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Mahon Harbour, December 8.

VICE-ADMIRAL Rowley arrived off this Port the 13th past with the Fleet under his Command, together with the Victuallers and Store-ships, the most Part of which got in with him the same Night. Capt. Gascoigne and eight Sail were left without to see the rest of the Transports and Victuallers in before him, and by the 15th at Night they all got in, except the *Nonfuch* and *Chatham*, which also are since arrived. There is Advice from Capt. Ambrose of the 18th of November last, that he had taken two French Merchant Ships laden with Fish from Newfoundland, and retaken an English Merchantman, called the *Success*, William Palmer, Master, going from Cork to Lisbon with salt Provisions. He likewise sunk a French Privateer, but in trying to save her People, had the Misfortune to lose Mr. Bell his third Lieutenant, with two of his Men.

Porto, Jan. 2. From Galicia we hear, that the Draught of Men made from the Regiment of Lisbon march'd from the Groine the 23d past for Barcelona, and that the Levy set on Foot in that Province was carrying on with great Rigour, and great Complaints; that about 100 Recruits were already in the Castles at the Groine, who, with all those to be raised, would be sent to Barcelona, as soon as the Detachments arriv'd that were expected to conduct them. By Advice from Cadiz of the 6th of December, five French Men of War of the Toulon Squadron, and the Northumberland from Brest, were in that Bay.

Faro, Jan. 5, N. S. On the 2d Instant a Spanish Vessel of about Two hundred Tuns, bound to Cadiz from the Havanna, put into this Port in Want of Provisions; for having been 85 Days in her Passage, almost all she brought out was consumed, and the Wind being contrary, they thought it adviseable to keep the Sea. Her Carga consists of Tobacco, Sugar, Hides, and 30000 Pieces of Eight in Register. It is reported here, that ten other Ships left the Havanna at the same Time, five of which were French, bound directly to France, and the other five Spanish, bound to Cadiz.

Faro, Jan. 6, N. S. Eight of the French Squadron sailed from the Bay of Cadiz the 3d Instant in the Morning on a Cruize, as was generally believed, off Cape St. Vincent, and nine more remained in Port.

Faro, Jan. 13, N. S. His Majesty's Sloop the *Shark*, Capt. Hughes, arrived here Yesterday from Gibraltar: Before she came off the Bar, and in Sight of the Port, she took a Spanish Barcolongo Privateer of eight Carriage Guns, besides Swivels, and 65 Men, after a short Engagement, in which the Captain of the Privateer, with two or three more were killed, and several others wounded. The Privateer was fitted out at Cadiz, and newly come from thence upon this Coast.

Naples, Jan. 12, N. S. A Train of 40 Battering Cannon and 12 Mortars are preparing with the greatest Dispatch at the Arsenal for the Use of the Spanish and Neapolitan Armies. Recruits are constantly sent from hence to compleat their Regiments, and the Officers have received Orders to repair immediately to their respective Posts. On the 12th Cardinal Coscia's Brother was married to the young Princess de Pado, on which Occasion the Marquis de l'Hospital, the French Ambassador, performed the Ceremony of giving the Bride.

Rome, Jan. 16, N. S. The Great Duke of Tuscany has lately caused all the Families who had Apartments in his Palaces in this City, belonging to the Allodials of the late Medici Family, to remove from them. This Day died Cardinal Lucini. Considerable Remittances of Money have been lately sent from Spain to the Bankers of this City for the Use of the Spanish Army. The Spaniards and Neapolitans have removed their Invalids and Hospital from Porto del Popolo to Monte Rotondo. The Austrian Invalids are removed from St. Paolo's Convent to Civita Vecchia, in order to be transported to Leghorn.

Florence, Jan. 19, N. S. The Austrian, Spanish, and Neapolitan Armies continue in their Winter Quarters. A Report still prevails here, that the latter are to march thro' Tuscany to join the Troops under Don Philip in the Genoese State. We are in daily Expectation of the Arrival at Leghorn of the Squadron of 12 Ships

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