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Messina, Jan. 26. N. S.

BY a Vessel lately arrived from *Smyrna*, we have Letters from that place of the 7th of *December*, by which we are informed, That the Lord *Page*, His Majesty of *Great Britain's* Ambassador to the Port, had received a Message from the Grand Visier, desiring him to come to *Adrianople*, where he had Matters of great Importance to Impart to him; and that at the same time Orders had been sent to the Caimacan of *Constantinople* to furnish his Excellency with all the Conveniences he might want for his Journey; Whence it is conjectured, That the Turks moved by the ill posture of their Affairs in general, and particularly by the Poverty to which their Country is reduced by a long and expensive War, are inclined to a Peace, and that they intend, by the means of the English Ambassador, to make some Overtures in order thereunto. The Reward, Captain *Thomas Bennett*, sailed hence this day for *Smyrna*. The *Blackham* is sailed for *England*.

Leghorn, Feb. 10. Several English Ships are lately arrived here; as is also a French Man of War of 40 Guns, called the *Entreprenant*, who reports, That being in Company of the *Vaisant*, of 50 Guns, formerly an English Prize, called the *Mary Rose*, they met off *Cyprus* with a Dutch Ship richly laden, named, *The Merchant of Syria*, whom they engaged, (not knowing of the Peace) and fought several hours; at last, the *Vaisant*, laying the Dutch Ship on Board, they both took Fire and blew up. About 200 of the French were saved, and 60 of the Dutch; The Commander of the latter, Captain *Van Eberen* was killed in the Fight; in which the *Entreprenant* lost likewise 25 Men.

Venice, Feb. 14. On Thursday morning the Earl of *Manchester*, his Majesty of *Great Britain's* Ambassador Extraordinary to this State, received a Message from the Senate, by one of their Secretaries, desiring he would be pleased to come the next day, and receive their Answer to the Speech he made to them at his publick Audience; for tho' the Doge had then reply'd with a great deal of Civility, yet 'twas only in general Terms till the Senate had considered of it, (of which for that purpose a Copy had been left with them) and agreed on an Answer to be returned to the same. Accordingly his Excellency went last Friday to the Colledge, and was received with the usual Ceremony; (as is the Custom here at all Publick Audiences) and a Copy of the Senate's Answer was afterwards given to Mr. *Scanyan*, Secretary of the Embassy. The Republick has on all these Occasions, expressed a very great Respect and Veneration for the King his Master, and much Esteem of the English Nation, and of his Excellency in particular. Signior *Venier*, who was appointed to receive and conduct him, is one of the Chief Magistrates of the Commonwealth, and the 60 Senators which were ordered to accompany him, are of the first and most Ancient Families of *Venice*: And every thing was performed to the Satisfaction of his Excellency, whose Entry is by all Persons acknowledged the most Magnificent of any that has been for several years. His Excellency has since received several Visits of Ceremony from the Spanish and French Ambassadors, and other publick Ministers. The Senate have resolved to hire several great Ships, to be employed as Men of War, for reinforcing their Fleet; and it's said, they intend likewise to take more Troops into their Service, and to have a very good Army in *Dalmatia* this Summer, where they will be of very great Use. And towards supporting these Expences, the Senate will borrow a considerable Sum of several Genoveses who are willing to Lend them Money at a very reasonable Interest; and Signior *Recanati's* Proposal will be accepted, who offers 100000 Ducats on Condition he may be made a Nobleman.

Warsaw, Febr. 9. The Primate's Demands have been the Subject of several Consultations at this Court, at which a great number of Persons of the chiefest Quality assisted, and those especially were considered, by which he insists; That a Declaration may be made, that for the future, no King of *Poland* shall be Crowned but by the Primate, or such as he appoints, and that Paydon shall be asked him for the Affront that has been offered to his Dignity and Character, and particularly by the Bishop of *Gujavia*, in having intruded into his Office; These Proposals are generally disliked, and seem intollerable to those that are most zealous in the King's Interests; But it being looked upon as a necessary step to the Pacification of the Kingdom, to have Things adjusted with the Primate and his Party, all possible Endeavours are used to bring him to a better Temper; and an Express has been sent to *Rome* to sollicite the Pope to employ his Offices to this Effect. The Ministers of this Court are likewise endeavouring to compose the Differences in *Lithuania*, which the high Pretensions of both Parties renders no easie matter; however, the Account we have of the Proceedings of the Commissioners the King has sent thither, gives us some hope; that this difficulty may also be overcome, and the differing Parties brought to a Friendly Accommodation. The General Diet being appointed for the 16th of *April*, the particular Assemblies are ordered to meet six weeks before, in order to settle all Matters in the several Provinces, and choose and instruct their Deputies to be sent to the said General Diet. A Dispute being arisen between some Persons of Quality here, and the two Princes, Sons of the last King, about Precedency, the latter, to avoid the Difficulties they might otherwise meet with, have left this place, and are gone to *Silesia*, where they intend to pass some time.

Vienna, Feb. 15. It being resolved to augment the Emperors Fleet on the *Danube*, several Vessels are Building, and of greater force then have yet been made use of, which are to be ready by the month of *May* at farthest. Monsieur *Guarenti* is gone hence with the Character of his Imperial Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary to *Moscow*. Several Officers are arrived here from *Poland* to Buy Tents and other Necessaries for the German Regiments in that King's Service, which they say, are to be ready to take the Field by the beginning of *May*. The Thaw, and the great Rains which are lately fallen, have much swelled the *Danube*, and the Ice driving down the River, has taken away a great part of the Bridge belonging to this City. We hear from *Peter-Waradin*, That the Turks design to make a Line near *Belgrada*, along the *Sava*, to defend the Passage of that River; That some Money had been sent to the Commanding Batta for that Service, and a great number of Pallisadoes were preparing to be used in that Work, and in the repairing of *Vipalanka*. They also intend, as soon as the weather will permit, to add some new Fortifications to the Fortrefs of *Temeswaer*.

Francfort, Feb. 23. The French have put off the Evacuation of *Philipsburg* to the 3d of *March*, by which time they think to have demolished the Fortrefs of *Eberstburg*, which they are to quit likewise. A Diet is to assemble here this week on the part of several Neighbouring Cities of the *Upper Rhine*, to consider of the Supplies demanded of them towards the maintaining of the German Garison that is to enter into *Philipsburg*. The French at *Lautern* have demolished that Castle, and at *Homburg* they are doing the like. The Elector *Palatin* is shortly expected here, where he will stay some time, and a House is accordingly preparing for his Reception.

Paris, Feb. 24. The Count *de Crecy* is made choice of to go as Commissioner from the French King to Confer with those that shall be named by the Emperor, for Adjusting the Pretensions of the Dutches

Dutchess of Orleans on the *Palatinat*; of which their Imperial and Most Christian Majesties are by the late Treaty of Peace made the Arbiters; and if they do not agree, the Pope singly is to determine the same; But the Count de Crecy desires to be excused from this Employment, and 'tis believed another will be shortly appointed in his room. 'Tis said, a considerable Fleet is fitting out with all Expedition in the several Ports of this Kingdom, and that the Count de Tourville is going to *Brest*, to hasten the Preparations that are making there.

Brussels, Feb. 27. The Elector of *Bavaria* intends to go in few days to view the Places which the French have restored to the Crown of Spain in the *Netherlands*; And it is discoursed, That his Electoral Highness will soon after go to *Munich* with the Electress, to visit his own Dominions, and having done this, will return hither. The overflowing of the Rivers has done considerable damage in these Parts, and among other things, has broken down the Bridge at *Menin*. New Works are designed to be added to the Fortifications of the City of *Courtray*, and a Survey of the same has been taken in order to set about it as soon as the weather will permit. An Edict had been published at *Lisfe*, and the other Places in the French *Flanders*, for lowering the Rate of the Coin. We hear from thence, That the Officers appointed to Disband several French Regiments, are come to the Frontier to take a Review of them, but as yet the Reform is deferred.

Hague, Feb. 28. N. S. The States General have appointed Commissioners to inspect the Magazines and Fortifications of their Frontier Places in *Flanders*, who have been detained here by reason of the ill weather, but will now begin their Journey in 2 or 3 days. The States have lately received the Notification of the Death of the Duke of *Courland*, upon which a Letter of Condolance is sent to the Dutchess Dowager, Mother of the present Duke, who is very young. The Count de *Bonde* designs to go to morrow for *Rosterdam*, in order to Embark for *England*, his Equipages being already Shipped. Our last Letters from *Paris*, tell us, That the Dutch Commissioners for Regulating Matters of Trade, had as yet made but little progress in that Affair. The Advices from *France* add, That they are fitting out there 50 Men of War, and 30 Gallies; and it is said, that Count de *Toulouse*, High Admiral of *France*, will Command the former in Person, and Monsieur de *Vendosme* the latter, but it is not yet known on what design.

Chester, Feb. 23. Major-General *Levingston's* Regiment of Horse is arrived here, as are likewise 3 Companies more of Colonel *Brudenel's*, in order to Embark for *Ireland*.

Dale, Feb. 26. Last night came down hither His Majesty's Ships the *Betty* and *Poole*, and this morning they sailed Westward, as did also 3 Ships for *Virginia*, and one for *Lisbon*.

The Right Honourable The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are pleased to give Notice to the Contractors upon a Third Contract or Agreement made for Advancing Money for Exchanging Exchequer-Bills, That they pay unto Francis Lyles Esq; Sir Theodore Janssen, Mordecai Abbot, Gilbert Heathcote, William Sedgwick, George Doddington, Esquires, Sir William Ahurst, James Bateman, Esquire, Sir Henry Furness, and Sir Joseph Herne, Trustees, appointed for Management of the said Affair, or to Seven or more of them, or to their Cashier at their Office near the Exchequer, the 3d Payment, that is to say, One full Fourth part of the Money by them respectively Subscribed, on Tuesday the First of March next,

or within 14 days then next ensuing, pursuant to the said Contract.

The Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are pleased to give Notice, That on Thursday the 3d of March next, and thenceforward, there will be new Subscriptions taken for Advancing Money for Exchanging of Bills, Authorised to be Issued at the Exchequer, as well those for 1200000 l. as those for 1500000 l. for which purpose there will be a Contract or Agreement ready for such Persons as are or shall be willing to sign the same, at Mr. John Watson's, an Upholsterer, at the Red-Lyon over against the Royal-Exchange in Cornhill; The Premium or Allowance to be made to the Subscribers being at 8 l. per Cent. for the Sums by them respectively Subscribed and Paid in.

The Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Trinity-House, do give notice to all Masters of Ships, having occasion to pass up or down the North Channel, That the Shoe Beacon, built by the late 14 Water been broken down, but that, till the Season will permit them to Erect another, they will forthwith cause a Buoy to be laid as near the Place where the said Beacon stood, as with Respect to the depth of Water may be convenient.

Advertisements.

A Sermon Preached before the House of Lords, in the Abby-Church at Westminster, upon Monday the 31st of January last. By the Right Reverend Father in God, John Lord Bishop of Norwich. Printed for W. Rogers at the Sun against St. Dunstons Church in Fleetstreet.

The Instrument of Agreement between the Creditor and the Relations of Edward Backwell Esq; deceased, is lodged with Mr. Symms at Mr. Snuggs at the Flying Horse in Lumbard Street, and with Mr. Basset, Bookseller, at the Miter within Temple Bar, where all Creditors of the said Edward Backwell that have not yet Subscribed, or some appointed by them, are desired to repair and Subscribe the same, in order to their speedy receiving the benefit of the said Agreement.

The Reasonableness and Certainty of the Christian Religion. By Robert Jenkin, Chaplain to the Right Honourable the Earl of Exeter, and late Fellow of St. John's College in Cambridge. Printed for Peter Buck at the sign of the Temple near the Inner-Temple Gate in Fleetstreet.

A Collection of good English Books, consisting of Divinity, History, Travels, &c. and Tracts, with several other Miscellaneous Books, in all Volumes, will be sold by Auction at Mr. Cartwrights at the Gun over against the King's-head Inn in Southwark, on Tuesday next the 1st of March. Catalogues may be had Gratis at Mr. Pooles, Bookseller, under the Piazza of the Royal Exchange, and at the Place of Sale.

Est in a Hackney Coach on Monday the 21st instant, by some Persons taken up at the Bible over against the Middle Temple-Gate, and set down at the Indian Gown without Ludgate, a parcel of foul Linnen bound up in a Holland Knapskin. Whoever brings the said Linnen to Mr. Tho. Fielders at the Indian Gown without Ludgate, shall have a Guineas Reward.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt against John Pearce, late of Spittle-Fields, Silkman, intend to meet at the Irish Chamber in Guildhall, London, on Wednesday the 16th of March next, at 10 in the morning, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupts Estate, And such Creditors who have not proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution Money, are then and there to do it, otherwise they will be excluded the said Dividend; And in the mean time all Creditors who have not proved their Debts are desired to send their Accounts to Mr. Tho. Poore at his House in Cateaton-street, one of the Commissioners, in order to prepare such their Proofs.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against John Plover, late of Stepney in Middlesex, Brewer; These are to give Notice to all Persons who are any ways indebted to the said John Plover, or have any Goods or Effects of his in their Hands, that they do not pay such Debts or deliver such Effects to the said Plover, or his Order, or to any Person but whom the Commissioners shall appoint.

At Leighton Beaudepert in Bedfordshire, 5 miles from Dunstable, is a Set of 6 very serviceable Coach Horses to be sold, at reasonable Rates, either all together, or by Pairs, and are fit for present use.

Tell off the Tenter on the backside of the House of Joseph Kaufman in Kidderminster in Worcestershire, Clabier, the 5th instant in the night, one piece of plain narrow Cloth, about 32 yards in length, and a yard in breadth, of a middle brown colour, mixed with Crimson and Blue, marked in the Parcel, 1 O B and the List, red, yellow, and white. Whoever gives notice of the same Cloth, (so as it be had again) to the said Joseph Kaufman, or to Mr. Will. Christopher, in Ironmonger-lane, shall have a Guineas.