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Cadix, January 23. N. S.

ON the 2d Instant sailed hence Eight English Men of War, the *Yarmouth* Capt. *Mudy*, the *Coventry* Capt. *Misters*, the *Glocester* Capt. *Polton*, the *Dragon* Capt. *Rigby*, the *Humber* Capt. *Clarke*, the *Medway* Capt. *Cleveland*, the *Rochester* Capt. *Kirton*, and the *Lime* Capt. *Boules*, with two Fire-Ships, and 25 Merchant Ships under their Convoy, bound to Turkey and other Ports in the *Mediterranean*. The 4th came in two Dutch Men of War from *Holland*. The 8th returned into this Port the *Lizard* Frigate with a small English Merchantman; The same day arrived here the *Hamborough* Convoy, being 12 Sail. The 11th sailed the *Carlisle*, the *Portsmouth* Galley, and the *Lizard*, with 11 Sail of Merchant Ships bound to the North; They are to touch at *Lisbon* for the Ships that are ready there; and the *Portsmouth* and *Lizard* after having executed their Orders, are to return hither. The 19th came in two English Merchantmen from *Barcelona*, and the 21th one from *Malaga*. This morning sailed hence the *Ofend* Convoy with several English and Dutch Merchant Ships, in all about 26 Sail, bound to the North. We have received advice, that the French are fitting out their Fleet at *Toulon*, and pretend to have it ready to sail towards the end of the next month. The English and Dutch Men of War in this Port are *Carreening*. The *Falmouth* and *Adventure* are come in from *Cruising*.

Malaga, Jan. 31. Yesterday came in here a Vessel from *Cadix*, the Master whereof says, one of the English Men of War had taken a French Merchant Man near the Bay of *Tetuan*, and carried her to *Cadix*. We hear a French Privateer has taken a Ship called the *Guanada*, Capt. *Keeble* Commander, bound hither from *Hamburgh*. The Town of *Ceuta* is still besieged, but the Moores have attempted nothing considerable against it of late. Here are several Merchant Ships ready to sail for *England* with the Convoy, which is ordered to touch here in its return from *Alicante*.

Madrid, Febr. 8. The King of *Spain* has named the Marquis d'*Astorgas* to be Viceroy of *Galicia*; Don *Alonso de Gusman* Viceroy of *Valencia*; The Duke de *Veraguas* Viceroy of *Sicily*; The Duke de *Medina Celi* Viceroy of *Naples*, and the Marquis de *Constance* Viceroy of *Navarre*. The Conde de *Altamira* is to go Ambassador to *Rome*; and the Marquis de *Castel Rodrigo* to the Emperor. The Marquis de *Val Paraiso*, who is now Governor of *Ceuta*, is made General of *Oran*. The Marquis de *Gastanaga*, Viceroy of *Catalonia*, having lately caused one, against whom there was a very strong suspicion

of his being a French Spy, to be seized at *Barcelona*; The Inquisitor sent an Officer to the Prison to demand him, and upon refusal to deliver the Prisoner, Excommunicated the Keeper of the Prison, and refused to receive any Message from the Viceroy concerning him; This raised a great Tumult in the City, which was increased by the Account that was brought thither about the same time, that the Magistrate of a Village not far off having ordered a Soldier to be quartered in a Widows House, whose Husband many years before was a Servant to the Inquisition, she pleaded her Privilege, and complained to the Inquisitor, who to punish the pretended Violation of their Rights Excommunicated the whole Village; The Viceroy dispatched an Express hither to give the King an account of what had passed, and the Disorder it occasioned among the People; and his Catholick Majesty thereupon sent Orders to banish the Inquisitor from *Barcelona*, who was accordingly sent away to the Kingdom of *Valencia*: and the Priors of several of the Chiefest Convents were likewise ordered to retire from thence; and his Majesty has appointed a Council of 12 Persons, (two of which are of the Council of State, viz. the Marquis of *Manzana*, and the Conde d'*Aquilar*.) who are to Examine and Declare what is the Jurisdiction of the Tribunal of the Inquisition, and how far it extends. In the mean time the Magistrate of the Village and Keeper of the Prison continue Excommunicated; The Inquisition here would willingly take off the Excommunication, but that will not satisfy, unless they declare it void in its self as inflicted without sufficient ground, and till this be done the King refuses to see the Inquisitor General, who has demanded Audience several times. The King has given leave to Don *Manuel Arias*, President of *Castile*, to retire from that Station, and has conferred it on Don *Antonio Arguelles*, who was before one of that Council. The Conde de *Canette* is named to be Viceroy of *Peru*. The French are fitting out their Men of War at *Toulon*, and give out, they intend to repass the *Straits*. Several thousand Seamen are gone from their Western Ports towards *Toulon*.

Corunna, Febr. 18. N. S. The *Portland* Frigate, Capt. *Smith* Commander, took upon the Coast of *Ireland*, a French Ship laden with Fish from *Newfoundland*, and ordered his Prize for *England*, but by contrary Winds and bad Weather she was forced to put into this Port, where she arrived the 3d Instant. A small Vessel called the *Mary of Guernsey* was driven on this Coast by the late Storm, and lost, but most of her Men saved. They write from *Vigo* of the 18th of the last month, that the *Oxford* Frigate, Capt *Fogg* Commander, arrived there the 11th with 15 English Ships from *Newfoundland*, bound to *O-Porto* and *Bilboa*; The Convoy had received some damage in the late Storm, which having refitted, they sailed again the 4th Instant, but by contrary Winds were put back the 6th, and were the 12th still at *Vigo*.