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Falmouth, Decemb. 26.

Here 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 *Hay* 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 *Palestrina*, 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 Tutition 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