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Pendennis, September 26.

Here are lately arrived Two or Three of the *Newfoundland Fleet*, laden with Fish, longing to, and homewards bound for *Pool* and *Weymouth*; they complain that their Fishing was much obstructed this year by the long continuance of Frost, which till the 12th of *May* would not permit them to make use of their boats: One Ship of their company was unfortunately cast away, and of 41 men not one saved.

Here lately put in Two French men of war, of Three which were sent out with a Commission for the discovery of a Northern passage to the *East Indies*, but meeting with extraordinary colds and ill weather were forced to return, having lost company of their other companion which they suppose to have perished. These two are of *Dunkirk*, carrying only Eight or Ten Guns apiece.

Rome; Sept. 13. On Monday last the Pope went attended by the whole Colledge in devotion to the Chappel of *Madonna del Popolo*; from whence returning to his Palace in the *Quirinal*, there was found affixt upon the door in great Letters *Hic jacet Clemens Decimus*, which was expounded as a severe reflection, as if himself standing only as a Cypher, had left the weight of the Government upon the Cardinal Patron and others.

The Pope has well recovered his health, and thereby frustrated the designs of several Cardinals, who upon his late indisposition, were already beginning to forme their Cabals in order to a succeeding Conclave.

Father *Olivæ*, General of the Order of the Jesuits, has, not long since, received Letters from Father *Adam* of the same Order, who has been for some time in *China*, informing him that the King of *China*, having a great inclination to the study of the Mathematicks, and having received information from him in the said Father in divers parts thereof, in which he could not find satisfaction from any of his own subjects had in gratification to the said Father, given him Letters under his Great Seal, by which he had set at liberty great numbers of Roman Catholics who had been kept prisoners ever since the great invasion of the Tartars, giving them also leave to enjoy their Religion without restraint; the said Father desiring him his General, that for the better carrying on of the work of Religion in that Countrey, some numbers of able Jesuits might be sent thither to preach amongst them, but these to be such, as might not be ignorant of the Mathematicks.

The Pope having granted the next avoydance of the Grand Priory of *France*, to the Chevalier de *Vendosme* after the death of the present Possessor of that Dignity; Monsieur de *Valency* the Ambassador from the Grand Master of *Malta*, in a late Audience he had from the Pope, exhibited his Complaints upon that Subject, showing that this his Grant was much to the prejudice of the Knights of that Order, who upon all occasions according

to their duties, so freely exposed their lives to all sorts of danger for the Defence of Religion; and that the choice he had made, was an infringement of the Statutes of the said Order, of which the Pope having a little considered, told him, that it was true, that he had made such a Grant, but, as he remembered, he had not yet signed the Brief for it.

Yesterday went hence Cardinal *Maldachino* towards *Genova* on his way for *Marseilles*, intending to pass from thence to *Paris*, where tis believed he will be received according to his expectation and his deserts for the service he did that Crown in the last Conclave: The Cardinal de *Medicis* is departed hence on his way for *Florence*, having at his last Audience from the Pope, received the body of a Saint, and some other Reliques which the Pope has sent, as an Extraordinary present to the great Dutchels of *Tuscany*.

Cardinal *Antonio* has taken up his lodging amongst the Jesuites, leaving his Pallace to be prepared and fitted for the Reception of the Duke d' *Estree*, who is expected here with the Character of Ambassador from his most Christian Majesty to renew his Complaints, and to solicit, about the restoring of *Castro*, which is an Errand not over pleasing to this Court; In the mean time the Pope being willing to oblige the *French*, hath by an Edict permitted the Importation into his Ecclesiastical Estates, of all sorts of Merchandise from *France* or other places, which he hopes may invite the most Christian King, to revoke his Decree made against the Manufactures of *Avignon*.

Warsaw, Sept. 19. We now begin to conceive greater hopes then formerly, that the Diet may prove more happy and successful then any of the former: his Majesty has fully satisfy'd all parties in disposing of the vacant charges. The Archbishop of *Gnesne* has not only taken his place in the Assembly, but also reconciled himself to the Court, and had this day an Audience from both their Majesties: all the Deputies from the several Palatines have taken willingly their oath of fidelity to his Majesty.

The day for the solemn Coronation of the Queen is appointed on the 18th of the next month in this City, and the Regalia ordered to be brought hither from *Cracow*, and with this news, the Staroste *Razauski Wessel* is dispatched hence to *Vienna* for the information of their Imperial Majesties.

The Treasurer of the Crown, the Sieur *Morslein*, is not pardoned as was formerly advised, he and the Chastelain of *Pofen* are to be heard suddenly in the Assembly, to justify themselves against their accusers; and in the mean time the Treasurer is suspended his Office, and his Keys taken from him.

In the mean time the affairs of *Muscovy* are more and more confused by the great success and encrease of the rebels. *Stepan Radzjin* who is at the head of them, has made himself master of almost both the great kingdoms of *Astracan* and *Casin*, which makes him so arrogant and insolent, as to take on him the title of Prince or Great Duke *Radzjin*. This notorious Rebel was formerly an inconsiderable