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Portsmouth, December 7.

Yesterday put in here through contrary winds a Dutch man of War, with several Merchant men, as well Dutch as English, under his Convoy from the *Streights*; the day before arrived here the *Greenwich* Pink of London, from *Alexant*, the Master tells us, that he touched at *Cadix*, and came thence the 10 past, in Company of some other Merchant men under the Convoy of the *Diamond* Frigate, on board of which, he reports, to be a considerable quantity of Silver, which they took in at *Cadix*; for the account of several Merchants of London.

Florence, Novemb. 22. The Count de Prado, late Ambassador from the Crown of Portugal at Rome, being arrived at *Leghorne*, on his return home from that Court, hath sent his Son hither to pay his respects to the Great Duke and Dutchess, by whom, he having been very kindly received, is returned again for *Leghorne*.

By a Vessel arrived at *Leghorne* from *Palermo* in *Sicily*, we have advice of the great scarcity of Corn in that Kingdom, insomuch, that for want of Bread, the people were ready to fall into great disorders. We have advice of one of our Gallies having lately with the assistance of an other of *Malta* taken a very rich ship belonging to the Corsairs of *Argiers*.

Madrid, Novemb. 25. The sixth instant being his Majesties Birth day, who then compleated the Tenth year of his age, their Majesties, together with the whole Court, were entertained at the *Priora* with a Bull Feast, as likewise with several other sports and exercises usual on such Solemn occasions. Here is lately arrived at this Court the Marquis de *Peacara*, eldest Son to the Marquis del *Vasto*, a principal Family in the Kingdom of *Naples*, in order to the Consummating his Marriage with the Sister of the Marquis de *Camaraça*.

The Marquis del *Fresno*, designed Ambassador to the Crown of England, having received his necessary dispatches for that Embassy, and taken his leave of their Majesties, designs to part hence to morrow on his journey, which he intends to take by the way of *France*. From *Malaga* they write, of the third instant, that Captain *Holmes* continued to cruise about the *Streights* mouth; that they had advice from *Cadix*, of the arrival of Sir *John Chicheley* in the *Dreadnought* from England, on board of whom was the Countess of *Middleton*, going to his Excellency the Earl of *Middleton* at *Tangier*. From *Lisbonne* they tell us, that a servant of a certain Jew there, endeavoring to steal Hens out of the Nunnery at *Odivelas*, had been apprehended, and discovered to have been the Author of the late Sacriledg, committed in the stealing the Host out of the Parish Church of that place, by some Relicks he had about him, which were then lost out of that Church.

Milan, Novemb. 25. The Cardinal *Litta* our Archbishop, is at length arrived here from Rome,

having been received with all imaginable respect and kindness, as well by our Governor, as the rest of the Nobility of these Countries. Directions have been given by our Governor, for the Fortifying of several places on the Frontiers, and for the reinforcing of several of the Garrisons there.

Vienna, Novemb. 25. On Sunday next are appointed Solemn Prayers to be used in all our Churches, on the occasion of the *Empresse's* being with Child. We have of late had several Expresses from the Marquis de *Grana* at *Cologne*, and as many have been returned from hence with farther instructions, as the change of affairs there seemed from time to time to require. Our last Letters from thence told us, of the great appearance there was of an accommodation, and that it depended upon the Towns accepting of the Project of the Deputies of the Circle of *Westphalia*, which those Magistrates expressed some inclination to; since which, we have not heard farther, of the 8 Regiments, which as we had been before told, were ordered to march for the assistance of that place.

The affairs of *Hungary* continue much in one posture, there being still those who make it their business to allarme us daily with new designs and contrivances against his Imperial Majesty; in which they tell us, the Rebels are encouraged by the promised assistance of the Port, and more particularly by *Abafiz* Prince of *Transilvania*, who is ready to supply them with Men and Money; but whilst we cannot find that these reports are grounded upon any great appearance of Truth, we are the less concerned at them.

Hamburg, Decemb. 9. Some days since arrived here the *Laudtgravine* of *Cassel* from *Copenhagen*, where she hath been to visit the Queen her Daughter; and the 30 past went hence again on her return home. The Velt Marshal *Wurtz* is gone hence with several Foreign Officers for *Holland*, where they expect Service at the raising of the new Troops.

The Count de *Gonningsmark* continues his Leavies here with much vigor, having already compleated some of his Troops in those parts. From *Warsaw* they write, that their Majesties of *Poland* were in a day or two expected there; that they had advice from the *Ukraine*, that the Crown Army, which lay before *Kalnitke*, having been informed of the return of the Army of *Lithuania* home again, and that they could not expect any recruits for the reinforcing of their Troops, had quitted the Siege, and retired into their winter quarters, which it is feared, may much encourage *Dorosenko* to take this advantage, to settle his interests in those parts, which besides others, the Tartars seem very much underhand to favor.

Paris, Decemb. 11. The 7 instant their Royal Highnesses arrived here from *St. Germain*, having dined at *St. Clou*; that evening her Royal Highness was visited by all the Princesses of the Blood, and other Ladies of the chiefest quality, in Town; and the next day was Complimented by the *Prevoist des-Merchants*, and the *Eschevins* in the name of this City