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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.