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Swansey, Jan. 26.

Yesterday arrived here the *Friendship* of *London*, bound for *Kingsale* in *Ireland*, with *Fruits* and *Wines* from *Malaga*, the *Master* tells us, that he came out thence about five weeks agoe in company of near 40 sail of *Merchant* men, under the *Convoy* of *Captain Beach*, *Captain Heylin*, and *Captain Berry*, who left them some few *Leagues* from *Cadis*, returning back to *Malaga* to convoy some vessels that lie there ready for *Tangier*, being chiefly laden with *Provisions* and *Money* for that *Garrison*.

Plymouth, Jan. 27. The bad weather continues still, though God be thanked we hear of no further harm from sea; a house or two have been blown down by the late high winds, but the damage not considerable.

Madrid, Jan. 21. By an *Express* from the *West-Indies* we are informed, that the *Spanish Colonies* there are in a very good and quiet condition, and that the report formerly had of an attempt of the *French* to give them some trouble in those parts, proves groundless. That the people of *Peru* have lately discovered some new *Mines*, which they say are very rich, and from whence they hope to draw very considerable advantages, and that one of the richest ships of the last *New Spain* Fleet, had been lost near *Porto Rico*. Letters from the *Vice-Roy* of *Sicily*, tell us of the great fears and apprehensions they are in, at the preparations the *Turks* are making by *Sea* and *Land*, which they suspect may be designed against them or some other part of *Italy*.

From *Tangier* they give us an account of the good condition of that place, that the *Mole* hath not by the late storms and high winds, which have been there exceeding violent, received the least damage, which makes them promise themselves a happy conclusion of that work, which is of late very considerably advanced.

Orders having been lately issued for the raising of several *Troops*; the *Council of War* have accordingly proceeded to make choice of the *Officers* to be employed in those new *Levies*.

We have advice here, that notwithstanding the many difficulties and obstacles started by several persons of great Quality, for the hindring the intended Marriage between the *Duke of Mantua*, and *Princess Guastala*, They have at last wholly concluded that matter, the *Prince* her *Father* having readily Signed all that was proposed to him, concerning that *Dukes* succession to his *Lands* and *Principality*; it is thought this Marriage may suddenly be consummated, they having dispatched an *Express* to the *Emperor* to acquaint him with it.

Dou Francisco de Guzman, and the *Countess of Chinchon*, who were lately married here, having been found after they had lived some days together, Related to each other within the prohibited degrees for *Matrimony*, were thereupon separated by order of the *Popes* *Nuncio* here, till they have dispensation from *Rome* to Legitimate their Marriage.

Leghorn, Jan. 5. The 24th instant sailed from this

Port the *Fersey* and *Guernsey* *Fregats* for *Zant*, together with several *Merchant* ships bound for *Naples*, *Messina* and *Venice*, and on the 25th departed *Sir John Harman* and *Captain Darcy* with one *Fireship*, to convoy the *Mary* and *Lewis* and other *Merchant* men bound for *London*: we since hear he was separated from them by foul weather, and put into *Alicant*, but that he stayed not there, immediately sailing again in search of his *Convoy*. We have advice here that an *Ambassador* from the *Emperor* is suddenly expected at *Florence*, that the *Great Duke* intends to stay and receive him there, and presently after that Ceremony is over, to remove with the whole *Court* to *Pisa*.

Rome, Jan. 10. The *Spanish Cardinals* having had several conferences about the reception of *Don Pedro d' Arragon*, who was approached very near this place in Quality of *Ambassador* of *Obedience* from the *Crown of Spain*, they at last resolved, That their *Eminencies*, the *Cardinal of Hesse*, and the *Cardinal Porto Carrero* should go and receive his *Excellency* at *Torro*; concerning the rank, which the *Constable of Colonna* might pretend to, nothing was agreed on, but for the avoiding of all further trouble, they thought it best, that the said *Constable* should not appear at his reception. This Evening his said *Excellency* made here his publick Entry, being accompanied by most of the persons of quality about the *Town*, and followed with a train of 200 *Coaches*, all of six horses a peece: The appearance was extream rich and splendid, their *Cloaths*, *Coaches*, *Liveries*, and other *Furnitures*, having been set out with all kinde of *Gallantry* and *Magnificence*, to the admiration of the *Spectators*: Being arrived, he was immediately conducted to the *Palace of Montecavallo* to pay his first respects to his *Holiness*, who expressed his welcome with all the marks of kindness and esteem imaginable. From thence he went to visit the *Cardinal Altieri*, and the rest of the *Popes* *Relations*, being every where received with the honor and respect due to his *Person* and *Character*.

Lisbonne, Jan. 6. Here is daily expected the *Popes* *Nuncio* from *Rome*, whence they say he intends to come over-land, he will bring with him the *Bull* for the Confirmation of such *Bishopricks* as have been disposed of by the *Prince Regent* here.

The 31 past the *Comte d'Estree*, *Vice-Admiral of France* came to an *Anchor* here with Six men men of war and a *Fireship*, where he saluted the *Castle* with Seven *Guns*, and was answered with as many.

Here is arrived the *Holmes* *Fregat*, *Captain Clarke* *Commander*, from the coast of *Barbary*, where he hath been cruising these 5 or 6 moneths, having stranded some time since the *Vice-Admiral of Sully* with a *French Prize*, out of whom they got some plunder, the *Moors* having all escaped to shoar.

Paris, Febr. 4. The discourse continues here of a mutiny at *Bordeaux*, occasioned by the *Kings* late *Edict*, forbidding all *Trade* and *Commerce* with the *Hollanders*; but it is hoped, that by the care already taken, those disturbances will be easily quieted. Here is lately dead, *Monsieur de Berlise*, *Introducer*

roductor of the Ambassadors, who having had the misfortune, as he was riding in his Coach, to be overturned, was so extremely bruised and hurt, that notwithstanding the applications of the ablest Chirurgions, he died of the hurts.

On Saturday last, a solemn service was performed in the several Parish Churches of this City, for their late Archbishop *Hardouin de Peresice*.

Duval, the fellow who made that villainous attempt upon the person of the Princess of *Conde*, is condemned to the Gallies by the Parliament, to spend there the rest of his life.

The marriage between the Duke of *Ventadour*, and the second Daughter of the *Mareschalle de La Morie*; notwithstanding it was reported to have been interrupted, is wholly concluded, to the great satisfaction of their Relations, her Uncle, the Archbishop of *Aube*, giving her a portion of 100 thousand *Liures*, besides what she may expect from him hereafter, she being his only Heiress.

On Sunday last, the King returned with the Court from *Versailles*, when He was pleased to be present at the Contract of Marriage between the Princess of *Harcour*, and a Prince of the Royal Family of *Portugal*, who it seems hath deputed Monsieur de *Lionne*, as His Proxy in the Contract: she appeared extraordinary rich and gallant, being adorned with great quantities of Pearls, and other precious stones. The same day was celebrated the Christening of the Son of the Duke of *Guise*, the King and Mademoiselle, having been pleased to stand for God-father and God-mother.

It is said, that the Court intends for *Vincennes* again, to pass there three or four days more, where the Dauphin is to remain some time; the Physicians judging the Air there to be more healthful for him, than that of *S. Germain*.

This Evening the great Ballet was danced over again at the *Thuilleries*, where their Majesties were pleased to be present with the greatest part of the Court.

Whitehall, Feb. 1. By a Letter from Sir *Edward Spragge*, Admiral of His Majesties Fleet in the *Mediterranean*, bearing date the 26th December in *Alicant Road*, we have this following account.

That being together with the *Little Victory* a Fireship, on the 14th of the same month about 14 Leagues East-North-East of *Firmeniter*, he discovered Three sail standing with him; whereupon he caused his Top-gallant Masts and Yard to be taken down, and his Galleries and Quarter Decks to be covered with Canvas made for that purpose, to the end they might take him for a Merchant man, which they did, till about noon, when it fell down covering a length of his ship, which the little wind had brought a stayes, they betook themselves to run, at which Sir *Edward Spragge* commanded three Boats to Tow the *Victory*, which were so effectually, that they kept all night within small shot of the Turks, who next morning about Two a clock ordered one of the ships that were in their company, and which proved to be a small Newfoundland vessel, called the *Francis* of *London*, Robert *Gilson* Master, taken by them the day before off *Cape Martin*, to stand away to the Southward, hoping (as they have since confessed) that Sir *Edward Spragge* would have contented himself with her, and quitted them.

That since then, about eleven a clock he was got within a mile of them, and by two of the clock having got a fresh gale, was within gun shot, the *Victory* being about two miles a stern; but finding the gale to lessen, and fetching no more upon them, he plied them with his fore chase; upon which, the other of them, called *The Three Half Moons*; and *Two Lions*, quitted his *Consort*, and stood to the Westward;

when Sir *Edw. Spragge*, being unable to pursue them both, was forced to let her escape: In the mean time, the wind proving very calm, he sent orders to Capt. *Harris*, Commander of the *Victory*, to break down all his Fire-works, and to mount some small Guns he had, to the number of Twelve, having sent him a good store of Ammunition, with an hundred of his men, with further directions to row with sixteen Oars close between Decks, unexposed to the enemies small shot, which having been accordingly done, they advanced upon the Turk very considerably, both of them very hotly plying their Chace Guns each at the other. On Sunday morning the Turk was got close under the shoar of *Barbury* near *Cape Tennis*, the *Victory* keeping him still in sight, and engaging him very bravely with her small Guns; in the mean time, the Turks kept so near the shoar, that Captain *Harris* thought he had been fast on ground; who was thereupon ordered to come to an Anchor, as close to him as possibly he could, Sir *Edward Spragge* being then himself in twelve fathom water, who presently sent his Barge to discover the truth of the matter, which returning, brought him word, That the Turk was rowing close under the shoar with their Sails furled to the Eastward. Next morning early Sir *Edward Spragge* found the Turk almost two miles from him, the *Victory* being quite behinde, for by the continual labor of the men, and want of rest, the Turk had out rowed him two foot for one. About ten a clock they got a fresh gale again, and at twelve were come so near the Turk, as to fire a broad side into him; who thereupon put himself a shoar, at which Sir *Edward Spragge* sent his Boats on board, where they found the Captain, with a Dutch Renegado, who had had the chief management of the Ship, both wounded, thirty three Christian Slaves of several Nations, whereof nine were English, and six or seven Moors, the rest having been either killed or drowned, some few, onely having escaped to shoar. The men minding more the plunder, than the saving of the ship, Sir *Edward Spragge* went himself on board, where having caused most of the Guns, except seven of the smallest, to be thrown over board, and the water cask to be staved, it so lightened her, that by six a clock next morning, they got her off, without the least damage to the Ship, which he brought with him into the road of *Alicant*. The Turk is called *The City of Argiers*, which is famously carved and painted in her Stern, being a new stout Ship, and very well provided with Cables, Anchors, and other Tackling. She had in her 28 peeces of Ordnance, which was taken, but will carry 36 or 38. In this engagement Sir *Edward Spragge* received little or no damage, having onely had one man killed, and nine wounded. The next day being the twentieth, Sir *Edward Spragge* took a Brigandine, laden with Corn, and sailing to *Argiers*, which he brought likewise with him into *Alicant*, from whence he intended to sail very suddenly, to joyn with the rest of his Fleet.

Hague, Jan. 6. This day the States of *Holland* Assembled again, and it is thought they may now suddenly come to a resolution concerning the preparations which they are to make as well by Sea as Land against the next Spring. The *Vice Marshal Wuriz* hath had several conferences with the Council of State, for the regulating some defects which are at present in the Militia. Monsieur de *Groot*, Ambassador from this State in the Court of *France*, considering the ill success which he hath met with in his Negotiation there, hath desired leave to return home. The States-General have lately caused a *Placet* to be published, whereby they give notice of their Order of State of the Second instant, for the charging amongst other things, all foreign Butter, Cheese, Bacon, and Beef, imported into any place of their Dominions, with several impositions, desiring the respective Provinces, and Commanding all their Officers to see the same duly and carefully executed. From *Manster* we have advice, that that *Bishop* continues to raise men in all parts he may, but that he assures the Envoye of this State, they are onely to vindicate his Right against the Duke of *Wolfsbusel* upon the City of *Hexter*.