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Dover, Sept. 22.

The Ruby prize, taken some dayes since from the French, is pallied into the Downs, following the Foresight, with the French Colours under her Bowe; the particulars of her taking, you have as followeth, in a Letter from on board the Royal James, September 20. On Tuesday last, being the 18 instant, about 8 in the morning, his Highness considering the danger that might ensue by the extremity of the weather, slip his Cables, and made for the Downs, leaving us with Twenty Fregats more at an Anchor, our Top-masts and Yards loured, riding between *Fayre Lee* and *Dungconness*, four miles from Land. About Three in the Afternoon we discovered five or six Sail, which proved to be part of the scattered French Fleet, the headmost of them, named the *Ruby*, a ship of 1000 Tuns, 412 Men, and 54 Guns, whereof 40 brass, commanded by Mounsieur *de la Roche*, a Leader of one of their Squadrons, who bore up confidently, supposing us (as we believe) to be their own Fleet; but as soon as he came within reach of our middle Fire, he soon perceived his Error; but yet presently returned some Guns in exchange: Upon which we immediately weighed, and fetcht him up about Ten in the Evening; and having the weather-gage of him, the wind at S. E. and by S. We came along by his side Yard-arm to Yard-arm, and poured in a whole Broadside of great and small shot, and received the like of him, with the loss of several men: But before we could Tack again, being within two miles and less of the shoar, he having spent his Foremast, falling between two of our Fregats, and finding us at his heels, ready to give him another Broadside, immediately yielded.

The Prince, with the Fleet, is now watering at St. Helens Bay, and intends again immediately for Sea. Here is arrived the Master of a Prize laden with Wine and Brandy, who was in company with the French Fleet as far as *Diepe*, and confidently affirms, That they met with express Orders to sail away for *Bresse*.

Plymouth, Sept. 21. The last Week arrived an *Ostender* from *Ostend*, from whence he came on Saturday last, and reports the Dutch Fleet gone to the Northwards. On Wednesday morning, he met with four French men of War near the *Ile of Wight*, whereof one of them hailed him, enquiring for their own Admiral and Fleet; but not receiving satisfaction, they immediately stood for their own Coasts.

Portsmouth, Sept. 23. The Prince having last night commanded out hence the *Streights* and *Lisbon* Fleet, with the *Scanderoon* ships, this morning about 7 of the Clock set sail from St. Helens Bay, with those Merchants under his Convoys, and is gone to the East, in search of the Dutch Fleet, some of whose Scouts are said to have appeared on the back of the *Goodwins* on Saturday last.

Frankfort, Sept. 6. The Country hereabouts are strongly allarm'd with the apprehensions of a Winter war upon the *Rhine*, several Pamphlets being lately Printed in Latin and French, to vindicate the pretensions of both parties; in the mean time the *Lorrainers* continue plundering and ruining the places they come to. Several Troops are marching to the assistance of the *Palatine*, and 2000 Auxiliaries from *Brunswick*.

Hamburg, Sept. 16. On the 9th instant the Prince of *Denmark* came to *Altena* upon the *Elbe*, and the same evening proceeded on his journey in great haste towards *Copenhagen*. Letters from *Dantzick* informe us, that the King of *Poland* is expected shortly in *Prussia*, and Monsieur *Lubomirski* is gone to *Breslaw*, to attend there the Diet, which is to be held in *November*.

The hostility goes on between the Swedes and the City of *Bremen*, the *Bremers* lately making a briske sally with 1500 men, who surprizing the Swedes, killed a great number of Soldiers, and some of the Boores who were at work in filling up the Ditches, with the loss only of 18 of their own men.

Rome, Sept. 11. His Holiness is somewhat better then formerly, though in no probability of Recovery, and continues his desire of changing the Air, and to remove for some time to the Cardinal Prince *Savelle's* house at *Frescati*, the Castle *Gandolpho* being thought too moyst a place for him this Autumn. His kindred and Physicians oppose this design as much as is possible, being very unwilling he should leave *Rome*, knowing his condition to be much worse then he himself fancies it to be.

ditto, On Tuesday last a Courtier was dispatcht from Cardinal *Chisy* to the Empress, with a brief from his Holiness, and a letter from his Eminence, both of them congratulating her safe arrival in *Italy*; and desiring her to excuse the Cardinal, who by reason of the great indisposition of his Holiness was hindred from giving his attendance on her at *Milan*, as he had otherwise designed to have done.

Genoa, Sept. 8. The Cardinal *Gerolamo Colonna* Duke of *Paliano* and *Marino*, Prince of *Tagliacorso* and *Marso*, &c. who by the late King of *Spain* was sent for to accompany the Infanta into *Germany*, having conducted her as far as *Finale*, died there of an Apoplexy in the 64 year of his age, being then Bishop of *Frescati*, one of the six Bishopricks belonging to the Court of *Rome*, Administrator of the Archbishoprick of *Boulogne*, Archpriest of *St. Jean de Lateran*, Protector of the affairs of the Empire, *Germany*, and the hereditary Countreys of the House of *Austria*, and one of the Council of State to his Catholick Majesty, leaving behind him his heir, the Prince *Colonna*, his nephew, hereditary Constable of the Kingdom of *Naples*.

The Empress went from *Finale* the second Currant, and came that night to *Charriere*, the next day to *Spigno*, a Fiefce Town to the Emperor, the third day to *Aquy* in *Monferrat*, belonging to the Duke of *Mantua*, where she was received with all Magnificence possible, in the name of His Highness, under the care and charge of the Archduchess His Mother and Guardian. The Fourth day she came to *Cassine de Strada*; and the fifth day to *Bosco of Alexandria*, belonging to *Milan*.

Vienna, Sept. 10. *Montecuculi* bringing with him the news of the Empress arrival, made some complaints to his Imperial Majesty against the Governor of *Milan*, who it seems would not treat him as Ambassador, but only as Envoye.

Yesterday the Prince *Dietrichstein*, Major *Domo* Major to the Empress, with his Train, received orders to render himself by the 27 of this month, at the place designed for the chainging of the Empress's Officers. The Chamber having by command from his Imperial Majesty paid to the Baron *de Hobenselt* 100 M. Rixdollers, to furnish out the expence of the Voyage, and 6000 more to the Prince *Dietrichstein*, for his extraordinary frays.

The Ceremony of Marriage is ordered to be performed on St. *Leopolds* day.

This day the Marquess *de Gran* is sent with Letters from his Imperial Majesty to *Milan*, and care is taken that some Gentleman shall be weekly sent with Letters to the Empress; and another to return likewise weekly with news from thence.

His Imperial Majesty hath also determined that the expences of the Empress in her journey from *Vercedo*, shall