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**H**IS Majesty has been pleased to Command the Publication of the following Order of Coun-

At the Court at Whitehall, the Third of November, 1676.

By the Kings most Excellent Majesty, and the Right Honourable the Lords of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council.

**W**HEREAS it hath been made appear to His Majesty in Council, That Sir Ellis Leighton Secretary to the Lord Berkeley, his Majesties late Ambassador in the Court of France, being appointed by the said Ambassador to sollicite in that Court the Restitution of English Ships, and their Ladings taken by French Privateers, hath behaved himself corruptly in that Negotiation, by bare-faced contraiting for and receiving Bribes in the prosecution of the Merchants Affairs, and sometimes making corrupt Agreements with the French Privateers to desist from and relinquish all farther sollicitation of the Interests of His Majesties Subjects, contrary to the Trust reposed in him, and to the great Detriment and loss of the Merchants concerned; For which Offences he was committed to the Custody of one of the Messengers of His Majesties Chamber, in order to be carried Prisoner to the Tower of London, that he might be prosecuted and brought to condigne punishment; But being conscious of his own Guilt, hath made his Escape from the Messenger, and is fled from Justice.

His Majesty therefore hath this day thought fit to Order, and doth hereby require and command all His Officers and loving Subjects to use their best endeavors to discover and apprehend the said Sir Ellis Leighton; and for their encouragement therein, His Majesty is pleased to declare, That such Person or Persons as shall apprehend the said Sir Ellis Leighton, and cause him to be brought before one of His Majesties Principal Secretaries of State, shall receive a reward of One hundred Pounds sterling for so doing.

*Naples, Octob. 13.* That the French have made a descent in Sicily, possessed themselves of Melilli, a considerable Port, and put 500 men in Garrison there is most certain, though we hope they will be prevented in the farther designs they may have, by the Viceroy the Marquis de Castel Rodrigo, who is encamped with about 3000 men near Catania, and Don diego de Bracamonte, who lies with the Troops under his command near Siracusa. It is said that the French intended about the same time they took Melilli, likewise to have attempted Castellina, but understanding that the Marquis de Balloadino was there with 1200 Italians they changed their design.

*Laguna, Octob. 20.* Here is in Port the Swallow Frigate, expecting a Fleet of Merchantmen to Convoy home. Several English Fish Ships are arrived from

Newfoundland, and the rest with the Men of War their Convoy are daily expected. From Naples we have advice of the taking Melilli by the French, a very strong place between Siracusa and Augusta, where they have left a good Garrison; and are gone on some farther design. That the Marquis de Castel Rodrigo Viceroy of Sicily for the King of Spain, was at Catania with 2000 men, which did very much contribute towards the uniting the minds of those people. That the Viceroy of Naples had sent four Gallies to Melazzo, with four Companies of Spanish Foot and that it was said that the Duke of Ganzano is to pass with his Regiment likewise to Sicily.

*Venice, Octob. 23.* Our Doge, with most of the Senators are going to pass some little in the Countrey. The last week we had Letters from Constantinople, which says that orders had been sent to the Bassa, who commands the Ottoman Army against the Poles, to make a Peace with that Crown, so that it might be upon honourable Conditions; and that it was thereupon the general expectation at Constantinople that the Peace would be suddenly concluded, for that in effect the Turks were weary of a War with Poland, considering the resistance they had hitherto found, though their Forces were unequal.

*Vienna, Octob. 22.* The 5<sup>th</sup> of the next Month, the Emperor means to part hence for Sirm, and it is said that some dayes after will be celebrated there the Emperors Marriage, and accordingly that the Prince of Dietrichstein has orders to make all haste possible in order to his conducting the Imperial Bride thither. The young Archduchess of Austria, the Emperors daughter, is now treated at Queen of Spain, and has her Court accordingly; About Spring the Duke of Infantado is expected here from Madrid, to conduct her Majesty to Spain, and at the same time the Duke de Medina de las Torres, will be appointed to receive her on the Frontiers. From Hungary we hear that the Turks had attempted with 800 men to surprize a place called Vesperin, but that they were repulsd.

*From the Elector of Brandenburgs Camp before Serrin, Octob. 25.* Notwithstanding the thinness of the weather, which grows very wet and cold, we still continue this Siege, which however is not formally carried on with making approaches to the Walls of the Town, for that the season will hardly admit of; but our Electors resolved to try whether by force of Cannons, Granaadoes and Fireballs, he can compel the Inhabitants to Surrender. Yesterday, about 4 in a Clock in the Morning we begun to shoot the said Fireballs and Granaadoes into the Town, which had their effect; for about 3 in the afternoon we saw a great Fire in the Town, which continued till 12 at night; and this morning, about 8 a Clock, hapned another Fire in the place, by the effect of our Cannons, which lasted several hours. If this way will not do, we shall quit the Siege in 8 or 10 days, and turn it into a Blockade. Our Elector has appointed the Chancellor Somnitz, the Sieur Brau, and the Sieur Blaspyl, (which latter is at present at the Hague) to be his Ambassadors