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Barnstable, Feb. 18.

This day arrived here the *Bideford* Merchant of this Port from *Lisbonne*, and the *Royalty* likewise of this Port from *Cadix*, being two vessels employed hence upon the Fishing Trade to *Newfoundland*.

Chester, Feb. 19. The *Rainbow* of *Liverpool* bound for *Dublin* laden with Wooll and other Goods about a League from *Liverpool* sprang a Leak and foundered in the sea, the Master with Six men and two passengers happily escaped in the boat, leaving his Brother with one of his servants and 14 passengers in the ship, which in little time sank to the bottom.

Several ships are safely here arrived from *Dublin*.

Lyme, Feb. 19. The 17th Instant arrived here the *Margaret* of this place, in three days from *St. Malos*, laden with Canvas; the Master and People aboard her confirm the arrival of the *New-Spain* Fleet at *St. Lucars*; and, that several French men of Warr are fitted up at *Brest*, the Souldiers Raised, and Seamen Press'd, and ready to be sent on Board those Ships designed for *Madagascar* and the *East-Indies*.

Cadix, Jan. 25. We have this certain account of the proceeding of *Sir Thomas Allen* with the Fleet under his Command; that on the 31st past he endured a great storm, but without any other damage than the splitting of some sails, and the 1st instant the wind being abated found all his Company even beyond expectation in view; the next day he plyed to the Westwards to meet and secure the Herring-Fleet. The 3^d instant fetcht up a French Tartan coming from *Carthagena*, who informed him of 47 Turks and Moors, which were there remaining out of above 200. whose ship had been forced on shore by some of *Sir Thomas Allens* Squadron the 14th past off *Cape Palos*. The 6th instant at night plying still to the Westward, he found the Herring Fleet, and with them Captain *Holmes*, with whom he joynd also the *Portland* to secure their passage to *Legorn*: the 11th instant being by Easterly winds driven into *Malaga* Road, he took care for the disposal of two prizes which were formerly put in there, and finding there several Fish ships and one other extraordinary rich Merchant ship, he ordered the *Milford* and *Pearl* to conduct them thence to *Alicant*; the 12th he sailed from that Road, and met with the *Mary*, *Bristol*, *Forefight* and *Spread-Eagle* with a Convoy of 15 Merchants from *Malaga*: the 13th instant he past the *Streights* with many Merchants under his protection; and the next day came to an Anchor in this Bay, where he spent some days in taking in fresh provisions; the 19th instant he went out of this Bay, and the 21st having convoyed a Fleet of 30 Merchants as far as *Cape St Marys*, committed them to the protection of the *Milford*.

Cadix, Jan. 30. The 22nd instant *Sir Tho. Allen* convoy'd the Merchant Fleet as far as the *Cape St Vincent*, and the 24th took leave of them; the next day anchored in *Logos Bay*, and took in a supply of Wood for necessary uses, and the 29th came to an Anchor in the Bay of *Cadix*, where he found the *Jersey* and *Centurion*, with a Convoy of Merchants homewards bound; the *Jersey* passing by *Luica*, saw near that Island a Fleet of 16 sails, which he judged to be French men of war.

The Emperour of *Morocco* has made good his word to his Excellency the Lord *Howard*, and caused all the Eng-

lish which were taken by the *Sally* men since the Truce made with him to be restored to their liberty.

Warsaw, Feb. 2. All things are preparing for the intended Marriage of the King, who upon information that his Royal Spouse has left *Vienna*, intends the 8th instant to leave this place and begin his journey to *Czenstochow*, a considerable part of his baggage being already parted; the Emperours Resident, the Popes Nuncio, and *Sir Peter Wich* His Majesty of *Great Britains* Envoye Extraordinary, are invited to be present at the solemnity of the Marriage, but the Nobles still continue to be dissatisfied, and the Primate has written several Letters to the King and the Vice-Chancellor of the Crown full of complaints and reproaches, that an affair of so great consequence as this should be privately carried on without the consent and advice of the States; the said Primate, the Bishop of *Cracow*, and the Bishop of *Plosky*, either of whose Office it is to Marry the King, have excused themselves from the journey to *Czenstochow*, so that tis believed the Ceremony will be performed by the Popes Nuncio: the Pomp and Magnificence of this Wedding is reserved for this place, where Three Triumphant Arches are to be erected, one towards the Arsenal, and two others in the great place of this City.

Most of the Dieties are ended with approbation of the Marriage, that of *Sendomire* is broken off by the peevishness of two or three persons only, who protested against the proceedings of the rest, but those States have sent to desire His Majesties Letters to empower them to meet the second time.

The *Sieur Wisouski* has received his dispatches and instructions, and may in few days set forwards on his Embassy to the Ottoman Court, according to the resolution taken in the last Diet.

Our Treaty with the Muscovites is broken off, and our Commissioners returning home, the divisions within this Kingdom giving that people too much reason to refuse the surrender of *Kiovia*, and to believe they may farther make use of this opportunity of raising an advantage to themselves from our disorders. The Great Duke of *Muscovy* intends to marry again, and has taken a view of several Ladies, amongst whom he has taken particular notice of two, who are persons of great Beauty though but mean extraction.

The Tartars of *Bialogrod* are retired out of *Ukrania*, where they made great spoil, but were forced by General *Sobiesky* (who attended them with a strong party) to leave a considerable part of their booty behind them; tis believed that the occasion of their Retreat might be the news of the death of the *Bassa of Silistria*.

Madrid, Feb. 5. The Queen Regent employs most of her time in publick affairs, but has not yet nominated any person to succeed the Prince *de Ligne* in his Charge of the Cavalry in *Flanders*, but tis believed Her Majesty is much inclined to confer it on some eminent person of that Countrey, she having expressed her self very sensible of the many services done by them to the Crown of *Spain* during the late wars.

The Arrival of the *New-Spain* Fleet the first Instant at *St. Lucar*, gives no small satisfaction to this Court, as well as to the Merchants; it consisted of 22 Ships, who, besides other Rich Lading, bring with them a large proportion of Silver upon His Majesties Account. The Gallions may be expected about the end of this Month.