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Minehead, Feb. 5.

Here are lately come into this Port the *Samaritan*, *Fortune*, and several other small ships from *Ireland*, informing us, that the *Thomas* and the *John*, two Barks which went out from hence the 2d of *January* last with several Passengers bound for that Kingdom, slenderly victualled, were by force of ill weather carried off to sea into the Bay of *Biscay*; where their provisions failing, and being refused a charitable supply by a French ship which passed by them, they were reduced to great wants, and had undoubtedly perished, had not a Dutch Merchant ship accidentally coming by, supplied them with an Hogshead of Wine, another of Water, and some Bread, in the strength whereof they after 15 or 16 days beating it out at Sea, happily at last arrived at their Port at *Yonghall*.

Bristol, Feb. 6. This Week in the late stormy weather a small Scottish ship coming up the Channel, and in much danger to be cast away, the Master and Company be took themselves to their Boat, which tis believed is since cast away, and all the persons in it lost. The Vessel struck afterwards on ground, whose Goods are since preserved, with one Boy, who was left on board her.

Vienna, Jan. 27 The Prince of *Lorrain* having strongly recommended to His Imperial Majesties guidance and assistance, his Pretensions to the Crown of *Poland*; is again returned to the Borders of that Kingdom; intending to continue in the Neighbouring Parts of *Silisia*, that he may not by his too great distance be wanting to the encouragement of his Party. Prince *Leopold* of *Baden* has accepted of the Government of *Warralin* in *Schlavonia*, but tis believed will be easily induced to give up his Command of the Regiment and Company of Archers of the Emperours Guard, which may be conferred upon Prince *de St. Gregory*, Son in Law to the Marquis *de Castel Rodrigo*, late Governour of the Spanish Netherlands.

We are in daily expectation of an Envoye from the *Upper Hungary*, with Complaints of several Incurfions lately made upon them to their great detriment.

On Wednesday last arrived here the Prince *de Furstemberg* Great Chamberlain of the Household to the Duke of *Bavaria*, to sollicite the Emperour in his Masters Name to interpose in the pacifying of several Disputes and Differences between the said Duke and the Prince *Maximil* and his Brother, which is like to be committed also to the Judgment of the College of Electors.

The Emperour being informed, That a private Woman of this City, was well delivered of 5 Children at a Birth, and all living, was pleased for the rarity of the thing to be their Godfather.

The Empress and the late born Princess her Daughter, have been lately much in dispoled, but to the great joy of the Court, are again restored to a perfect health; but the younger Arch-Duchess of *Inspruck* after some dayes violent distemper, is deceased.

The 25th instant returned hither the *Sieur Hoffmuth*, Secretary to the Council of War, and has given His Imperial Majesty an account of the state of all Affairs of Concernment in the Kingdom of *Hungary*, and particularly of the effect of his Negotiation with the Bassa at *Buda*. The Turks still continue to press the Hungarians to a submission and homage. Prince *Abassi* has summoned together the

States of *Transylvania*, but the greatest matter which is like to be offered to their consideration, is a Method of Raising money for him for the payment of the arrears of Tribute due from him to the Turkish Emperour.

Some dayes since arrived here four Deputies, sent hither with a great Train and rich Liveries from the Archbishop of *Saxborough*, to receive the Solemn Investiture of the Fiefs, which are by that Prelate held from the Empire.

Upon consideration of the Troubles which seem to threaten the *Upper Hungary*, the Regiments of Foot belonging to the Prince *de St. Gregory* and the Baron *de Testi* are ordered to march thither, with one Regiment of Horse and another of Dragoons. The Command of that Countrey, which were formerly suspected to have had some inclinations to close with the Turks, have given His Imperial Majesty full assurance of their firm resolution to continue constant in their Obedience to Him, and to reject any Propositions how fair and promising so ever, which shall be thrown out to tempt them from their duty.

Rome, Jan. 29. On Sunday the 13th instant the Count *de St. Segundo* Ambassadour Extraordinary from the Duke of *Parma*, came with a great Train to his Publick Audience, and in a Latine Speech delivered his Embassy of Obedience, and was afterwards with many Persons of Honour of his Train, admitted to kiss His Holinesses Foot.

The next day was held a Private Consistory, wherein were proposed several Vacant Bishopricks by their respective Cardinal Protectors; which ended, the Pope the same day disposed of the several Offices of the Consistory for the year ensuing.

Here is lately departed this life Segnior *Leone Alatio*, the Keeper of the *Vatican* Library, but as yet his Employment is not disposed of.

The Pope is still intent upon the relief of *Candia*, and has already given Order to his Nephew Don *Vincenzo Bayly Rospigliosi* to order the speedy fitting up his Gallies for that service.

Dantzic, Jan. 29. The Primate having as he intended, given Audience to the Envoye from *Tartary*, received from him a Letter from the Sultan *Galga*, giving him an account that he intended to enter upon the possession of all *Ukrania* by right of Conquest, upon the late happy success of his Arms; and in order thereto, was resolved to send thither one hundred thousand men to take up their Winter Quarters; he farther solicited the Crown of *Poland* approbation of the Cossacks late election of one *Suchowitz* for their General in the room of their old Commander *Dorosensko*, and at last, put them in mind of the promise formerly made to send him some Present, but as yet, nothing is resolv'd on to be returned by way of answer.

The Heer *Gasiensky* sent some time since from *Poland* as Ambassador to the Court of *Muscovy*, has by his Letters signify'd his safe arrival, but that the Czar would not admit him to his Audience, till he had first sent him the Letters which were directed by him; that he was afterwards admitted to his Audience in presence of the Senators, who were placed on each hand of the Great Duke, and was since treated with much kindness and respect, and publickly feasted in the Palace.

Venice, Feb. 2. We are with much impatience expecting the arrival of some vessel from *Candia*, with a certain account of the condition of that place, of which we have yet good hopes since by the way of *Legorn* we are told, that