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Plymouth, January 22.

THe 20 instant arrived here the *Jamaica Factor*, Francis Constable Master, from *Jamaica*, by whom we have an account of the good condition of that Island; several other Merchant men are at present in Port, bound for London.

Rome, Jan. 9. Here is lately dead Cardinal Borromeo, to which Dignity he was promoted by Pope Innocent the X, after some few days illness, by whose death there are at present five places void in the Sacred Colledge.

At *Civita Vecchia* they are making preparations to receive the Duke d'Esrees, who is daily expected to arrive there from *Marseilles* in quality of Extraordinary Ambassador from the Crown of France, though in the mean time it is said, his Holiness has declared to the Bishop of *Laon*, that except his most Christian Majesty would admit at his Court the Nuncio he had signed to send thither, he could not receive his Brother, whom he heard was coming hither in that Quality.

The Cardinal Charles Barbarini hath by the appointment of that Duke received the protection of the affairs of *Savoy*, which his Uncle the late Cardinal *Antonin* had.

The 20 instant the Marquis d' Astorgas intends as is said to begin his journey towards *Naples*, where Don Pedro d' Arragon seems the more impatiently to expect his arrival, by reason he hath already caused the greatest part of his Moveables and Household-stuff to be transported for *Spain*, whither he intends to follow so soon as he shall have put that Government into the hands of the said Marquis d' Astorgas.

Vienna, Jan. 10. His Imperial Majesty having lately bestowed the Government of this place on the Baron de Cops, Governour of *Prague*, he is arrived here accordingly to take possession of it.

The Grand Signior having sent to demand of *Abassi* Prince of *Transylvania* two Provinces, at present under his Government, to annex them to that of the *Bassa* of *Waradin*, the said *Abassi* hath sent to acquaint the Emperor therewith, returning in the mean time the Port this answer, that he could not proceed in a matter of that importance without the advice of the States of his Countrey, whom he would to that end forthwith assemble; This news causes much discourse here, especially this being a matter which very much concerns us, and would be of great prejudice to *Hungary*, those two being very considerable Provinces, the one having in it great store of Salt and other Mines, and the other several Towns inhabited by the Free Heydukes who formerly assisted this Empire with 20000 men against the Turks.

The Emperor hath approved of the choice the Dyet hath made at *Raisbonne* of the Prince of *Baden Dourlach* to be General of the Forces of the Empire.

The Baron Zitchey having voluntarily, quitted his place of President of the Chamber of *Hungary*,

the Emperour hath gratified the Count *Colonitz* with it.

Venice, Jan. 15. The report we had here the last week of the death of Cavalier *Quirini*, Ambassadoer from this State to the Port, proves to have been a mistake, the Senate having since had Letters from *Constantinople* which mention his arrival there, though in a very sickly condition: The same Letters farther speak of the great preparations that are making in all the Ottoman Territories, which none now longer doubt but are designed against *Poland*, though there be still those who omit not their endeavours for the perswading the Grand Vizier, and by him the Grand Signior, to undertake the protection of the Hungarian Rebels, to which it is said he still expresses great aversion, as being resolved to maintain inviolably the peace at present established between the two Empires: The Turks continue to complain of some depredations alledged to have been committed this Summer by the French Fleet in the *Archipelago*, insomuch that all correspondence hath as is said, been of late intermitted between the Grand Vizier and his most Christian Majesties Ambassadoer at the Port; We are told of an Envoye who is at present on his way to *Constantinople* from *Paris*, his business being, it is said, to endeavour to reconcile the misunderstandings which might have happened upon that score.

Berlin, January 19. The 16 instant arrived here the Heer d' Amerongen, in quality of Envoy Extraordinary from the States General of the United Provinces, and the next day had Audience of his Electoral Highness, to whom he communicated several matters relating to the present Conjuncture; on the part of those States, and returned, as is said, with a very satisfactory answer from his Electoral Highness, of which, the said Envoy hath since given notice, by an Express to the States his Masters. The next day he Dined with the Elector, with whom he had afterwards a long Conference in his Bed Chamber; and at his desire hath since had Commissioners appointed to Treat with him: The general discourse here is, as if this Minister had proposed to his Electoral Highness a Treaty of Defence, which the Commissioners are farther to confer with him about.

Dusseldorp, January 29. At *Nuis* are arrived 2000 *Swissers*, who are to continue in *Garrison* there; the other French Forces which were there lodged, are part of them removed to *Lin*, *Ordin-gen*, and *Kempen*, and the rest marched towards *Westphalia*; we hear of more Forces that are arrived in the Territories of the Elector of *Cologne*, and that yet more are daily expected. Monsieur de *Louvois* is gone for *Paris*, where he was to be in six days; it is thought, he may be suddenly in these parts again; in the mean time we hear, that the French Troops have taken the Oath of Fidelity to the Elector, being as is given out, onely sent in conformity of a late Treaty between his most Christian Majesty and the said Elector, to assist him in the present Conjuncture.

Cologne, February 29. Colonel *Bampfild* hath, as is said, lately complained to these Magistrates,