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Cadix, Octob. 5. N. S.

THE Count d'Estrees, with 13 Men of War, failed from hence the 2d Instant for Thoulon. The Sieur de Costlogon, who commands another Squadron of French Men of War, at present in this Port, intends to sail likewise as soon as two of his Ships are arrived, that are gone to Sallée to fetch the Ambassador the Emperour of Morocco is sending to France. Yesterday came in here the *Nathaniel and Robert*, Captain *John Smith* Commander, in 13 days from the *Downes*, bound for Turkey. The Centurion Man of War, Captain *Price* Commander, failed from hence this day to cruize. The Ships which arrived here the 20th of the last Month from the *West-Indies*, are unloading; it's said, they will be worth to the King above 300000 Dollars in Customs. Vice-Admiral *Aylmer*, with the Squadron of Men of War under his Command, is hourly expected here, some Merchant-men being arrived which came from *England* in Company with him.

Madrid, Octob. 15. The King of Spain's Health is very much mended, and he recovers Strength every day. He has ordered the Almirant of *Castille* a considerable Sum of Money, as well to pay the Arrears due to the Two Squadrons of Horse-Guards, and to a Regiment of Foot that is sent for from *Catalonia*, as to raise Two new Regiments; all which he is to Command in Chief, Independent of any other General Officer. The Count *de Harrach*, Ambassador from the Emperour, made his Publick Entry the 8th Instant; and the next day the old Count *de Harrach*, who before resided here with the same Character, began his Journey to *Vienna*. They write from *Malaga* of the 7th Instant, that the Count d'Estrees with 13 Men of War under his Command, put into that Port the 4th Instant, and the 6th failed from thence for *Toulon*.

Danzick, Octob. 17. On the 14th of this Month, very early in the morning, General Brandt, with a Body of Horse of the Elector of Brandenburg's Forces, came into the Neighbourhood of the Town of Elbing, (situate in that part of Prussia which is under the Protection of the Crown of Poland,) with an intention to put some Troops into the Place at the opening of the Gates, of which the Magistrates having notice, they ordered the Gates to be kept shut, and put the Burglers on their Guard. Soon after they received a Message from General Brandt, that they should open the Gates to him, which they did, and he declared to them That the Crown of Poland having by an Article of the Treaty of Alliance concluded at *Veitna* and *Byesport*, about 40 years ago, between that Republick and the Elector of Brandenburg, together with his present Elector's Highness, agreed that the said Town of Elbing should be delivered to him as a Pawn, to be Garrisoned by his Forces, till Payment was made of 400000 Dollars, due to him by that Crown for the Assistance he had given them in the War against Sweden; and that his Electoral Highness not having hitherto been able to obtain any Satisfaction, he could no longer delay doing himself Right, and therefore had ordered the said General Brandt to put a Garrison into that Place as aforesaid. The Deputies made their Report, and the Magistrates immediately fear to declare General Brandt, that he would forbear all Acts of

Hostility, and they wrote a Letter to the Elector of Brandenburg, which they sent by their Secretary, whereby they desired his Electoral Highness would allow them time to sollicite the King of Poland to free them from this Engagement, and in case of failure thereof, promised to make his Electoral Highness Satisfaction themselves. The Elector returned them an Answer, in which he tells them, That he had received their Letter, desiring he would delay the putting himself in possession of his Mortgage, and offering to endeavour themselves to satisfy him. That as to the first, the Justice of his Proceedings was sufficiently known to them, as well as the Treaty, by virtue of which he acted, that after so long and fruitless Expectation of having Right done him, he found himself obliged to make use of these Means to procure it himself, to avoid the Blame of having neglected the Interest of his Dominions; That it lay in their Power to have Satisfaction given him without any Prejudice to their City, by admitting his Troops into Garrison; And he assured them, that he will maintain them in all their Rights and Privileges, and preserve and countenance their Trade, and withdraw his Troops so soon as the said Money is paid him; Upon all which he desired to know their Resolution, and that in the mean while he had given Orders to his General to forbear all Acts of Hostility; And as to their Offers of giving him Satisfaction, that he looks upon them but as an Artifice they make use of to gain time. What the Magistrates may have resolved thereupon, we are yet to learn. The Elector has likewise writ Letters to the King and Republick of Poland concerning this Affair; and in the mean time we hear, more of his Forces with a Train of Artillery are marching to reinforce General Brandt.

Vienna, Octob. 23. The Pope's Nuncio had yesterday a long Audience of his Imperial Majesty, touching the Difference between this Court and the Court of *Rome*, with relation to the Imperial Fiefs in the Ecclesiastical State, which Affair is not yet adjusted. The Bishop of *Raub* is shortly expected here from *Poland*. Our last Letters from *Hungary* give an Account, that Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy* having sent General *Truchses* with a Detachment of 5 Regiments of Horse, (which were to be joined by 5 others that lay on the Borders of *Transylvania*) to *Upper-Hungary*, to cover that Frontier from the Enemies Excursions; He had repassed the *Thaiffe* near *Sablia*, and having divided his Army in two Bodies, was marched himself with all the Horse and some Regiments of Foot towards *Segedin*, to encamp near that place; and Count *Guido* of *Staremburg*, with the rest of the German Forces, was gone to do the like near *Peter-Waradin*. The Turks continue near *Bgrade*, but it's believed they will likewise very quickly separate their Forces, and that the Campagne will end without having produced any Action of Moment, each Party being now more intent upon negotiating a Peace which may secure their present Possessions, than continuing a hazardous and Expensive War. In the mean time all Things are in a very favourable Disposition for carrying on the Treaty, and we expect to hear by our next Letters from *Peter-Waradin*, that the Conferences are begun.

Frankfort, Octob. 29. The Commissioners from the Emperour and the French King for adjusting the Pretensions of the Dutchets of *Orleans* upon the Palatinate, are come hither, and as soon as the Commissioner from the Elector Palatine is arrived, the Conferences will be begun for that purpose.