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Lyme, Novemb. 17.

This day arrived here the *Concord* of this place, from *Rotterdam*, Confirming the Report of the prodigious number of Mice which have lately overrun that Countrey; leaving great apprehensions amongst the people, of some great calamity portended by them.

They are busily employed in fitting up their Men of War against the next Spring. Two considerable Ships have been lately lost at the *Brille*; one of them newly returned from *Malaga*, was unhappily blown up, the other from *Bourdeaux* was put from her Anchor, and cast away.

Warsaw, Nov. 2. The approach of the Arrierban of the *Polopite* Russians to the very Suburbs of this City, conduced not a little to the well concluding of the Diet, in which it was resolved, that the Army of *Poland* should be augmented with the addition of 18000 men, and that of *Lithuania* with 15000, and that both these Armies should be in readiness to march by the first of *April*; his Majesty being resolved to appear in person at the head of them, and to satisfy them, by assuring them of the due payment of their arrears, which is said amount to 6 or 7 Millions: with this force and with the Arrierban, which will also be in readiness, his Majesty is resolved not to expect the invasion of his enemies, but to prevent them, by carrying the war into their Countrey. We are now informed by our Resident in the *Ottoman* Court, that the Grand Signior, has thoughts of subduing all *Ukrania* to his obedience this next Spring, and is dispatching an Envoye to *Smedeland* to desire that King not to interest himself in the affairs of *Poland*, and another to the *Cham* of the *Crim Tartars* upon the same errand.

The Diet has assigned a Revenue of Two hundred thousand *Francs* a year to the Queen, out of several Statutes in *Poland* and *Lithuania*, besides 3000 *Ducats* a year out of the Sale plus of *Wieljeska*. They have appointed Commissioners to Treat with *Muscovy* for the settlement of a perpetual peace between both Crowns, and the restitution of *Kiova*; and amongst other persons designed for this affair, have nominated the Sieur *Ginny*, the Palatine of *Guilm*, and the Sieur *Bredow*, the Ambassador of *Lithuania*, and have ordered another Commission, to be given out to Treat with the Elector of *Brandenburg* about the execution of the Treaty of *Bromberg*, and to settle all disputes about the limits of *Prussia*.

The Diet thus happily ending, the *Polopite* Russians returned home, but his Majesty is empowered by the States before their separation, to raise the Ban and Arrierban of all the Nobles upon any occasion that may require it before the next Diet.

Letters of the 16th past from *Moscow* tell us, that the Emperors General the Sieur *Kurtz Furge Alexowitz Desbois*, at the head of a very considerable army, had engaged the Rebels under the Command of *Stepen Redin*, between *Cofan* and *Astracan*, and defeated their whole Army, killing great numbers upon the place, and taking about 3000 Pri-

soners, whom he had sent away towards *Moscow*; that he was in pursuit of the rest of the Rebels, and had retaken *Astracan*, and hoped in little time to recover all the places taken by them, and to settle the whole Empire again in peace: they farther say, that one of his Lieutenant Generals *John Pockdanowitz Miloflacsfsky*, had defeated another party of Two thousand of the Rebels which were entering into *Siberia*; so that the whole Empire seems now to be delivered from all their fears, and strong apprehensions of the late extraordinary successes of that so notorious Rebel.

Vienna, Nov. 12. The Marquis de los Balbaques *Spinola*, the Spanish Ambassador Extraordinary in this Court, having made his publick entry the 5th instant with extraordinary splendor and magnificence, was the next day conducted with as much state to his publick Audience, first from his Imperial Majesty, and afterwards from the Two Emperresses, the Regent and Dowager, that being the birth-day of the King of *Spain*, the Court appeared with a greater luster then usually, all the Nobility of both sexes being in much bravery to compliment their Imperial Majesties upon that subject.

On Friday next their Imperial Majesties intend to go to *Cloisterneubourg*, to be present there on Saturday at the Feast of *S. Leopold*.

This Court is not over a confident of the realities of the professions made by the Turkish Minister, of his Masters zeal to preserve the peace between the Two Empires, in so much as the Council of war has thought fit to order the Count *Besheff* to go forthwith to *Singid* and other places upon the frontiers, to take care for the strengthening of those places, and make preparation of all sorts of stores for the Army, which may be sent thither the next Spring in case of any disturbances.

As yet the Emperor has not given order for the raising of any more forces then only 24 Troops of Horse for the reinforcement of the 12 Regiments of Cavalry which are to be increased from 8 to 10 Troops a piece, and the raising one Regiment of Foot, and putting the Train of Artillery in readiness.

The indisposition of the Chanceller of *Austria*, who is to preside in the Court of Justice, has for some time put a stop to the Process which was ordered to be formed against the Count *Spinola* and the Marquis de *Frangipani*, who are kept under a strict guard at *Neustadt*.

Several of the Nobility of *Hungary* are gone from hence to *Bresbourg*, where is to be held an Assembly of that kingdom to consider of the most effectual way of settling the Countrey in peace, which we rather hope may be speedily effected, since the people seem now willingly to consent to the entertainment of German Garrisons.

It is confidently affirmed, That the Visier of *Buda* is sent for home to the *Ottoman* Court, and another is to be sent in his room, with a Commission to come in person as Ambassador to this Court, to assure His Imperial Majesty of the resolution of the Grand Signior, to preserve inviolably the Treaty made between the Two Empires.

Madrid, Nov. 12. The 29th past were mutually exchanged the Ratifications of the late Treaty for

the Regulating of matters between *England* and *Spain* in *America*.

The Wednesday following Monseignor *Marescotti* the Popes Nuncio, had his first Audience from their Majesties with less pomp and splendor then was expected, he being not pleased to spend over much time in preparation for that solemnity, which would have kept him longer then he desired from entering into the possession of the Court, which was till his Audience enjoyed by the former Nuncio.

Tuesday the 4th instant, being the Festival of *St Charles*, the Kings Patron, was observed at the Court with much solemnity, where their Majesties and the principal Nobility, were diverted with the Bull sports, which began at three in the afternoon, and continued three hours, and was managed by three Gentlemen on horseback, whereof one was in the first encounter dismounted, and obliged according to the rules of that sport, to set upon the Bull on foot with his sword, which he did with more courage then fortune, he being tost by the Bull, and forced to leave the place, much bruised, and in some danger. A 2d was likewise unhorsed, but quitted himself with more success, and came off without hurt. But the 3d received a slight hurt in his hand; the sport concluded with the death of Nine Bulls, and the general applause of the valor and dexterity of the Three Gentlemen.

On Thursday the 6th instant, being the Kings birthday, his Majesty was complimented by all the great persons of the Court, and by the Ambassadors and other publick Ministers: in the afternoon the new raised Regiment was drawn up and mustered before the Palace, where *Don Luis Enriquez*, second-son to the Admiral of *Castille*, took possession of a Company resigned to him by his Brother the Conde de *Melgar*, who is preferred to the Command of a Spanish Tertia in *Milan*.

The 7th instant in the evening, arrived here Segnior *Carlo Contarini*, Ambassador from the Republick of *Venice*, and on Sunday the 9th, the Marquis de *Gouea*, Ambassador from the Prince of *Portugal* came to a house provided for him near *Cayamanchel*, about a League distant from this place, where he intends to continue till the house which he hath taken in this City can be furnished and made fit for his reception.

Rarisbonne, Nov. 13. The Count de *Windisgratz* who is to be sent Ambassador from his Imperial Majesty to the French Court, is daily expected here on his way, to receive such farther instructions as the States of the Empire shall think fit to give him upon the account of the affairs of *Lorraine*.

The Counts of *Nassau Sarbruck* have lately written a Letter of thanks to the States of the Empire, for the pains they were pleased to take in giving them the possession of the County of *Saerwerden*, and the Castle of *Hombourg*, desiring they would be farther pleased to give order for the payment of the moneys to the Duke of *Lorraine*, which were due to him upon his surrender of *Hombourg*, which was formerly mortgaged to him.

Hambourg, Nov. 17. From *Stockholm* we are informed, That the Baron de *Basserode*, the Emperors Resident in that Court, died there the 29 past; and that his body would be in few days embalmed and sent from thence to *Amsterdam*, and from thence to be conveyed to the place designed for its Interment.

Their Majesties returned from the Countrey to *Stockholm* the twentieth past, and on the twenty seven gave audience to Monsieur *Werden*, Envoye Extraordinary from His Majesty of *Great Britain*.

A warm report having been spread about, of some unusual effects of Witchcraft in the Province of *Dallicarty*, near the best Copper Mines in *Sweden*; it is said, several persons are sent to make an inquiry

into the matter of fact; with power to proceed to the punishment of such persons as shall be found guilty.

From *Copenhagen* they write, that the Resident from the States General of the *United Provinces* hath had his audience from His Majesty of *Danemark*; in which, amongst other things, he hath desired in the name of the States his Masters, That the difference between His said Majesty, and the States General, may be amicably composed amongst themselves, without any appeal to the Decision of *France*, notwithstanding their former agreement of submitting them to the Arbitration of the Most Christian King. It is believed His Majesty will signify His Resolution in this point, by His new Resident, the Heer *Justinus Hench*, whom he is sending to the States in the room of the Heer *Gioc*, who was designed to pass from *Holland* into *England* with the same Character.

Monsieur de *Tresson*, the French Ambassador in that Court, hath made a present from the King His Master, to Prince *George*, of a rich Sword, set with Precious Stones, to the value (as is supposed) of 16000 Crownes. He hath lately forborn to make too frequent visits to the Court, as formerly, upon some dissatisfaction, that he was refused admittance into the Kings Cabinet, where he was entering, without first demanding audience.

Paris, Nov. 26. On Saturday next the King is expected here, and on the Monday following, his Excellency the Heer de *Groot*, Ambassador Extraordinary from the States General of the *United Provinces*, may have his second Audience, and his most Christian Majesties answer to the many complaints he has made of the great impositions upon the Merchandises and Manufactures of *Holland*.

Yesterday the Duke de *Montauzier* conducted the Dauphin to the Old *Louvre*, from whence he is this day to be removed by Madam la Maréchalle de la *Motte*, to an apartment prepared for him in the *Thuileries*,

The Ceremony of the Benediction of the Abbess of *Fontereau* is by his Majesties order to be performed in this City, but tis not yet known whether his said Majesty will nominate the Archbishop of *Paris*, or the Cardinal de *Bouillon* to do that Office, for which both of them are ambitious; in the mean time the Abbess has been received and complimented with an Ovation at the Nunnery of the *Filles de Dieu*, where she intends to continue till Easter, about which time she expects the Popes Bulls in order to her installment in the said Abby.

The Duke of *Lorraine* is said to have raised a Regiment of 600 Horse at *Triers* and *Frankfort*, and may expect the like number from *Mentz*. The *Lorrainers* complain of their sufferings by the numbers of soldiers that are Quartered upon them, they being obliged to contribute to the maintenance of 22000 men.

Rye, Novemb. 19. This morning a Light Vessel belonging to *London*, one *Browne* Master, coming from *Rouen*, and bound for *Bourdeaux*, was by stress of weather driven back from her intended Voyage, and forced on ground near this Harbor, where she was broken in pieces, but the men were all saved, and some part of her rigging.

Deal, Novemb. 21. This day the weather proving fair, about Forty Boats went hence to the *Goodwins* to take an account of the late wreck of the Dutch East India Ship; but found little remaining, the Ship with her Cargo being supposed to be swallowed up in the Sands.

London, Novemb. 23. This day His Highness the Prince of *Orange* went hence to *Newmarket*, intending also to take a view of the University of *Cambridge*, and to return hither on Saturday next.