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Falmouth, January 6.

THe *Lucy* of this place which about 7 weeks since put to sea, intending for *Virginia*, having made about 300 leagues of her way, met with extraordinary ill weather and cross winds, in which she broke her Fore-Mast and spent her Main-Mast, and having run much hazard, put in again to this Port the first instant.

Since Sunday last 6 Vessels have by the extraordinary violence of storms been cast upon the Rocks in this Harbour, two of them belonging to this Town broken in pieces; and the rest much damaged.

Plymouth, Jan. 8. On Tuesday last arrived here the *Loyal Friendship* of London from *Malaga*.

Weymouth, Jan. 9. The 5th instant was forced on shore to the Westwards of the Isle of *Portland*, a Dutch Vessel called the *Three Falcons* of *Amsterdam*, bound for *Villa Nova*, laden with Iron, Deals, and Clap-board; her Company had some time before deserted her, saving themselves in their Boat: most part of the lading is since preserved, and 'tis hoped the Vessel it self may be got off.

Rome, Dec. 22. Here is lately arrived the Baron de *Foix* of the Royal house of *Navarre*, appearing with an honourable Train, attended by many Gentlemen, in coming to divert himself here for some time having been received by the Pope with many demonstrations of kineness, in testimony whereof, His Holiness has made him several rich Presents; he has since paid his visits to the Queen of *Sweden*, and Cardinal *Rospigliosi*, and several others of the sacred College.

On Monday last arrived here by the way of Florence, in post Monsieur *Bizorre*, late Secretary to the Duke de *Chaulnes*, formerly Ambassador here, the principal part of his business being to recommend to the Pope the Abbot de *Albret* Nephew to Marshal *Turenne*, to be advanced to the dignity of Cardinal in the next promotion.

The next morning the Venetian Ambassador had an extraordinary Audience from the Pope and Cardinal *Rospigliosi*, where they spent some time in discourse upon the affairs of *Candia*, for whose assistance the Pope still continues his zeal, in Order whereunto, he has commanded some new Companies of Foot to be speedily raised, and a large quantity of Ammunition, and other warlike Provisions to be made ready, intending to send out his Gallies again to the Springs, with several other ships which shall against that time be fitted up for that service, with whom the Duk of *Tuscany* has promised to joyn also his Gallies.

This last week the Spanish Ambassadour the Marquis d' *Astorga* went with much Pomp and State to give a visit to the Queen of *Sweden*, and on Tuesday paid the same civility to Cardinal *Orsini*, the Protector of the Kingdom of *Portugal*.

The Ambassador from the Republick of *Raguse* having taken his leave, is returned homewards with much satisfaction having received great testimony of the Papes bounty in the liberal advances made by him for their assistance in the rebuilding of their City, formerly destroyed by an Earthquake.

Here lately passed by a Courier from *Spain* intending for *Naples*, with Orders from the Queen Regent, to the Viceroy of that Kingdom to hasten towards on his Embassy of obedience to the Pope, leaving the care of his Government in the hands of the Marquis de *Villa Franca*.

Yesterday arrived here on the same Errand and Character the Count de *San Segundo* from the Prince of *Parma*; who is lodged at the Pallace *Farnese*, and 'tis believed may after the performance of the ceremonial part of his Ambassie, make some progress for the putting an end to all farther disputes about *Ca ro*.

Venice, Decemb. 29. This last week brought us no fresh advices from *Candia*, Letters onely of the 26th of *November*; confirming to us the resolution of the besieged to endeavour the removal of the Turks from their Posts as soon as the succors shall arrive from *Maltha*.

The Grand Visier has lately received fresh succors from the Captain Bassa, which has encouraged him to continue his Siege with much obstinacy; having raised Terrasses about his own Tent, and ordered 2000 of the stoutest of his soldiers to attend him this Winter as his Guard. The Enemy is said to have gained part of the Out-works of the Fort *St. Andr*, where they have planted some Canon; which being opposed by others from the Town, some small execution has been done on both sides. The Marquis d' *St. Andre Montbrun* is said to be upon a hopeful way of recovery from his hurt, his Charge being in the mean time executed by the Duke de *Roanet*.

Some dayes since the Captain Bassa having a design upon the Venetian Gallies lying in the Port of *Standia*, sailed with about 50 Gallies to attack them, and if possible to fire them in the Port; but the Venetians having intelligence of his design, came out, intending to engage them at sea: but the Turks had not the courage to attend them.

General *Morfini* intending the redemption of Signior *Lascaris* General de *Bataille*, and formerly taken prisoner, dispatched Colonel *Maacherotti* a Native of *Candia*, with Letters to the Grand Visier desiring his exchange: who appearing in a *Fevca* with a White Flag before *Giosiro*, and sending in the import of his Message by some persons who were sent out to him for that purpose; he had onely a short return made him from the Visier, that he lay there with intention to take the City, and not to treat about prisoners: with which answer he was dismissed. Chevalier *Giimini* is preferred to the Vacant Charge.

The said General has caused an Hospital to be erected at *Standia*, for the entertainment of the hurt and sick persons which shall be removed from *Candia*, and has dispatched several ships to several parts upon the *Archipelago*, to furnish it with all sorts of provisions.

The Gen. Signior having admitted the Venetian Ambassador to an Audience, refused to hearken to any Treaty of a peace till they should first deliver *Candia* into his possession, threatening in case of refusal, to enter in person into *Dalmatia* to give them a diversion; but to provide against this storm, upon the instance of Signior *Priuli* Provost General of *Dalmatia*, the Senate have resolved to supply him speedily with ten thousand Musquets, and double the number of Swords to arm the people of the Countrey in case of danger, and are forming some Companies, which in little time will be ready to be sent to his assistance under the command of General *Vestmiller*.

Genoua, Decemb. 29. From *Legorn* we have the news of the late arrival there of Sir *Thomas Allen*, with a Squadron of English Men of War; who is daily expected here.

The Marquis de *Rovere* having been made choice of to be sent into *France*, to reside there as Minister from this Republick, is fitting up his Train, and may in few dayes depart.

The Marquis *Pallavicino* our Resident at *Madrid*, ha in his Audience from the Queen Regent made complaint of some undue proceedings in seizing upon Money, upon one of this States Gallies at *Barcelona*, and the arreting of the Goods belonging to some Genoueses at *Milan*; whereupon Her Majesty was pleased to send his Memorial to the Council, promising to do Justice.

Brussels, Jan. 11. The last week the Magistrates of this place having at the last by some new Proposals satisfied the Commonality, as to the Point of admitting the Spanish Soldiers, went to attend the Constable of *Castille* at *Malines*; from whom they were dismissed with satisfaction: since their return, the Regiment of *Monterey* are permitted entrance into the City; they finding out their own Quarters for their money, the Suburbs by this means being wholly freed from their burthen: all things as yet continue peaceable and quiet, and the Soldiers careful not to prejudice the Citizens; who have agreed for 6 months to allow them 3000 Florins a month towards the payment of their Quarters.

The Constable is daily expected here, where all things are prepared for his reception.

The Commissioners at *Lille* have made little progress in the affairs for which they met, the grand business of the French Pretensions being remitted to *Spain*; whose resolution is impatiently expected. We continue still our apprehensions of the intentions of our neighbours but the better to provide for our security, all Governours of Provinces have been ordered to be present in their respective Posts and Charges the 1st instant, to take a view of their Magazines, and to give order for their supply. The Duke d' *Aerschot* particularly has this week been employed in visiting the Fortifications in his Province of *Hainault*.

On Sunday last the Baron d' *Isola* Envoye Extraordinary from the Emperor, went hence to *Malines*, and is since departed from thence into *Holland*.

Here are lately arrived Letters from *Milan*, bearing date the 26th past, informing us of the death of the Marquis de *Mortara*; who deceased the day before, after a long distemper of the Gour.

On Sunday last the States of *Brabant* returned hither, and this day assembled; where they fell upon the Debate of maintaining a certain force for the defence of this Province.

The French are daily making new Proposals by their Commissioners at *Lille*, touching their Pretensions to the Dependencies on their late Conquests. The Constable is upon a resolution to send some person to them, to desire they would please to give him in writing the sum of all their Pretensions, without any reserve; that they may the better come to an issue upon that point.

'Tis said the Council of *Spain* is resolved, that the sum of 2 Millions and 500 thousand Livres per annum shall be advanced for the defence and safety of these Provinces; the said sum to be drawn out of the Kingdom of *Naples*.

Brussels, Jan. 15. The 12th instant arrived here privately without any Ceremony the Constable of *Castille*, and the next day was with much state attended to the great Church by the Prince de *Ligne*, Count *Marcin*, and the Count de *Sa'azar*; who re-conducted him to the Palace.

The Soldiers continue quiet in their Quarters, without committing any disorders to the disturbances of the City; but without the Town they commit many robberies: having killed some persons of the City, who refused, when set upon, to deliver their moneys.

One other of the accomplices in the fact committed formerly at *Ousteman*, is said to be lately apprehended at *Mons* in *Hainault*.

Hambourg, Jan. 12. S. N. Count *Coningsmark* is daily expected here, where if the war should continue between the Elector Palatine and Duke of *Lothrain*, he has thoughts of raising some forces for the service of the former, in which he may promise himself success, this place being filled with Soldiers lately disbanded from the Swedish Companies in the Duchy of *Bremen*. The Duke of *Saxe Lawenburgh* continues his Levies, but with what intentions is not yet said.

From *Vienna* we are told that the Turks have lately expressed their resentment of the Emperours late proceeding, complaining that he sends his forces to assist the Republick of *Venice* their Enemy, that he permits the Huslas and Haydukes in *Hungary* without punishment to continue their hostilities upon their Quarters, and that he takes no care in satisfying them in ordering the Fort near *Gomorrh* to be thrown down; but this is returned towards their satisfaction.

1. That the forces which are lately entred into the Venetian service, were disbanded and at liberty to take what employment they pleased.

2. That the Turks having made many and often inroads upon the Emperours Territories, then the Hungarians upon theirs, they had no reason to complain of a return.

And Thirdly, that there was no new Fort erected near *Gomorrh*, but only that his Officers had taken care to repair an old one, which was not inconsistent with the Treaty between the two Empires.

Hague, Jan. 17. On Thursday last the Heer *Silver Croon* the Swedish Resident had an Audience from the States, to whom he presented his Letters of Credence.

The Council of State having taken notice of the great decay of the fortifications in several of the Garrisons under the jurisdiction of the States, which they principally attribute to the backwardness of several of the Provinces in paying the proportions charged on them for that work, have lately presented a Petition to the States-General desiring them to take this affair into their considerations; and to order the continuance of the yearly allowance of Two hundred and fifty thousand Francs to be expended in the reparation of their Forts, and to take order to quicken the Provinces concerned, that they may readily and timely furnish their respective Quotas; as also that they would continue the allowance of 3000 Francs a month for the supply of their Magazines of Provisions for the Militia; besides which, 'tis desired, that the Magistrates in each Garrison may take care for laying up stores, which in case of exigency may supply the Inhabitants for six months: further commanding to their care, the supply of Guns, and other necessaries for their shipping, the necessity of affairs requiring, that a greater Fleet then is usual in times of settlement should be kept at sea, to be in readiness upon any occasion which may happen.

The States of *Zealand* are in few days to Assemble, but as yet 'tis doubtful whether those of *Zirckzee*, will resolve to send their Deputies to take their places there.

The States of *Zealand* having lately ordered the disbanding of three Companies of their Militia, a Letter is ordered to be sent to them to expostulate their proceedings therein, as being an ill president to the other Provinces, who by their example, may also discharge themselves, and by that means the publick receive detriment, the affairs of our Neighbours not being yet in so quiet a posture, that we can promise ourselves security, should not more then a usual force be kept up for the defence of our peace desiring them to continue the Companies as formerly for some few months longer, and to take with them the advice of the rest of the Provinces and Council of State for their disbanding.

The States have ordered the forces upon the frontiers to change their Garrisons, those of *Flanders* to move to the Garrisons on the Confines of *Brabant*, those also upon the *Rhine* to be removed, and others placed in their room.

Monsieur *Carisus* is lately returned hither from *Amsterdam*, where is suddenly expected the Here *Adelaer* from *Denmark*, to agree upon rules for the measuring of such ships as are to Trade into *Norway*.

Plymouth, Jan. 10. This day put into this Sound a Dutch Man of War of 44 Guns and 160 men, having in a late storm spent his Fore-Mast and Bolt-split, and lost the company of two other Men of War; and a Fleet of 30 Merchant Ships bound for the *Streights*, and some for *Smirna*.

Portsmouth, Jan. 12. Yesterday arrived the *Pearl* Frigate at *Spithead*, intending this day to put into Harbour to cleanse and refit. This day the *Milford* and *Portland* sailed out to *Spithead*, the latter designed for *Galicia*, to attend the young Duke of *Tuscany*.