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Rome, December 30. N. S.

THE Pope does frequently assemble his Congregation of State, to consult upon the Means of bringing about a Project, which this Court seems very fond of, for procuring a Neutrality for Italy, and they are said to have Encouragement from the French, who find that the War in this Country is not to be carried on by them without a vast Expence both of Men and Money; but for this very reason it cannot be expected that any Proposals of this kind will find Admittance at the Court of Vienna. The Congregation of the Inquisition meets very often, to examine into the Accufation of countenancing Idolatry, wch the Jesuits in China are charged with by the other Missionaries in that Country; yet this matter seems to be as far from being determined as ever. The Difference between the Pope and the Duke of Savoy, touching the Right of Presentation to divers Ecclesiastical Preferments in Piedmont, is at length adjusted, by the good Offices of Cardinal Barberini, who has taken more than ordinary Pains in that Affair, wherein he has succeeded to the Satisfaction of both Parties. Signior Bichi, whom the Pope has appointed to go in the Quality of his Nuncio to Switzerland, is made Titular Archbishop of Laodicea. The Pope, upon the Death of Cardinal Gantelmi, Archbishop of Naples, appointed Signior Panciatichi, his Nuncio there, to take care of the Administration of that Archbishoprick as his Vicar, during the vacancy of the Archiepiscopal See; but the Chapter pretends to a Right of electing a Vicar upon such Occasions out of their own Body, and before they had received the Pope's Brief in favour of his Nuncio, they had already proceeded to an Election, which they now insist upon. The Waters of the River Tiber are fallen, after having done a great deal of Damage in this City and the Neighbouring Country, by their overflowing, having been to high, that we were forced to make use of Boats in several of our Streets. Signior Cecodoro, one of the Pope's Secretaries, was murdered this week in the Palace, as he was passing from the Pope's Lodgings to his own, and a writing was found pinned to his Clothes, intimating that this was done in Revenge, for his having made too free in his Discourses with the Reputation of some Persons.

Venice, January 5. The Germans are making Lines, and taking all the necessary Precautions for securing their Quarters, particularly those of *Ostiglia* and *Finnle di Modena*, the Garison of which last Place they have reinforced with two Regiments of Foot. The same Care is taken on the Borders of the Bishoprick of *Trent*, where, since the late Attempt which the French made of going thither by the Lake de *Guarda*, the Militia is raised, and posted on all the Avenues, and Redoubts and other Works are erected

there to keep off the Enemy, for the Germans are not without a Jealousie that the French have thoughts of endeavouring to get a Passage that way into Germany, in order to reinforce the Elector of *Bavaria*. The French did not come off without Loss from the Expedition abovementioned, having adventured so near to *Riva* and *Torbole*, that before they could get out of Cannon-shot of those Places, three Discharges had been made upon them, which killed many of their Men, and very much shatter'd several of their Boats. The French have now, it is believed, given over the bombarding of *Bersello*; they continued it for three days together, without doing any other Execution than the killing of one Man, burning of 5 or 6 Houses, and doing some damage to a Monastery in the Town.

Cologne, January 19. The French at *Bon* are endeavouring to repair the Damage which the late Floods have done to their Fort over-against that Place. Several Parties of the Forces of the Allies are quartered along the *Rhine*, both above and below that Town, to prevent the sending of any Provisions or other Necessaries thither by Water; and more Forces will be posted in convenient Places for streightening that Garison. General *Somerfeld* march'd last week with a Body of 500 Men of the Confederate Forces, and some Cannon, to attack the Castle of *Sassenbourg* on the River *Aar*, belonging to the Count de la *Mark*, who is in the French Service, in which Place there is a Garison of 200 Men; but our Men finding this Enterprize to be more difficult than they had imagined, and not having made all the necessary Preparations for it, were forced to give it over. A Party of 150 Men of our Garison burnt lately a Magazine of Provisions which the French had got together not far from this Place, in order to have sent them into *Bon*.

Falmouth, January 16. On the 14th Instant was sent in hither by a Dutch Caper a retaken Merchant Ship, called the *Olive Branch*, - - - *Corbin* Master, who having but 12 Guns, and 25 Men, did on the 12th Instant maintain a Fight of 5 hours off the *Manacles* against a French Privateer of 16 Guns, and 100 Men; but at length the Master of the English Ship, his Mate, and 7 more of his Men, being killed, the French took her, though with the Loss of their Captain, and 9 or 10 Men more. The Dutch Caper came up with them the next day, and having retaken the English Ship, gave Chace to the Privateer, but was outtailed by her. Yesterday came in here 6 Ships, having Letters of Mart, bound up the *Streights*. Another came in this day, and the Wind coming about to the N. E. 5 of them are putting to Sea. The *Sidney Galley*, Captain *Upton* Commander, sail'd from hence the 12th Instant to cruize.

Plimouth, January 17. The *Alexander Galley* of *London*, *Joshua Winter* Master, bound to the *East-Indies*; the *Dragon*, *John Bramble* Master, and

the *Mary, Thomass Hedley* Master, both of London, and bound for *Lisbon*, failed from hence the 14th Instant, as did also several Foreign Merchant Ships bound for *Lisbon* and other Ports. Yesterday failed from hence several *Danish* and *Swedish* Ships, bound to *Lisbon* and *St. Hubes*. A *Dutch* Privateer brought into this Port a Dogger which he had taken, belonging to *Ostend*, and laden with Wine and Brandy from *Namur*. This day came in the *Jonathan* of this Place, *Peter Jewell* Master, from *Guernsey*.

Bristol, January 16. The *Zant*, --- *Peryman* Master, and the *Olive-Branch*, --- *Axford* Master, both belonging to this Place, arrived here the 14th Instant from *Lisbon*. There are at present in *King's-Road* Her Majesty's Ships the *Hastings*, with the *Suffolk* and *Hamouze* Storeships, and several Coasting Vessels, bound for *Plimouth*; and Her Majesty's Ships the *Feversham* and *Pennance*, with about 50 Sail of Merchant Ships, which they are to convoy to *Ireland*.

Towes, January 18. On the 14th and 15th Instant divers outward bound Merchant Ships came into our Road from the *Dowries*, as others did from *Holland*; and yesterday about 40 of them put to Sea again under Convoy of 3 *Dutch*, and 1 *Hambourg* Men of War; the rest to the number of about 30, waiting here for other Convoys. A *Flushing* Caper sent in hither 2 days ago a Ship of about 200 Tuns, called the *Neptune* of *Havre-de-Grace*, bound home with Salt from *Croizick*.

Portsmouth, Jan. 19. Rear Admiral *Vander Dufrenoy*, with several other *Dutch* Men of War, and about 12 Sail of Transport Ships, having Soldiers on Board, came to *Spithead* the 15th Instant from the *Maefe*. Her Majesty's Ship the *Grafton* failed the 17th to the Westward, with several Merchant Ships under her Convoy. Yesterday several Companies of Marines were shipped off on Board some of Her Majesty's Ships.

Whitehall, January 20. The Mail from *Holland* of Friday last came in this Evening, and brings the following Advices.

Hague, January 27. N. S. The States of *Holland* and *Westfrizeland* are met, to consider of Prohibiting all Commerce and Correspondence with *France*. The Imperial Envoy has desired of the City of *Amsterdam*, in the Emperor his Master's Name, a Loan of 2 Millions of Florins, for which he offers to Mortgage his Copper and Quick-Silver Mines in *Transylvania*, which have been discovered within these few Years. The Queen of *Prussia* is expected here in the Spring, and Orders are given for fitting up the Apartments at the Old Court for her Reception. We hear the King of *Prussia* offers to assist the Emperor with 4000 Men against the Elector of *Bavaria*, upon certain Conditions, which it is thought will be easily accepted.

Hambourgh, January 23. Letters from *Warsaw* say, the Cardinal Primate had summoned a Synod, or Assembly of the chief of the Clergy of *Poland*, to meet at *Warsaw* on the 25th Instant, and that he seems inclined to the King of *Sweden*'s Interest. Letters from *Riga* say, 40000 *Muscovites* had passed the River *Nieper*, and that 2000 of them were advanced to Druin upon the *Dunina*: it is said their design is to join *Oginsky*.

Cologne, January 23. The Governor of *Rhinberg* having lately sent out a Party of 100 Men to fall upon some *Prussian* Forces quartered near that Place, they met with so warm a Reception, that 20 of them were killed, and the rest were taken Prisoners.

Frankfort, January 21. The Preparations are continued for besieging *Traerbach*; and in the mean time the Place is kept closely block'd up. The Imperial Forces commanded by Count *Sturum*, which are quartered in the *Brigade*, are to be reinforced by a Draught made out of 2 Imperial Regiments of *Cuirassiers* that lie in the *Palatinates*; after which the Count is to march with this Body towards the *Danube*, in order to attack the Country of *Bavaria* on that side; as the other several Bodies of Troops to be employed against that Elector are preparing to do, according to the disposition agreed upon for that purpose.

Venice, January 13. The Germans are fortifying with great diligence all the Passes into the Countries of *Trent* and *Tiro*, and they are fitting out at *Riva* two large Vessels, which are to carry several Guns and Pieces, in order to hinder the *French* from crossing the

Lake de *Guarda*, and making Excursions that way into the Imperial Territories.

Advertisements.

There is now Published, The Evidence given at the Bar of the House of Commons, upon the Complaint of Sir *John Pakington*, against *William Lord Bishop of Worcester* and *Mr. Lloyd*, his Son. Together with the Proceedings of the House of Commons thereupon. Printed for *Edward Jones* and *Timothy Goodwin*.

THE Annual Feast of the Gentlemen Educated at *St. Paul's School*, will be held on Monday the 25th Instant, at *Mercers-Hall* in *Cheapside*. Tickets may be had at *Baizon's Coffee-house* in *Cornhill*, *Mr. Ayres's Writing-School*, and *Mr. Kettleby's Book-feller*, in *St. Paul's Church-yard*, *Mr. Tooke's Book-feller*, at *Temple-bar*, *Squire's Coffee-house* in *Fallers-Reims*, and at *Oliver's Coffee-house* by *Westminster-hall Gate*.

Holman's London-Ink-Powder; being very useful for all Persons to make their Writing Ink as strong and as black as they please: Each Sixpenny Paper of this Powder makes a Pint of the strongest Ink, or a Pint and half or Quart for Shopkeepers Writing and Marking Ink, only by shaking or stirring it often in so much Rain or River Water, and is best for Carriage by Sea or Land. Sold by most Stationers, Bookfellers, and Haberdashers in the City of London, and by Shopkeepers in the Cities and chiefest Towns in England. Made and Sold by *Charles Holman* in *Red-Kion-street*, against the *White-Hart-Inn* in *Southwark*, he having a Patent granted him under the Great Seal of England for making the same.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt hath been awarded against *Henry Place*, of *Wisbech* within the Isle of *Ely* in *Cambridgeshire*, *Chapman*: All Persons that owe him any Moneys, or that have any Goods or other Effects of his in their hands, are not to pay or deliver the same to any Person, but to such only whom the Commissioners shall appoint.

THE Commissioners in a renewed Commission of Bankrupt against *Samuel Lyne*, late of *London*, *Vintner*, intend to meet on Friday the 12th of February next, at 3 in the afternoon, at the *Irish Chamber* in *Guildhall*, *London*, to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where all the Creditors of the said Bankrupt are to pay their Contribution-Money, and prove their Debts, or they shall be excluded the said Dividend.

A Commission of Bankrupt having been lately awarded against *Jeffery Little*, of *London*, Merchant: All Persons that owe him any Moneys, or that have any Goods or Effects of his in their hands, are desired forthwith to send an Account thereof to *Mr. James Plume*, of *Foxhall* in *Surrey*, *Scarlet-Dyer*, Assignee, to whom only the same are to be paid or delivered.

Whereas *Captain Henry Johnson*, late of *Colonel Creighton's Regiment* in *Ireland*, being kill'd in the late War there, did some Months before his Death make his last Will, and did therein bequeath all his Arrears of Pay and other Personal Estate unto his Wife *Mrs. Ruth Johnson*, and had Letters of Administration granted her to the said Defunct, to whom there is due by Debiture a considerable Arrear; And the said *Mrs. Ruth Johnson* not having as yet employ'd any Person to look after the same, nor giving any Account where the same may be found, she is desired forthwith to apply her self by Letter or otherwise to *Captain Robert Gardiner* at *Man's Coffee-house* near *Whitehall*, that Right may be done her in pursuance of the said Will. It's supposed she lives or did formerly live in *Lancashire* or *Cheshire*.

T Shenfield, near *Brentwood* in *Essex*, 15 miles from *London*, is a large new built Brick House, Four Rooms of a Floor, and Closets, with a Brew-house, Brewing-Vessels, and all other Conveniences; Two Coach-houses, and Stables; with very profitable Orchards and Gardens, well planted with Wall-Fruit, and 70 Acres of Corn and Meadow Ground; to be Let by Lease. Enquire of *Mr. Adams*, a Potter, by *Holborn-bars* *London*.

A Young Man of 20 Years of Age was sent by his Friends home with a Friend on Sunday the 17th Instant, about 6 at Night, and hath not been heard of since 11 that Night: If alive, he is earnestly desired to return to his Friends, and he shall be kindly Received; or whoever gives Notice of him (so as his Friends may hear of him, alive or dead) to *Mr. Smith* at his Coffee-house in *Stocks Market*, shall have 2 Guineas Reward, and Charges: He hath a hairy Mole on the Right side of his Chin, black Eyes, ruddy Complexion, a swelling on the back of his right Hand, in a light-colour'd Cloth Coat, black Buzons and Lining, black *Salamanca* Waistcoat and Breeches, and a full brow. *Bob Wig*.

Taken or strayed out of a Ground near *Coventry*, two brown Geldings, one near 15 hands high, broken winded, the other about 14, and lame in his fore Shoulder, both bob Tails, and white Saddle-spots. Whoever secures or gives notice of them to *Mr. Samuel Billing*, Pewterer, in *Coventry*, or to *Mr. Robert Markham*, Stable-keeper, at the *White-Swan* without *Bishopgate*, shall be well Rewarded.

Taken the 9th Instant, from *Mr. Wm. Fouont* of *Rearsby* in *Leicestershire*, a bright bay Nag, shorn Mane, one or two Saddle-spots, about 14 hands; Also a duck punching Horse, between 5 and 6 years old; a little white on one of his Heels, and a foul head; Likewise a brown-bay Nag, a small Star, all his Paces, much String-halt, full aged; shorn Mane, about 14 hands, one white Foot before, and good forehead; And a chestnut Gelding, a little Blaze in the Face, shorn on one of his fore Legs, full aged. Whoever discovers all or any of them to *Mr. Geo. Caldicoat* at the *Naked Boy* and 7 Stars in *Ludgate-street*, *London*, shall have a Guinea Reward for each.