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Plimouth, December 11.

Here are at present in this Port, several Merchant men, as we'll outward as inward bound; and amongst others, the *Unity of Yarmouth*, and the *St. Lucar Merchant*, bound for London.

Hull, Decemb. 13. On Saturday last arrived here a small man of War, mounted with six Guns and fourteen Men, belonging to *Middlebrough*, and bound for the *Streights*, being, as we are told, set out by particular persons of the said place, against the *Corfsairs of Barbary*.

Waymouth, Decemb. 15. Yesterday put in here a French Vessel, laden with Lemmons and Oranges from *Libonne*, bound for *Rouen*, the Seamen tell us, that they met the first instant, off of the Rock of *Libonne* with two *Algerines*, the one carrying 18, and the other 14 Guns, that the lesser of them Commanded their Master on board, and that in the interim, the Turks came on board them, and took away most of their Provisions and Clothes, and some of their Sayls; and so, having sent the Master back again, left them; they farther tell us, that afterwards they met with eight French men of War bound for *Silly*, the Admiral of the Squadron they know not.

Portsmouth, Decemb. 14. Here is put into this Port a small Ketch of *Scarborough*, laden with Wine from *Burdeaux*, from whence she came in Company of several other Merchant men, bound for several Ports in *England*, together with a Fleet of Dutch Merchant men, who were all empty, some having after they had been laden, upon advice from *Holland*, unladed again at *Burdeaux*.

Dantzicke, Decemb. 4. Their Majesties of *Poland* are at present with the Court at *Warsaw* again, where they intend to continue this winter. His Majesty having sent his Letters to the several Palatinates, for the summoning a general Dyet, to be held at *Warsaw* the 16 of *January* next, the respective Provincial Assemblies may now be speedily begun, in order to the framing the necessary Instructions for the Deputies they send to the great Dyet; it is said, that the chief points his Majesty recommends to them, are, the paying of the Arrears of the Forces now on Foot, and to provide another Fund for the raising of more Men, in order to the total reducing of the *Ukraine*, his Majesty intending to pursue, with the Spring, the success his Armes have obtained this Summer in those parts.

From the *Ukraine* they tell us, that since the retreat of the Crown Army from *Kabnick* into their winter Quarters, the Rebel Cossacks begin daily to recover more and more strength, under the Command of *Dorosensko*; they likewise speak of confederating themselves with the *Tartars*, though without any great certainty; sure it is, he begins to appear with his Forces in the Field again, and to put himself into a posture for the retaking the places he had lost this Campaign.

We have been of late very free from any allarmes on our Frontiers from the Turks, which makes us imagine them at present wholly employed for the

composing the affairs of *Mecca*; though from *Vienna* they still entertain us with fears and apprehensions of the designs of the Port again; *Hungary*, where it is said, they flatter themselves with hopes of meeting with the less resistance, through the discontentments they pretend are still remaining amongst many of those Inhabitants.

We have been long here, without any considerable news from *Muscovy*, and even that we have, comes to us with much incertainty; some Passengers arrived here from those parts, tell us, that the Rebellion there is not quite suppressed, but that some sparks of it yet remain about *Casan* and *Astracan*, notwithstanding all the endeavors of that Court for the quenching the same.

Venice, Decemb. 5. The Duke de *Nevers* is returned hither from *Rome*, where he has left his Sister the Dutchess *Mazarini*, with intentions, as is said, to return with his Lady, who is at present here, to accompany her hither, they designing to pass the Winter in this place. Here are making two very rich Gondolo's for his most Christian Majesty, and are almost finished.

It seems the thoughts this Senate had of sending an Embassy to the Crown of *France*, are now layd aside, the affair concerning the French Slaves being finally determined, which at first was feared, might have given some dissatisfaction. By a Vessel arrived from *Sicily*, we have the confirmation of what we heard before from thence, of the great scarcity of Corne in that Kingdom, the cause of which, the people in this disorder, seem to charge upon the Vice-Roy, in that he had permitted this last Summer, the exportation of Corne out of those Countries; as likewise upon some other persons of quality, whom they accuse of having bought up vast quantities of Graine, in order to the raising the price, notwithstanding, it be almost to the destruction of the Commonalty; the Vice Roy to provide what he may in this extremity, hath given orders for the stopping all Ships that shall arrive with Corne at any Port of that Kingdom, and that they oblige the Masters to sell the same at reasonable rates.

Frankfort, Decemb. 10. The difference between the Elector Palatine and the Prince of *Hessen Darmstadt*, concerning the Town and Territory of *Amstadt*, having been submitted by those Princes to the Arbitrage of the Great Master of the Teutonic Order, and he having ever since laboured with much earnestness, for the composing it, though hitherto ineffectually, by reason of the many difficulties he meets in it, hath deferred the farther debate of this affair till next Summer, obliging at the same time, the respective parties by mutual promises, not to attempt any thing in the interim by force of Arms, for the obtaining their right hereunto.

We are wholly taken up with the content we have for the Town of *Calogne*, and especially, since we are told, of the little progress hath hitherto been made in order to an accommodation, but that on the contrary, the preparations are carried on with all imaginable vigor, and that several Boats laden with Ammunition, Artillery, &c. come daily down the *Moselle*, under French Convoys, &c.

Amsterdam, Dec. 8. Since the departure of the Velt Marshal *Wurze* for *Holland*, his Friends here report, that he went only with intentions to rake his leave of those States, in order to the quitting their Service; he having as is said, made an agreement with the King of *Denmark*, to command his Forces as Lieutenant General; but of this we must expect to hear farther from the *Hague*.

This Place is continually full of Officers, employed in the foreign Leavies several Princes are at present making in these parts. Count *Coningsmark* hath not as yet completed his Regiment, but hopes to do it suddenly.

From *Westphalia* they write, that they expected the Bishop of *Munster* back from *Cologne* yet before the Holy days; whom they report to be much concerned, at the little success his Endeavors, together with the rest of the Mediators, have hitherto there met with, and that he must be forced to leave things in as bad, if not worse, a posture than they were in, at his coming into those parts.

From *Stockholme* they write, that upon the answer Monsieur *Pomponne*, the French Ambassador, had received from the Senate to his late Memorial, he had resolved to defer his departure thence for fourteen days longer: And had desired another Conference with those Ministers, about matters relating to his Negotiation in that Court.

Paris, Decemb. 18. The King hath bestowed the Government of *Berry*, lately possessed by the Count de *Lauruz*, on the Prince de *Marillac*, who hath thereupon taken the usual Oath before his Majesty. On Monday last Monsieur de *Pellier*, Archbishop of *Rheims* took his place, for the first time, in the Parliament here, as first Duke and Peer of *France*, where he was received with the usual Ceremonies, the Prince de *Condé*, and his Son the Duke d' *Enghuieu*, having with many others of the chiefest of the Nobility in Compliment to the Archbishop and his Family, assisted at the Ceremony.

From *Rochele* they write, that they had advice by a Vessel arriv'd there from the Coast of *Barberry*, that our men of War had lately sunk two Vessels belonging to *Sally*, and that those *Cosairs* were very desirous to conclude a Peace with this Crown, but that they had received orders from the Emperor *Jussessa* to the contrary. Here hath been lately given out about 45 Thousand Armes, as well Pikes as Muskets, Swords, &c. to the new Captains of Foot, to be by them distributed to the Soldiers they are now raising in this Kingdom.

The Herr *Grotius*, Ambassador from the States General of the United Provinces, having lately received a Letter from the States his Masters, to be by him presented to his Majesty, hath accordingly desired an Audience, which he is to have of the King to-morrow; it is said, his Excellency hath Instructions to make some overtures for the composing the misunderstanding that seems at present to be between this Crown and the States in matters of Commerce. Since the dilgace of the Count de *Lauruz*, several Candidates have appeared for his place of Captain of the Kings Guards; amongst whom, the Duke of *Luxemburgh*, the Count *Auvergne*, and the Marquis de *Villeroz*, seem to stand the fairest.

On Monday next goes hence Monsieur de *Louvois* for *Flanders*, to visit the several Garrisons and Fortifications belonging to this Crown in those Countries, with intentions to be back again about the middle of *January*, to attend the King on his Journey to *Champagne*, whither his Majesty intends to go about that time, to be present at a general Rendezvous there of his new raised Forces; it being

said, that the Forreign Leavies (onely will amount to 20000 Men.

The 13 instant the Count de *Rantzow* had his publick Audience of their Majesties, as likewise of the Dolphin, in quality of Envoy Extraordinary from the King of *Denemark*. From *Bar* they write, that the Marschal de *Crequi* was arriv'd there, after having convoyed several Boats Laden with Artillery and other Military provisions down along the *Moselle*, that he intended to make no long stay there, but to return with his Forces to *Nancy*. From *Rome* they tell us, that upon the receipt of a Letter from his Majesty, which was lately sent thither by an Extraordinary Courier, his Holyness has resolved to make the promotion of Cardinals, heretofore spoken of, at *Christmas*, and that he intends first to gratify the preences of the Crownes, and next those others he himself has thoughts of raising to this Dignity.

From *Stockholme* we have advice, that Monsieur de *Pomponne* had at the instance of that Court, deferred his departure from thence till the 30 of *November*. The 20 instant the Cardinal de *Bouillon*, took before his Majesty the usual Oath, as Great Almoner of *France*.

Hague, Dec. 22. The States of *Holland* are still busied about the new Leavies, and the raising the moneys for the Extraordinary of the next year. On Thursday last was brought into the Assembly of the States General, the Advice of the Province of *Zeeland* for the making the Prince of *Orange*, Caprain General &c.

Here is much discourse of forming a flying Army, especially since we have advice from *Cologne*, of the 18 instant, of the difficulties their Elector continues to make, in several points of the late Project; from whence they seem more plainly to discover the little disposition there is on that side, to an accommodation: and that they farther tell us, that that Elector continues daily more and more to block up the passages to the Town, with designs, as is thought, to hinder any foreign Troops from coming to their assistance.

Yesterday arriv'd here his Excellency Sir *George Downing* incognito from *England*. The several Provinces have at length consented to the new Leavies, as likewise for the entertainment of 10000 Seamen, &c.

London, Dec. 26. This week dyed here in Town, His Grace *William Duke of Somerset* &c. in the twentieth year of his Age, after five days illness, of the small-Pox, to the great affliction of that Family; having left his Uncle the Lord *John Seymour*, Heir of his Honor and Estate.

Advertisements.

THE Officers of the Receipt of his Majesties Exchequer, are now come to the payment of the 660 Order, in Number Registered on the Act for His Majesties Revenue of the Hearth Money, and shall proceed to pay the ensuing Orders, to that Number in course, as the Money of that Revenue shall be brought into the Exchequer.

FOUND on Thursday night last a Watch, in a Hackney Coach, going between *Temple Bar* and *Whitehall*, which is ready to be restored to such as shall make himself appear to be the true owner; Enquire of Mr. *Tho. Collins* a stationer, adjoining to *Middle-Temple-Gate*.

December 8. 1671, taken from Mr. *John Levens* of *Tipton* in the County of *Stafford* Ironmonger, five miles from *Nermicham*, by *Thomas Price* a Welchman, one *White Grey Gelding*, 17 hands high, about eight years-old, marked on the near side behind *L. 3*, and hath a little blemish on the same side before, betwixt the Eye and the Ear; and also 201. in Money, sealed up in a brown linnen bag; the said *Tho. Price* is a stout Ruffian, Brown Hair, and in Brown Clothes, and hath a little Cut or Blemish on his Brow, aged about 25 years: If any one shall apprehend him with the Horse and Moneys, and give notice to Mr. *Levens* aforesaid, they shall have 51. as a reward, or if they take the Man and Horse, shall have forty shillings.