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Cadiz, January 21. N. S.

**T**HE 16th Instant came into this Port the *Beeke* Gally, Capt. *Stratton*, and the *Dolphin*, Capt. *Alkin*, both from *Legborne*, in 25 days, bound to *London*. The

17th arrived here the *Turkey-Convoy*, being 25 sail, whereof 9 Men of War, the rest Merchantmen; They will proceed in few days for *England*, with two Men of War more, expected from *Alicant*. On the 19th sailed out of this Port Vice-Admiral *Nevill* with five English Men of War, and two Fire-ships. A Ship belonging to the Great Duke of *Tuscany*, of 50 Guns, commanded by Capt. *Baldini*, bound to *Holland*, met lately near *Cape de Gatt* with three French Privateers, who pretended to visit her, and upon the Commanders refusing to permit it, they engaged, and Capt. *Baldini* maintained a running Fight the whole day, but was at last forced to yield, having done the French considerable Damage.

*Madrid*, Jan. 31. The King of *Spain* had the last week some little returns of his Fever, but is very well again, and appeared yesterday in Publick. The new Levies are continued to reinforce the Spanish Army in *Catalonia*, which we are assured will be at least 7 or 8000 Men stronger than it was the last Year. The *Moors*, though they have hitherto made very little Progress in the Siege of *Genta*, yet still continue it with great Obstinacy. They write from *Lisbon*, That the French Squadron commanded by Monsieur *Pointy*, consisting of 9 Men of War, two Fireships, and 5 or 6 Tenders were seen the 14th of this Month off *Cape Finister*, raking their Course S. W.

*St. Sebastian*, Feb. 10. 'Tis reported that of 5 Dutch Men of War that were bound to *St. Antonio*, to Convoy the Merchant Ships from thence, two are lost in bad weather; but we hope the next Letters from thence will give a better account. A Privateer of *Biscay* has brought in here a French Merchant Ship, laden with Sugar, Cotton, and Indigo from the *West-Indies*, to the value of above 50000 Dollars.

*Turin*, Jan. 30. The Duke of *Savoy* has been at *Nizza*, and having viewed the Garison and Fortifications both of the Town and Castle, went to *Villa Franca*, to do the like there, and is expected back in this City in few days.

*Genoa*, February 3. The last week sailed out of this Port two French Privateers to cruize, who have Plundered several *Felucca's* and small Vessels

belonging to the Subjects of this Republick; whereof Complaint has been made to the French Minister residing here.

*Venice*, Feb. 8. Several Officers who were employed to raise Men in *Germany* for the Service of this Republick, are come back, and give an account, That they have completed their Levies, and left them on their march hither, in order to be sent to the *Levant*. A great many Persons of Quality are come to this City, to partake of the Diversions of the Carneval.

*Vienna*, Feb. 9. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* arrived here yesterday; and now the Conferences will be begun at this Court concerning the Designs of the next Campaign, both in *Hungary* and *Germany*. The Prince of *Commercy*, who went lately for *Brussels*, is expected here again about the end of the next Month. The *Turks*, according to all our advices, make great Preparations for the War, and the Sultan intends to command again his Army in *Hungary*, and to send 20 or 30000 Men to the Assistance of the *Tartars*, against whom the Czar of *Moscow* is resolved to march with a very numerous Army the next Summer.

*Francfort*, Feb. 17. The French continue to provide Magazines in several Places near the *Rhine*, and 'tis said they will pass that River, in order to some Enterprize, so soon as the Weather is proper for it. The Forces of the Allies are posted so as that they may draw together in a short time to oppose any such design, and Prince *Lewis* of *Baden*, who is now at *Vienna*, will for this reason hasten his Return: General *Tkungen*, who commands in his Absence, is gone to *Esslingen*, and will continue there some time. The Deputies of the Six Circles are to meet here again on the 15th of *April* next, to take further Resolutions about providing for the Security of the Empire.

*Cologne*, Feb. 19. The Officers of the *Brandenburg* Forces that are Quartered within this Diocess, are ordered to have them compleat by the middle of *April*. 'Tis said, That a Regiment of Horse is going to be raised for the Service of the Elector of *Cologne*.

*Paris*, Feb. 18. The arrival of the Passports for the French Plenipotentiaries, both from the States General of the United Provinces and the Elector of *Bavaria*, occasions a great deal of Joy here, among all sorts of People; and Monsieur *Harlay* and the Count *de Crecy* are putting things in a readiness for their Departure, which in all likelihood will not be delayed beyond the middle of the next Month. The Officers of the French Troops in *Flanders*, who are now here, are ordered