruise) a French Ship of 22 Guns and 90 Men, bound from *Newfoundland* to *Marseilles*. The 28th Sir *George Rooke* arrived in this Bay with a Squadron of Men of War, and all the Merchant Ships that came from *England* under his Convoy, the Care he took of them having made his passage longer than otherwise it would have been; At his coming in, all the Ships in Port saluted him, the Third Rates with 21 Guns each, and the lesser Ships proportionably. A Dutch Man of War is arrived with the Fleet, which has brought over the Heer *Van Citters*, Ambassador from the States General of the *United Provinces*. Mr. *Mitchell* is Vice Admiral of the *Blue*, and in few days will go on Board the *Royal William*; and Rear Admiral *Newill* on Board the *Neptune*. Twenty odd sail of Ships are now in sight, which we believe to be the *Newfoundland* Fleet.

Port St. Mary, Dec. 4. The *Romney* has taken a rich French Ship of 22 Guns and 90 Men, laden with 5000 Quintals of Fish from *Newfoundland*, and bound to *Marseilles*. Since Sir *George Rooke's* arrival, several Compliments have passed betwixt him and the Duke of *Albuquerque*, Captain General of these Coasts, and Don *Francisco de Velasco*, Governor of *Cadix*. The Dutch Ambassador, the Heer *Van Citters*, and his Family, are in this Town, and will proceed in few days for *Madrid*. The *Newfoundland* Convoy came into the Bay of *Cadix* this day; but one of the small Ships was lost this morning off *Rota*.

Malaga, Dec. 13. The *Pembrook Rumpney*, and *Prudence* Men of War, passed by this day with the *Newfoundland* Ships for *Alicant*, leaving

here several English and Dutch Merchantmen. The Moors are still before *Ceuta*, and make greater Preparations than ever to continue the Siege, and there come to them daily fresh Supplies of Men and Provisions; but the Besieged are in so good a Condition, and the Place so well Fortified now, that we do not apprehend it to be in any danger.

Madrid, Dec. 14. The Council of State continues to meet frequently to consider of the Preparations to be made for carrying on the War. The King of *Spain* has not yet named an Ambassador to the Emperor in the place of the Marquis de *Bourgomanero*, who Died some time ago at *Vienna*, but 'tis generally believed, that Employment will be given to the Duke de *Giavanazzo*. The Officers of the Spanish Troops in *Catalonia* are ordered to stay at their Quarters, and not to come hither without particular leave; The German Regiments that came to *Catalonia* the last Summer, under the Command of the Prince of *Hesse Darmstadt*, are to continue to serve there the next Campagne. The Moors do still Besiege *Ceuta* with 10000 Foot and 1000 Horse, and now and then throw some Bombs into the Town, but with little effect: *Alcayde Alyben*, who Commands their Army, has Built Houses and Hutts for the Soldiers, about two miles distant from the place, being ordered by the Emperor, *Muley Ismael*, to continue the Siege (if he does not take the place) as long as he lives.

Corunna, Dec. 26. N.S. The *European Merchant*, Captain *Foy* Commander, is arrived at *St. Antonio* laden with Fish from *Newfoundland*, he met with two French Privateers at several times, and had very sharp Engagements with them, but defended himself very well, and lost his Mate and 5 Men. They write from *O Porto* of the 17th instant, That the *Newfoundland* Ships under Convoy of the *Oxford*, are arrived in the River of *Lisbon*, having in their Company the Ships for *O Porto* and *Bilboa*, who have been detained there several days by the Weather.

Pembrooke, Dec. 22. His Majesty's Ships the *Queenborough* and *Speedwell* went out a Cruising last Friday, and the *Sheerness* sailed yesterday.

Falmouth, Dec. 28. The 26th sailed the *Spanish Alliance* for *Corunna*; and the *Prosperous* of *London* for *Vego*. Yesterday came in the *Spanish Expedition* in 5 days from *Corunna*. The *Spanish Alliance* is put back by contrary Winds. *Plymouth*.