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Venice, Dec. 1. N. S.

**T**HE Accounts we have received from Smyrna of the Engagement that happen'd in September last between the Venetian and Turkish Fleets, do own, that the Enemies loss was very considerable in that Action. The day after the Fight, two of their biggest Ships came to an Anchor near Smyrna, being very much disabled, and having lost their Commanders and the greatest part of their Men; and three others were come to Fochies in the like condition. The Turkish Admiral Mezzo-Morto retired after the Fight with the greatest part of his Fleet to Spaladori in the Ile of Scio, where they spent several days in putting their wounded Men on shore, and in refitting their Ships, and the Captain-Bassa having sent Orders to the rest of his Fleet that were dispersed in the neighbouring Ports, to meet him near the Island of Tenedos; he afterwards sailed towards Constantinople; Of which the Chevalier Delfino, who commands the Venetian Fleet, having received Advice, and finding the Weather grew very tempestuous, he returned to Napoli di Romania, where he intended to lay up his great Ships. They write from Dalmatia, that all things continue very quiet on the Borders of that Province, since the Retreat of the Bassa of Bosnia with his Troops from before the Fortrefs of Clin; and that General Mocenigo intended to reinforce the Venetian Frontier Garrisons, and to send the rest of his Troops into Winter Quarters.

*Malaga, Nov. 18.* The Canterbury, Capt. Ward Commander, came in here on the 12th Instant from Tangier, and brings an Account, that one of the Sallée Men of War was forced in there, having sustained much Damage by bad Weather, and that two other of their Ships were sunk at Sea in a Storm. Yesterday sailed from hence several Merchant-ships bound for Hambourg. This day came into this Port the Jeffrey Galley, Captain Jones Commander, from Cyprus, and the Concord, Captain Croncker, from Zant, who intend to sail again to morrow.

*Cadix, Nov. 16.* Vice-Admiral Aylmer continues in this Port with greatest part of the Squadron of Men of War under his Command, the rest being sent out to cruize against the Ships of Sallée; And the King's Man of War, Captain Peddar Commander, will sail to morrow for Algier. The Winchester, Captain Norris Commander, arrived here the 7th Instant with three Merchant Ships from Newfoundland, and at the same time the Weymouth and Sorlingues Men of War passed by this Port, going up the Streights with several Merchant-men under their Convoy.

The Spy-Galley, Richard Street Master, carrying 8 Guns and 17 Men, arrived here the 16th Instant from the Coast of Barbary, having in her Voyage hither met with the Admiral of Sallée, with whom she was engaged several hours, and got off with very little Loss, notwithstanding she was twice boarded. The Indulto for the Spanish Fleet which came last from the West Indies, being now agreed between the King and the Merchants, they are bringing their Effects ashore. Letters from Ceuta of the first Instant bring Advice, that the Moors continued the Siege of that Place with the same ill Success as formerly, notwithstanding they had lately received a considerable Reinforcement of Men with fresh Supplies of Provisions and Ammunition. The Besieged had that day made a Sally, in which they ruined some of the Enemies Works, and killed a great number of their Men, with the loss only of 5 Men on our side.

*Madrid, Nov. 26.* The King of Spain continues in good health; and has of late been several times present in the Council of State. The Baron of Chauvire, Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke of Lorraine, has had Audience of Leave of their Catholick Majesties, and will go from hence in a few days to Portugal. Here is a Discourse, that the French Ambassador at this Court will shortly return to France. Orders are sent to Cadiz, for the fitting out of three Ships to sail for the West-Indies, one of which is to receive on board the Marquis de Billa-Rocho, whom the King of Spain has appointed to be President of Panama.

*Dantzick, Decemb. 6.* Our last Letters from Warsaw say, the Senate which met there to consider of the Elector of Brandenburg's Enterprize against Elbing, excused themselves from accepting the Emperor's Mediation in that Affair, and resolved to take no Resolution therein before the Meeting of the General Diet. We expect by our next Advices from Lithuania to hear of the King's arrival there, and of the Proceedings in order to settle the Affairs of that Dutchy, which, according to the last Accounts we have received from thence, continue in great Disorder. We hear, the Sieur O-ginsky is come to Grodno with a great Number of the Discontented Party, and that Prince Sapieha was marching that way with his Forces, in order to disperse them.

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