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Pembroke, Dec. 17.

Here are lately arrived the *Friendship of London* with her lading of Salt and Fruit from the Bay of Valentia. One ship of *Rotterdam* with Salt and Iron, bound for *Kingsale*; a small Banker from *Rochelle* with Salt, and a vessel of *Tingsworth* laden with Sugars from the *Barbados*.

Falmouth, Dec. 23. The 20th instant put to sea from this Port the *Sarah* and *Martha*, with one other ship from the *Canaries* intending for *London*: the next day came in here the *Concord of Havre de Grace* of 400 Tuns and 26 Guns, belonging to the Royal company, laden home from *Gusdaloup* with Sugars; within 14 days after her putting out from thence, she proved very leaky, by reason of many shots she had received in time of the late warre, so that she was with much difficulty enabled to perform her voyage.

Plymouth, Dec. 25. This afternoon came into this Port one ship from the *Streights*, and another from *Portugal*, but without any advice of importance.

Rome, Dec. 15. On Tuesday last, Signior *Bayly Fran. Vincenzo Rospioglio*, with much solemnity gave the Habit of the Order of *St. John of Jerusalem* to Prince *Lubomirsky* on whom the Pope afterwards bestowed the Cross, being attended and assisted in that Ceremony by above 40 Knights of that Order, all of whom he entertained at an extraordinary feast. 'Tis said, the Pope has prevailed with him to erect in *Poland* a Commaundery under the protection of the Order of *Malta*, and that he is obliged to entertain two Gallies upon his own expence to be employed against the *Turks*; yesterday the said Prince departed hence for *Poland*.

The Pope has been pleased for the assistance of the Venetians in their present necessities, to give them leave to suppress three places of Religion within their jurisdiction; that of *St. Saviours in Aiga*, that of *St. Girolamo of Fiesole*, and the *Jesuits*, and to employ the whole revenues of those places upon the wars, and is resolved to oblige the Clergy to contribute what they are able to the same service.

Letters of the 10th instant from *Naples*, assure us of the arrival there on the Tuesday before of Sir *Thomas Allen* with his Squadron of six Men of War, one Yacht, and one Eire-ship, from the Coasts of *Barbary*; where he has settled all affairs with honour and satisfaction: Upon his arrival he saluted the place with 15 Guns, which were returned with the same number. Two *Holland Men of War* which were there in Port, upon his appearance weighed Anchor, and came under his Stern, paying their Respects to His Majesty of *Great Brittain's* Flag with 9 Guns; who answered them again with 7: which done, the *Hollanders* left the place, somewhat dissatisfied, that having at their arrival there saluted the Town, they could not by their Consul prevail for a return.

Dantzick, Decemb. 15. Several debates having happened in the late Assembly at *Warsaw*, which could not conveniently be determined in the time at first allotted for their session; they were obliged by a joyn consent to adjourn till the sixth instant; at which time they accordingly dismissed the Assembly; but were forced to sit up the whole night, for the compleating the matters which were before them. By a Vote passed in this Assembly, the 2d of *May* next ensuing, is designed for the Election of a Successor to the Crown; and though the greatest part of the Senators

and Deputies desired that a shorter time might be prefixed for that important business, yet those of *Lithuania* and *Polesia* prevailed, pleading that the distance of some of their Countries from *Warsaw* being not less than 200 leagues; they could not with conveniency be in readines to come sooner to attend the Election.

During this Assembly, the Popes Nuncio endeavoured to press the Convocation to an Oath not to make choice of the young Prince of *Muscovy*, nor any of that Family, nor any Prince of the Reformed Religion, to succeed to the Crown of *Poland*; to declare them incapable of governing that Kingdom; and to use their power by themselves, servants, adherents, kindred, or friends, to hinder such Election: which was so ill resented by the Assembly, that had not their respect for the Pope prevented it, they might otherwise have proceeded to have disinited him from the Court.

Four dayes since arrived here the Bishop of *Besiers*; intending after some little stay to depart hence to the Elector of *Brandenbough's* Court, at present at *Coningsbergh*.

Vienna, Decemb. 18. Several of the principal Nobility of *Hungary* and *Croatia* lately arrived here upon His Imperial Majesties Citation, to advise with him about the settlement of all affairs relating to the Government of those parts, and are again returned; but as yet no time prefixed for the calling and assembling of their Diet, nor is any person yet nominated to succeed in the Palatinate. The Count *de Forgatz* is designed to be sent in quality of Commissioner from the Emperour, to be present in the Assembly of those States when they meet, to assure them of the care the Emperour takes for their protection, and his readines, to preserve to them their Just Rights and Priviledges, and to redress all their Grievances.

The Baron *de Hoffkirchen* is to succeed the Count *de Souches* in his Government of *Gomorra*, and may suddenly depart hence; to take possession of his new Charge; as may also the Count *de Dietrichstein* to his Command at *Brin* in *Moravia*.

Yesterday returned hither the Emperours Resident Monsieur *Cassanova* from *Constantinople*, by whom we are assured, that the Grand Seignior is returned from *Morca* to *Larissa*, where the Venetian Ambassador Chevalier *Aloisio Molino* being admitted to an Audience, was told by the Grand Seignior that he was willing to hearken to Propositions of Peace, but so that *Gandia* should be delivered up to him; to which the Ambassadour replied that he had no Order from the Republick in that particular, but a full power in general to treat with him for Peace, after which he was dismissed, and according to Custom received a Present of a Rich Vest.

The Viceroy of *Buda* having lately, upon what grounds we know not, required Homage from some Cantons of *Upper Hungary*, the Emperour is thinking to send an Express to him, to shew him the unreasonableness of his Demands; in which if he cannot satisfy him, he is to be ordered to pass from thence to the Grand Seignior, and to inform him of the state of the whole business.

Genova, Decemb. 19. The 12th instant in the Evening, passed by this place a Secretary belonging to the Duke *de Chaulnes*, intending for *Rome*.

This last week was revived here in the Great Council an ancient Statute, prohibiting the wearing of any foreign Silks, Laces, or Ribbons, strict Orders being given to all Tradesmen to declare what quantities of those Commodities they have at present in their hands; and a years time is given to the