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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.