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From on Board the Dover at Gibraltar, December 23, O. S.

THE 7th Instant at Night His Majesty's Ships the Dover, Advice and Norwich, under the Command of Commadore Cavendish, being about 9 Leagues to the Westward of Cape St. Vincent, fell in with three Spanish Men of War, one of them a very high built Ship of 64 Guns, another of 62, and the 3d of 50, that were supposed to come from Corunna, and to be bound for Cadiz. The Wind being at North West and pretty strong, and the Sea running very high, the Commadore thought it proper to defer engaging them till next Morning; accordingly by Break of Day we attack'd them, and the Engagement lasted three Hours, but as they were much superiour to us, and we fought under this Disadvantage, that by reason of the bad Weather we could not make Use of our lower Tire of Guns, finding it impossible to take them we bore away, and came in here the 10th Instant. The Dover had nine Men killed and wounded, the Advice about 30, and the Norwich five. We have since received an Account from Cadiz, that the Spanish Ships above-mentioned got in there the 9th; that they came from St. Andrea; and are called the Capitana de Barlovento, the Tolosa, and the Minione; and that they have lost Abundance of Men, and are very much shattered and damaged in their Masts and Rigging. The 17th at Night we had prodigious Thunder and Lightning, a Flash of which cut down our Foremast, the whole Ship was full of Lightning between Decks, and five or six Men hurt with it, particularly the Centinel at the Powder-Room Scuttle, who was almost killed, yet by great Providence the Powder did not take Fire. We are repairing our Damage in order to go out again to cruize.

Berne, Dec. 27. The Sieur Jeunnich, one of the Secretaries of this Canton, who was sent some time ago to Bienne on Account of the Commotions there, occasioned by some Hardships which the Bishop of Porentru attempted to impose on the Inhabitants of that Town, is returned hither, and on the 20th Instant attended the Sovereign Council, and made his Report of the State of that Matter; the Council thereupon resolved to write to the Bishop to exhort him to desist from his unreasonable Pretentions, and to contribute what lies in him to restore the publick Tranquillity, as they had before admonished the Inhabitants of Bienne to submit to the Bishop so far as

could reasonably be expected from them, and to contribute on their Part towards bringing Matters to an Accommodation. Endeavours are also used to compose the Differences between this State and the Principality of Neufchatel, which were occasioned by a Prohibition which the Government here thought fit to lay upon the Wines of Neufchatel, their Subjects being over stocked with Wines of their own Growth. An Officer in the Duke of Lorraine's Service arrived here last Week with a Letter from that Duke to this Canton, acquainting them, that one of his Subjects being accused of Coining French Louis d'Ors had fled from Justice, and his Highness being informed he had retired into Swisserland desired that Leave might be given to search for him in the Territories of this State. This was readily complied with, and Orders were given at the same time to all the Bailiffs of the several Districts to assist in such Search, and in seizing the Offender if he could be found; but after a fruitless Enquiry after him in these Parts the Duke of Lorraine's Officer proceeded on the same Errand to the Canton of Zurich.

Vienna Dec. 27, N. S. The Duke of Holstein Gottorp arrived here the 20th Instant from Dresden under the Name of the Count de Rheinbock; he made a Visit the next Day to Prince Eugene, and has since had Audience of the Emperour, the Empress and the rest of the Imperial Family. His Highness intends to stay here but a few Days, and then to return to Hambourg. Signior Guicifardi, the Duke of Modena's Minister, had an Audience this Day of his Imperial Majesty, to notify the Marriage lately concluded between the Hereditary Prince of Modena and Mademoiselle de Valois, Daughter to the Regent of France. Count Kinigslegg, who is now at Dresden in the Quality of High Steward of the Electoral Princess of Saxony's Household, is to go with the Character of the Emperour's Ambassadour to Warsaw, to be present at the General Diet of Poland that is shortly to meet there. His Imperial Majesty's Pals is sent to Wilna, to General Weissbach, who is coming hither as Minister from the Czar of Muscovy.

Brussels, Jan. 6, N. S. M. Neny, who had been sent by the Marquess de Prié to the Hague to settle some Matters relating to the Execution of the Barrier Treaty, and the Convention since made for explaining some Points of it, returned hither last Week; and the Prince of Ligne is to go from hence in four or five Days to take Possession of several Places