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Ile of Wight, Decemb. 11.

THe last gave you the names of the three *East-India* Men come in hither, this the burthen; the *Royal Charles*, Captain *James Barker*, of Six hundred Tun, the *London*, Captain *Robert Bovea*, Four hundred Tun; the *America*, Captain *Charles Higginson*, One hundred and thirty Tun. The *Royal Charles* touching at a Dutch Plantation near the Cape (as one of the Ships Company informs) sent in the Evening ashore for fresh Provisions. The Dutch sent them Cabbage, and some other small Provisions, with an assurance, that next morning they should have Beef, and other necessaries. Captain *Barker* accordingly manned his Long-boat, and sent his Brother and a Crew ashore, whom the Dutch immediately seized, and sent out a Pink with two Sloops and Three hundred Men to seize the Ship; but Captain *Barker* finding his Boat seiz'd, fired a whole Culverin or two, and so frighted them from the further prosecution of their design.

Ferismonth, Decemb. 12. The two Sea-men formerly mentioned to have been condemned by a Court Marshal on Thursday last, were yesterday both executed, and hanged Four or five hours at the Yard-arms of the *Fairfax*, Sir *Christopher Ming* Commander. Of the others that were found less guilty, two were appointed to be the Executioners, and a third stood all the while with an halter about his neck.

Plymouth, Decemb. 10. On the sixth instant here arrived a Ship from *Portugal*, laden with Wines for this Port and *Exon*. By an Express this day from *Falmouth* we are advised, That the *Elizabeth* hath brought in a Prize thither, laden with Sack and other Goods.

Geneva, Novemb. 25. Here arrived this week well-armed, four Ships of *St. Malo's*, with about Two Millions of Pieces of Eight, most in Bars, from *Cadiz* and *Alicant* for this place, *Legona* and the *Levant*. A *Maloine* is also arrived this week from *Newfoundland*, bringing news of two of his Consorts sunk and fired by the *Turks* off of *Cape St. Vincent*. They are here contriving a Trade for *Smyrna*, and have very great hopes given them of the establishment thereof by a Gentleman of this State, who to that purpose accompanied the Lord *Lesley*, the Emperors Ambassador, from *Vienna* to *Constantinople*; and it is said, they have already a Letter of Invitation from the Grand Vizier; but this without certainty.

Madrid, Novemb. 18. The Duke of *Aveva* is now dead. His body was hardly cold, when a revolted Man of *Portugal*, of about 50 Guns, came before the Bay of *Cadiz* to joyn himself to the Spanish Armado. Several old servants of the Dukes were in that Man of war, both Captain and Lieutenant, Frenchmen; the Lieutenant whilst the Captain was at *Lubon* doing the feat, but not without resistance of many of his men and much bloodshed. Being yet out of command of *Cadiz*, when they heard from a Fisher-boat the Duke was dead, a new uproar was beginning; to prevent which, the Lieutenant got help from the Garrison to bring the ship in. It is writ from *Pontove*, dated *Novemb. 6.* that the *Portugueses* entered into the Countrey with their Army of 29000 Horse and Foot, and marched down from the Frontiers without besieging *Iuy*, the chief Frontier place of Arms, foraging and destroying the Countrey, and at present are in possession of *Bonfo*, a small Town, but a mile distant from *Vigo*, which place undoubtedly they will attempt and subdue Much about that time, that these entered into *Galicia*, the Mar. of *Caracena* entered *Portugal*, by the way of *Vila Viciosa*, burnt and spoild much, and brought store of booty away, the Rains obliging him to retire; but the spoil already done by the *Portugueses* in *Galicia*, is said to be to a far greater proportion. The Dutch have endeavored to make sale of some Prizes they have taken from the English, but

they are not permitted to dispose them in the Ports belonging to *Spain*, by reason of an order from the Court to that purpose. From *Alicant*, *Nov. 9.* they write, that the *Vice-King* in his first progress into the *Campaigns*, took Four or Five of the insolent *Bandoleros*, whom he immediately hanged, and is now againe in search of them, accompanied with the greatest part of the Gentry, intending to burn some *Canaves*, wherein he is informed some of them lye hid. That which provoked his excellency to this severity, was, that at the first beginning of this Commotion, Sixty of them in a bravado skirmished on horseback before the *Real of Valentia*: These people are encouraged by the Gentry of the Kingdome, who uphold them to revenge their private quarrels, so that the *Vice-King* has banished the *Conde de Villa Nuova*, and severall others of the chief Gentry of the Kingdome, as guilty of such practices.

Cleve, Decem. 12. The Deputies from *Holland* have had their last Audience of his Highness of *Brandenburgh*, who in return of their Complement invited them to his Table, but it is not found, that they have done any thing in the business of the renewing of the Treaty with that Elector.

Paris, December 6. Monsieur de *Bellefons* is returned from *Madrid*, where his entertainment was with great kindness and respect; at his coming away, he says, the young King was in very good health, and seemed to be of a far stronger constitution than was generally believed here. The Gentleman that was sent by the King to complement the Elector of *Brandenburgh* is now here, but can give no account of any inclination in the Elector to concern himself with us in the conjunction we have made with the States General. The difference that arose upon the King's reception of the five Dukes and Peers, betwixt the Dukes of *Vendosme* and *Elboeuf*, for the precedence, is determined in favour of the latter. Monsieur d' *Ambrun*, our Ambassador in *Spain*, writes to the King that he knew it from good hands, that the great Confederacy against *France* was signed at *Madrid* by the Spanish Council.

The Dutch are very weary of our Troops, and could wish them home again this Winter; for now they should go into Quarters, the Inhabitants of the United Provinces refuse them, as fearing not onely their insolency, but the diseases they carry along with them. 'Tis thought at last they will be clapt into those Cities of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, where the States keep Garrison. *Hannibal Schestadt* is upon his journey to the *Hague*, where after some small stay, it is said he goes for *England*, and thence for *France*. The States Deputies are very frequent in Conferences with the Danish Minister; but they have discontinued them with the Electors, as finding all hitherto to no purpose.

The King is now very busie for the improvement of his Exchequer, his Army, and his Religion. As to his Exchequer, an Arrest of the Council is already passed and published for the lessening certain Species of Coyn, viz. That of the Pistol of Gold, from eleven Livres to ten Livres, fifteen Sols; and of the half Pistol, double Pistol, and Spanish Pistol, proportionably: The Crown of Gold, from five Livres, fourteen Sols, to five Livres, eleven Sols six Deniers; The Lewis of Silver which pass usually at 60 Sols to 58 Sols, and the lesser proportionably; the Lis of Gold and of Silver to be decayed and called in to His Majesties Exchequer, where the Owners shall receive the value of them. It is believed too, that His Majesty will fix the Right of *Paulette* (which is a sum reserved by this King to himself, upon the disposing of certain Places and Offices in Parliament) and that he will tax that of the Presidents of the *Mortier* at 40000 Livres, the Masters of Requests at 50000 Crowns, and the Chan-