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Lisbon, Nov. 10.

THe 7th instant arrived here the Exeter Merchant from Newfoundland, the Master reports, that about 20 Leagues to the Westward of this Port he met with two Men of War of Sally, the one mounted with 16 and the other with 8 Guns, from whom after some civilities he parted, the Coopers telling him that there was a Peace concluded between the Governor of Tangier and the Governon of Salty on the part of his Majesty of Great Britain and the Emperor of Morocco. The Master adds, that he afterwards met with an Argiers Man of War, who upon producing his Pass civilly dismiss him to prosecute his Voyage, the Turks telling the Master that there were at present 30 sail of Algerins abroad, and that most of them were cruising upon these Coasts. Our Brazile Fleet is now daily expected and with it a Galeon of 2400 Tuns from the East Indies.

Madrid Decemb. 21. Upon the advice the Letters from Vicanna brought of the Emperors having declared his marriage with the Princess of Neuburg, their Majesties and the whole Court pur off the Mourning which they had taken for the Archducheis of Inspracke. All business of moment is now dispatched by the chief Minister the Marquis de Villa Siera; who however meets with some opposition in his administration of affairs from the Grandets and other persons of Quality, who are contrary to him. Don Pedro d' Alfarq is removed from the Presidentship of the Finances, and made of the Camera de Castilla, and Don Lopez de los Rios, who after having been President of that Council seven years, quitted it in November 1673. is made President a second time, and we are told, that the King by his advice has reformed several Officers belonging to the Tribunal; and the like it is said, will be done to several other Councils, that so, by taking off a great number of Salaries to Officers, which are not useful, the publick Revenues may be the better able to defray the charges of the War. This Court is not a little pleased at the news of the arrival of the New Spain Fleet at Cadix, having brought a very seasonable as well as considerable supply to the Kings Coffers. We are told that the Agent of the States General at Argiers has used great endeavors to persuade that Government to make a Treaty of Peace with his Masters, but hitherto without any success. Don Francisco de Ayala one of the Kings Cavalierizas (who was some time since Envoy of this Crown in France) was killed the other day by a shot from a Window over against his own, where the Murderer had waited his opportunity some days, and having executed his design escaped. It is said that the cause of this unfortunate Gentleman's death, was his having made Courtship to a Lady of quality.

Riga, Nay, 15. We seem now pretty well secured on the side of the Moscovites, the Suedish Minister at Moscow having, as they write from thence obtained a declaration of the Czar that he will exactly maintain the peace and good correspondence between the two

Crowns, and that he will not directly or indirectly do anything to the prejudice of our King; and hereupon it hath been resolved to send in the Spring great part of the Fortes that are at present in this Countrey to Sweden and Pomeren. Here has been a report since the News arrived of the Peace concluded between the Poles and the Turks, that the former would enter into a War against the Moscovites, to recover Kiowia, a place of great importance, which antiently belonged to the Crown of Poland, and according to the last Treaty between the Moscovites and the Poles ought to have been restored to the latter some years since; which obligation the Moscovites on several pretences have not hitherto complied with, and as is thought will not, unless obliged thereto; but of this report we cannot learn there is any ground, farther than that it is not to be doubted but the King of Poland will endeavor to regain that place to the Crown.

Warsaw, Nov. 20. Their Majesties and the whole Court continue at Zolkiew, but are expected here about the beginning of the next month. We are assured that the assembling of the Diet is put off till the 21 of January. From Leopoi they write that the Troops of the Crown are all gone into their Winter-quarters, and that those of the Duchy of Lithuania are marched home. The Turks are quite retired, and his Majesty is sending an Envoy to the Port to bring back the Ratification of the Treaty of Peace lately concluded.

Naples, Nov. 22. The Regiments of Foot lately commanded by the Dukes of Cambrano and de Martina are reformed, as being too weak, and the Soldiers are incorporated into another Regiment, which is given to Don Mario Caraffa, Brother of the Duke of Metalone. Several Gentlemen and others have been lately executed at Catania, being accused of having had intelligence with the French, which notwithstanding, the number of those that are affected by the French grow very considerable, and they being well informed of the posture of things, are assembling their Troops on that side, in order as is believed to form an enterprize upon Catania. By a Felucca arrived from Palermo we are told that there was arrested a Priest, who served for Chaplain aboard one of the Spanish Gallies, for having endeavoured to withdraw the Officers from their duty and to persuade them to set fire to the Spanish Gallies and Men of War that were in the Port of Palermo. Our Viceroy the Marquis de los Velez uses all possible diligence to send considerable supplies of Men and Money to the Viceroy of Sicily.

Genova, Decemb. 1. From Sicily we have advice that the French have demolished the Scuderie. That Catania is not very well affected to the Spaniards, and that consequently the taking of the place will be the more easie to the French, if they attempt it. The Marquis de Castell Rodrigo the Viceroy of Sicily is come to Palermo, and endeavors to compose matters, which are in some disorder there, although the divisions among the Inhabitants of the Town and Swiss Faigins are arrived here; the Ronadventure, Rainbow, and Lyon, bound to the Westward, are ready to sail. Two thousand