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Chesler, January 21.

Yesterday arrived at *Holyhead* the *Mary*-Yacht His Majesties Pleasure-Boat from *Dublin*, with several of His Majesties Commissioners of Claims and other Persons of Quality, Yesterday sailed from the Point of *Ayre* the *John* of *London* bound for *Legorne*.

Warsaw, Jan. 9. These parts afford little wherewith to satisfy the Curiosity of foreign Countreys, but that all interests are privately, and with much zeal carried on by their several Partisans, who have had divers private meetings upon this Subject, and that several Papers are given about in order to the future Election; amongst others, one of them in *Latine*, giving Rules to be observed in the choosing a Successor to the Crown, as

1. That the person who is to succeed, be a Prince of the Roman Catholick Faith, and not suspected to be any ways inclined to the Reformed Religion
2. That he be of a Roman Kingdom or Dukedom,
3. That he be not a Crowned head, nor a person to be governed by others.
4. That in order to the preservation of the Laws and Priviledges of the Kingdom, he stand not in fear either of his own or his neighbours power.
5. That he be not desirous of the Crown, but such as the Kingdom may desire to raise to it for his vertues.
6. That he be a person expert, and well versed in the art of War.
7. That he be a person of a middle age, not charged with many Heirs and Dependants.
8. That he be Liberal, Wise, and a lover of Justice, by which Vertues Kingdoms are best conserved.
9. That he be of a quiet and satisfied temper, without subtlety, which would occasion jealousy.
10. That he have no quarrels on foot with other Countreys.
11. That he be an able person, and a lover of the Laws, not given to Tyranny or Oppression.
12. That he be a person of Interest and Power to restore the Kingdom to its former Greatness and Reputation,

From *Ukrania* we are told, that the Cossacks intend to send their Envoye to be present at the future Election.

King *Casimir* is returned hither, where he has been magnificently feasted by the *Sieur Marbois* Great Treasurer to the Kingdom; but intends for *Marienburg* before the time appointed for the Election.

The Great Duke of *Moscow* pursues his Design for the Promotion of the young Prince his Son to the Succession of this Crown, and to encourage his Election, sends the Restitution of those Places to which he was obliged by the Treaty formerly made with him; but is much opposed, especially by the *Tartars*, who are again drawn into the Field; with whom are joyned some Troops lately retired from *Transilvania*: but the Cossacks are not yet resolved to joyn with them, having made choice of one *Bueszasko* for their General.

Legorn, Jan. 4. The 27th instant arrived in this Road *Sir Thomas Allen* with a Squadron of English Men of War, where the Fort after some debate saluted His Majesty of *Great Britain*'s Flag with five Guns and his Admiral with 18; which were as civilly returned them with mutual satisfaction: During his abode before the Port, he was pre-

sented from the Great Duke of *Florence* with several Bullocks and Sheep, with a quantity of Wine and Fruits for his refreshment. Tomorrow if the wind serve, he intends to set sail for *Genoua*.

From *Florence* we are informed of the arrival there of three Ambassadors from the Roman Catholick Cantons of *Switzerland*, intending for *Rome*; but were with their Letters of Civility to the Great Duke, received in his absence (he being now diverting himself at one of his Countrey Houses) by the Cardinal *Leopold*; by whom they were received and entertained with much demonstration of kindness.

A French Ship arriving here from *Alexandria*, tells us of the death of the *Bassa* of that place, where it was much feared lest an Embargo would be put upon all Christian Ships riding before that Port; and that the Turks had some intentions to make use of them for the conveyance of succors to their Army in *Candia*.

From *Smirna* we are advised by Letters of the 31th of *November* last, of the arrival there of *Sir Daniel Harvey* Ambassador from His Majesty of *Great Britain* to the Grand Signior; with whom safely arrived also the General Ships.

They assure us that the Grand Signior is at *Larissa* a Town in *Achaia*, between *Athens* and *Thessalonica*; where he has built a Seraglio, and intends to spend his Winter.

Rome, Jan. 5. Here lately passed by this place for *Naples* an express from *Milan*, with the news of the death of the *Marquis de Mortara* their late Governour, and that the Council of state have undertaken the management of all affairs relating to the Government, till they can receive farther order from the Court of *Spain*.

On Monday last, the Pope sent a Courier Express to the Court of *Spain*, to sollicite that Court to contribute their assistance for the defence of *Candia*, by joyning their Gallies and *Sicily* with those of *Malta*, and to fit them up time for the service; and withal, offering his assistance towards the satisfaction of *Don Juan*, and the composition of all disputes in that Kingdom.

Venice, Jan. 12. This week produces nothing new from *Candia*, so that as yet we much suspect the truth of what has been hitherto reported of a general Sally made by the besieged upon the Turks, which has been the longer deferred, because of the great expectation they have of the success of a Mine which they have wrought reaching under the Enginies line, for the springing whereof, they intend to employ some hundreds of barrels of Powder.

The General of *Candia* has with much gallantry, and great variety of dishes, entertained the Duke de *Roannez*, the Count *St. Paul*, with many others of the principal French Officers; at which entertainment was present a Turkish Messenger upon some occasions sent into the Town, who returned to the Visier with no small admiration at the great plenty of all sorts of Provisions in the besieged City, and the great scarcity which they find in their own Camp.

We are here fitting up a considerable Convoy, which towards the end of this month may be in readiness to set sail for *Candia*, on which are to be embarked some numbers of men fit to be employed at the Oar, to be put aboard the Gallies in the room of those that were formerly taken thence to supply the necessities of the Town.

Vienna, Jan. 13. The last week the Venetian Ambassador made his solemn Entry in this City, attended according to custom by a large Train of Coaches, and else yesterday was with the usual solemnity conducted to his Audience.

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