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Hull, July 8.

This week arrived here one ship of this place called the *Supply*, from *Virginia*, laden with *Tobacco*, three ships of this place from *Holland* laden with the several Commodities of that place, one from *Hambourg*, one *Swede* from *Stockholm* laden with *Iron*; two *Norway* ships with *Deals*, and two ships from the *East* Countrey, laden with *Flax* and *Hemp*.

Lyme, July 9. This week arrived here the *Francis* of this place from *Morlaix*, and the *Windsor* and *Elizabeth* from *St Malos* with the usual lading from those parts; these inform us, that a little before they came from thence, five hundred *S*amen were sent from *St Maloes*, and half the number from *Morlaix*, to be Embarked upon the French Kings ships at *Brest*, 14 Sayl of men of war being there fitting up, and to be speedily manned; but tis not yet said upon what Expedition. Nearer 4000 men are now employed at *Brest* about their ships and Magazins.

Rome, June 21. The Pope is still consulting how to lessen the publick expence, and unwilling to press the people with any new Taxes, however it was rumored to the contrary, but endeavouring rather to ease them from those already imposed, and particularly, from the Tax upon *Meal*, which most sensibly afflicts the poorest sort of people. The Reformation of the soldiery is well advanced, and like to be a great ease to the publick, and may save the Chamber near 70 thousand Crowns a year.

The Pope has according to the custome of his Predecessors, granted an universal Jubile upon his Exaltation, and has on foot began his Devotions to several Churches upon that account.

On Tuesday last towards the Evening, dyed here Signior *Baily Camillo Rospigliosi*, a person much lamented by the Poor, who had received several demonstrations of his great Charity; the Cardinal his son, with several others of his Family, were present at his death, and have since caused a solemn Funeral Service to be performed for him in the *Jesuits* Church: the said Cardinal is purchasing the Lands of *Zagirola*, for *Gio. Battista Rospigliosi* his Brother, and Heir to the deceased *Camillo*, who is to be declared a Duke, in which Purchase the Pope is pleased to be an assistant, leaving several places in the Mounts of *Piety* to his disposal.

Cardinal *Raggi* is going for *Genoua* his own Country, having obtained leave from the Pope, to resign an *Atby* in his possession to his Nephew *Ferdinand*. On Sunday last Cardinal *Bichi* went hence towards *Osimo*, and to morrow Cardinal *Roscetti* goes hence for *Factta*; and Cardinal *Caraccioli*, and the Marquis de *Pescara* for *Naples*, from whence they write that the Viceroy has well fortified all his Sea Coasts, to prevent any design the Turks might have to land, and had sent out two Felucas for intelligence to observe the motion of the Turkish Fleet, of whose designs he had some apprehensions. The Duke d'Albuquerque has taken also the same care for the Defence of *Sicily*, and daily expects the arrivall of his successor the Prince de *Ligne*.

Venice, July 8. Letters from Cavalier *Molino* from *Suda* inform us, that the Visier put to Sea the 29th of *May* with a great Fleet of Gallies and other ships, and several Tripolines, intending to wait on the Grand Signior at *Adrianople*: Cavalier *Molino* our Ambassador is gone with him, attended by a Train of 70 persons, which are to be Entertained during their Voyage upon the Visiers expence.

The Visier before his departure had Visited all the principal places of the Kingdom of *Candia*, Ordering strong Forts to be built at *Chironis* and *Le-trino*, and for an additional strength to the Town of *Candia*, had caused a line to be drawn from the Fort *St Andre* towards the Sea side, with a kind of Fort upon it, whereon are placed Cannons which will not only secure the Port on that side, but will render the Fort *St Andre* much stronger then before.

He has by a severe Proclamation, Commanded that no Christian shall be suffered to lodge at night in *Cinea*, permitting them only Trade by day. He has Ordered all the Houses in *Candia*, to be sold at reasonable prizes to the Turks, and caused all the Churches to be pulled down or turned into Mosques for the exercise of the Turkish Religion, except only two little ones, one of them having been purchased with some few houses in the Country by a Grecian Bishop, for the sum of 2500 Reals, and the other by some Monks of the Order of Mount *Sinai* who are also Grecians, so that the Exercise of Christian Religion is every where suppressed, but only in *Retimo*, where they are permitted the use of a Church, but the people Ordered to shave and Cloath themselves after the Turkish fashion.

The Visier has taken so great a love to *Candia* that nothing but the importunity and Commands of the Sultan could have obliged him to leave it, during his stay he had taken care to adorne the City of *Candia*, and has during his absence intrusted that care with his Commissioners, but they every where break down the Statues as not permitted by their Religion.

From *Dalmatia* they write that the Grand Signior had sent some persons to *Constantinople* to cause his Brother to be put to Death, according to the severe Policy of that Empire, but the Janisaries had protected him, and killed the Emperors Messengers, which has so much incensed him, that he resolves to march thither with his whole army to take revenge of the front.

The Proveditor General *Barbaro* is going to Visit *Gattaro*, to dispose of 800 Souldiers for the reinforcement of several Garrisons, and to take Order for the furnishing the *Lazaretti*, for the Reception of Merchants goods coming from the *Levant*, towards which work the Senate have sent him the sum of 20 thousand Ducats.

The Senate has resolved upon the Election of a Proveditor for the Government of the Territory of *Clissa* and some other places, which were conquered during the late wars with the Turk, to whom such instructions are to be given as may render those places of advantage to the Publick.

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