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Plymouth, Dec. 17.

**Y**esterday Major Fairbon brought hither 150 Soldiers from Taunton, and those parts of Summerfetshire; who, with 100 from Pendennis, were shipped this day, and expell very much cheerfulness for His Majesties Service. A Frigate of the Eastern Squadron, hath sent in a Vessel laden with Wax, Pitch, Tar, and Piece-goods. Captain Robinson hath sent into Falmouth, a Galliot-Hoy, bound for Bourdeaux, laden with Hogs-head-staves and Copper. Four Ships, pretending to be bound for Spain, two laden with Pack-goods, and two with Deals and Clap-boards, are stopped here, and not without good grounds.

*Land-guard point-Fort, Dec. 19.* Part of the Gottenburgh Fleet that came in hither on Saturday last, went out on Sunday, and the rest this night; bound for London. Here is also a great Fleet of Colliers come in; some of which went away Saturday and Sunday; the last night they fired about 40 Guns in Ipswich-water, to give notice to those that remained, that they were going forth.

*Tarmouth, Dec. 18.* On Saturday two Dutch Pinks were brought into this Road by the Garland, taken about the Dogger-sands: This Frigate, with 4 more, being commanded by Vice-Admiral Harman, in his return, to give chase to several Dutchmen that were found fishing thereabout.

*Warsaw, Nov 23.* His Majesty is sending an Extraordinary Envoy to the Cham of Tartary, to give him thanks for his Assistance, by which our General hath taken the City of Braclov from the Enemy, and made Drozdenko, the chiefest of the Rebellious Cossacks, prisoner, whose forces have since taken this Oath of Allegiance to serve the King.

The two principal Leaders of the Rebellious Cossacks, viz. Gbielniski and Tudalski, are released from their long imprisonment at Marienburgh, upon the Bail of the Lord General of the Cossacks.

*Florence, Decemb. 1.* The news of this place is, at present, little more than the discourse of what is acted in and near England.

The French are very busie in unbecalming the Emperors present condition, having demanded of the Dutches of Mantova, by an Envoy, the surrender of Casal, during the Minority of the young Duke; but though the Dutches refused, alledging, That being a Feudatory of the Emperor, without the Imperial consent she could not grant it, the Envoy remains; the Emperor not only refusing, but promising to assist the Dutches, and ordering 3 Regiments to march to Mantova; which Monsieur de Gramonville, the French Ambassador at Vienna, protests against.

In the interim, the Duke of Parma begins to arm in Italy, and his obligation for his Dukedom of Castro, being so great to France, it is concluded, it can be for no other interest; and by consequence conjectured, That the French King intends some attempt upon Italy. It is reported from a very good hand, that the Emperor hath named Count d'Esdrin his General for Flanders, where he is to command 25000 men.

*Venice, Dec. 4.* Yesterday in the Evening the Senate made choice of Signor Francisco Morofoini, to be Proveditor-General of the Armada. The Letters from Zant mention, that they had advice by the last Tartana from Candia, that the Commander of those Soldiers, lately brought into Canea, went out with about 500 men, to make an attack upon our Works, but were so well received, that he lost the greatest part of his men, and went off in very great

disorder. The great Ship, called the Marabotto, which went hence with Men and Ammunition for the Armada with the first Convoy, arrived happily at Cerigo; and with 36 Ships more coming from Zant, got to the Armada. The Marquess of Villa is arrived at Argentieta, and the Captain General is riding in those parts with the Artillade. It is reported by the Mariners of Marabotto, coming from Alexandretta, that there is a great revolt at Cairo, and that the Grand Signior hath sent a Bassa to appease them.

*Venice, Dec. 11.* The Morlacks, above 500 strong, under the Conduct of their Haram-Bassa, went ten dayes march into the Enemies Country, as far as the City of Balach, plundering and burning all their Villages as they passed. Among the rest of their Booty, they brought off above 8000 head of Cattel, 200 and 40 Slaves, Men, Women and Children, 8 Turks heads, being such as made resistance; and all this with the loss only of 4 Morlacks, among whom was the Nephew of one of the principall Haram-Bassas. Three hundred are gone along Voluntiers out of Zant with the Marquis de Villa, putting themselves into service in the Armada upon their own charges. There is none yet appointed to go Ambassador to Rome in the place of the Chevalier Querini, who is ordered to go Ambassador to Spain.

The Ottoman Port hath dispatched another Chiaux to the Ports of Barbary, to take up Ships for his Service, having a design to get about 40 together against the next Campaigna; all sorts of Provisions, Gallies and other necessaries for the Sea, are carried on with the greatest earnestness, the Grand Signior being resolved to bend his whole Force against the State the next Spring.

*Genoua, Dec. 9.* On the 4th instant, three Senators and two Procurators, were, in usual manner, elected by the Minor-Consiglio; the Senators are the Signiori Franciscò Spinola, Bernardo d'Amico, and Marc' Antonio Lomellino; the Procurators, the Signior Phillippo Fieschi, and Vincenza Gropallo.

*Madrid, Dec. 2.* By fresh Letters from Galicia, the Portugall Army is still in the field there, and absolute Master of it, having taken the Town, and (as is generally reported) the Castle of la Guardia, a place of much consequence, and in particular, a Key to Vigo, a very commodious neighbouring Port to it, well known to Merchants by the frequent depredations of the Biscay, and Gallego Free-booters.

From Tangier they advise, that all is well there, and concerning their Barbary Neighbours, they gave this account by a Letter from Tetuan of the 4th of the last; that Gayland had been out of Alcazar above a month to wait upon the King of Tasselet, who was come down the 2d time upon him, and had fired and destroyed all the stately Gardens and Vineyards about Fex, taking divers Casales, and had killed 50 of the chiefest Horsemen of Fex, with many ordinary Soldiers, and done very much mischief in the Country; and that Gayland was again in Alcazar, from whence they would not let him come for fear of the said King. They say farther, that the Sant Benbucar was newly come a gainst the said King with three great Mahales, (as they call them there,) and had put his Son Abdello into Fex, whilst he himself went to look after the said King. The Duke de Medina Celi, and the Comte d'Orpeza, having excused the accepting of the charge of Vice-Roy of Naples, it is conferred on Don Pedro d'Arragon, Ambassador from this Crown at France.

*Hague, Dec. 20.* The main business of the States is to promote the setting out a powerful Navy the next Spring; and to that purpose, the Heer Van Ommeren is to recommend to the Colledge of the Admiralty, in their