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Plymouth, Dec. 24.

Here are lately put in by contrary winds near 30 sail of ships from *Byrdeaux, Nantes, Bayonne, and Charante*, laden with Brandy, Prunes and other Commodities bound for London and other Ports of England, expecting the opportunity of a fair wind, as do also the like or a greater number which before lay wind-bound in this Port; here is also arrived one ship from *Portugal* but without any considerable news.

Deal, Dec. 27. Yesterday in the afternoon arrived here in His Majesties Yacht the Earl of *St. Albans*, with the rest of the Commissioners sent over to *Paris* to order the Funeral of the Queen Mother, and to take an Inventory of her Goods and things of value, they ran some hazard in coming out from *Callais* and were yesterday in the morning in danger of the *Goodwin*.

This day several pieces of wrecks have been taken up at and near this place, which gives us reason to believe that several ships may have been cast away upon the *Goodwin*.

Naples, Dec. 2. The Viceroy having given an account to the Court at *Madrid* of the differences which lately arose here between the Royal Chamber; and the Ministers of the Apostolick Chamber, concerning the disposal of the Sums of Money arising from the sale of several small Convents and Monasteries within this Kingdom; and received the Resolution of the said Court upon that matter; has ordered *Don Antonio de Gaeta* the President of the Royal Chamber to make a journey to *Rome* for the final ending of that Affairs.

The *Banditti* continue still their Insolencies in the Countreys near them, nor is yet any effectual resolution taken to reduce them.

The Charge of General of the Gallies belonging to this Kingdom being vacant by the Resignation of *Don Juannez Doris*, is by Her Majesty the Queen Regent of *Spain* conferred on the Duke de *Ferrandina*.

The *Corsaïres* of *Barbary* much interrupt the trade of the Mediterranean. From *Sicily* they tell us, that Intelligence being brought to *Trapani* that a Merchant ship belonging to one of their Neighbouring Ports was fallen into their hands, they immediately put out to Sea a lully Man of Warr, hoping to recover her, but coming up with her, six other *Corsaïres* came in to her rescue, from whom this Man of Warr with much difficulty saved himself.

Rome, Dec. 7. The desperate estate of the Pope is received here with general sadness more then for any of his Predecessors in our memory, and is principally attributed to extreme melancholly occasion'd by the surrender of *Candia* to the *Turks*, from whom he labour'd what he was able both upon his own account and his interest with other Princes and Republicks to preserve in.

On Munday last in the Evening he received Extreme Unction, since which the Furniture and richest Goods are taken out of his pallace, and all possible preparations are making for the ensuing Conclave; it being not believed he can be able to live a day longer, yet in his greatest weakness he has been prevailed with to dispose of several Legations, particularly that of *Arbys* is conferred on the Cardinal *Cerri*, that of *Bologne* on Cardinal *Pallavicino*, that of *Ferrara* on Cardinal *Acciaïoli*, and one other upon Cardinal *Bonacessi*.

We have even now received news that the rich Heiress of the House of *Pallavicino* the intended Spouse of *Don Gio. Battista Rospigliosi* arrived the last night at *Civita Vecchia*, and Coaches are ordered to attend her and conduct her to *Zagavolla* till preparations can be made for her better accommodation and the Consummation of the Marriage.

The Queen of Sweden is most of any concerned for the Popes condition, having not failed in her visits twice a day, and her self experimenting on him a Medicine though in vain, which had for several Months preserved *Alexander the VII*

Legorn, Dec. 9. The news of the promotion of the Archbishop of *Florence* Monsignor *Nerli* to the Dignity of Cardinal, and of the advancement of Monsignor *Acciaïoli*, Auditor of the Apostolick Chamber to the like Dignity, were received with great satisfaction at *Florence*, the latter having in that City many relations.

From *Cagliari*, the Metropolitan of the Island of *Sardinia* we are told that the Duke de *St. Germain* the Viceroy, has lately committed to prison several Women suspected Witches, who were said by Diabolical practices to have designed against his life, and that some of them have confessed themselves guilty thereof.

Venice, Dec. 17. From *Cantawer* have intelligence of the continuance there of *Chevalier Molino* our Minister, to whom the Visier has been pleased to give many testimonies of his civility as well as of his resolution to continue the peace so lately made with this Republic; the said *Chevalier Molino* has his liberty of passing when he pleases to *Suda*, and expects the arrival of *Segnior Lorenzo Molino* with the Prelens designed for the Grand Segnior and the Visier; our Fleet is the greatest part of it laid up for this winter, about 40 sail being sent to *Zante*, and some others dismissed the service; General *Morofini* is with 14 men of war at *Suda*; and our Gallies at *Porto Cheri*, not far distant from *Zante*.

The Hostages which were given on both sides for security of the Articles upon the conclusion of the peace are mutually dismissed and returned home with much satisfaction and several Presents.

We hear now yet of the arrival of the Commissioners sent by the Grand Segnior into *Dalmatia* to confer with ours about the Regulation of our bounds and limits.

The Senate is daily considering of fit methods of raising Moneys, as also of the best way of easing the publick as well as the people of their great burthens which lie upon them, but are yet forced to lay an Impost of a penny upon every little measure of Salt, which 'tis computed will amount yearly to the sum of Twenty four thousand Ducats, which sum they intend to take up upon that Credit beforehand, allowing Five per Cent interest, which Moneys so advanced are to be expended towards the payment of the publick debts contracted by this war.

A great part of the soldiers which returned from *Candia* are to be sent into *Dalmatia* to reinforce the Garrisons which were much weakened by the numbers which were formerly drawn out of them for the Levant service, the rest of them to be disposed of into Quarters in *Terra firma*.

All the Reformed Officers which have shown any evident marks of their courage in the late war will be honourably dismissed the service of this Republick, and sent home to their respective Countreys with rewards suitable to their merits and the bounty of this State.

Several ships are here sitting up, and divers already put