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Plymouth, Dec. 3.

ON Wednesday last put in here 3 or 4 Ships outwards bound, which this day put to sea again with a fair wind.

Harwich, Dec. 7. On Saturday arrived here a Ship from *Sheerness*, telling us that a Ship or Flyboat laden with Deals from *Normy*, was lately cast away upon the Sands called the *Black-sea* near the *Gun-fleet*, where were several vessels assisting for the recovery of her lading and other Materials.

Naples, Novemb. 12. Four Gallies of the Squadron belonging to this Kingdome are sitting up, whereon are to be Embarked several Companies of *Spanish Foot*, to be transported to our places upon the Coasts of *Tuscany*, to change the Garrisons according to Custom.

Two Gallies are lately arrived at *Nisita*, one of them from *Sicily*, with Orders to meet the Marquis *Pietro Isimbaldi*, either at *Civita Vecchia*, or *Legorae*, and to attend him to his New Government of *Messina*, the other belongs to the Duke of *Turks* Squadron, and is bound for *Genoua*.

Cracovie, Nov. 19. The Deputy from the Palatinate of *Kiovie* having protested against the farther proceedings of that Diet, immediately withdrew, and took such care to conceal himself, that although much care was used by His Majesty's Command to find him out to persuade his return, all the endeavours that could be used were found to be fruitless, and consequently the Assembly obliged to dissolve; His Majesty being sensible of the necessities and present ill state of affairs, has summoned another Diet to be held at *Warsaw* on the 13th of *March*, but the animosities arisen and growing daily greater amongst the principal persons of the Kingdom, give us but little reason to promise our selves any better issue from that Assembly.

The 15th instant His Majesty was pleased to declare his nomination to the Dignity of Cardinal in favour of the Bishop of *Besiers*, and the next day his said nomination was dressed up in Form, and Signed to be sent away by an Express to the Court of *Rome*; the French Envoy, Monsieur the Count de *Lionne* having succeeded thus well in his voyage hitherto, had yesterday his last Audience from the King, making his visit afterwards to the Dutchess the Kings Mother: The Popes Nuncio who for some time flatter'd himself but in vain, with the hopes of this nomination, left this Town privately with much dissatisfaction, without taking any leave, and is returned to *Warsaw* where the King intends also to be about the 5th of the next month.

On the same 4th instant the King having had two hours conference with the Emperours Ambassador, was pleased that Evening at his Table to declare to some of his Courtiers, His Marriage with the Arch Dutchess *Eleonor* the Emperors Sister, as a thing concluded; in compliance whereunto, the Senate on the Monday following made it their desire that His Majesty would hasten the consummation thereof. It has been debated that the Grand Treasurer or Chancellour of the Kingdom should be employ'd to *Vienna* to demand her in Marriage; but the Treaty being already so far advanced, it is resolved that the Lord *Park* the Great Chancellour of *Lithuania* shall be sent to attend her into this Kingdom, but is believed the Marriage will not be solemn-

nized in *Warsaw* till the month of *May*, but for the voiding the vast expences of a solemn Wedding, it has been proposed that the Empress Dowager, making a journey of Devotion to the Renowned Lady of *Chefokova*, a little Town about 18 Leagues from this City about 30 from *Warsaw*, shall be accompanied by the said Arch-Dutchess, and the Marriage privately made in that place.

The King endeavours what he may to preserve a right understanding with all his Neighbours, and for that end and purpose intends to dispatch away his Ambassadors to the *Mulcovites*, *Turks* and *Tartars*, and is believed also into *Persia*, and to try all fair and friendly methods for the reduction of the *Cossacks*, hath made choice of several persons his Commissioners, to examine all their pretensions and to offer them all reasonable satisfaction.

Lisbonae, Nov. 20. The *Braile* Fleet which put to sea the 22 past, consisting of 40 sail is supposed to have made a good advance on their voyage. Two ships are here sitting up for the *East-Indies*, but find some difficulty in procuring Moneys, the Merchants not appearing over-forward to lend.

The 3d instant dyed *Fon Francisco* Solcmayor Bishop of *Targa*, designed to have been Archbishop of *Brage* and was the last Bishop remaining in this Kingdom.

The 11th instant the Prince Regent ratified the Articles of peace made with the States of the *United Provinces*, which were immediately sent away upon a man of war which the Dutch Resident had for some time detained in Port for that purpose; by this agreement the States are to receive to the value of a Million of *Cruzados* presently in Salt, and 150 thousand *Cruzados* yearly for 20 years either in Money or Salt.

The 14th instant, the three Portuguese men of war, which attended the *Conde de Prado* to *Italy* in Order to his Ambassy to the Court of *Rome* arrived safely in the Bay of *Casovar*.

The Spanish Ambassador continues very infirme, which his Physicians attributing principally to the Air of this place, induces him to press for his revocation before the arrival of another Minister in his room; if he can obtain that favour from the Court of *Spain*.

No new Ambassador is yet nominated by this Court to be sent to *Madrid*, but the Count de *Miranda* who hath taken his leave is commanded to continue there till farther Order.

Rom, Nov. 23. On Tuesday last the Congregation, of eight Cardinals had their first meeting in the Popes Palace to consult about the best ways and method of defending the Christian Territories against the future encroachments of the *Turks*, having made choice of Monsignor *Albrizio* to be their Secretary, who has also the same employment in the Council de *propaganda fide*.

The Pope has been lately weak and much indisposed, but has so much remission from his distemper, that though the coldness of the season obliges him to keep his bed, he both yesterday and this day gave Audience to several Ambassadors and other Ministers.

Notwithstanding this seeming recovery of the Pope, the Cardinals begin to consult of a successor, and several meetings of the Colledge have been at the Cardinal *Chigi's* Palace under a pretence of other divers meetings.

Vienna, Nov. 24. From *Hungary* we are daily more and more confirmed in our apprehension of a future Disturbance; Letters of the 15th instant inform us, That

the Turks were in the Field with a considerable Body of Men, extorting Contributions from the Country People; and, as a Terror to the rest, had Fired the Town of *Scella* near *Newhausel*, which refused to Levy the Monies unjustly charged on them; that they had killed several of the Inhabitants, and carried many Prisoners to *Newhausel*, with their Wives and Cattel: They farther say, That the Visier of *Buda* has ordered all the Country as far as the Gates of *Presbourg* to be brought under Contribution. The Emperour being Allarm'd with these Intelligences, resolves first to experiment the safer method of preferring the Peace between both Empires, and accordingly has sent an Envoye to the Visier to expostulate with him, and to desire a Reason for this Procedure; but, in the mean time has, by the Advice of His Counsel, resolved to put himself into a Defensive Posture, to avoid surprize, if the Turks should have a mind to break with us, and has therefore Ordered the Regiments to be speedily recruited, augmenting the Regiments of Horse, to a thousand Horse in each Regiment, and that every Regiment of Foot shall be made up 1640 Souldiers.

The 18th Instant was solemnized at the Court with Feasting and Comedy, being the birth-day of the Emperess *Eleanor*.

On Tuesday last arrived from *Poland* a Gentleman belonging to the Count de *Schrsfogtz* our Ambassador extraordinary in that Court, bringing with him to the Emperour the Contract of Marriage between the King of *Poland* and the Princess the Emperour's Sister; the next day the Emperour communicated it to the said Princess and gave her the Title of Majesty, and rewarded the Messenger with a Present of 1000 Rixdollers, whom the Emperess also presented with a Gold Chain.

The Emperess has taken care that the President of the Chamber be ready to make payment of the Million which she is to pay to the said King as part of her Daughters portion.

Yesterday the Count de *Montecuculi* gave Audience to an Envoy sent thither from the Cham of *Tartary*, who delivered his Credentials, and made the Count a Present of an excellent Horse, and is believed may in few days have Audience also from the Emperour.

Even now arrived several Letters from *Hungary*; they confirm not the burning of the Town of *Scella*, but tell us that several Towns of *Hungary* have been charged by the Turks with Contribution.

Legora, Nov. 25. The 22 Instant sailed hence the Dutch Convooy on their way for *Smirna*. Several English ships are now in Port intending suddenly to put to sea for *Puglia* to lade Oyls.

From *Florence* we are advised, that the Prince of *Tuscany* intends this next Spring to leave *Florence*, and to begin a voyage to *Vienna* and *Poland*.

Dantzic, Novemb. 30. On the 24 and 25th Instant happened here an Extraordinary Tempest, the Wind West, and North-west, by which 7 Ships, most of them *Hollanders*, were stranded in, and near this Road.

Venice, Nov. 30. General *Barbaxo* is not yet set forward on his voyage to *Dalmatia*, that being hindered by reason of the delay he has met with in the payment of the summe of 40 thousand Ducats which was assigned him out of the Chamber of *Brescia*.

The Republick is now studying the Art of good Husbandry, and cutting off all superfluous expences, care being taken for the reforming their *Milissias* and lessening their Garrisons in *Terra firma*, having already begun with that of *Palma* where they have disbanded One thousand soldiers, but have out of them filled up their old Companies, those of the foreign Companies being from 50 augmented to 150 men apiece, and those of the Inhabitants from the like number 50 to 100 in each Company; all supernumerary Officers reformed; and the Officers of the five remaining Regiments of *Terra firma* retrenched in their pay. The soldiers which are disbanded are seeking employment in the Empire.

On Tuesday last all the soldiers of these parts were mustered in the presence of his Excellency Segnior *Sauio*, where several officers were elected from the Senate with several marks of their acknowledgement of the good service performed by them in the late wars.

Orders are given for the furnishing the sum of 80 thousand Ducatoons for Presents, which are to be made by Segnior Cavalier *Molino* to the G and Segnior, Visier, and other Ministers of his Courts, and several persons are ordered to be sent with the said summe to Convoiy it to *Buda*, where the said Segnior *Molino* expects its arrival, and with him his son, with Segnior *Ottavio Labia*, who may be employ'd to *Candia* with the Present intended for the Visier, and tis hoped they may all three of them have the conveniency of passing with the Visier and his Army from thence to the Otoman Court.

On Sunday last the Senate caused a considerable Present in Silver to be made to the Popes Nuncio, to the value of five thousand Ducats, in acknowledgement of the fence they had of his assistance, in procuring for them, the sale of the suppressed Religious houses within their Jurisdictions: they are also preparing a Present 30 to be sent to *Rome*, with their Compliments upon the Marriage of the Popes Nephew with the Heiress of *Pallavicino*.

We expect suddenly a new Resident from the Great Duke of *Tuscany*. The French Ambassador is putting himself and Train into mourning for the death of the Queen Mother of England.

Hambourg, Dec 3. his last week was executed at *Ploen* the knigh of Prince *Barnard of Holstein's* Company, who this last Summer committed the Murther in the *Neiberlands* upon the Baron de *Kessleritz*, a Gentleman of *Saxony*, his Body and Head afterwards publicly expoid in the eminent places of the City.

From *Ratisbonne* we are told, that the Members of the Empire had not yet began to Levy their forces according to the late resolve for the raising of 30 thousand men for the security of the Empire; but that the States had agreed upon a Train of Artillery for the said Army, which was to consist of four great Guns for Bateria, eight great Field-pieces, and twelve lesser ones, eight Mortar-pieces, eight Bridges, and six other Field-pieces to attend 6 Regiments of their Infantry, and have agreed also upon a proportion of Ammunition and all other necessaries for the said Army.

The Baron de *Risancours* has after much pains and many journeys, happily effected the composition of all differences between the Elector of *Mayence* and the Duke of *Lorrain*, and is since gone to give the said Duke his Master an account of all that his Negotiation.

The Electors Ecclesiastick and Secular have resolved to draw up the Result of all their Conferences which have been had upon the point of their perpetual Capitulation, and to deliver it into the hands of the Emperors Commissioner, the Bishop of *Aichstadt*, to be communicated to the Emperour for his Resolution.

Upon several intelligences brought thither from *Hungary* and other parts, the Deputies of the Assembly at *Ratisbonne* have conceived much danger to be threatened from the Turks, and are therefore pressing that some speedy Care be taken for the Raising of the Forces designed for the security of the Empire.

Brussels, Decemb. 10. The last Courier which arrived here from *Spain*, brought with him a Commission and Instruction for the Prince de *Ligne* to be Vice-Roy of *Sicily*; who, has thereupon received the Compliments of all the Principal Nobility, and is making Preparation for his Voyage thither, many Reformed Officers and young Gentlemen having made their Addresses to him to attend him to his Government.

All the Provinces have agreed to furnish their Proportion for the Maintenance of their respective *Milissias*, excepting only *Brabant*, whose final answer and Resolution is this day expected.