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Leghorn, December 17. N. S.

**T**Here came into this Port about 10 days ago 3 French Privateers, viz. the *Fortuna* of 46 Guns and 300 Men; the *Sibilla*, 36 Guns and 220 Men; and the *Philippeau* of St. Malo, of 40 Guns, who report they saw on the 4th instant to the Westward of *Sardinia* the English Convoy from *Smirna*, consisting of 19 sail; since which the Winds have been very favourable for their getting out of the *Streights*. The said F. Privateers went out again the next day. The 10th arriv'd here a rich Merchant Ship called the *Prince John Goffine*, from *London*; upon sight of her a French Man of War, in this Road, got under sail, but at the instance of the English Consul, the Governor order'd the Fort to fire, and brought him to Anchor again. The 13th Capt. *Fuller*, in the *Panther*, sail'd hence to Cruise. The 15th sail'd the *Dolphin*, Capt. *Alkin*, and the *Beake-Gally*, Capt. *Strutton*, both bound for *London*; but the Wind changing, the latter came back last night. The *Cloudesty-Galley*, Capt. *Main*, and *Rooke-Gally*, Capt. *Swain*, are both making ready, the former for *Turkey*, and the latter for *London*. A Bark is arriv'd here from *Tunis*, and brings News that the Bey died the 23d of *October*, and his Brother *Ramadam*, who was formerly here, succeeds him.

*Genoa*, Decemb. 23. The Duke of *Savoy* has not yet begun to Disband any of his Forces, which every Body expected when the Neutrality for *Italy* was agreed on: His keeping on foot the same number of Troops as before, gives a Jealousie to his Neighbours, and particularly to the City of *Genova*. The Governor of *Milan* augments the Troops in the Service of that Dutchy, as well by new Levies, as Recruits; and no doubt is made, but that part of these Forces will be sent to *Catalonia* against the next Summer, if it be found necessary. Yesterday sail'd hence a *Genovese Gally* for *Marsailles*, and this morning came in two *Danish Merchant Men* from *Leghorne*, to take in Goods for the Coast of *Spain*.

*Vienna*, Dec. 29. The Envoy from the Czar of *Moscow*, residing at this Court, has communicated to the Imperial Ministers the advices he has received, of the great Preparations his Master has order'd to be made, for Prosecuting the War against the *Turks* and *Tartars* the next Year, and that he had caus'd a great many Shipwrights, Carpenters, and other Artificers to be sent for from Foreign Countries, to be employ'd in building of Gallies and other Vessels, which he designs to employ in the *Black Sea*. The said Envoy has likewise acquainted this Court, that he expects in a short time the Czar's Ratification of the late Alliance concluded between the Emperor, the Czar, and the Republick of *Venice*. Some days ago arriv'd here a Gentleman from *Poland* who presented to the Emperor Letters from Prince *Jam* desiring the continuance of his Imperial Majesty's Assistance and Protection, for promoting his Interests against the time of the Election,

which appear already to be much greater, than what the French Ambassador has with all his Money and Application been able to make for the Prince of *Conti*. The Confederated Troops in *Poland* continue still together; and some are inclin'd to think that they will endeavour to set up a third Person. The last Advices from *Hungary* bring no manner of News.

*Francfort*, Jan. 5. The Assembly of the Deputies of the Six Circles will end in few days, having nothing more to do than to have the Agreement, about maintaining 60000 Men this next Summer, and 80000 if it be found necessary, and 40000 constantly in time of Peace, signed by the respective Directors of the said Circles. 'Tis said there is to be another Meeting of the Envoys of the Four Electors on the *Rhine*, on the 15th of this month, to take such further Resolutions as shall be thought proper for the Defence and Security of the Empire. General *Thungen* is returned to *Mentz*, of which Place he is Governor, having posted a Body of Dragoons and Huslars in the Country of *Rhingow*, to observe the Enemies Motions; who still continue their Preparations for some Expedition during the Frost, though such care is taken by the General of the Allies, as we doubt not will disappoint their Design.

*Hamburg*, Jan. 7. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* returned to *Berlin* the 28th of the last Month from the visit he had made to the Elector of *Saxony* at *Dresden*. Both these Princes augment their Forces the first to join the Army of the Allies on the *Rhine*, and the last to assist the Emperor in *Hungary*. Several of the Ministers who assist at the Conferences here about the *Holstein* Affairs, being at present absent, this Negotiation is at a stand till their return.

*Paris*, Jan. 7. They talk here very much of Peace: 'Tis said our Plenipotentiaries stay only for their Passports, which they expect very quickly. Part of Monsieur *Callier*'s Equipage is already sent away. In the mean time the Preparations for the War are continued, and several Edicts have been Published this week for Supplying the Expences of it; By one, Governors are appointed in all the Towns of *France*, as well small as great, and these Governments are to be sold to such as will give most; And by another, certain Officers, called *Greffiers*, are Established in all the Towns and Bourgs of the Conquer'd Countries, which Offices are to be Sold likewise. The Commissioners appointed to Register Coats of Arms, have appointed to meet at 4 several Places in this City, and all Persons belonging to the Court are called upon to send in their Coats forthwith to be so Registered, that they may give Example to others; They have Power likewise to grant Arms to such as shall desire them, but because the number of these is like to be but small, at a time the generality of People in this Kingdom are reduced to so great Necessities and Poverty, it is propos'd, and in all probability 'twill be resolv'd on, to force People to Purchase the same. According