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Falmouth, Jan. 3.

THe 5th instant arrived here a Privateer of *Flushing in Zeeland*, called the *America*, and in its company six large *Dutch* Merchantmen, who came out from *Holland* six dayes since; three of them are bound for the *East-Indies*, and the other three for the *West*. Here are in Port several other Vessels, some homeward bound, and others bound for *France*, who wait for a fair Wind to put to Sea.

Pennens, Jan. 11. The Wind continuing at S. W. the ships outward bound are still in this Harbor, among which is the *Unicorn*, bound for the *East-Indies*. On Tuesday last arrived here the *Hendricke* of *Middleburg* in *Zealand* of 800 Tuns, mounted with 32 Guns, and 300 men, of which 150 were Soldiers; and the *Sparbrucke* of 440 Tuns, and 16 Guns, being both laden with Provisions, and bound for *Batavia* in the *East-Indies*; as likewise the *Constantia* of *Flushing* bound for *Guinea*.

Plymouth, Jan. 12. We have of late had very bad weather, and especially these two dayes past, insomuch that the *Swallow* Frigate was forced to let slip in the *Sound*, and came into *Cartwater*, where she is now at Anchor; but several Merchantmen that were in *Cartwater*, were at the same time forced ashore.

Weymouth, Jan. 15. The last Night came into this Bay a *French* ship of *Newhaven* of 400 Tun, and mounted with between 30 and 40 Guns, and this morning before day was forced ashore between *Portland* and this place, but it being low water, when the Tide came in, by the help they had from shore, she got well off again, and is now in *Portland* Road, being bound for *Guinea*.

Venice, Jan. 2. It is now many months since some difference arose between the Emperor and this Republick, for that the latter did not think fit to permit the passage of some *German* Troops which were intended to have been transported from *Trieste* to *Naples* through our Gulf, at which the Court at *Vienna* was very much dissatisfied with this Senate, and has on several occasions since exprest the same, so far as that it is said that the Emperor and the King of *Spain* have for this reason hitherto declined the mediation of this State; but at present the discourse is, that the Pope has interposed for the composing this matter, and that the Emperor and this Senate have referred the adjustment thereof to him. On Thursday last the Duke of *Marina*, who had passed some time here *incognito*, returned home, though with intention to be here again in the *Carnaval*.

Copenhagen, Jan. 5. What was said in our last concerning the taking the Castle of *Helsingburg*, is contradicted; the last advice we have from thence, is, that on Sunday last the *Suedes* sprung a Mine which they had prepared, but that instead of doing the intended execution, it killed several of their own men; which the *Danes* perceiving, they made a Sally, and for several hours afterwards entertained the Enemy with discharges of their Cannon and Muskets from their Walls; since

nothing of moment has passed there, and we have hopes that notwithstanding all the endeavors of the Enemy to make themselves Masters of the Castle, they will not succeed in it. The Auditor General is returned from *Schoonen*, where he has exchanged 400 Prisoners, and it is said four hundred more are yet remaining Prisoners who were taken in the late Battel, who are all *Danes*; for the *Germins*, who were made Prisoners, have taken service with the *Suedes*, who, as it is said here, own to have had 1800 wounded in the late Fight.

Elfsencr, Jan. 5. The Cattle of *Helsingburg* holds out still, notwithstanding the several reports we had to the contrary, and the Governor, Colonel *Schonevelt*, hitherto answers the opinion we had of his great courage and experience; however the Enemy does not give over their design, but continue to work for the preparing of several Mines, in which they meet with great difficulty, for that the ground is very hard and stony. We have not for several dayes past had any account of the *Suedish* Army, but it is believed the King is still at *Malmoe*. Our King has put out a Declaration, by which he commands all the Inhabitants of the Duchy of *Sleswick*, as well Nobles as others, not to render for the future any obedience to the Duke of *Holstein*, their ancient Lord and Prince but that they look upon his Majesty for their Sovereign, and Supreme Lord of the said Duchy, which his Majesty has accordingly sequestered, and taken into his possession, because the Duke of *Holstein*, as is alledged, hath not received within the time appointed the Investiture of the said Duchy from his Majesty.

Dantzick, Jan. 8. From *Coningsberg* they write, that as well the Inhabitants as the Soldiers keep very strict Guard; for although there appears not as yet any certainty that there is any design against them, yet they continue full of jealousies and fears, lest the *Polish* Troops which have at present their Winter-quarters toward the Frontiers of *Livonia* and *Couland*, should on the sudden pass over into the *Suedish* service, and then fall into *Prussia*, which belongs to the Elector of *Brandenburg*. Most of the Provincial Dyets in *Poland* have ended well, and the Deputies have received their instructions for the General Dyet, but some have been dissolved without coming to any resolution, by reason of the divisions among the Members.

Hamburg, Jan. 12. You have formerly heard of the differences arising between the King of *Denmark* and the Duke of *Holstein* and *Sleswick*; and that his Highness not thinking himself secure in his own Territories after that the King had caused his Fortresses and chief places of strength to be demolished, retired hither, where he has lived privately ever since, and will continue, till matters be accommodated; but it is so far from that, that we have advice, that the King of *Denmark* upon some new dissatisfaction against the said Duke, and for that, as is alledged, his Highness has not received the Investiture for the Duchy of *Sleswick* within the time agreed, has sequestered the said Duchy, and has taken the same absolutely into his own possession, which at the same time a Declaration is to be published, by which