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London, Jan. 6.

From Capt. Thomas Fowles, Commander of the King Solomon of London, Merchant man, we have this following Letter dated the 26 of December at St. Ives in Cornwall.

On Friday last we departed from O Porto in company of several other Merchant men. but the next day in a storm we lost them all; on Christmas day about 10 a clock in the forenoon I came up with a Dutch Caper, a Pink of 90 Tuns, 12 Guns, and 100 Men, S. W. from Scilly about 10 Leagues, it being smooth water and little wind, with whom we were engaged till Sunset, and most of the time within Pistol shot, so that we were in pretty smart service; my Mate is killed, and one Seaman onely wounded, though we suppose the Enemy must have lost more Men. All our Sails are shot in pieces, our Tackle cut, our Masts and Yards very much damaged, yet the Hulk of our Ship is in pretty good condition; we shot away all the Powder we had, and all the Shot, bags of Stones, and pieces of Iron we could find in the Ship; about four a clock in the afternoon both of us came to, and drinking a health to each other, took our leaves, though we could hardly part for want of Sails.

Warsaw, Decemb. 9. We are told of Deputies that are on their way hither from the Army, to propose an Accommodation between the King and the Malcontents, to such a confidence, they are now raised, that they demand to be admitted to a Treaty, but how far the King will think fit to receive any Proposals from them, we cannot yet know, though it is rather thought, the King expects they should submit themselves wholly to his Favor and Clemency; In the mean time we are assured that the Army of Lithuania hath declared for the King, of which the General hath sent to acquaint his Majesty, offering his Majesty as to his particular, his Life and Fortunes to serve him; This it is thought may a little check the proceeding of the Malcontents, who since they have got the Polish Army on their side, think themselves strong enough to justify all they have hitherto done, or yet mean to do; The Envoye that is here from the Chrim of Tartary, finding it a hard task to obtain payment of the Moneys demanded by his Master, begins to make use of threatnings, and tells the Polish Ministers, that they must have a care least they pull another War upon themselves, by refusing to make good what was so lately agreed on.

Vienna, Decemb. 26. The States of the Lower Austria, have not as yet been able to conclude the matter in debate, concerning the raising the Moneys demanded by the Emperor, which is the occasion that the new intended Leavies are not as yet gone about. We have news of our Forces having broke up from their old Station near Mentz, and passed the Maine, though whither they will take their march, is not certainly said; in Hungary things seem at present pretty quiet, the Rebels finding the Emperor refused to accept of the Prince of Transilvania's Mediation on their behalf, dare not trust themselves

any longer in his Dominions, fearing he may be hereafter induced to deliver them up into the hands of Justice, and are fled into Turkey and other parts. We hear at present nothing of the Turks, so that we conclude them gone into their Winter Quarters, and the Grand Signior returned to Adrianople, leaving us without the least apprehension of danger from that side, for this winter. Here is arrived a Courier from Warsaw, with Letters from their Majesties of Poland, acquainting the Emperor with the present posture of affairs there, and the great expectation they were in for the arrival of the Popes Nuncio, who they hoped would at length by his Holiness Authority, be able to reconcile the divisions that still continue in that Kingdom.

Genova, Dec. 27. Some days since, according to the constitutions of this Government, were elected five new Senators for the year ensuing. This Senate have disposed of all their Troops into winter Quarters, and though it is generally thought that a Peace will be concluded between this State and Savoy before the next Spring, yet preparations continue to be made in the same manner as if we could expect nothing but War; and it is confidently said, that before that time we shall have an Army of 25000 Men in the Field, besides the ordinary Militia of this Countrey. The Sieur Gaumont the French Envoye is still here, and we are told of a Proposition that hath been made by him for the sending as well the Forces of this State as those of Savoy, into the service of his most Christian Majesty, after conclusion of the peace. The difference which we have at present with the See of Rome concerning Precedency, perplexes us much, which makes us wish to see a good end of it.

Cologne, Decemb. 30. We have not any fresh advices since our last, which told us, that the Confederate Armies had passed the Laen, and were, as they gave out, on their way to Westphalia to winter there; though others say, that the Imperialists will stay nearer home, especially since the French take likewise their march that way, in order to which, most part of the French Army is already passed by this place. We are pretty well eased of the apprehension we had at the first, upon these Armies coming down this way, in so much that Commissions were immediately given out, for raising of several hundred Men, and all other care taken for our defence, as if an Enemy had been ready at hand to attack us, but the danger seems now over again. Our Elector continues very active for the carrying on the Fortifications at Bonn, which place he intends to make as strong, as can be contrived by Art.

Hambrough, Dec. 31. Our Letters from the Rhine speak not with so much confidence of the march of the confederate Troops towards Westphalia, but that we may yet doubt the certainty of it, and especially since we hear from some hands, that upon the French marching likewise towards Westphalia, the Imperial and Brandenburg Troops had resolved to separate, and go and seek winter Quarters elsewhere; It is very certain the French are coming down the Rhine towards Wesel, where they will