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Plymouth, Jan. 29.

THe Dutch Fleet, we told you of in our last, is still in this Port, wanting several of their Company that came out with them from *Holland*; yesterday arrived here the *Solon* of *Amsterdam*, burthen 600 Tuns, bound for the *East-Indies*, and is Admiral of the ships that are now here bound for these Parts; the same day arrived likewise the *Affiance* of *London*, *Laurence Browning* Master, from *Cadix*; and the *St. John Baptist* of *Ostend*, *John Dragon* Commander, a Privateer.

Warsaw, Jan. 12. Our last Letters from the *Ukraine*, give us an account, that the King's Forces are very much weakened, and at present in a ill condition, through their continual march, and the hard service they have been put to; so that his Majesty hath been forced to quit his design of marching into *Walachia* and *Moldavia*, and to disperse his Troops into the most convenient quarters for their refreshment. The same Letters add, that *Doroshko* was in a day or two expected at the Court, to make his personal submission to the King; and to swear obedience to the Crown. It hath been (as is said) proposed in the Senate, that his Majesty should be advised and prayed to return to *Lesopol*, or some other convenient place on the Frontiers, in order to his Majesties consulting with the Senate concerning the carrying on the War this Spring, and the taking a vigorous resolution in that matter, to which his Majesties absence is a great hindrance.

Madrid, Jan. 6. Our Letters from *Cadix* tell us, that they are fitting out there the Gallions with the greatest diligence possible, and that it is hoped they will be ready to sail the 28 of this Month. The sixth instant his Majesty went to the Royal Chappel, accompanied with the Officers of his Household, and many other persons of Quality, being the first time his Majesty hath been abroad without the Queen Regent. Great care is taken to remit a considerable Sum of money to the Duke de *Villa Hermosa*, appointed by her Majesty to succeed the Count de *Montreux* in the Government of the *Spanish Netherlands*, which appears to be so necessary, that according to all the advices we receive from those Parts, without it, the said Duke will not be able to make any preparations against the next Campaign, as may enable him to make head against the Enemy, those Countries having been so ruined this last Summer, that they can hardly contribute towards the Publick charge, even what they were used to do in time of Peace. It is confidently said, that *Don Juan* of *Austria* will come to Court, so soon as the King takes upon him the Government to assist his Majesty with his Councils, though there be many who oppose it; as for his Highness's going over to govern the *Spanish Low-Countries*, people discourse of it with much uncertainty. The Affairs of *Messica* continue greatly to perplex this Court, and (it is generally feared) the reducing of that City to the obedience of this Crown, will prove a work of greater difficulty than was at first imagined.

Genova, Jan. 23. The Senate here having received advice, that the Duke of *Savoy* begins to arm, hath likewise given out Commissions for the raising of several new Troops, though it is generally thought that that Duke has no design against this State, but rather to employ his Forces in favor of the most Christian King, who (we are told) will assist his Highness by Sea with 12 Gallies. Two ships have been hired here, by order of the Governor of *Milan*, being designed to embark 500 Italian Foot at *Final*, and to transport them into *Sicily*, from whence we have advice of the arrival of the French Succors at *Messina*, notwithstanding the Spanish Fleet which was composed of 22 Men of War, and as many Gallies lay at *Melazzo*.

Vienna, Jan. 25. We are told that the Count d'*Ober-ensem* Ambassador of *Sweden*, hath lately presented to the Emperor a large Memorial on the behalf of those of the Reformed Religion in *Hungary*, and other his Imperial Majesties Hereditary Countries, his Excellency alledging many Arguments, as well as the Promises and the Obligations of his Imperial Majesty by Treaties; to dispose him to grant them free exercise of their Religion, provided they make use of that liberty without any disturbance or danger to the Government. The Baron of *Mayerbergh* is going by the Emperor's order to the Elector of *Bavaria*, to endeavour once more to persuade his Electoral Highness to declare, and to join his Forces with those of the Emperor, and the rest of the Allies, though he can hardly promise himself any success in this Negotiation, seeing his Electoral Highness hath so positively declared his resolution to maintain a Neutrality. From that Court the Baron will pass to *Denmark* on the same errand. It is said that some days since an Imperial Commissary parted hence, with 200 000 Florins to be employed for the recruiting the Imperial Troops commanded by the Duke of *Bourbonville* in the Empire; at the same time 60 000 Crowns were remitted to the Bishop of *Munster* for the carrying on the Levies that Bishop is obliged to make for the service of the Emperor. Several Troops being on their march towards *Silesia*, to form a Body of 10000 Men, a proportionable Train of Artillery will be drawn out of the Arsenal here for that service, with forty Wagons laden with Ammunition. We are assured that the Emperors is with Child again, which occasions much joy at Court.

Francfurt on the Oder, Jan. 29. The march of the *Suedes* hath so alarmed people with the apprehensions of a War, and the sad consequences of it, that every one endeavors to flee to some place of quiet and security, which is hardly to be found at a time when so many Princes and Countries are engaged in War. The *Suedes* have demanded of this City a monthly Contribution of 4000 Crowns, upon refusal of which, they threaten to send nine Regiments to quarter upon us, which we count would be a greater evil than the other.

Hamburg, Jan. 29. It is reported here with much confidence, that the 31 of the last Month a farther Treaty of Alliance was concluded between his Majesty of *Sweden*,