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London, Sept. 17.

Yesterday was held a Court-Marshal on board his Majesties Yacht, called the *Bezan* in the River of *Thames* near *Tower wharfe* for the tryal of Captain *John Pierce* Commander of His Majesties late ship the *Saphire*, unfortunately lost the 31. of *March* last upon the coast of *Sicily*, and of his Lieutenant *Andrew Logan*; where upon diligent examination and inquisition, it was clearly and fully evidenced by the testimony of Twelve credible witnesses upon oath, that the said ship was basely and shamefully lost through the default and cowardise of the said Captain and Lieutenant, who upon the approach of Four sail, supposed to be Turks men of war, being possit with a pannick fear, ordered the ship to run from them, refusing to let go the Anchor, till the ship was struck, contrary to the sence, not only of the Master and Purser, who perswaded them to fight, the ship being in a fit posture, but of the whole company, who declared their readines and desire of it by their chearful acclamations; upon these and other evidences, the said Captain and Lieutenant were by a general and unanimous consent adjudged and sentenced to be shot to death on Monday the 26th instant, on board any of His Majesties ships or vessels of war, according as the President of that Court, Sir *Feremiah Smith* should direct.

Rome, Aug. 30. The Pope has of late fallen into many fainting and swooning fits, which have much empaired the vigor of his body and mind, so that tis believed he will not very long hold the Chair; he has not yet taken the resolution to promote any Cardinals in the vacant places. Cardinal *Chigy* is using all his interest to prefer Cardinal *Piccolomini* to the Bishoprick of *Massi* in the Dutchy of *Florence* which is become void by the death of the late incumbent *Accaregi*, but Monseigneur *Bichi*, the present Bishop of *Rhodes* is his competitor, and like to succeed in that See.

The Inquisition is now employd about the examination of several Theses which have been held by the Sorbonists at *Paris*, about the limitation of several Canons in order to the national Council at *Orleans*, with other matters which they suppose to tend to the diminution of the Popes authority; they are also considering how to inhibit the Duke of *Savoie* from erecting a scale of Trade at *Villa Franca*, and making it a free Port: they are also projecting how to refuse to the Genoueses that authority, which after the example of *Venice*, they have much solicited by their Minister *Durazzo*, of limiting the power of the Inquisition in that State.

The Pope has lately bought the house of Segnior *Berzoni*, to adjoin it to his Palace, designed for those of his Family and name: Cardinal *Altieri* has endeavoured to place a new Governor in *Rome*, instead of Monseigneur *Vareze*, which is said to be designed for Monseigneur *Alberguti*.

Warsaw, Sept. 1. From *Moscow* they write, That the Heer *Heinfus* is dayly promised his dispatches and dismissal, for which he has long attended with

much patience, but with little hopes of prevailing in point of Mediation.

We have this more certain news of the procedure of the Rebels in *Muscovy*, that upon their approach towards *Astracan*, the Governor of that place, had sent out a body of 6000. men, to secure a passage leading to the City; which being defeated, the City opened their gates to them, who plundered the Town; but upon the intercession of the Metropolitan, were prevailed with to spare the Churches and Religious houses; their Cruelty was notorious in cutting off the hands and Feet of all Military Officers and Noblemen, with the Governor and his Brother and two of his Sons. This success has much increased their number, as well as their insolency, and given an Allarum to the Great Duke, who has Ordered his General *George Alexiewitz Dolgarouka* to command all his forces to march towards them for their suppression.

Genova, Sept. 6. Three days since arrived here one of the Great Dukes Gallies with 300 Bales of Silk for this place, and the next day put out again to sea intending for *Legorn*: as yet the Popes Gallies appear not with their lading. *Centurione* with his Gallies hath been seen about *Palermo*; those Gallies which were some time in this Port, are plying about the Isle of *Corsica*, but intend to return again hither to demand justice against a Captain of a ship of this place, who lying by them in this Port, had endeavoured by a Saw, conveyed under water, to have cut their Cables, of which they made complaint to the Duke, but the Captain and Seamen which were concerned, had then concealed themselves.

Two days since arrived here Two ships from *Cadix*. One of them the *St Andrew* a Dutch ship, the other the *Beata Rosa* of this place, bringing with them 300 thousand pieces of Eight in Money, Fifty Chests of Indico, Twenty of Cuccinelle, and Five hundred and fifty bags of Pepper, besides other Goods of value, the rest of the Convoy past by for *Legorn*; about 17 days since they left Sir *John Harman* with Two men of War, a Fireship, and Four Merchants bound for these parts, and are daily expected.

From *Milan* they tell us, that the Duke d' *Ossuna*, Governour and Captain-General of that State, intending to have made a considerable progress to visit the fortifications, returned much sooner then was expected, having only seen *Lodi*, and has deferred his visit to the remoter parts till after the lying in of his Lady. The Marquis de los *Balbaces Spinola* is not yet gone for *Vienna*, but has taken his leave of the Duke and Dutchess in order to his departure. The Duke has been very instrumental in composing the differences between the people of *Monferat* and *Piedmont*, which might otherwise in probability have speedily drawn on a war.

They suddenly expect the arrival of Don *Raphael Vigliosa* to enter upon the employment conferred on him by the Queen Regent of *Spain*, of Chancellor of the State of *Milan*.

Legorn, Sept. 9. The 4th instant arrived the Dutch Convoy of two men of War and six Merchant Ships from *Spain*. We are here informed that Captain *Beach* on his way from this place

to Sir *Thomas Allen*, met with two Argerine Barks, and took them both, with 250. Slaves.

Venice, Sept. 12. On Wednesday last arrived here the Prince Elector of *Cologne* with a Train of near Fifty persons his attendants, after 7 or 8 days stay here he intends for *Loreto*, and probably for *Rome*, but tis said he designs to pass the winter in this City.

Signior *Carlo Contarini*, designed Ambassador to the Court of *Spain*, intends on Wednesday next to begin his journey by land.

The Duke of *Savoies* Ambassador in the Court of *Rome* having endeavoured to procure a reception there as from a Crowned head, by reason of the pretensions which the Duke his Master has to the kingdom of *Cyprus*: This Republick has taken some offence thereat, it being a Title which they suppose with greater right belongs to them; they have upon this amongst other reasons, thought fit to recall their Minister Signior *Michaele* from the Court of *Savoie*.

His Excellency the Lord *Falconberge* intends in few days to leave this City in Order to his return home, but may make about 10 days stay at *Padoua*.

Colonel *Annard* a subject of His Majesty of *Great Britain*, who during the siege of *Candia* gave many demonstrations of his great Courage and Conduct, has besides his arrears of pay, a pension establish'd to him of 1000 Ducats per annum, and as a particular and unusual mark of honour, is upon all occasions which may bring him to the Colledge, allowed to sit on the right hand of the Duke, in the place of the eldest Senator, which is usually given to Ambassadors.

Paris, Sept. 19. His Majesties forces in *Lorraine* having demolish'd the works at *Pont-a-Mousson*, march'd away from thence to reduce *Espinal*, a party of the French approaching the Counterscarp of the Fort of *Chastel*, and finding that not a Gun was fired against them, demanded the reason from the Sentinells, and were told that they were commanded by the Duke of *Lorraine* to observe this method. It being suspected least the Duke of *Lorraine* might use his interest with his neighbors in *France Comte*, to defend himself in this juncture of affairs; Letters have been sent to the Prince d' *Aremberg* the Governor of that County to let him know, that if he should lend any of his forces to assist the said Duke, his most Christian Majesty could not but look upon it as a breach of the Peace between the two Crowns.

From *Thoulon* we are informed, that the Count de *Vivonne* has no intentions to go to Sea this year, but that the Count de *Martel* was to put to sea the 6th instant, with a strong Squadron against the Corsairs of *Tunis*, with whom were embarked several of the Kings Musqueteers.

The Archbishop of *Bourges* on Wednesday last received the ill news of the death of his Nephew the Marquis of *Carbau*, a young Gentleman of 22. years of Age, killed upon the way by the Sieur de *Clairay* a Gentleman of *Normandy*, who upon a jealousy of too great familiarity with his Lady, inviting him to his house to take the Air, set upon him in his Coach and shot him with his Carabin and Pistols.

His Majesty intends on the 10th of the next month to go for his diversion to *Chambourg*, and to take with him the Dauphin, who is much recovered from his distemper.

From *Berne* in *Switzerland* we are told, that the Prince, eldest son to the Prince Elector Palatine, having been received with all the respects due to his person at *Bisse*, went thence the 10th past for *Zurich*, where he was entertained with the like honour, and diverted upon the Lake by the Magistrates, with ex-

cellent concerts of Musick; the 26th of the same month he came to *Berne*, where he was complimented from the Senate, visited by the Magistrates, and entertained till the 19th, when he departed thence to take a view of other parts.

Brussels, Sept. 24. On Saturday last arrived here the Prince and Bishop of *Strasbourg*, attended by his own and a party of the Guards belonging to his Electoral Highness of *Cologne*, and was entertained by Monseigneur *Ayrolti* the Popes Nuncio in this Court.

The next day arriv'd his Excellency the Count de *Monterey* from *Amwerp*, where he had continued some few days after his progress; on Tuesday in compliance with the desires of the said Prince and Bishop, his Excellency gave him a private meeting in the Church of *Nostre Dame de Luck*, about Two miles distant from this City, where after many Compliments the said Prince and Bishop beginning to fall upon some discourse of affairs of State; his Excellency was pleas'd to prevent him, by declaring that he could not in that place entertain him upon that subject, but would gladly hear him at a publick Audience if he should desire it; at which the said Bishop seem'd to be much surpris'd: after a little stay their conference ended, the Bishop leaving the Town the next day without farther Audience intending for *Amwerp*, and from thence to return to *Liege*; his Excellency early the same morning with a few persons and 25 of his Guards going to *Louvain*, and thence to *Leuwe*, from whence he return'd hither the same evening, having taken a particular view of *Leuwe* with his Engineer, it being thought fit to fortify that place, which is look'd upon as a place of as great importance as any within the Province of *Brabant* for its situation.

From *Lorraine* we are told that the French forces which came from wards *Peronne*, made three days halt at *St Menehou*, and are since joyn'd with the other forces which first possess themselves of *Nancy*; so that the whole number of the Army there consists of about Fifteen thousand men; they have pulled down the Walls, and dismantled *Pont-a-Mousson*, *Veseliq*, *Goudreville*, *Mirecourt*, and *Newcastle*, with some other places, and driven away the Parliament from *St Michael* upon the *Meuse*, for refusing to swear obedience to *France*. The Duke of *Lorraine* is said to be about the Mountains of *Vauge*. The Baron de *Chauvire* is lately taken prisoner and committed to the Cittadel of *Metz*.

Yesterday the Sieur d' *Orsbeck*, Nephew to the Elector of *Treves* had an Audience from his Excellency to compliment him upon his admission to this Government, to which he was attended by the Marquis de *Moerbeck*, one of the Captains of the Guards, in his Excellencies Coach, and was afterwards entertain'd by his Excellency at dinner, to his great satisfaction.

Advertisements.

One *Thomas Hopton*, a young Youth of a thin spare body, and Flaxen Hair, about Seventeen years of age, ran away on Saturday the 10th instant from his Master Sir *John Minnes*, with Two Liveries, a sum of Moneys, and other things: who-soever shall bring word of him to the Navy-Office will be well rewarded for his pains.

Mr. John Weale of *Cornwal*, who several years since lost both his Eyes in an engagement in the Streights, and now doth and hath for some years taught to Fence at the Angel Inn at the back side of *St Clements*, was command'd, Wednesday Aug. 17. to give Lesson before His Majesty at *Whitehal*, which was done to the full satisfaction of His Majesty, and the admiration of the Nobility and Gentry then present.