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Falmonth, Octob. 10.

Yesterday came into this Port a Dutch Man of War called the *Mrecht of Rotterdam*, having under its Convoy the *Stream of Rotterdam*, burthen 300 Tuns, bound for the *East-Indies*.

Messins, Septemb. 22. The Duke de Vivonne had formed a design to attack *Siracusa*, but the contrary Winds and other Accidents hindred the execution of it; for that the Governor had got notice thereof, and put the place into a posture of defence. We have an account of a Rencontre which hath lately hapned in the Plain of *Mascari*, between some French Troops assisted by 5 or 600 *Messineses*, and 2000 *Spaniards*; in which the latter were worsted, lost about 300 Men, and part of their Baggage; We took about 100 Prisoners, We are told of a disorder which lately hapned at *Barletta*, occasioned by a quarrel between some new raised Soldiers and the *Spaniards* that were before in Garrison there, in which several were killed, the People taking likewise Arms, and siding some with the one, and others with the contrary Party, but by the care of the Governor all was appeased. Three or four dayes since our Privateers took two great Barks laden with Corn, which were going to the Isles of *Capri* and *Ischia*.

Warsaw, Sept. 24. We have not as yet received any Letters from the *Ukraine*, which might be able to satisfy us, as to the truth of those Advices which we received the last week, that the Turks had made five Assaults upon the City of *Czacherin*, and that they had been as often repulsed with a very great slaughter of men; that the Moscovites, who came to the relief of the place, had engaged the Turks in a Battle, and had obtained a very great Victory over them; but we expect to know the certainty in few dayes. Our King continues in *Prussia*, and we cannot yet tell when he will returne hither. The Plague is said to rage very violently at *Grakow*, and not only there, but that the Infection has spread it self into the Neighbouring Villages. Several Reports have been spread abroad, as if there was some appearance that our King would declare himself in favour of the Crown of *Sueden*, and assist in the present War with a considerable number of Troops, but we cannot learn what ground there is for them; for all our Letters from the Court say, that as well the King as the Senate direct all their Consultations towards the preserving the Kingdom in the peace and tranquillity it at present enjoys, so be able thereby to heal all those Sores which the Wars both Foreign and Domestick, for many years past, have afflicted these Countreies with. It is look'd upon as a thing very extraordinary, that at *Dantzick* now lately, on occasion of the Funeral of the Archbishop of *Gnesa*, who dyed there, a Procession was permitted to be made through that City, with all the Solemnity usual on such occasions, which is what hath not been seen there for many years past.

Dantzick, Octob. 4. The Senate hath been several

times assembled in this City in the presence of the King, to deliberate of matters of great importance. We hope the difference between our Magistrates and the Roman Catholicks concerning the Church demanded for them, will be finally accommodated, by the latter contenting themselves with having the Ground assigned them on which they may build a Church. Here are Letters in Town, which say that the Turks, after having sustained very great loss before *Czacherin*, had at length, made themselves Masters of that City, putting all to the sword they found there. From *Riga* we are assured that the Suedes are now freed from all fears and apprehensions of any trouble from the Moscovites, who finding themselves engaged in a War with the Turks, have lately given the Crown of *Sueden* all the assurances of friendship and good correspondence which could be expected from them. We are told that very considerable Levies have been made, though privately, in these Parts for the Crown of *Sueden*, and particularly by the French Ambassador.

Rome, Octob. 1. The 21 past the Pope, entering upon the second year of his Papacy, received the Compliment *ad multos annos* of the Colledge of Cardinals, which was performed by the Cardinal *Barberini* Dean of the said Colledge. The Pope being informed that not only Levies were privately made in this City for Foreign Service, but that several arts and devices were likewise used to ensnare People into the same against their will, and that great disorders hapned daily by that means, has caused a very strict Prohibition to be published to all Persons not to make any Levies whatsoever for any Foreign Service, upon pain of very severe Penalties to be inflicted upon such as shall be found offending herein. It is very much wonder'd at, that notwithstanding there are at present so many places vacant in the Colledge of Cardinals, there is nor any talk at Court of a Promotion, which is expected by some with much impatience, because of the Concern they promise themselves to have therein. The affairs of the *Venetians* in *Sicily* continue much in one posture; we are told that Complainants are already made against the new Viceroy the Cardinal de *Porto Carrero*, and that his Eminence seems to begin to grow weary of his Government, for that he foresees there can no great Honour accrue to him in the present posture of Affairs, which will nor suffer him to do those things which perhaps may be expected from him.

Madrid, Octob. 6. The Archbishoprick of *Toledo*, vacant by the death of the Cardinal *Aragona*, is given to the Cardinal of *Porto Carrero*, who is now Viceroy of *Sicily*. The Archbishop of *Valencia* and the Bishop of *Montags* lie dangerously ill. The *Convent of Monreay* is recalled from *Catalonia*, and we do not yet know who will succeed in that Government, to which there are several Pretenders. It is said that the Marquis de *Farces*, Viceroy of *Galicia*, is appointed to go Ambassador from this Crown to the Emperor. The ordinary discourse is, that the Duke de *Villa Hermosa* has desired leave to quit the Government of the Spanish *Netherlands*, Venice,