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Falmouth, Decemb. 26.

**H**ere are come in the Exchange of Bruges in ten daies from Rochelle, and the *Carolus Gustavus* of Stockholme from Brouage, both of them laden with Salt, the latter met with some Pickaroons at Sea, but received no damage from them: both of them giving us an account of the great preparations making by the French against the next Spring.

**Truroe, Decemb. 27.** An *Hamburger* lately arrived at *Mounts-Bay* from France, informes us, that a great number of the French forces are drawn together about *Brest*, and that the Fleet there lies ready with their sailes at the yard, on which (tis said) they intend to Embarque, but with what design they tell us not.

**Portsmouth, Decemb. 27.** Yesterday came into this Road the *Flying-Horse*, who had been chased by six Dutch Men of Warr, and as many Privateers bound to the Westwards, to secure the return of their Merchants; besides the *Hoy* he took from the Dutch Convoy off the *Isle of Wight*, he seized a Fly-boat laden with Wine and Bandy, pretending to be a *Swede* belonging to *Stockholme*, but acknowledges her lading to be upon a *Holland* interest.

**Hull, Decemb. 28.** Two Merchants ships laden upon his Majesties account, belonging to the *Gottenburg* Fleet, are put safely into *Humber*, and assure us of the arrival of the whole Fleet at the Buoy in the Nore, having not heard of the miscarriage of any of their number.

**Hamburg, Decemb. 28.** The *Swedes* forces continue still in their Quarters in the *Dutchy of Bremen*, onely some few of their Troops have in some places passed the *Elbe* towards *Pomerania*.

The Council of *Sweden* have acquainted the Dutch Ambassador, that they cannot by any means be induced to make any alterations in the Act of Neutrality; but in order to the stating of those points, that as yet have not been debated, they intend speedily to send an Ambassador into *Holland* to conclude them there. Since this, the Dutch Ambassador has had his last audience of *Conze*, and intends to leave *Stockholm* at his first opportunity.

**Vicenz, Decemb. 28.** This Court takes much delight in the great varieties of Hunting. On Wednesday last the Prince of *Lorraine*, willing to shew his dexterity in killing a *Wild-beast* before their Imperial Majesties, received a hurt in his Leg, but of no great danger.

The sixteenth, the Emperor with the Empress, and many of the Nobility, retiring themselves after their Hunting, gave order to the Count de *Kavenhulle* to permit no persons whatsoever to enter into their place of retirement; but a *Spaniard* belonging to the *Spanish* Ambassador, pressing hard to get in, and upon denial, returning ill language, so far provoked the Count, that he was forced to reply upon him with his cudgel; the next day the Count going in his Coach to the Court, was assailed by a considerable number of *Spaniards*, armed with Swords and Pistols, who made many shots through the Coach, killing one of his Footmen, and hurting his Coachman: But the Count escaping, the Guards and Servants of several persons of quality fell upon the *Spaniards*, and forced them to retire themselves to the *Landhaus*, wherein the dispute, one of the *Spaniards* was killed, and the rest forced to yield themselves to the mercy of the prevailing party; who so roughly handled them, that one other *Spaniard* was beaten to death.

The *Spanish* Ambassador being informed of what had passed, came in person to the *Landhaus*, accompanied with all his domestick Servants, appearing highly in defence of his

Countrymen; but finding the Guards grew very numerous, he presently went thence to make his complaints to the Emperor then sitting in Council; who being informed of the whole business, denied him audience, as he has again this morning: being farther resolved to send an Express into *Spain* with the account of the whole procedure of that Ambassador; in the mean time, several of the *Spaniards* are kept prisoners till further order.

**Madrid, Decemb. 26.** A Gentleman some time since, dispatched from hence with the conditions of a Truce to *Lisbon*, is returned with their Answer, which is not yet made publick.

The eighth instant, the French Ambassador had an audience of the Queen.

From *Cadix* we are informed, that the Ketch belonging to *Tangier*, hath on the back-side of that Island taken a French Merchant-ship that came from the North, richly laden, which he carried away for *Tangier*; About the same time a *Genouese* laden with Corn, was by the Turks forced on shore on that Island, but afterwards went off again without any considerable damage.

From *Malaga* we are told, that a French Privateer lately seizing a small English Pink of some value from *Scanderoon*, sent her lading upon a *Saylia* for *Marseilles*, but sent the Pink into *Malaga*.

**Rome, Decemb. 20.** In the late audience given by his Holiness to the French Ambassador, the Duke de *Chaulnes* the Ambassador was pleased to take notice of some misunderstandings between his Master and his Holiness, which he seemed sorry to see still increasing between them, which his Holiness, with his kind words endeavored to mitigate. The jealousies between them arising principally from the Popes unwillingness to render *Castro* to the Duke de *Parma*, according to strict conditions made between them in the Treaty made at *Pise*, in the year 1664. All the other Foreign Ministers had very short audience, not being admitted to enter upon any matter of business, having onely time to make their Compliments of bidding him welcome upon his return from *Cassel* *Gondolpho*.

On *St. Clements* day, the Patron of the City of *Velletri*, the Cardinal *Francis Barberin* (who by vertue of his Office, as Dean of the Sacred Colledge, is likewise Bishop of the place, where he also enjoys a Temporal Lordship) accompanied by the Cardinal *Antonio* his Brother, and *Charles* his Nephew, with the Prince of *Pulstrina*, and a great number of Prelates, and persons of quality, took possession of his Bishoprick, where he officiated pontifically; and to heighten the solemnity by his Charity, he gave a Release to all Prisoners, and a liberal Contribution to the Poor.

From *Mantoua* we are told, That the Archduchess continuing dangerously ill, the Duke de *Sabieneta*, the Prince of *Borzelio*, and other personages of the House of *Gonzague*, and their Allies, have had frequent Consultations about the management of the affairs of that Dutchy, in case she should die of her distemper, which is very probable, though at the present she is somewhat better than she has been; and 'tis generally believed, that the Cardinal *d Este* has all along lent his assistance and counsel to all their conferences and enterprises: but the Count de *Vindisgratz*, a Commissioner from his Imperial Majesty, has so effectually wrought with the Archduchess, that she has formally declared, that the Tuition of the Young Prince, notwithstanding all pretences of his Majority, (being fourteen years of age) shall be committed to the Emperor upon her death: and such good Order is taken, that the House of *Gonzague* have without any disturbance

disturbance left the City free, as they found it, which is since strengthened with a stronger Garrison, and such Officers intrusted as will be faithful and obedient in the execution of the Archduchesses intentions. The Garrison of *Casal* is also reinforced.

*Legorne, Decemb. 20.* The 14 instant arrived in this Port, the *St. Francis de Paul* of 30 Guns, 350 Tuns, and 150 Men, and the *Anima del'Purgatorio* of 24 Guns, 250 Tuns, and 100 Men, with several sorts of Goods and some Passengers from *Cadix*, and both are said to have commission with them: they tell us of two lusty French Men of War that are gone from *Thoulon*, and are bound for *Malta*, whose colours they are to wear, and to serve them against the Turks. Here are lately arrived two ships belonging to this Port from *Cyprus*, bringing us news of great succors sent into *Canea* by the Turks, whither the Grand Visier intends speedily in person, but in the meantime sties in *Morea* to provide all necessaries for their Fleet. That the *Venetians* are not wanting to themselves in fortifying all their Posts and Garrisons in *Candia*, and furnishing them with Provisions and Ammunition. They further tell us, that five *Alger* ships with a *Tripoly* Flaggs, have seized upon several French *Bauxes* laden with Merchandises for the *Ottoman* Countreyes. From *Milan* they tell us, that the late forces raised in that Duchy for the Kings of *Spaines* service in *Flanders*, are quartered in *Alexandria*, expecting orders to march for *Finale*, where they are to be imbarqued. The Governour of *Milan* is fallen ill, and neither gives audience, nor receives visits.

*Genova, Decemb. 22.* The Duke de *Albuquerque* still continues in and about this City, expecting his Gallies, but neither gives nor receives any visits: A Vessel from *Lisbon* in 14 daies informs us that the French Auxiliaries are taking their leave, and returning into *France*, five of the principal Senators of this Republicque, are made choice of for the Government of this Republicque; and are to enter upon their charge the first of *January* next ensuing, viz. *Giacomo Ottavio Giustiniano*, *Raffaello Merello*, *Pietro Luigi Saburzo*, *Giacomo Garbarino*, and *Antonio Grimaldo*. We have not of late received any news from our Convoys at *Constantinople*, but are so well satisfied of the advantages and security of our Trade there, that 30000 pieces of Eight are ordered to be taken out of the Publick Treasury at *St. Georges*, to be added to the stock for the *Levant* Trade.

These are to give notice that Mr. Richard Royston Bookseller, who formerly lived at the Argell in Ivy-lane, and the Shop keepers who formerly dwelt in the Round-Court in St. Martins, are now placed in St. Bartholomew's-Hospital near Smith-Field.

*Paris, Decemb. 31.* Orders are given out to all Officers to keep their Companies full, and other fresh Companies are to be speedily raised: 'Tis likewise said, That two Regiments of Horse, and the like number of Foot are to be raised under the command of the *Daulphin*.

The Pension of 50000 Crowns formerly granted to the Duke de *Valois*, is by his Majesty continued to Monsieur.

On Monday and Tuesday last her Majesty found her self much indisposed with several pains, and a scavorish distemper, but is since upon bleeding, well recovered, to the great satisfaction of the Court.

The Chevalier de *Chaumont* is here arrived from *Quebec* and *Canada*: Monsieur *Talon*, Governour of that Country, has dispatched hither an Officer, with a full account of the state of those parts, where they have had some success upon their Neighbors, from whom they have won four or five small Cities, forcing the inhabitants to leave their habitations, and seek for shelter farther off.

The ten Vessels of the *Daulphin* company sent out for the Me of that name, about the Cape of Good Hope, met with a storm which drove them as far as *Fernambouc*, from whence endeavoring to continue their Voyage, another tempest taking them, forced them to the *Carary* Islands; where they were unresolved, whether to proceed in their intended Voyage, or to return again to *France*, their provi-

sions growing scarce, inclining them rather to the latter; which puts that Company upon fresh preparations, to repair the damage which this accident will produce in their affairs.

'Tis here reported, that his Majesty has by his Ambassador at *Rome*, demanded of his Holiness the Execution of the Treaty of *Pise*, especially in that point relating to the Duchy of *Castro*, to which the Duke of *Parma* has some pretensions.

*Middleburgh, Jan. 2.* The States have given order for the speedy sending out 18 or 20 Fregats from several Ports, who (as is said) are to Rendezvous at *Hulsting*, and in four or five days will be ready to sail. Their design is variously reported, but most persons believe they are to pass through the Channel, and to joyn with the French fleet.

The *Ostend* Merchants still continue under Arrest in *Zealand*, which is very ill resented by the *Spaniards*, who (we fear) may upon this provocation be induced to stop many of our Merchants that are in their Ports.

The 25 past, one of the new great ships building at *Amsterdam* was launched, containing in length 175 feet; and 'tis thought, that two others will be likewise fitted within a month, and great store of men are already listed for the service of the Fleet that is to be set out from that City.

*Ditto, Jan. 5.* The 31 past, Twenty five sail of our Men of War went out of the *Meuse*, four or five of them from *Zealand*, the rest from the *Texel*; their design for some said to be upon *Ireland*, by others to be *Guiny*, or else for the *West-Indies*. With them they carry good store of Tools for the breaking of Ground, but by the Provisions they have aboard, they seem not to be furnished for any long voyage.

*Bruges, Jan. 5.* The *Holland* Fleet of about 20 Sail were lately seen off of *Ostend*, but meeting with Westerly winds, it is thought they could not make their way (as they intended) through the Channel. 'Tis here confidently said, that there is a general Embargo in *France*; but upon what design, not divulged.

The last Saturday in the night, the French Caper detained at *Ostend*, for several Silks taken by him out of a Vessel of the Town, stole away out of the Harbor, and carried away the plundered Goods with him; with one of the Spanish Soldiers of the Guard that was set upon him; but the Captain continues still there under Arrest.

*Hull, Decemb. 30.* The 28 instant arrived two Vessels from *Newcastle* that were formerly prizes, one of them laden with Coal, the other with prize Wine.

On Friday night they left the *Newcastle* fleet off *Humber*, consisting of 150 sail with their Convoys.

*Alborough, Decemb. 31.* Yesterday appeared two ships standing out of the *Sea*, which proved to be the *St. Patrick*, with one of the Dutch Men of War lately taken. This morning we discovered seven sail, viz. The *Warspight* with some other Fregats in his company, which we suppose to be the Rear of the whole *Gottenburgh* fleet, and are standing in for the *Gunfleet*. This morning likewise, a small Galliot Pickaroon put to shore in this Bay two laden Colliers, and upon the report of his Guns, was for some time pursued by one of our Fregats that came in from the Southwards; but being a nimble Sailer got away.

*Portsmouth, Jan. 1.* Yesterday arrived the *Little Francis*, who on Sunday night cruising off the *Ile of Wight*, met with a Vessel, whom haling in Dutch, they supposing him a Dutch Caper, answered, They were of *Amsterdam*; and was immediately made prize, and brought in hither, and since sent to the Commissioners for prizes at *Southampton*, the lading consisting of Salt and Log-wood.

The same day two Galliot Heys pretending to belong to *Newport*, laden with Wines and Brandy, were by contrary Wines blown in hither. About twelve days since they came from *Bourdeaux*, in company of 80 sail without Convey, none of them as yet being gone through the Channel.

*Whitchal, Jan. 2.* The Fleet of Colliers from *Newcastle*, are with their Convoys safely arrived in the River of *Thames*, having met with no enemy, nor distressed by the way.