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Falmouth, November 22.

ON Tuesday the 14th instant in the Morning, the *Experiment*, and a Ketch which came in her company from *Lisbon*, laden with Oyls, &c. went out of this Harbor; but the same Night about 10 of the Clock, there arose a very great storm, which continuing 24 hours, separated them. The Ketch on the 19th was forced back into this Harbor, much beaten at Sea, and can give no account what became of the *Experiment*. The *Success*, a private Man of War (as the Letters from *Helford*, dated the 20th, tell us) Captain *Manning* Commander, sent a Prize in thither laden with Brandy Wines, &c. He had taken three more (as the Master tells the Story) but being parted by the violence of the Weather, he knows not what is become of them: On the 20th came in thither a small Vessel laden with Butter from *Ireland*, which had lost all her Masts.

Copenhagen, *Octob.* 31. The Grand Treasurer, *Hanibal Sehestedt*, is still here, but talks every day of beginning his Journey, having already dispatch'd away his Train and Baggage, whereof a considerable part shipped in a *Danish* Hoy, with that of *Ameronghens*, we are told is cast away in the last storm, in which the Treasurer, among other goods, hath lost two Cabinets of value. In the same storm perished a *Swedish* Vessel, and an *English* Merchant-man was run aground, but with much adoe hath been recovered. We are told that the *Swedes* have likewise lost some of their Troops in their Transportation to *Fomeren*.

Venice, *Nov.* 13. The States here are making great Preparation both by Sea and Land for the recovery of *Candia*; and their *Armada* keeps constant Watches to prevent the carrying in of any relief: notwithstanding which, about 1000 Foot from *Alexandria*, having Orders to venture, made shift to get landing at a Place on the back of the Island *Glera Pietra*, 100 Miles distant from *Candia*, and 200 from *Canea*; which will be a very tedious and hard march over the Mountains.

By the way of *Belgrade* we are advised from *Constantinople*, that there hath hapned another Fire in the Grand Signor's *Seraglio*, which hath destroyed to the value of 14 or 15 Millions. The Grand *Vizier* finding himself in favor with the Grand Signor, hath caused several *Bassa's*, whom he suspected as his Enemies, to be strangled.

Paris, *Nov.* 25. The King hath granted to the *Marschals du Plessis Prassin*, *d' Aumont*, and *de la Ferte*, the Brevers of Dukes and Peers of *France*, to be registred in Parliament, of the same date with those of *Monsieur de Montausier*, who sometime since was promoted to this Dignity. This Court was much surprized to hear of the Marriage of the Duke of *Lorraine* with the Count *d' Aspremonts* Daughter, who hath made her entry into *Nancy* with extraordinary Magnificence. The *Chambre de Justice* have newly imposed several sums of Money on the *Marschal d' Estree*, and the Heirs of the late *Marschal d' Clerambaut*. The King having an intention to declare Himself by Parliament, first Creditor of the *Parisiens*, the Court by Message made their excuse in it.

Some Deputies arriv'd lately from *Hainault*, have paid their Complements to the Queen, but what further business they have, is not yet known. It is said, the Emperor hath sent to the Duke of *Lunenbourg*, to forbid him sending any assistance to the Dutch; as also to the several Princes of *Germany*, that they should not permit them to make any Levies.

Ditto, *Nov.* 28. The 21 instant, the King accompanied with the whole Court, took a view of His Guards in the Plains of *Grenelles*.

On the 23. The Parliament was opened, and a very Elo-

quent Speech made on that occasion by their President, which was seconded by another of the *Sieur Bignon*, their Advocate General, with great applause.

Yesterday the *Sieur Saintet*, Master of the Ceremonies, in a long Morning Robe, the King at Arms and Heralds going before him, in their Habits covered with Cypress, and followed with 24 Cryers, went to invite the Parliament, the Exchequer, the Court of Ayds, the Clergy, the Town-house, and the University, to attend this day at the Great Church of *Nestre-dame*, and to assist at the Service performed for the deceased *Philip* the fourth, King of *Spain*, giving notice withal, that the first Ve'per for the deceased, would be likewise performed in that Church.

Argier, *Septemb.* 30. The Government here was so offended at the Officers of the five *Corsares*, who having taken the *Patach Margaret*, a Spanish Ship of 30 Guns, coming from the West-Indies, stopt at a small Town seven leagues to the West ward, and for love of their spoil, amounting to above a Million, deserted their ships, whilst the Duke *de Beaufort* came and fetch'd three off, and burnt two; that they ordered their Captains to be banish'd, the Commanders of the Soldiers to be reduced to the quality and pay of the youngest, and the Armador's to build other five ships in their stead. The Government confes a particular Obligation to the *English*, and have set at liberty two *English* which they found Prisoners in one of the Prizes brought in here. Fifteen *Corsares* are now out, and preparation making for the building 5 ships more, two new ones they have lately lanch'd, which will be fitted for Sea in two Moneths.

Vienna, *Octob.* 31. They write from Upper *Hungary*, that there is a marriage intended betwixt Prince *Raguzzi*, and the Daughter of the late famous *C. Nicholas Serini*, and that there wants nothing now more then the Emperors consent, which it cannot be doubted but he will readily grant, knowing how usefull those two Families have and will be to him upon all occasions in defence of their Frontiers, and his own Hereditary Countries, against the *Turk*.

Since the arrival here of *Dr. Hooker*, heretofore Chancellor of *Inspruck*, and now made Vice-Chancellor of the Imperial Court, great care hath been used to rectifie what was found amiss in that Office, much grown into decay of late by the age and infirmity of the *C. de Sinsendorffe*, who is Chancellor.

Rome, *Nov.* 3. His Holiness remains yet in the Countrey, enjoying the Divertisements of *Castle Gandolfo*, and the company of his kinred; which keeps the Spanish Ambassador here private in his house, in a retired posture of Mourning, the great solemnity of his late Masters Funerals, expecting his Holiness's return thither. Since his late Catholick Majesty, by his Testament, left the Duke of *Savoy*, in case of failure, inheritable to that Crown, that people seems to be much better *Spaniards* than formerly, and to favor all occasions of advancing the Interests of *Spain*, from the part they themselves may pretend in it.

Dublin. You remember the little heats in the Commons House here, about *February* last, concerning the Proceedings of the then Commissioners of Claims: Upon which, and their early sense of their Error, His Majesty having by His Gracious Letters of the Twenty sixth of *May* last, received them into His Royal Pardon and Favor: At their first meeting it produced the enclosed return of Duty and Acknowledgement to His Majesty, through the Lord Lieutenants hands, which, in right to the Loyalty of that Honorable House, we give you in their own words.

Octob.

Of *Nov. 26. 1665.*

Ordere*d upon the Question*, That Sir *George Lane* Knight, with the rest of the persons under named, or any seven or more of them, be appointed a Committee, who are to repair to His Grace, the Lord Lieutenant, and humbly to acquaint His Grace, that His Majesties Letters of the Twenty sixth of *May*, in the Fifteenth year of His Reign, sent from His Grace by Sir *George Lane* to be communicated to this House, was read by their Speaker, being the lively Lineaments of that vast Soul His Majesty inherits, That they read in them His Majesties goodness, that rather interprets the failings of this House, to be their Error then their Crime: That He was pleased to term our amendment of what was amiss, being but the act of our duty, and so cheap an atonement, to be an action worthy His Gracious acceptance: That we admire the richness of His Nature, that in that Sheer, in which our hopes could be but to receive His pardon, He passeth by our escapes, and takes notice of our duty and affection, and assures us, and the people, We represent of His esteem and Royal favor to us, That We evidently observe His Majesties high esteem to Parliaments, who if they trip or fall (so that they have a minde to rise) holds forth His hand to support them: That in the next place, as We lay our error at our own doors, so We ascribe the ground of our recovery to His Graces prudent advice, and that the repeated advantages they have received by it, may well assure His Grace the welcome reception the continuance of it shall ever finde in this House: That His Grace, had he not a very tender respect to us, might have unconcerned himself, but he whose merits have placed him so near unto His Master, knowing His Spirit, would not have us unacquainted with it, to our disadvantage: That His Grace was pleased onely to make our fault known to our selves, but that our amendment of it he represented to the King, an Act that will endear Him to posterity, to preserve a good opinion in His Majesty to His Parliaments: That the sense and thanks of the House, of and for this particular instance of His Favor, be returned to His Grace; and that if His Grace think fit, He will be pleased to signifie to His Majesty, the submissive duty and thankfulness His Majesties gracious Expressions in that Letter were received with, and that We shall avoid any thing that may beget a dislike in His Grace, whom to our great comfort and satisfaction, His Majesty hath placed over us.

Ditto, Nov. 15. Here is much Robbing in several places of this Kingdom, as well by breaking open Houses, as on the Highway, and that by considerable parties; if we believe Report, they have been met 30. Horsemen in a Company, all well armed and mounted. The small Pox (considering the season of the year) is a little frequent in this City; some there have bin, and some now are, as well in the Country, as here, sick of a Spotted Fever; but because few die, and very rarely above one in an House is sick of it, we do not apprehend any danger of infection in it.

Portsmouth, Nov. 23. This late stormy Weather, few ships have pass this way. The Seamen are much encouraged with the Pay they lately received here, and desire nothing more, then a farther Employment, which may give them the advantage of doing service to his Majesty, who has bin pleased to make such good provision for them.

Langward-point Fort, Nov. 23. Our Coast at present is clear of Hollaanders, and our ships begin to trade briskly. This day 3. Merchant men went for *Ostend*, under the Convoy.

Hull, Nov. 24. We have advice of three or four ships cast away on *Flamberg-Head* in the last Storm, and all the Men lost: what they were we hear not certainly, but 'tis supposed they were all Colliers.

London, Nov. 25. Letters are shown upon the Exchange, that from *Marseilles* a Squadron of ten French Ships under the Duke of *Beaufort*, should have taken three English Ships between *Trapana* and *Zante*, which, 'tis fear'd, are the *Advice* and *Prudence* belonging to *London*; and a *Bristol*-Ship bound from *Zante* home. But the advice not coming from a constant hand, we must expect the certainty hereafter.

Dover, Nov. 26. Three or four Privateers are cruising in the Narrow Seas, and have lately sent in some small Vessels laden with Wines, who, though they pretend otherwise, are like to prove good Prize. Last night about 12 a Clock, by an overflowing Flood, the Wind Easterly, were drowned 13 Men, Women and Children.

Chatham, Nov. 26. What offers at present, is only, that the *Resolution* now in the Dock, Launches on Tuesday 28. and that the *Unicorn* is to be brought in her room on Wednesday: The rest of the great Ships will be brought up very suddenly to be fitted, against the next Spring.

Portsmouth, Nov. 26. This Town (God be thanked) notwithstanding the general Concourse of People, occasioned by so great a part of the Fleet being here, remains yet without the least hint of infection. The Earl of *St. Albans* being arrived here, takes his Journey to Morrow towards *Oxford*, attended by several Persons of Quality. The Letters from *St. Malo* of the 18 present, say, there is an Embargo laid on all English-mens Goods; and that they daily abuse the English Merchants, walking up and down the Streets, insomuch that the very Women are not wanting in their affronts.

Oxon, Nov. 27. You have heretofore been told the sense his Majesty was pleased to express, of the barbarous usage shown to our Prisoners in *Holland*, and of the frequent Complaints made upon that subject to the States, by his Minister at the *Hague*; in all which, finding no Redress, but rather greater degrees of hardness and ill nature from them, notwithstanding the fair Allowances he was pleased to continue to theirs here; at last his Majesty was forced to bring it to this, That each party should maintain their own Prisoners: Since which, those of the Dutch here, are so dissatisfied at the shortness of the allowance made them by their Ambassador, that they are almost in a Mutiny against their own Masters, protesting openly they will never serve them more; but that they will tie themselves, by all possible assurances to his Majesties Service: Which we understand by Letters of the 25. from *Bristol*, several of those that are kept in that City have already done, and others every day offer themselves to do in greater numbers: And we perceive that it is the resolution of the rest of their Companions at *Winchester*, and elsewhere; to which they seem partly gained by the good usage they finde from our People, and partly starved by unnatural neglects from their own.

Oxon, Nov. 28. The Writ of Adjournment from *Oxford*, was read the 28th. of November, in the Kings Bench, Common Pleas and Exchequer, and Proclamation thereupon to *Westminster*, to *Oct. Hill*.

The account of this Weeks Bill of Mortality at *London*, runs thus. The Total 344. Plague 33; Decreased 361.