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From **Sunday, July 3.** to **Thursday July 6.** 1671.

Falmouth, June 28.

This day came into this Port the *Guist Ketch*, belonging to the *East India* Company, the Maister reports, that on Saturday last they met off of *Portland*, the *Zant* Merchaptman coming from the *East Indies*; and that the Seamen told them, they parted from *St Helens*, in company of Six Ships more bound for *England*, but that they outsailling them, they supposed they might yet be several days off at Sea.

Leghorn, June 19. Sir *William Fennings* in the *Princede*, and Captain *Worden* in the *Falcon* Frigats, are this day parted for *Zant*, to take care of the *Turky* ships. The *English* Gally is come into this Court from *Pisa*.

Madrid, June 24. The unhappy accident of Fire, which as hath been said, began the 7th instant in the *Escorial*, burnt with much violence for almost Seaven days together; when the wind, which had that whole time continued pretty high, beginning somewhat to abate, made the endeavors of the Inhabitants more successful then they had been before in the quenching of it; what remained unburnt, is the Body of the Church (though much damnified) the great Cloyster, the *Sacristia*, the *Capitulo*, the *Botica*, and some part of the Palace, with several of the low buildings, it is hoped, some way will be found forthwith to set about the repairing this glorious Building, and to restore it to its former Lustre.

The 14th instant being the day appointed for the Celebration of the late Beatification of *Ferdinand* the Third King of *Castile* and *Leon*, the evening before was spent in adorning that part of the Town, through which the Procession was to pass, being the *Plaza Mayor*, and some of the principal Streets adjoining to it, which were hung with excellent Tapistries, Embroideries, and very rich Silks; in several places were erected Altars, some of them equal in height to the buildings, and beautified with all kind of sumptuous Ornaments; At night the streets were every where filled with Bonfires, and the Balconies with Torches, which continued for five or six hours; About Four in the morning, the persons of greatest Quality walked up and down to view the splendor of the Streets and Altars, which were more magnificent then what hath ever been before upon such occasions, and afterwards the meaner sort of people; At Four in the afternoon the King and Queen in like manner passed through the Streets in their Coach, and afterwards went to their Balconie in the *Plaza Mayor*, where they were for the space of an hour diverted by Comedians, who acted before them upon a Stage erected to that purpose, till the procession began to appear, wherein first marched the several Companies of Tradesmen, next the Religious Orders, carrying with them the Statues of several Saints, adorned with Jewels and other rich Vestments; then followed the Secular Priests, bringing up the Statue of the new Saint, in a Triumphal Chariot,

preceded by a Bishop; an infinite number of the Nobility, of the Councillors and Gentry concluding the Procession, which was indeed very Pompous and Magnificent.

Here is newly arrived an Expres from *Cartagena* in the *West Indies*, with advice of the taking of *Panama* by the Privateers of *Jamaica*; but that the Governor having had timely notice, had sent away most of the riches that were in the Town, farther into the *South Sea*.

Cologne, July 3. Yesterday the Answer and Resolution of our Magistracy upon the demands and pretences of our Elektor, were put into the hands of the Mediators, to be by them communicated to their Principals, and at the same time was dispatched a Copy thereof to his Imperial Majesty; in the interim all hands are at work on our Fortifications, which begin to advance apace, and the Drums beat dayly for the raising of two Thousand men more; it is said, that the Emperor will likewise send hither two Regiments for the defence of the place. We have advice here, that the *French* were come within Eight Leagues of *Sa lurg*, which had caused a general allarme there.

The Bishop of *Strasbourg* coming some days since hither from *Bonn* with a great Train, was, it seems, refused entrance by the Watch, except they would deliver the Arms, and leave them there till their return, which the Bishop refused, and seemed for the present much offended; however, the next day he came into the Town, having caused his servants to leave their Arms behind them.

Hamborough, July 3. We are told that his Highness the Prince of *Orange* is hourly expected at *Zell*, on his return from *Berlin*, and that very great preparations are making for his entertainment during his stay there. Our Magistrats having lately deputed certain of their Body to go upon some affairs relating to the present conjuncture, to the Dukes of *Lunenburg*, they yesterday returned hither; though with what success in the matters they went about, we yet know not.

We are still here in some feare of the designs of our Neighbours, and the more, seeing, as we are told, the King of *Danemark* seems to expect Homage from this Town; in the mean time, we are raising 600 Foot, and 300 Horse against all accidents.

The advices from *Muscovy*, quite contradict again what was here lately reported of the Rebel's being taken prisoner, and now say, that he was still in the Field with a very powerful Force, and that at *Moskow* things were in much disorder. From *Copenhagen* they write, that their Majesties were Crowned the 17 past at *Fredersburgh*, by the Bishop of that place, in the presence of most of the Nobility of the Kingdom, though contrary to most mens expectation, with no great Solemnity; and that the King is since gone towards *Normay*, with intentions to visit those parts.

Utrecht July 5. Here is arrived out of *Germany* the Count de *Solms*; On Fridy last he was to visit the Velt Marſhal *Wurtz*, who upon orders received from these States, is preparing to depart to morrow, together with the said Count for the *Hague*. The