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New-Castle, Decemb. 12.

The Coal Fleet with their Convoy are yet here, having upon a misinformation, lost a fair opportunity of putting to Sea; the occasion of it thus, amongst the 150 sail that on Friday was seven-night went from hence, was one *Tinn* with a ship belonging to *Ipswich*, who for want of a Mainmast, was forced to make use as he could, of two Jury Masts; by which means being unable to keep company with the Fleet, lying far behind, he was off *Humber*, overtaken by 11 sail of other laden *C. Liets*, who though they had met with contrary Winds, would not be persuaded to return with the rest of their Company and Convoy for this *Barr*, but kept the Sea, whom this *Tinn* discovering, and mistaking for *Hollanders*, in a great fright, got into the *Boar*, and fled into *Humber*, with a report, that 13 States Men of Warr were upon the Coasts, and had taken their ships; which false noise being immediately spread into the Countreys, flew likewise hither, and prevented the sailing of the Fleet.

Alborough, Decemb. 13. About 150 laden Colliers, have in few daies passed by this place to the Southwards, we have neither seen nor heard of any *Caper* of late upon these Coasts, to give them any disturbance.

Norwich, Decemb. 12. Our Bill of Mortality for this last week runs thus, buried of all Diseases 36. Whereof of the Plague 23.

Bridlington, Decemb. 11. Two Fregats with a Frigate-ship, and ten Merchant ships from *Hamborough*, are now riding in this Bay, all of them safe, and in good condition; nor has any Enemy of late been seen near us.

Danzick, Novemb. 24. Some daies since a fire hapned at *Melisch*, a fair Town four Leagues distant from *Elbing*, which increased with that violence, that onely the Church and Castle, with four Houses, were preserved, which renders the condition of the Inhabitants for the present, very miserable, they being in a Countrey where the cold begins to be very excessive, and miserable to those that are compelled to lodge in the fields.

Eisenour, Novemb. 28. Two Gallies are here arrived with part of the Rigging and Men belonging to Admiral *Helt*'s Ship, which by ill weather was forced upon a Rock at the entry of *Flecker* in *Norway*, the Vessel carrying six y Guns, and 160 Men.

His Majesty since the late Declaration from *England*, is fitting up all his force of Men of War, and sending out fresh ships to relieve those that are cruising about *Gottenberg*. He has also ordered several forces to march towards *Holstein*, for the security of the Frontiers.

Care is likewise taken upon the coasts of *Norway*, to prevent any attempts that may be made on them by the English; more particularly, the Governor of *Bergue*, besides his new Fort at *Fredricksbourg*, has also cast up a Redoubt, and invented a Machine for the blocking up of the Haven for keeping out of Fireships, from whom they apprehend the greatest danger; and are besides fitting up two Gallies that are to ply upon the Avenues; and all people near the coasts, are ordered to be ready upon all occasions for the defence of their Ports.

Hailbrun, Novemb. 30. The Articles agreed on the fifteenth instant, have been hitherto effectually observed, the *Lorrainers* all retired, the Elector *Palatine*'s forces recalled, several places in the Bishoprick of *Spire* quieted, and the eyes of all persons at present turned upon the Mediators in this City, where are arrived the Deputies from all the Interested parties; and 'tis believed, that the affairs may be fully ended before

Easter, either by inducing the concerned parties to a compromise between themselves, or otherwise, by bringing the business to a decision by Arbitration.

Genoua, Decemb. 1. The Spanish Gallies have taken in the *Marquês de la Guardia*, with several other persons of the discarded Train of the *Empress Court*, and are returned for *Spain*.

Two stout *St. Malo's* ships are here arrived from *Marseilles* and *Spain*, given out to be very rich, and that they are to proceed to *Legorn*, and from thence for *Tunis*, to lade Corn for *Spain*.

The Dutch have lately sold off several ships, one of them called the *Princess Royal*, formerly armed at *Cadix*, was the last week sold here to some persons of this City, who intend to transport Corn in her for *Spain*.

Madrid, Decemb. 2. Two days since, the Count de *Castrillo*, President of *Castille*, being in conference with the Queen Regent, their discourses grew so high, that they left one the other with much dissatisfaction. The Queen some little time afterwards, sent her Confessor, the Inquisitor General to him, to let him know he had exceeded in his language and deportment; and it behoved him for the future to treat her Majesty with more respect, which has caused a rumor to be spread through the City, that he is also confined home.

'Tis here reported, that the *Mareschal Schomburg* has lately had some advantages over the *Marquês de Caracene*, who went into the field to attempt something upon his Quarters; but the truth of this we must farther expect.

The *Marquês de Sanso Romano*, Ambassador from this Court to his Holiness, is ready to depart from *Barcellona*, where two Gallies are attending him for his transportation to *Civita Vecchia*.

The Count de *Lemos* designed Vice Roy of *Peru* is sometime since arrived at *Cadix*, intending to have suddenly embarked for his Government in the Gallions that are there equipping; but 'tis generally thought they cannot be fit to sail before *January*.

These are to give notice to all persons owing any Rent or Sum of Money for Wine-Licences, either in arrears or due by advance, That if they pay not the same into the Wine-Licence Office in *Durham Yard*, *London*, before the Tenth day of *January* next ensuing, they will be sued upon their Bonds and Contracts for the same.

The Shop-keepers that were formerly in the Royal Exchange in *Cornhill*, are now removed to *Gresham-Colledge*, where they have built themselves Shops, both above and below Stairs, and carry on their ancient and respective Trades.

Hamburgh, Dec. 11. Our Letters from *Bremen* of the twenty sixth instant, inform us of a great tumult raised amongst the Communitie of that City, upon some persuasion they had, that the *Burgo-Mister Spechaen*, a person very much disliked by them, was in Town; which being blown amongst them, the people got together about his fine house in the *Long-street*, which they assaulted, breaking open the Doors and Windows, and having missed of his person, fell so severely upon the house it self, that they spoiled all the beauty of it, and were pulling down the walls; when the Senate informed of the tumult, sent the *Syndic Wackelman* with some other Deputies to appease them, but this rather inflamed them to a greater fury; which had they not timely retired, would have fallen severely upon their persons: Whereupon the

Burgers were forced to take Arms, and march towards the place to reduce them, which hindered the total demolition of the house, the Rabble immediately quitting the place and dispersing. The Magistrates have since sent some of their Deputies to excuse the insolency of the people at General Wrangle, promising satisfaction for the damage received, and to use all their art to discover the Authors of this commotion.

The Swedes forces keep still together in their old quarters, and his said, are raising more; but with what design, not yet known.

Several English Merchants, with three Men of War, lay yesterday at an Anchor before the Spring, near *St. Ives*; to whom the Merchants are coming in order to their return. They met with no opposition from *Gluckstadt*, but the *Hamburgher* that led the way, having the Castle, was civilly answered, the Merchant, with the Men of War with their flying colours, without striking, passing by in good order; several Cogs from *Holland*, were also suffered to pass by the English vessels, and above 100 Vessels that lay in their way, bound for *Holland*, were left untouched, though in a part of the River belonging to the King of *Denmark*, which generosity of theirs, gives fresh occasion for discourse of the hard measure the English Merchants received from the Dutch near this Town, where they might have expected protection.

Paris, Decemb. 18. The Body of the late deceased Duke de *Valois*, having been some time exposed to view upon a Bed of State, where His Majesty, with the Princes and Princesses, with all the great personages of the Court repaired to pay the Ceremony, usually practised here on these occasions, of sprinkling holy water upon the Corps; was on the 10 instant attended by the Bishop of *Valence*, the Curate of *St. Eustache*, and the Abbot of *Montague*, with a great Train of the Clergy in order to his Interment, and accordingly carried by four Gentlemen in ordinary to Monsieur, to a Coach of his Royal Highness, the four Corners of the Poile being carried up by his chief Gentlemen in Ordinary, with three others of his Chamber: into the same Coach also entered the Bishop, with the Count de *St. Paul*, the Lady Marquess de *St. Chamont*, the deceased Dukes Governess, the Abbot de *Montaigne*, the Marquis de *Coeuvres*, and the under Governess: All things being ready, they went forward in this order, with the Sieur de *Saints* Master of the Ceremonies, followed by a great and orderly Train of Coaches of the Lords, Dukes and Peers, Prince and Princesses, with those of *Madam Iselle*, and *Madam the Duchess of Orleans*, the *Dauphines*, Queen and King, then followed Monsieur's Swiss Guard, each of them carrying a Torch of White Wax, after them followed the Coach with the Corps, which was compassed round with all his Majesties Lacquies and Pages on horseback, each of them with a Torch, then marched the Guards of his Royal Highness in order, and after them a great number of the Servants of his household, in which order they went through all the streets, in their way towards *St. Denys*, the Streets and Windows in places lay toward Torches. The Corps being brought into the body of the Church at *St. Denys*, the Bishop of *Valence* made the Funeral Speech, which was seconded by another, pronounced by the Superior of that Abby, which ended, it was thence carried into the Quire, where it was for some time placed in State, well lighted with Tapers, and from thence carried to the Tomb amongst those of the Kings.

The Chamber des *Grands Jours* is now removed from *Puy to Nismes*, where there are many prisoners, whose Processes are already framed; Several persons of quality in apprehension of their safety, retired themselves to *Avignon* and *Orange*, but the Governour of this, and the Vice Legate of the others have already informed them, that if the King should remand them as Criminals, they cannot give them protection, but must be obliged to deliver them up to justice, upon which divers of them are for their better security gone thence into *Italy*.

The Code *Louis* for reformation of Justice is every morning examined, and discoursed on at Monsieur *Pufforis*, and their reports made in the afternoons to the chief President.

On Saturday last was published a prohibition, that no Muskets shall for the future be made or used, in any of his Majesties Garrisons, or by any of his companies, that shall be of any other bore, than to carry Balls of twenty to the pound. Order is likewise given for providing 1000 horse against the next Spring, to attend upon the Artillery.

Amsterdam, Decemb. 18. The States have given their Letters-Patents to about 30 Captains, who are to command in as many great ships that are to be fitted out against the Spring: But his believed, they will find much difficulty in getting Seamen, who are not ordinarily to be employed in that service since *Tromp* is laid aside, for whom they still retain much respect.

The Ship called the *Amsterdam*, belonging to the *West-India* Company, with 3 or 4000000 of staves, designed for *Guiny*, all of them ready to put to Sea, have been by force of storm, obliged to fly into the *Texel*, to cut their fore-Masts, being likewise driven upon the Sands by the Tempest, and so much damaged, that it is now uncertain when they can be refitted.

Several Seamen have been lately pressed to go aboard the *Middleburgh*, a Vessel ordered for the *East-Indies*, and ready to put to Sea, if not already gone. Three or four small Fregats are fitting up in the *Texel*, and will in few days be sent to Sea to Cruise.

From the *Uly*, we are informed of several Wrecks that have been seen, occasioned by the late tempestuous weather. Particularly, a Spanish ship that had lain some time there, was cast away, with a *Genueve* Vessel that had the same or a worse fate, her Goods being lost, and all her men drowned.

Middleburgh, Decemb. 19. The States are resolved to grant a free Trade to all persons for the next year, except only the *Greenland* men, who are to submit to several Qualifications, that are hereafter to be published. Always provided, that all ships at their going out, pay a certain proportion for the service of the States.

Dr. *Magdowel*, under the hands of Justice, is this week to expect his Sentence.

Twenty four Men of War are intended speedily to Sea, the Drums having beat for the men to go aboard, upon pain of death.

We are in much fear for our Merchants, expected from *France*, 100 sailing ready to put to Sea. The good success some of them have already had in their passage through the Channel, may probably incite many of the rest to adventure the same way, rather than the North passage; in which many are observed to miscarry by the *Scotts* Capers plying upon those Seas.

Ostend, Decemb. 22. The Fleet designed for *Spain* that went lately out of this Harbor in the Road, met with a storm which forced them into the *Wielings*, where they are, expecting a fair wind. Several Billaunders also outward bound, were by storm driven back again hither, only one of them wanting, which is supposed to be lost. Their Convoyer in his return, standing off and on for high water, with his Spanish colours out, refused a Billaunder that had been taken by a French Caper of 5 or 6 Guns. The Caper afterwards standing Westwards, seized a ship from *Amsterdam*, bound with English Prisoners and Goods for *England*; but a Spanish ship coming from *Biscay* with Soldiers for this place, fortunately met them, and haling the prize, commanded her back into this Port: The Caper in fear of another ship to Windward of him with a Red Flag, which 'tis supposed to be English, followed likewise in, where he is under Arrest for Goods taken out of the Billaunder.

Edinburgh, Decemb. 8. Yesterday in the Morning the Lord Commissioner according to his Intentions went for *Glasgow*, the Forces having marched two or three days before, for their better disposal into quarters, that afternoon the ten sentenced Traitors were executed at the Cross of this City: On Monday next nine more are to receive their sentence before the Court of Justice.

Alborough, Decemb. 15. This Evening the *Hamburgh* Fleet of twelve ships richly laden, arrived in this Bay with their two Convoys, the *Success* and *Falcon* Fregats, bringing with them two Fishermen they lighted on in their way, and are this night at an Anchor near *Barsey*.