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Plymouth, January 1.

Yesterday came into this Port His Majesties Fregats the *Princess* and *Falcon*, Sir *William Fennins* and Captain *Worden* Commanders, with a Fleet of Merchant men under their Convoy, bound to the Southward, and intend to sail hence again with the first fair wind.

Lisbonne, Decemb. 8. S. N. It is confidently reported that the Queen is with childe; she is gone to *Salvaterra* to meet the Prince, who is very shortly expected here again. The Duke of *Cadaval* hath, after great solicitation, at last obtained the Presidentship of the Pallace; the *Conde de Miranda* is to have the Government of *O Porto* for three years, and the *Conde de Villastor* the present Governour, is to be President of the Chamber of *Lisbonne*, and the *Marquess de Marialva* to be continued for three years more Overseer of the Treasury.

This day the Dutch Vice-Admiral with two Men of War, and some Merchant-men under his Convoy, set sail from hence.

Rome, Dec. 9. Some differences have arisen here about the reception of *Don Pedro d' Arragon*, Vice-Roy of *Naples*, designed hither Ambassador of Obedience from the Crown of *Spain*; the said Ambassador pretending he ought to be defrayed at the Popes expence so soon as he enters into his dominions, a thing that hath been always practised towards the Vice-Roys of *Naples*, which they here very much oppose, alledging that he comes not at present in Quality of Vice-Roy, but in that of Ambassador; however for the composing of this dispute, and to give the Ambassador all the satisfaction they may, they have agreed, that coming, he shall be treated as Ambassador, but in his return when he hath performed his Embassy, he shall be entertained as Vice-Roy of *Naples*, and be defrayed by the Pope through all the Ecclesiastical Dominions. The 11th instant was baptized the Son and Heir of the Duke of *Zagarola*, which was solemnized with great joy by the Family of the *Rospigliosi*, the Cardinal of that name performing the Function.

Rome, Dec. 20. The Savoye Ambassador having at last, in pursuance of the Orders he had from the Duke his Master, received the Brief of Absolution heretofore mentioned, from the Pope, was on Tuesday last to render the Pope his thanks, as likewise to the Cardinal *Alvieri*, and at the same time took leave of his Holiness in order to his departure hence, which may be in a day or two. The Cardinal *Ginetti* is fallen ill, which, as is thought, is chiefly occasioned through his great age, so that the Physicians are unwilling to try any further experiments upon him. The Constable *Colonna* is making very rich Liveries, and preparing a great Train to goe and receive the Vice-Roy of *Naples* at his entry on his Lands, intending thence to accompany him part of his way-hither.

Dantzick, Decemb. 13. Here hath been a strong report, That the Army was entred into a new confederation, refusing to submit unto the Parliaments determination, that hence-forward there should be

no imposition upon the Kings and Church Lands, for Winter Provision, as they call it; which for several years past hath been exacted by them, to the great oppression, and almost total ruine of the Inhabitants; and upon this occasion, some have practised new disturbances among them, but hitherto without any effect; and it is hoped, they will not be seduced to act any thing against the King and Government, though it is certain some of the chiefest have not been wanting to contribute their endeavors, together with large sums of Money thereunto. The Queen of *Poland* hath been lately delivered of a dead son, to the great sorrow and affliction of His Majesty, and the whole Court, which is imputed to a fall she had by a slip as she stepped out of her Coach.

Monsieur de Wirt Ambassador Extraordinary from the States General of the *United Provinces*, is upon his departure from *Warsaw*, not having effected any thing in his Negotiation there; part of which hath very much offended his Town, he having, it seems, procured some things to the prejudice of their Priviledges and Commerce.

Milan, Dec. 14 About Eight days agoe returned hither the Duke of *Ossuna* from visiting the fortifications of *Cremona* and *Mortara*, where he left all necessary Orders for the securing and fortifying those passages. The Treaty of Marriage between the Duke of *Mantoua* and the Princess of *Guastala* hath lately been renewed with great appearance of bringing it in a short time to effect, though there want not endeavors from other hands to hinder the match. From *Spain* they write that the Levies they were there making for the recruiting the Spanish Companies here, were completed, and were ready to begin their march for *Barcellona*, being ordered to pass from thence by sea to *Final*.

Legorn, Dec. 15. Two days agoe arrived here Sir *John Harman* in Eight days from *Messina*, and intends in Seven or Eight days to go hence again with the Fleet of Merchant men towards *England*. A Barque coming hither in Fifteen days from *Argiers*, the Master reports that those Corsairs had Ten men of war out, Five to the Westward, and the other Five to the Eastward.

Stockholm, Decemb. 17. They talk here of sending more forces into *Liesland*, for, notwithstanding the great troubles in *Moscovy*, they do not seem at all inclineable to compose differences with this Crown. The last Letters from thence say, That the Rebels grow daily stronger, and that they approach to the capital City of *Moscow*, where the people seem much disheartned, through the continual alarms they receive from all hands; and to increase their troubles, several fires have lately hapned in that City which have done considerable damage.

Genovæ, Dec. 24. A Zealand man of war arriving before this Port from *Spain* some days agoe; this Government immediately sent out a Boat to let him know, that unless he would salute the Castle at his coming in, he would do well to stay without; to which the Captain made answer, that he had no order to the contrary from the States his Masters, accordingly came into the Port and saluted with Seven Guns, which was answered from one of the Forts with Five.

This week arrived here the *Zante* Fregat from London, and the *Friendship* and *Mary* from Newfoundland.

Brussels, Jan. 6. Yesterday his Excellency the Count de *Monterey* arrived at *Antwerp*, and after five or six days stay there, intends to be here again. He has directed a months pay to the soldiers, and has issued strict Orders to the Governors and Commanders within the respective Provinces, that they do not suffer any of their Officers or Soldiers to depart from their Garrisons, though it be but for 24 hours; this day was likewise published by bear of Drum and Order, from his Excellency, forbidding any Officer or Soldier in the service of his Catholick Majesty, to depart or leave the same without express leave first obtained upon pain of death, and if he were the Kings Subject, to forfeit likewise his Estate and Goods. Some proposals have been made by his Excellency for the recruiting the German and Wallonian Regiments, his Excellency intending that every Regiment of Foot shall consist of Fourteen Companies, and every Company of Fifty men, but the terms have not yet been accepted of. Its said that the Constable of *Castille's* son, and the Marquis *Bellvedere* are gone for *Spain*, and that the Duke the *de Villa Hermosa* intends very suddenly to follow them thither, and that either the Prince *de Baden* or the Duke *d' Aerschoot* is to succeed him in the charge of General of the Horse. This day are to be installed the Duke *d' Haure*, the Duke *de Bourbonville*, and the Count *d' Egmond*, Knights of the *Golden Fleece*.

The Count *Salazar* arrives within few days for *Spain*, and its said, he is upon his arrival there to be made Vice-Roy of *Arragon*, who shall succeed him here in his employment of General of the Artillery, is not yet known: the Second instant arrived here Signior *Pietro Mocenigo*, late Ambassador from the State of *Venice* in *England*, he intends to make a stop from hence into *Holland*, and so to return home. About 400 reformed Officers are going hence to *Holland* to be employed in the new Levies they are making there.

From *Dunkirk* we have advice, that Three of the Bastions of that Town were fallen, and that all hands were employed to raise and repair them again.

Hague, January 6. Upon the arrival of the Deputies from the Provinces of *Friesland* and *Groningue*, the States-General have at last fully concluded the forbidding the importation of Brandy-Wine, and the raising the impositions upon French Commodities as likewise upon forreigne Butter, Cheese, Bacon, and Sirrops, which resolution is to take effect the 29th instant, and hereof the Magistrates of *Amsterdam* have already given notice by their Placcet or Proclamation of the Third instant. The Envoys from the Czar of *Muscovy* have had their last Audience of the States-General, and to morrow they go hence for *Amsterdam* in order to their return home. Here are arrived several of the Prince of *Orange's* Horses and part of his Train from *England*.

Hague, Jan. 9. In pursuance of the late Order of the States-General, there are to be hence forward but Six French Mercers in the great Towns, and Three in the lesser, the former are to pay yearly 400 Crowns apiece, and the others half so much, for the better execution of which, an Overseer or Intendant is appointed in every Province; Monsieur *Van Beuningeh* being nominated for that of *Holland*. The States of *Zeland* have at last consented to the new Levies, and at their next meeting which begins the 19th instant, they are to consider of the ways to raise Moneys for the same. It is now said, that the Velt Marshal *Wart* hath been wrought up-

on to continue in the service of the States, some propositions having been lately made in the States-General to raise the Salary of the Two Velt Marshals from 10 to 20 thousand Liures yearly, but nothing hath been yet done in it.

The Bishop of *Munster* continues still to raise men in all parts, and it is said he hath at present, an Army of 20000 men on foot. The Duke of *Brunswick* does the like, intending to prevent him in any attempt he may make upon the Town of *Houchster*; in the meantime, the Dukes of *Lunenburgh*, viz. Of *Zell*, *Hanover*, and *Wolfenbuttel*, are consulting what resolutions to take, in case the said Bishop should refuse the mediation of the States General, and the Elector of *Cologne*, in the differences at present depending between them, which as yet he seems to be willing to accept.

Paris, January 8. On Saturday last parted hence Dom *Sebastian Lopez*, Ambassador from the King of *Arada* in *Africa*, with his Two wives in order to his return home, extremely satisfied with his entertainment in this Court he hath left his Two sons here as a kind of hostages for the observing of the intended Treaty of Commerce between his most Christian Majesty and the King his Master: The same day the King was pleased to bestow the Archbishoprick of *Paris*, vacant by the death of *Mardouin de Perefex*, on *Francois de Harlay de Charvalon*, Archbishop of *Rouen*, who had succeeded his Uncle *Francois de Harlay* in that See in the year 1651. His successor in it, is to be the Cardinal *de Bouillon*, whom the King nominated to it the next day: We have much discourse here of a Marriage between the Count *de St Paul* and the daughter of the Count *de Vivonne*; and that the King in favour of this Marriage, hath promised him the Government of *Normandy*, intending to recompense the present possessor some other way.

The Dutchess *d' Eguillon* hath presented the King with the large Diamond which was the late Card, *de Richelieu's*, valued at 40000 Liures. On Sunday last the late Archbishop of *Paris* having laid three days in State, was interred in the Quire of the Church of *Nostre Dame* at the foot of the Kings Chair, he having on his deathbed desired that place of burial, in memorial of his having been formerly his Majesties Tutor; his body was accompanied with a great number of Coaches and persons of Quality, who strove to pay their last respect to this deceased Prelate, and on Monday last was performed a solemn Service for him in the said Church, where were present all the persons of condition of both Sexes in this City.

Ditto, Jan. 7. We have advice that a ship belonging to our new *Levant* Company, and bound homewards out of *Turky* richly laden, valued at a Million of Liures, was unfortunately cast away, the seamen and passengers were all lost except Two seamen and Twenty Knights of *Malta*, of Thirty that were on board, the other Ten having perished among the rest of the ships company. Here hath been lately published an Order of Council, whereby is re-established the liberty of vending all sorts of Merchandises in the several Provinces, where they are to be discharged by the respective Customers; but in the same Order is excepted such Goods as come from *Genova*, which in what place soever they arrive, are not to be opened but at the Custom-house at *Lyons*.

Yesterday the Chevalier *de Hanteville*, Ambassador from the Great Master and Order of *Malta*, made his publick Entry into this City, and its said that Monsieur *Windisgraiz*, Envoye Extraordinary from his Imperial Majesty, not meeting here with the success he desired in his Negotiations, is preparing for his return home.