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Falmouth, Decemb. 30.

THere is lately arrived at *Helford* a French prize of 100 Tuns, laden with Salt and Wines, taken and sent in by Captain *Correl*, a private Man of War, in her way hither, the French men finding their number equal, if not superior to those English that were put aboard her, combined together for the recovery of their ship, by the destruction of their Enemies, and to begin the work, one of them seising on a Handspike, attempted upon him that stood at the Helme, but missing his purpose, in despair leapt over-board and was drowned; the rest of his company were immediately secured, and the Vessel brought safely into Harbor.

Here is lately arrived the *Castle of Elsenburgh* laden with Wines from *Bordeaux*, who speaks much of the French preparations, and of a great number of their forces drawn together about *Brest*, ready to Embarque (as they give out) for *Ireland*.

Plymouth, Jan. 1. A small Vessel arriving here in sixteen daies from *Bordeaux* informs us, that 40 sail of French ships lay then ready laden with Victuals bound for *Brest*, with two Dutch Convoys, one a ship of 14 Guns, the other of 26 Guns, besides four Fireships. He farther tells us, that at *Conquet* there are two Fregats, one of 60, the other of 40 Guns bound for *Callis*, with a Fleet of 60 sail of French Merchant ships under their Convoy.

Norwich, Jan. 2. The Account of our Bill of Mortality for this last week runs thus, buried of all Diseases 18. whereof of the Plague 8.

Warsaw, Decemb. 17. Several Grandees of this Kingdom are lately arrived in this City, and amongst them the grand Feldheer *Potockie* with a numerous train of attendants and followers, to the great satisfaction of the people, who are in some hopes, that his presence will have so good an influence upon the Diet, as to draw order out of their present divisions, and give a better issue to it, then we could promise our selves from the several disputes raised amongst them: The vacancies are not yet disposed of. The 11th instant, Deputies were to be sent to his Majesty to hasten that affair, especially for the filling up those of great Chancellor, and Marischall of *Poland*, and the Generalship of *Lythuania*, which if not suddenly granted, they threaten to protest and return home. They likewise pressed for a general re-establishment in favor to *Lubomirski*. The Army have lately sent their Envoyes to this Court, who have had Audience from his Majesty, importing, that if the Diet ends without fruit, they shall be forced to seek for their arrears from those that are the causes of it. The Archbishop seems willing to lay down the seal, upon condition that no disputes may be raised about it in the Diet: yesterday in the evening, the Colleg of the Land Commissioners went up to the Senate, and was believed to nominate to the vacancies.

The *Ottoman* Court seem of late to threaten this Kingdom with a new War, which (we have reason to suspect) may proceed from the instigation of those Foreigners, who being far interested in the affairs of this Kingdom, have too frequently involved us in great troubles, to the ruine and destruction of our Nation.

Vienna, Decemb. 23. The *Turks* have lately started a pretence to the Town of *Josslabz*, which they affirm to belong to the Government of *Waradin*, and desire its restitution; to which, the States of *Hungary* will not easily be induced to consent.

From *Raab* they tell us, that they had likewise made some complaints to the Frontier Towns, that a *Chiaw* had been late-

ly killed between *Offen* and *Stulweissenberg*. Which fact is generally disowned by the *Hungarian*, and thought to be committed by those Robbers that have been frequently known to commit great insolencies upon the borders, under borrowed names.

By our Resident in the *Ottoman* Court, we are informed, That the Grand Visier intends in person to go for *Candia*, omitting no expences for the effectual prosecution of that War. He has lately sent orders to the Visier at *Buda*, to summon in the several Bassas to *Grecisch-Weissenburg*, to take order for all sorts of Military preparations; but with what design, is not yet known.

Venice, Decemb. 24. On Monday last, according to appointment, Signior *Dominico Ballarino*, entered upon his charge of High Chancellor. Signior *Moresini* intends the next week to embarque for the *Armata*, and with him four Gentlemen that are by the Senate designed to be enrolled amongst the Nobility, being persons of great abilities, and have formerly served this Republick in very eminent charges; besides these, many Colonels, and other Officers, 50 Volunteers to serve under the command of Signior *Moresini*.

Some Vessels lately arrived from *Zante*, advise us, That Signior *Molino* with a Squadron of six ships, is now attending at *Corfu*, to convey the fleet cut some time since under the command of *Semitecolo*, with Provisions for the *Armata*: They likewise tell us, that two large Saichs laden with Horses, were taken by some of our Vessels in their passage from *Napoli di Romania* to *Canea*.

By Letters from *Candia* of the nineteenth past, we are assured, that the Grand Visier is arrived in *Canea*, and received with much joy by the *Turks*, which they testified by three days continual feasting.

They now give out, that as soon as the season of the year will permit them to take the field, they intend to lay a close siege to *Candia*; to which end, they are already preparing their Cannon, and all other necessaries for that enterprize.

All the ships designed to sail with Signior *Moresini* for the *Armata*, are now riding in the Haven of *Malamoco*, where they attend his Embarcation with the Signior *Giavarino*, the Ambassador to the *Ottoman* Court.

As soon as this Festival shall be over, order is taken to begin the building of the two new Gallions, and to cast new Guns to arm them out. Several private persons are also building of ships for the service of the Publick.

Strasbourg, Decemb. 28. This City is putting into a posture of defence upon information brought us from *France*, that that King has a design to send 20000 men into *Alsatia*, which the Cities of that Country much apprehending, have wrote to their Deputy at *Ratisbone*, to sound the opinion of the Minister of that Crown residing there.

The Princes Electors of *Mayence*, *Trevers*, and *Palatine*, with the Bishop of this place, are suddenly to meet together to consult about their affairs, in case of the arrival of those expected Forces; Though the French Minister in this place pretends to know nothing of any such designe.

Rome, Decemb. 28. The French Ambassador in the late Audience given him by his Holiness, moved for a Cardinals Cap to be bestowed upon Monsieur *de Bulemont*, highly extolling his merits, and the services done to the holy Chair, in the late Negotiations about *Avignon*, and other great affairs, wherein he has frequently promoted the interests of his Holiness. Minding him likewise of his former engagement to the Duke of *Vendosme*, by his word given him by his Nephew, during his Legation at *Paris*, and since upon severa