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Naples, Jan. 21.

**T**HE relations we have hitherto had from several Masters of Felucca's arrived here, concerning the late Engagement between the Dutch and French Fleets near the Fare of *Messina*, have been so various, that we know not what to credit; the last account we have is; that the 7th instant the French Fleet; consisting in 22 Men of War, and six Fireships, appeared in sight of the Dutch near the of Fare of *Messina*, that the next morning the Fight began, and continued that whole day, with the loss to the French of one Man of War, and two Fireships; that of the Dutch one Man of War was so disabled, that she was towed by a Galley to *Palermo*, to be refitted there, most of the Men having been first taken out of her. That the next day being the ninth, the two Fleets continued in sight of each other, and prepared to renew the Fight; that the 12 French ships that were at *Messina* had come out, and joined their Fleet, under the command of the Duke de *Vivonne*; and that on the other side, the Prince of *Montesarchio* had joined de *Ruyter* with six Spanish Men of War. In the mean time our Viceroy the Marquis de *los Velez* omits nothing on his part to supply the Viceroy of *Sicily* with Money, Men, and other necessaries, to the utmost of his power from hence.

Rome, Jan. 22. We are told that the Most Christian King has finally declared, that he will admit of the Extraordinary Nuncio designed to his Court from hence, provided he do not speak of any other matters, but such as relate to the Treaty of Peace, which is the subject of his Errand. The Duke d' *Estrees* is continued in his Employment of Ambassador Extraordinary for three years longer, at which the Cardinal Patron is not altogether pleased. For several hands we have an account of an Engagement that hath been between the French and the Dutch Fleets on the Coast of *Sicily*; the success is variously reported, according to the inclinations of people, so that we must expect till we have the farther certainty.

Warsaw, Jan. 18. The Provincial Dyets which have been held in order to the general one at *Cracow*, after the Coronation, are for the most part very well terminated, and the propositions made in them by order of the King consented to, so that we have good reason to hope the general Dyet will have a happy issue, for the good of the Kingdom, which is threatened with the great preparations of the Turks, against the next Campaign. Though in the mean time, it's said, that endeavors are not wanting to conclude a firm and lasting Peace with the Port, but hitherto the terms proposed on that side, have been such as give but small appearance of it. We expect our next Letters from *Cracow* will give us an account of their Majesties arrival there; we have already seen several Medals which will be given out at the Coronation of their Majesties. The Tartars by their continual excursions do extremely incommode the Frontiers of this Kingdom, and it is a most lamentable thing to consider how many poor Christians are every year carried by them into slavery. It

is most certain, that *Dorofensko* has put himself under the protection of the *Moscovites*;

Madrid, Jan. 28. Besides the concern we are in for our new Spain Fleet (of whose arrival we every hour expect to have an account) the Moneys expected in it begin to be somewhat wanted, a considerable sum being intended for the service of the Spanish Netherlands, and greatest part of the rest for the carrying on the War with vigor in *Catalonia*, *Sicily*, &c. There hath been much said of *Don Juan of Austria's* being called to Court, but hitherto we cannot hear that he stirs from *Sagar sa* (the place of his residence for several years past) nor do the Letters that come from thence know any thing of his coming thither, which is however very much desired.

Copenhagen, Jan. 28. The King amongst other his preparations for the carrying on the War this next Summer against the Suede, is not unmindful of those for the Sea, having of late frequently visited the Men of War intended to be sent out, and given orders for the haftenig the Equipage with all imaginable diligence. We understand that his Majesty has caused the Passports necessary for the Swedish Ambassadors to be dispatched, and to be transmitted to his Minister at the *Hague*, to be exchanged there with the Passports of the other Allies, when those from France shall likewise arrive in the form desired. The interruption of the ordinary communication between us and the Suedes, is the reason that we have not fresh advices from those parts, our last informed us, that the King of *Sueden* is still towards *Gottenburg*, drawing his Forces together, with a resolution to visit us very suddenly on this side, or else to fall into *Norway*.

Vienna, Jan. 26. General *Montecuculi* is still very much indisposed, though on the mending hand. It is not yet certainly known who will command the Emperors Army this next Campaign, and many are of opinion, that *Montecuculi* will go into the Field again. This morning the Emperor performed the Ceremony of giving the Golden Fleece to the Count of *Coningsec*, the Count of *Wallestein*, and the Count de *Czermini*. To morrow the Baron de *Herwart* parts hence for *Cracow*, whither he will take his journey with all diligence possible, to assist at the Coronation of the King of *Poland*. The Elector of *Cologne* has complained to the Emperor of the Elector of *Brandenburg's* having possessed himself of *Dorstzen*, praying the Emperor to interpose his authority in the matter, that he may have satisfaction.

Strasburg, Feb. 4. The great diligence that is used here in raising the new Levies is a sufficient argument of the apprehensions our Magistrates have of our neighbors the French; though it is said by some, that the secret meaning of reinforcing the Garrison here as well as that in the Fort of *Kiel*, which guards our Bridge, is to put our selves into a posture to be able to maintain the Neutrality, which is said to be still offered us by the French. The Duke of *Lorraine* stirs not from his quarters at *Eslingen*, and is not wanting to give the orders necessary for the preparing things against the next Campaign, as far as in him lies. Though