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Plymouth, Decemb. 31.

THe Fleet of upward of 70 Merchant ships are as yet detained here, expecting a fair wind to invite them out to Sea, and to return home to their several Ports.

Bridlington, Decemb. 31. Yesterday was put on shore here by force of ill weather a small Vessel belonging to London, laden with Tarr from North-Bergen, where she was broken in pieces, but all her men and most part of her Lading preserved.

Madrid, Dec. 8. The Bishop of *Beyrs* designed hither under the character of Ambassador from His most Christian Majesty is daily expected here, his lodgings being already taken in the same Pallace wherein was formerly entertained the French Ambassador his Predecessor.

We also expect a new Ambassador from the Prince Regent of Portugal to relieve the present Minister from that kingdom, who waits for his Letters and Orders of Revocation, and is confidently said, the Prince Regent designs the Marquis d' *Ouca* for this employment.

The Fleet from *New-spain*, though long expected is not yet arrived at *Cadix*, nor is it believed it can arrive before *April*, which puts no small stop upon the publick as well as private affairs.

The disturbances at *Sardigna* are not yet composed, but rather heightened, notwithstanding all the care that hath been taken by the Duke de *St Germain* the Viceroy of that Island for the preservation of the peace; the persons who were accomplices in the murder of his predecessor, having a considerable party, and frequently attempting against the life also of the present Governour; whereupon, Orders have been sent to *Cadix* for the speedy fitting up of four of the best ships of the Armada, who are with all diligence to put to sea for the transportation of several Companies of Foot designed for that Island for the security of the Viceroy, and to enable him to preserve the quiet of the place.

Lisbonne, Decemb. 9. The Count de *Schomberg*, who has also here the Title of *Comde de Arrauolos*, some dayes since arrived heretom *France*, appearing here with a great and handsome Train, but much less then he intended, the Indisposition of his Lady, which obliged her to continue at *la Rochelle*, obliging him to leave a considerable part of his Train behind him for her Attendance.

The French Ambassadour by express Order from the Court of *France* is this week entering himself and his whole Family into Mourning for the death of the Queen Mother of *England*.

We have this day a warm report amongst the Marchants, that the *Algerines* have lately taken some Dutch ships with their Convoy, coming from the *Algaves*. About two dayes since came In here a Fly-boat of 20. Guns, and 45. men from the *Brazil*, commanded by Captain *Doffield*, who in the Bay of *Cascas* was set upon by a Turk of 46. Guns, who fancying himself of much greater force then the Fly-boate, in confidence of an easie Conquest came close up, and grappling laid her aboard, where a close fight was stoutly maintained for above two houres, when the Turk finding the ill success of his attempts, and that a longer Dispute would in probability turn to his own loss, thought fitter to cut his Grapples, and leave her to the pursuit of her Voyage. Of this Dispute a French

Man of 30 Guns and 90 Men, which came in company with the Fly-boat, was a sufficient Witness, having lain by during this Dispute as an Unconcerned Spectator, Contenting himself with the firing only of 4 Guns in Assistance of his Fellow Travellour.

Venice, Decemb. 20. We now begin to drive a Trade again with the *Levante*, and have already made some returns to the revival of the decay'd spirits of our Merchants, amongst others here lately arrived two ships, one from *Constantinople*, and the other from *Alexandria*, but their Fraught nothing so considerable as was expected, which is attributed partly to a deadness of Trade, occasioned by the great abuse so long practised in the vent of Five Solz Pieces, but more of the disturbances in those parts of the *Ottoman* Empire, and the Tumults and Insurrections amongst the people, which have infinitely prejudiced the Commerce of those parts.

The Visier having a design to make use of some of his Gallies, was forced, for want of Men to employ at the Oar, to press divers of the Inhabitants of the Island of *Candia* for that Service, which the Islanders at the first disputed, and made their Complaints of, as if the Visier had in this particular acted contrary to what he had promised, and engaged himself to by the Articles made with the Republick of *Venice* at the Reduction of the Metropolitan; But the Visier soon answered that Objection, by telling them, That his Engagements at the surrender had regard only to the Inhabitants of the then besieged City of *Candia*, and not at all to those who were Inhabitants of the Country, the greatest part whereof had been subject to the *Ottoman* Empire for more then twenty years.

Genova, Dec. 24. The Two Gallies which belonged to this Republick and were employed for the Transportation of the Rich Heirels of *Pallavicino* to *Rome*, are lately returned hither from that voyage, having safely landed her at *Civita Vecchia*, where she was received and entertained with all the honour and respect she could have imagined.

The Reverend Father *Sisto Cerchi*, lately Inquisitor of *Bologne* having resigned that Charge, is removed hither to exercise the Charge here of Inquisitor-General.

Here lately put into this Port a Bsrk with several Foot-soldiers from *Valenza* bound for *Naples*, and after some little stop put to sea again in pursuance of their voyage.

From *Legora* we are advised, that some Holland ships from *Smirna* were near the gulf of *Venice*, set upon by Six Corsairs of *Tripoli*, with whom they maintained a fight for several hours, and that both parties being tired out with the engagement, fairly quitted one the other, the Hollanders putting into *Zant* to rest.

We are in daily expectation of the return of the Convoy belonging to this Republick, but have strong apprehensions that they may run some hazard, especially since a report has been spread that some Leagues distant from *Alcant*, they were attended and kept in by a Squadron of the Corsairs of *Argier*.

About three days since arrived here the Earl of *Northumberland*, who continued during his stay here *incognito*, and this morning departed hence for the Grand Dukes Court at *Florence*.

We much fear the issue of the broils upon the frontiers between the Duke of *Savoy* subjects and those of this Republick, many symptoms of a war appearing; the Dukes people not long since seized on a Captain and one other person belonging to this State; the Captain was carried to a Castle of the *Savoyards* upon the frontiers, and after-

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