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*Cadiz, January 23. N. S.*

**T**HE 20th instant arrived in this Port a Dutch Man of War with 3 English Merchant Ships, and a Hamburgher from *Lisbon*; having been forced in there by bad Weather. The *Bake* and *Dolphin* Gallies are arrived here from *Leghorne*; the latter took a French Sarea, going from *Algiers* to *Marseilles*. The Turkey Convoy continue in this Port.

*Malaga, Jan. 29.* On the 20th Instant came into this Road Capt. *Lake* in the *Canterbury*, and Capt. *Baker* in the *Falmouth*; The former took off Cape *Spartell* a French Privateer of 14 Guns and 65 Men, which he brought in with him; and Capt. *Baker* has retaken a small Vessel called the *John*, Henry *Robinson* Master, bound to *Malaga*. And yesterday the *Canterbury* and *Falmouth* failed hence with several Merchant Ships under their Convoy for *Cadiz*.

*Madrid, Feb. 6.* The King of *Spain* had on the 4th instant another fit of his Fever, which lasted 5 or 6 hours; but was better Yesterday. The Queen is very well. The Council of State have met several times to consider about raising Money for the War; and by their advice the King has sent Circular Letters to the *Grandees* and other great Men, to assist him by a voluntary Contribution; in pursuance of which several Sums of Money have been already sent in, and others are preparing to do the like. New Levies are making for the Service of *Catalonia*, and several Supplies of Money have been sent to Don *Francisco de Velasco*, Viceroy there. The Persons of Quality that fought the Duel here on the 14th past are banished from the Court; the Conde de *Lemos* and Don *Manuel de Silva*, Brother to the Duke of *Pastrana*, are sent to *Cerloua*, where they are to remain 3 Years; the Marquis de *Amarja*, and the Conde de *Amyvelas* to *Oran*; the Marquis de *Hontiveros* and Don *Juan de Velasco* to *Couta*, and the rest to other places. Orders are sent to *Cadiz*, for fitting out the Spanish Armada.

*Messina, Jan. 10.* The *Bolton*-Galley is arrived here in 21 days from *Alexandria*, where she left the *Slaughter*-Galley, who in her Voyage from *Leghorne* took a French Tartane laden with Corn, worth about 12000 Dollars; the *Delawall* and *Union*-Galleys, and the *Peace* Sloop, were likewise arrived in that Port.

*Leghorne, Feb. 4.* Capt. *Bevan* arrived here this week in 4 days from the *Goletta* near *Tunis*, and says, 3 English Privateers, the *Panther*, *Charles*, and *Revenge*, came into that Port the 17th of the last month. Capt. *Talder* in the *Mazzaron* arrived here the 1st instant from *Iceland*.

*Venice, Feb. 16.* Two Venetian Men of War arrived here some days ago from the *Levant*; They bring an account, That the Captain-General continued at *Napoli di Romania*; That they were working on the Ships and Gallies, to refit them for the Service of the next Campaign; and, That

the Squadron which was sent to cruise in the *Archipelago* was come back. A great Convoy is preparing here, which may be ready to sail for the *Levant* about the middle of the next Month; and about 2000 new raised Men are designed to be sent thither with this opportunity; part of which are already arrived here, and the rest daily expected.

*Dantzick, Feb. 20.* As the time for the Election in *Poland* comes on, so the Heats and Animosities between the Contending Parties encrease; The Endeavours to break the Confederacy of the Army, have hitherto proved ineffectual, tho' the last advices give hopes, that the Disagreement which begins to appear among themselves, will very much contribute towards the effecting it. The Crown-Treasurer, *Lubermerski*, does publickly support the Interests of the Prince of *Comi*; and the Crown-General as zealously opposes them; but the Primare has not yet declared for either side. Great Preparations are making at *Goningsberg* in *Prussia*, for the Reception of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, who is expected there the next Month.

*Vicma, Feb. 16.* Prince *Lewis* of *Badu* has frequent Conferences with the Ministers of this Court concerning the Affairs of the War; and designs to return to *Germany* about the beginning of the next month. The Envoy of *Miscovy* is on his departure; and will soon be followed by the Minister which the Emperor is sending thither, to attend the Czar during the Campaign; whose Military Preparations do very much alarm the *Turks* and *Tartars*. They write from *Peter-Waradin*, That some *Turks* belonging to the Garison of *Belgrade* were brought in Prisoners, and reported, that the *Bassa* of that place had received repeated Orders to supply the Garison of *Trewsnaer* with all things necessary for their Defence, and had accordingly sent thither several Convoys with Provisions and Ammunition. Letters from *Transylvania* continue to speak of the drawing together of the *Tartars*, with a design, as it's believed, to make another Ravage on the Frontiers of *Poland*.

*Hamburg, Feb. 16.* The Negotiation about the Business of *Holstein* is at a stand at present, by the absence of several of the Ministers. An account has been given already of the Duke of *Swerin*'s having taken Possession of the City of *Gustraw*, in pursuance of the Imperial Decree, and that the *Suedes* kept the Castle till they received Orders from the King their Master to deliver it up. On Saturday last the Troops belonging to the Duke of *Swerin* began to cast up some Works so near the Castle, that the Governor sent to forbid them; and upon their refusal to desist, caused his Men to Fire, which those of *Swerin* returned, and several were killed and wounded on both sides. It's believed this Matter will be accommodated in a short time.

*Frankfort, Feb. 24.* The Deputies of the Circle of the *Upper Rhine*, have at their meeting here agreed