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## P R E S E N T,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

UPON reading this Day at the Board a Presentment by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, dated the 19th of July last, to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in the Words following. viz.

WE have had frequent Complaints from our Officers in several Parts of the Coasts of this Kingdom, that the Smuglers are now grown so very numerous and insolent, that they appear in Bodies from 20 to 30 armed Men, and in Defence of the Officers of the Customs, do forcibly run great Quantities of Goods, to the great Prejudice of the Revenue and the fair Traders, a fresh Instance whereof we have now before us from one of our Officers at Stockton; who hath represented to us, in his Letter of the 7th Instant (Copy whereof is hereto annexed, for your Lordships more particular Information) that upon Notice of a considerable Quantity of Goods being run near that Port, he applied to the Commanding Officer of two Troops of Dragoons now quartered there, to assist him in securing the said Goods, but was refused such Assistance by the said Officer, notwithstanding the Clause in the Act of Frauds, 14 Car. II. requires the same: Such Commanding Officer alledging, that he had no Orders to assist any Officer of the Customs in the Execution of his Duty. We have therefore thought it our Duty to lay this Matter before your Lordships, and humbly pray that you will please to be a Means, that the Military Officers quartered not only in and about Stockton, but also on other Parts of the Coast of this Kingdom, may be directed to assist the Officers of the Customs, as there shall be Occasion, in Seizing uncustomed and prohibited Goods.

HIS Majesty taking the same into Consideration, is pleased, with the Advice of His Privy Council, to Order, and it is hereby Ordered, That His Majesty's Secretary at War, do forthwith cause Directions to be given to the Military Officers quartered on, or near the Sea-Coast, throughout England as well a Scotland, That they be assisting to the Civil Magistrates, when desired by them and the Officers of the Customs for the Executing Legal Processes, and other Matters relating to His Majesty's Service, in hindring the Exportation of Wooll, and Illegal Importation of French Silks, Brandy, and other Goods, and preventing the evil Practices complained of in the said Presentment.

J. A. VERNON.

*Rome, Aug. 31.* On the 18th Instant arrived an Express from Madrid, with Letters for the Pope, in which the King of Spain thanked him for the Promotion of Cardinal Alberoni, and acquainted him with the Reasons which had prevented the sending of the auxiliary Squadron to join the Venetian Fleet in the Levant, as had been at first intended. That Day likewise the Marquess de Sanctis, Minister from the Duke of Parma, received, by a Courier, Dispatches on the same Subject. On the 20th a Congregation was held in the Pope's Presence, to consider what Resolutions this Court ought to take, in case a new War should be kindled in Italy, and for preventing so great an Evil: Afterwards a Courier was dispatched to Sig. Aldrovandi, Nuncio at Madrid, with Instructions pursuant to what had been agreed in the said Congregation, and for offering the Pope's Mediation in order to determine the present Differences. Count Gallas, the Emperour's Ambassador, having received Letters from Vienna

on the 22d, had Audience of the Pope on the 23d, and made pressing Instances to him, in the Name of his Imperial Majesty, to induce him to declare that the sudden Change of Counsels at the Court of Madrid was wholly without his Knowledge, and that he had no Part in the Designs that Court might have to disturb the Peace of Italy, while the Emperour's Arms were employed in Hungary against the Enemies of the Christian Name. Count Gubernatis, Minister of the King of Sicily, declared that Day, that he had no Knowledge of any such Designs. On the 26th in the Morning arrived an Express from Vienna, with the News of the intire Defeat of the Turkish Army in Hungary: That Afternoon the Pope went to the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore, to give Thanks for the Victory; the Imperial Ambassador, and 24 Cardinals assisting on that Occasion. The Engagement between the Venetian and Turkish Fleets on the 19th of last Month, was without the Loss of any Ship on either Side: A Storm prevented the Renewal of the Fight the next Day, and the Venetian Fleet was obliged to make to Cape Spartivento, where having been joined by the Portuguese and Maltese Auxiliaries, they came together to Corfu before the 16th Instant, which is the Date of the last Letters from thence. The Commandore of the Portuguese Squadron having written hither, that he had separated from the rest of the Fleet, in order to return to Portugal, the Pope is extremely concerned at it, because 'tis known the Turkish Fleet continues on the Coasts of the Morea, and he has prevailed with the Portuguese Ambassador to dispatch a Letter to the said Commandore, earnestly pressing him to rejoin the Venetian Fleet; it being very much to be apprehended, that such a Separation before the Conclusion of the Campaign, might give too great an Advantage to the Turks.

*Genoa, Sept. 7.* This Day arrived an Express from Sardinia, with Letters dated from the Camp before Cagliari the 27th past, which give the following Account:

On the 22d of August, early in the Morning, the Spanish Forces landed near the Salt-Pits; 500 Imperial Horse, of which 300 were regular Troops, appeared at some Distance from the Place of Landing, but the Cannon of the Spanish Gallies firing continually, kept them off, and the Descent was made without any Opposition. The same Day the Spanish Troops advanced towards Cagliari, and encamped in the Plain of Lazaretto; and the Fleet which had anchored off the Salt-Pits, during the Disembarkation, failed, and took their Station before the Town.

On the 23d the Spanish Forces took Possession of the Convent of Bonaire, the Imperialists retiring into the Suburbs of Cagliari, without firing a Shot, and thence their Foot withdrew into the Town, the Horse marching off into the Country, to hinder the Spaniards from supplying themselves with Provisions on the Island.

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