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Extract of a Letter written from Aleppo;
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Two days since we received Letters from *India*, written by the English President residing at *Suratte*, who acquaints us with the daily fears they have there, from *Sevage* the Rebel, who having beaten the *Mogul* in several Battels, remains almost Master of that Country, and takes the boldness to write to all the European Ministers in *Suratte*, that if they refuse to send him such and such immediate presents of Money (which as he puts them would amount to vast sums) by way of Contribution, he will return and ruine that City; That he exacts the like from the Inhabitants, who certainly would comply with his Demands, but that the Officers of the *Mogul*, being there hinder them. Which puts them into an extreme Strait, and causes others daily to convey away their riches; many also embarking and transporting themselves into other parts, to avoid the storm they fear will fall upon them.

'Tis probable that the Island of *Bombay*, belonging to the English, will reap no small benefit by these Broyles; to which place many *Bannians* flock with their Families and Estates. 'Tis reported that that Island is now made one of the richest and pleasanest places in all *India*. 'Tis said, they want nothing but some industrious English hands, and that it is intended to engage what numbers may be, to come and Inhabit there, with a promise of many considerable advantages, especially that of Trade in all *Asia*, and to *Africa*, as far as the Cape of *Good Hope*, and to the Gulfe of *Persia*, and several Islands in those parts.

Smirna, Dec. 14. The Corsairs in the *Archer*, continue very intent upon Prey, pillaging almost every Christian Ship that falls into their hands, or pretence of Turks, Jews or Armenians Goods. Lately the Marquis of *Flori*, a Savoyard, in a Ship of 60 Guns, took all the Silk and other fine Goods out of the *Great Alexander* of *Venice*, Comanded by Capt. *Simon*: But not long after, meeting with a storm, he was cast away on the Isle of *Paros*, where the Men being come safe ashore, fortified themselves, and planted their Guns upon their Works; of which Capt. *Simon* having advice, he procured three Venetian men of War to revenge his quarrel, and so sailing to *Paros*, assaulted the Works, and took the Marquis with all his Men and Goods, intending to proceed against them as Pirates.

Stockholm, Jan. 24. Some days since passed here a publick Minister from *Muscovy* to the Danish Court, whose business is said to be, to know of that King, what assistances he would give his Master the next Spring, for the driving the Turks out of their new Conquests in *Poland*.

His Majesty of *Sweden* is lately gone to the *Coppenberg*, attended by the Chancellor, Treasurer, and some other Senators: since his departure the Marquis de *Feuquieres*, Ambassador from his most

Christian Majesty, is arrived here, but intends to remain *incognito*, until the return of the Court; Here is also arrived a Gentleman from the Duke of *Wirtemberg*, to propose, as is said, a Marriage between the eldest Son of that Duke, and the Princess *Magdalene*, Niece to the Queen Mother of *Sweden*. And we expect hourly to hear of the arrival of an Envoy from the Elector of *Brandenburg*, whose Commission is said to be, to press this King to an observance of the last Treaty made betwixt this Crown and his Master, for the defence of the peace of the Empire.

Warsaw, Jan. 31. Hitherto little progress hath been made in the Negotiation about the composure proposed with the Male-contents. The Bishop of *Gracow* returned the 29 instant from *Lowitz*, where he left the Palatine of *Wisepky* his Colleague; and yesterday that Prelate made a Report to the Senate, touching the Conference had with the said Male-contents, who are said to have expressed an inclination to Peace, with a desire of security for their Persons, to be given by the King and the Republick; that so they may come with safety to declare their own minds themselves; But notwithstanding all this, there is ground to apprehend, the personal appearance of this People, and their pretended inclination to adjust all differences, will prove successful. However, the Court yesterday dispatcht away Letters and Passports to them, nominating wihal the Palatins of *Sandomir* and *Vilna*. and some others for Mediators to Treat with them, the result whereof you may expect by the next.

Madrid, Feb. 1. Troops are still raising throughout this Kingdom, and particularly in this Town; to be sent for *Catalogna*. The 19 of *January* a Courier was dispatcht for *Cadix*, to hasten away the 18 Ships of the Armada Royal, that were to meet the Gallions expected, which Squadron is to be Comanded by Don *Pedro Corbet*.

Brussels, Feb. 17. There happened yesterday morning about four of the clock, a great Fire in our Publick Store house for Coals, wherein were 2000 sacks of Char-coal, of which the greatest part was burnt; But by the early care that was applyed, it was happily stopped there, without doing farther mischief.

Brest, Feb. 11. The first instant the Count d'Es-tree came to an Anchor in the Road of *Cameret*; with part of the Royal Squadron under his Command. The next Morning he landed, after he had sent away the other Ships of the same Squadron for *Rochfort*, to careen there, himself being now gone to attend the King. He stayed four days at *Lisbone*; and seven days more at the entry of the Bay of *Cadix*, whence he hath conducted hither, a considerable Fleet of Merchant Ships, both English and French, richly laden. There were then in the said Bay, three Dutch men of War, which upon the appearance of our Squadron, drew in between the two Ports for safety. Here is extraordinary diligence used to fit out the Ships that are to serve the next Spring.

St. Germain, Feb. 17. By a Courier lately arrived