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Plymouth, January 15.

Several *Hamburgers, Swedes, and Offenders*, laden with Brandy, Salt, and Wine, from *France*, most of them bound for *Ostend*, are by contrary winds forced to put in here, all of them speak big of the French preparations, and that all Seamen in any of their Ports, whether Dutch or French, are prest into their service, and sent into *Brest*.

By a small *Offender*, laden with Linnen from *Morlaix*, we are informed that 35 sail of Men of War are drawn together at *Brest*, and that three or four hundred Men quartered at *Morlaix*; were commanded thence, as they were out of the adjacent Towns, and ordered to march for *Brest*. They have put a general Embargo upon all their Ports, not a Vessel suffered to stir out, but their design is still kept private.

Dover, Jan. 16. This Tide came in Captain *John Holmes* in the *Lenox*, bringing with him two small Barques, taken by him yesterday off of *Diep*, both of them laden at *Calice*, one with Linnen, the other with Mustard seed, one of them bound for *Diepe*, the other for *Havre de Grace*.

Alborough, Jan. 17. These four or five days past, the winds have been high, and the waters very rough, and by the floating of several pieces of Clap-board, which have been seen along this Coast, we fear some Vessel has miscarried.

Seville, Dec. 21. Six ships of the Armada that were cruising upon the coasts of *Portugal*, have been by foul weather driven from thence, and forced to put in here, but we hear not of any prize brought in by them: The Gallions will be speedily ready, and 'tis said, will put to Sea by the 26 of *January* at the farthest.

The Duke de *Medina Celi*, by reason of his indisposition of Body, has thought of retiring himself for some moneths, and hath dispatched an Expreis to the Court, to obtain leave. Several persons have lately entred into an Association for the security and advancement of Commerce; and for their encouragement, here is lately brought hither a Grant for the forming them into a Company; there are to be set out for their own account, six Men of War for the coast of the *Indies*, and as many more to cruise within the *Streights*; and the like number to ply between the mouth of the *Streights*, and the South Cape, and twelve for the coast of *Portugal* and *Biscay*: they are besides Founding a Colledge, wherein is to be taught the Art of Navigation, from whence one hundred youths shall be yearly taken out; well instructed in the Art, to be employed at Sea for the service of the Publick.

The Island of *Teneriffe* is grown sensible of their great Stop of Trade, since the *English* have refused them Commerce, and have petitioned the Queen and Council of the *Indies* for Licence for four ships more, to be sent by them to the *Indies*, for the venting of their Wines, that otherwise will lye decayed upon their hands: But in this they are like to meet with opposition.

Rome, Decemb. 25. The French Ambassador is much dissatisfied with the delays of this Court, and especially, with the cold proceedings in the business of *Castro*, and complains much of some disrespect, and disrespect thrown upon himself; in that Cardinal *Chigi*, whose presence, as Arch-Priest of the *Lateran*, was expected at the Celebration of the Anniversary Re-benediction of *Henry the Fourth*, would not vouchsafe his Presence at that Solemnity; to which he adds his Resentment, for being refused to introduce several French Cavaliers of Quality, to the Honor of kissing his Holiness's Toe; the same favour being at the same time granted to

Cardinal *Sforza*, and to a mean Ambassador, *Bologna*, for persons of less value and quality. His Holiness having likewise denied him an ordinary request, made in the behalf of his Lady: all which he looks upon as marks of little respect to his Master, and less to himself.

His Holiness is erecting a large Standard, Staffe of Brass, circled with Laurel, upon the Castle *St. Angelo*, to prevent the fall, the former ones of Wood have had, to be torn down with Thunder-claps.

We are inform'd that the Ecclesiasticks of the Kingdom of *Naples*, have refused for the future to pay the Tenth, imposed on them by his Holiness, for the assistance of the Emperor, in his Wars against the Turks; whereupon Cardinal *Litta* has been pressed by the *Dominanti*, to endeavour the payment thereof in his Diocess, which he has promised so far onely to appear in, as not to engage with the King of *Spain's* Ministers, which might probably draw some prejudice to the reputation of the Church.

Venice, Jan. 2. His Excellency *Moresini* continues aboard, with all things in readiness to set sail, and waits onely for favourable weather: he embarked with the Title of Proveditor-General; but the Great Council have since conferred on him the Title and Authority of Captain-General, in which qualification he formerly served this Republick, with much Honor to himself, and advantage to the State, and has since received the Visits and Complements of most of the great Persons of this City.

Two days since, the Gally designed for the service of his Excellency, was set on float at the Arsenal, being so well forwarded and refitted, that she will suddenly be in condition to follow him to the *Levant*, for his particular service.

Letters from *Messina* inform us, of two French ships that are cruising in those Seas, to attend the Corsairs their Enemies: they tell us also of four others that are plying in the *Levant*; who lately gave chase to several light Turkish Gallies, upon whom they discharged many shots, but the Gallies by the advantage of their Oars escaped.

We are also advised by the way of *Otranto*, that a Squadron of our Fleet gave chase to ten *Saiechs* that were endeavouring to put into *Canea*, of whom they took five, and diverted the other from their intention.

The intentions of the Grand Vizier for the besieging of *Candia*, daily more and more discovers it self, and we are accordingly preparing as vigorously for its defence; General *Cornaro*, and the Marquis *Villa* being gone thither to give their assistance, with considerable numbers of choice, and well-resolved Soldiers. From *Dalmatia* we have little news, but only, that some of our Barques have given chase to several Corsairs, belonging to *Duleigno*, and killed divers of their men, though their Vessels had the fortune to escape.

A Chiaus is lately sent from the Vizier to *Buffina*, for the levying of Soldiers, and making Provision of great quantities of Corn and Bisket, is to attend farther Orders from the *Ottoman* Court.

Signior *Gasparo di Thebes*, Ambassador from the Court of *Spain* to this Republick, is this moneth expected here, and care is taken for a Palace, Gondolas, and other conveniences for his entertainment.

Signior *Grimani* is preparing for his journey to *Rome*, as Ambassador to his Holiness, in the place of Signior *Querini*, who is to be remanded.

Order is taken for the levying of fresh Forces, and Commissions granted out to several Colonels and Captains, impowring them to List such persons as are willing to serve that Republick in the Wars.

V. enns, Dec. 21. Several Conferences have been held in this Court, about the calling of a Diet in *Hungary*: The Estates of the *Upper Hungary* seeming unwilling to appear, till several Points are determined and granted to them that were debated in the last Diet: to which purpose the *Palatine*, with several of the Nobility, is arrived here, and care will be taken, upon consultation with his Imperial Majesty, to give them satisfaction, and prefix a time for the convening of the Diet.

Our Letters from *Upper Hungary* inform us, that the *Turks* draw their forces together about *Fenoua* and *Fula*, and 'tis believed, with intention either to depose *Abassi* for the great arrears of Contribution due to them, or to render themselves Masters of those places that belong to *Prince Ragotzki* in the District of *Waradin*.

Our latter Letters from *Transylvania* tell us, that the *Prince Abassi* is lately grown so confident of his Right to some Countreys, in the possession of the *Prince Ragotzki*, which he pretends do belong to the *Dutchy of Transylvania*, that he is resolved to endeavour their Restoration by force of Arms, in case the *Prince Ragotzki* cannot peaceably compose the business.

The Count *Coringmark* is suddenly expected here, as Ambassador from his Majesty of *Sweden*; and the Count *de Fursenberg*, a Pensioner to the Crown of *France*; is likewise expected in quality of *Envoye Extraordinary* from his Electoral Highness of *Cologne*.

These are to give Notice, that on Monday, Decemb. 31. a Case of Silks, marked H. Numb. 11. was by a forged Order of Sir John Wolstenholme, feicht from the Carrier of Dover, containing nine pieces of coloured plain French Silks, and nine pieces of black Lutestring, and four pieces of A-la-modes. If any one can give notice to Mr. John Rainer, over against the East-Indix House in Leaden-Hall-street whether the same are conveyed, they shall have 20 l. for their pains.

Dantzic, Jan. 9. The Polish Diet is certainly dissolved by the Protestation and Departure of *Lublomsky*, a Member of the Lower House, whom no persuasion could induce to return, and null his Protestation: Another Diet is to be convened in *March*; but with little hopes of better success, in so divided a Countrey, and where it lies in the power of any single Member by his Protestation to dissolve them.

On the 31st past, arrived a Courier at *Warsaw*, with the news, that the *Tartars* and *Cossacks*, had made an invasion upon Great *Poland*, and had fallen upon *Makowskiz*, who commanding twenty Companies about *Gaminitz Podolski*, was beaten with the loss of several of his Forces, and himself either kill'd or made prisoner. That they had marched as far as *Leopold* or *Loewenberg*, but finding it a place of much strength, they had left it, and ('twas feared) were intending for *Lublin*, which would not be in a condition to make opposition.

Another Courier confirms the defeat of *Makowskiz's* Companies which are wholly broken and ruin'd, and that some few of the Kings Companies made their defence in some little Towns, but gave but little stop to the Enemies march, who had burnt and destroyed several Towns, and kill'd many people.

The King had Commanded the Militia of the neighboring Countreys to be in Arms, but 'tis feared they will be too slow in their obedience, and unable to frustrate the purpose and design of the Enemy, who with his flying Army will make his retreat with his Prey before the others can be ready to engage them. They make great spoil where they come, burning those things they cannot carry away, putting the old men to the Sword, and carrying away the young and able into slavery.

Letters of the third instant from *Warsaw* tell us, that the Countreys of *Betzi* and *Wollin* have got into a Body, and fallen successfullly upon several parties of the *Tartars* (the Body of them being about *Sokol*) and have redeemed several prisoners.

Paris, Jan. 21. The Archbishoprick of *Malines* being vacant

by the death of the Archbishop, 'tis said, the Revenue thereof shall (during its vacancy) be employed in the expence of the War, for the payment of Soldiers.

Some contrivances are on foot, for the raising a large fleet, towards the expences of the Fleet, which his Majesty is resolved to make very considerable, in which, the *Chevalier de Bouillon* is to command a Squadron of ten Men of War.

On Sunday last the *Marques de Sable*, Son to the late *Monseigneur de Servient*, formerly a Plenipotentiary from this Crown to *Munster*, being in company with five or six of his friends, hapned to quarrel with the Archers of the Watch, one of whom it seems, had beaten one of their Lacqueys, whereupon they drew their Swords, and fell so severely upon the Archers, that they killed one of them; but then the Archers being highly provoked, discharged their Muskets upon them, where the *Marques de Sable* received a shot in the thigh; the *Marques de Genouillac* was killed upon the place, and the *Chevalier de Genouillac*, his Brother, much hurt, as were some others of their company: several of them were made prisoners, and amongst them some Gentlemen, whose curiosities only lead them to enquire what had passed.

His Majesty has lately had a Draught presented to him, for a Haven to be made at *Cherbourg*, capable to entertain a large Fleet, and 'tis believed they will suddenly fall upon the building of it.

From *Turin* we are informed, that a French Gentlewoman is lately arrived there from *Lisbon*, sent by the Queen of *Portugal*, with very rich Presents to the *Dutchess of Savoy*, her Sister. The Duke of *Savoie* has chosen his most Christian Majesty for his Arbitrator in the differences he has with the City of *Genova*, and intends to send hither the Count *de la Trinite* as his Ambassador, who is preparing for his journey, intending suddenly for this Court.

Middlebourg, Jan. 25. On Monday last, about a League below *Utushing*, lay a Man of War of 42 Guns, attending a small Fregat of four Guns, but supposed to be very rich, both of them intending to pass the Channel in their way for *Guinea*, whither they are bound.

De Ruyter being well recovered of his distemper, is now at the *Hague*, in daily Consultation with the States. *Van Tromp* is suddenly to be married to a Widow, very considerable for her Fortune and Alliance, she being the Cousin-German to *de Witts* Lady, which Match will much tortify his Interest.

From *Amsterdam* we are informed, that they have been there much terrified with an apprehension of a design laid to have fired that City, which wrought so strongly upon them, that the Guards were every where doubled, the Burgers upon Arms, and great store of water drawn in all the considerable places of the City, that they might not be taken unprepared.

The French Ambassador has lately delivered a Letter from the King his Master, to assure them that he has no private Treaty on foot, to their prejudice, The *Marques de Choapes* is to go Lieutenant-General to the *Swedes* Army, whose intentions are still suspected, and 'tis said, there begins to appear some difficulty, about the Ratification of the Treaty with *Bremen*.

Whitchal, Jan. 20. Friday the eighteenth instant, His Majesty went to the Parliament, where he was pleased, with the usual solemnities, to pass several Bills, of which five were Publick ones, viz.

- I. An Act for raising Money by a Poll, and otherwise; towards the maintenance of the present War.
- II. An Act against Importing Cattle from Ireland, and other parts beyond the Seas, and Fish taken by Forreigners.
- III. An Act for encouraging of Coynage.
- IV. An Act to continue a former Act for preventing of Theft and Rapine upon the Northern borders of England.
- V. An Act for burying in Woollen only.

The rest, being six, were of private concernment. And after a Gracious SPEECH to both Houses, His Majesty returned, leaving them to finish the remaining business of this Session; which he was pleased to declare, He intended should end on Monday seven-night next.