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St. James's, December 14.

**A**N humble Address of the Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the County of Devon that usually assemble in the City of Exeter, has been presented to his Majesty by Mr. Thomas Reynolds, accompanied by Mr. William Tong, being introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously, and Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Tong had the Honour to kiss His Majesty's Hand.

His Majesty has been graciously pleased to give to the Governours of the Charity for Relief of the poor Widows and Children of Clergymen, the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds.

*Lisbon, Nov 28, N S.* The Drake Sloop, Captain Liogen Commander, arrived here the 24<sup>th</sup> Instant in four Days from Gibraltar. We have Advice from Cadiz, that on the 30<sup>th</sup> past the three Maltese Ships of War sailed from thence for Barcelona. That on the 4<sup>th</sup> Instant the Dutch Squadron under the Command of Admiral Grave sailed out of that Bay for Holland. And that on the same Day the Spanish Squadron of nine Men of War came into the Port of Cadiz: Four of which are to be fitted out with all possible Expedition for the West-Indies; and the rest are to be laid up for this Winter. These Letters add, that Advices were come from Peru dated the 14<sup>th</sup> of May last, that the Plague had made great Desolation in the Kingdom of Chili. On the 16<sup>th</sup> Instant, two Men of War belonging to the Dutch Squadron, put into this River, in their Way homeward. Dom Diego de Mendonça Corte Real Son to the Secretary of State here, is appointed his Portuguese Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary at the Hague, in the Room of Manoel de Sequeira the Resident there lately deceased. On the 18<sup>th</sup> His Britannick Majesty's Ship Falmouth sailed from hence for the Streights: The Lynn Man of War is still in this Harbour. The British Men of War Dragon, Winchester, Leopard, and Lime Galley, are together in the Mediterranean: The Dursley Galley and Trial Sloop are cruising in the Mouth of the Streights; the Panther is in Cadiz; and two other British Men of War are cruising off Cape St. Vincent.

*Genoa, Nov. 27, O. S.* Captain Scott sailed from Gibraltar the 31<sup>st</sup> of last Month, with a Squadron of His Britannick Majesty's Men of War under his Command. Arriving on

this Coast, he sent Captain Steuart in the Winchester to look into Porto Speccia, and the Lord Vere Beauclair in the Lime to Leghorne for Intelligence. Himself in the Dragon, with the Leopard commanded by Captain Medley, proceeded for this Place, where he arrived the 22<sup>d</sup> Instant in the Afternoon. He immediately discovered, that the Revolution, a Ship in the Pretender's Service, lay in the inner Mole, but so surrounded with other Ships that he could not come to Anchor near her. He went to the Pratick House, on pretence of getting Pratick, but with a Design to send to Mr. Davenant His Britannick Majesty's Envoy to come to him, that he might receive from him what Information he could concerning that Ship. Mr. Davenant acquainted him, that Monro her Captain lay ashore dangerously ill of some Wounds he had lately received, and that other Officers named Gardiner, Fordes, and French, lodged in the same House with him. The Gates being upon shutting, Captain Scott had just Time to tell Mr. Davenant he had Orders to seize that Ship; that as soon as he could get back to his own Ship he would go about the seizing of her, that he might depend upon her being in his Possession in half an Hour; and therefore that the Persons before-mentioned might not have an Opportunity of making their Escape when they should hear of her being seized, he desired him as soon as the Gates should be shut, to go to the Doge, and demand in His Britannick Majesty's Name, that they might be immediately secured, His Majesty having certain Information of their being Traitors and Rebels, and given Orders that they should be demanded from the Government of any Place where they might happen to be. The Ship was seized without the least Noise or Disturbance, with her Crew consisting of 58 Persons. The Doge answered Mr. Davenant, that he could not comply with his Demand without the Consent of the Senate and Grand Council which he would call the next Morning. The Senate not coming then to a Resolution, Captain Scott renewed the same Demand in the Afternoon the 23<sup>d</sup>, and likewise demanded the Sails and Powder belonging to the Revolution, which had been carried ashore; for she was designed to have been careened and refitted. The latter Demand was granted, but the Senate having not yet come to a Determination on the former, Fordes has retired to a foreign Minister's House, and Gardiner, Monro, and French, to a Convent of Dominicans. Captain Scott intends to refit the Revolution, and as soon as she shall be in Readiness for the Sea, to send one of the British Men of War Home with her, putting her Crew on board that Man of War.