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Falmouth, December 13.

THe 10 instant arriv'd here the *John* and *Mary* of *London* from the *Streights*, the Seamen tell us, that off of *Cape de Garr*, they met with a Brigantine, belonging to *Argiers*, mounted with forty Men and two Guns, who immediately boarded them, but found such brave resistance, that after the loss of several of their Men, who were either killed or thrown over board, they were forced to retire; in which Engagement, the Master was by an accident unhappily killed, and some of the Men wounded.

The 12 came in here the *George* of *Hampton*, laden with Wines from *Burdeaux*, from whence they came in Company of seven or eight Dutch Merchant men, all empty; the French, as the Master tells us, not permitting them to lade or take in any Provisions there.

Plymouth, Decemb. 14. Here are at present in this Port the *Adventure* of *London*, with Wines from *Malaga*, and the *Elizabeth* from the *Canaries*, bound for *London*, with several other Merchant men.

Naples, Novemb. 24. The Prince of *Macchia*, having been lately taken Prisoner by the Banditi of this Kingdom, and Treated by them not onely with much Civility, but likewise by order of their chief, the *Abbe Osarano*, restored to his liberty, without requiring any ranome; the said Prince to return them the like good Offices, is employing all his interest with our Governor, in behalf of the said *Abbe*, and to that end, hath offered several Proposals for the restoring him to the same condition he was formerly in at this Court; but our Vice-Roy seeming somewhat hard to be wrought upon in this matter, it is thought, these endeavors of the Prince of *Macchia*, will hardly have any effect.

From *Palermo* we have advice, that the disturbance, or rather tumult amongst the people there, had been so great, through the want of *Corn*, which they found daily more and more to increase upon them; that their Vice-Roy the Prince de *Ligne*, had been forced to leave the Town, and afterwards had very hardly, and not without great trouble, appeas'd them.

Florence, Decemb. 10. The Count de *Prado* is at length Embarked again at *Leghorn*, on his return for *Portugal*. Yesterday went hence Mr. *Thomas Platt* an English Gentleman, belonging to this Court, in quality of Envoy from the Great Duke, to the Duke of *Mantoua*.

Venice, Decemb. 12. Here is lately arriv'd General *Bernardo* from his Government of *Zant*, &c. and yesterday was in the Senate to give them an account of the present posture of Affairs in those parts. The Grand Signior continues with his Court at *Adrianople*, whilst the general report is, that the Sultaness, since the death of her two Sons, is fled from *Constantinople*, leaving the Faction there in great confusion; that the Grand Signior is sending thither the Grand Visier to settle things, and to remove out of the Government of that place, such persons as he may suspect to be any way dangerous

in their bad intentions against His Government, having declared, that he will then go and reside again there.

We are at present wholly in the dark as to the affairs of *Archie*; nor can we after the various reports we have had of those disturbances being quieted, and then broke out again, know what we may believe of it.

Here are Letters from *Vienna* which speak, as if the Turks had of late committed several Inconveniences on the Frontiers of *Hungary*, by obliging many of the Emperors Subjects to pay them Tribute, and destroying and plundering those that offered to refuse the same; they farther write, that the Emperor had resolved to joyn with some other Princes and States, for the defence of *Cologne*, in case it should be attacked.

Brussels, Decemb. 17. According to our last advice from *Cologne*, we cannot but look upon the affairs of that place, as to an Accommodation, to be in a very bad condition, since after so many Debates and Consultations, they have onely the satisfaction, if that be any, more and more to discern the little inclination there is on the other side to compose things by a fair and equal Treaty. Count *Marcin* hath been for several days very ill, but is at present much better again.

The English Envoy *Sir Robert Southwell*, continues to be Treated at this Court in a very extraordinary manner; yesterday he was entertained at a very noble Dinner by the Marquis de *Morbeth*, Captain of his Excellencies Guards, as he was this day by the Marquis d'*Ocera* Governour of *Antwerp*; most of the other Principal persons of this Court, having in like manner Treated the Envoy since his being here.

Against the 20 instant here will be in Town about 150 Reformed Officers; whether the same may be employed in the new Levies his Excellency intends to make, or be permitted to take service in the United Provinces, is not yet certainly said.

From *Milan* they write, that they had advice there from *Sicily*, that the disturbance amongst the Commonalty at *Palermo*, had been so great, at the scarcity of Bread they have had there, that the Vice-Roy had not without much difficulty been able to appease it.

Cologne, Decemb. 19. We may well believe all parts hereabouts, to be at present filled with the news of an Accommodation, between us and our Elector, since we our selves look lately upon it; as a matter concluded, and that with so much confidence, as to report it abroad with great certainty; for when our Magistrates had after some debate, notwithstanding they met with many difficulties, accepted of the Project framed by the Imperial Commissioners; and the Deputies of the Circle of *Westphalia*, for a provisional accord; we expected nothing less then, what hath since happened; that our Elector should have made new Objections; so far as to dash all the hopes we had of a Composure. On Monday last the Bishop of *Munster* was with the Elector at *Bon*, endeavoring, as is said to persuade him to let fall some of his pretences; and accept of the