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Falmouth, January 23.

**T**He 17th instant arrived here the *St. Francis* of Bilboa, laden with Canaries, and in her way was robbed by a French Caper of one Hogshead of Wine, and by foul weather of several others, which she was forced for her safety to throw overboard.

*Weymouth, Jan. 26.* A Dutch prize of about 50 Tuns, laden with French Wines and Brandy from *Nantes*, taken upon Monday last by a *Fregat* belonging to the Governour of *Fer-sey*, off the *Isle of Alderney*, was by ill weather separated from the *Fregat*, and having since been beating at Sea, but unable to recover the *Island*, was forced the 24. instant to put into this place.

*Bridgwater, Jan. 26.* Several Pickaroons have for some time infested this Channel, but without any hurt that we can yet hear of; but the late arrival of two of his Majesties *Frigates* has cleared the Coast, and will be a great security to the Merchants in their trade to *Bristol Fair*.

*West-Coves, Jan. 26.* On Thursday Night last three small Vessels were upon suspicion seized by one of his Majesties Ships, and sent to be farther examined by the Commissioners of the Prize Office at *Southampton*, they pretending to be of *Offend* and *Bruges*.

*Genoua, Jan. 12.* The Duke *D'Albuquerque* is still attending the Arrival of his Gallies from *Sicily*, which with the Duke *di Ferandina* their General, have been some time at *Naples*, and from thence parted, intending for this City to convoy the said Duke to his Vice-royalty, but by ill weather have been forced to make some stop by the way, and to put in at the *Port Gaeta*, from whence in few dayes they intend to put again to Sea, if the weather prove favourable.

By Letters from *Naples* we are also informed, that two Vessels are there fitted and ballasting out, laden with Corn for *Spain*; on which are also to imbarque a *Tertia* of Foot raised in that Kingdom for the service of his Catholique Majesty, commanded by *Don Jacinto Suardo*.

We are here in great expectation of News from our Convoy from the *Levant*, which is upon the way homewards, richly laden with the Commodities of those parts, and with it our Ambassador, infinitely satisfied with his reception in the Turkish Court, and the rich presents made him by the Grand Signior, having (amongst other things of great value) been presented with 36. Vests of extraordinary richness, whereas they never formerly gave to the Emperours Minister above 24. This, with the advantage made by the return of this Convoy, invites our Magistrates to enlarge our Trade to other parts of their Dominions, and particularly to *Tunis*, *Algiers*, *Tripoly*, and *Biserta*; to which places they intend to employ several Vessels, and by an Ambassador (whom they intend to choose for that purpose) to treat with them for the Establishment of a future Commerce, and the redemption of all Slaves that can be found to have been Subjects to this Republicke.

*Vicenna, Jan. 12.* Great care is here taken to give satisfaction to the demands of the Evangelick States of *Hungary*, which when done, the Diet of *Hungary* is ordered to be held in *March* next at *Presburg*, where the Coronation of the Emperess will be solemnized as Queen of that Kingdom: the same care is taken for her Coronation likewise at *Prague*, as Queen of *Bohemia*, and at *Ratisbonne* as Emperess of *Germany*; in all which places she is to be accompanied by his Imperial Majesty, and the Solemnity to be performed with all possible Splendor and Magnificence.

The Turks continue their preparations for War, a great number of their forces being to be employed in the Wars against the *Venetians*, and as they tell us from *Offen*, to be transported into *Candia*, upon which place they seem to bend their strength. Some few Troops are to be entertained for the service of *Abassi*, to be employed against the Prince *Ragotski*, for the regaining of several places that are possessed by him in *Transylvania*.

*Middleburgh, Jan. 29.* We are told from the *Hague*, that the *Sieur Appleboom*, Resident there from the Crown of *Sweden*, in preparation for the arrival of the Count *de Donna*, Ambassador from the same Crown, has lately given a Memorial to the States General, to which he presses hard for a precise and speedy Order.

Colonel *Harfolt*, employed some time since from the States to the Dukes of *Lunenburgh*, has lately advised them, that the *Suedes* had sent back several Troops into *Pomerania*, but not with any intention to lessen their Forces, but to encourage their new Levies; and that General *Wrangel* had given out fresh Commissions for the raising of 3. Regiments of Horse, and one Regiment of Foot, but the Captains were not at the present over-forward in Lifting of men, but expected the Disbanding of their Neighbors Forces, upon which they promised themselves an opportunity of filling up their Companies with expert and able Souldiers, and with less difficulty and trouble than otherwise they might expect. The Prince *d'Osnabruck* has already began to dismiss a part of his Forces, and to Reform his Regiments; which example the Prince of *Zelle* intends speedily to follow, by reducing his Forces to such a number only as shall be sufficient for the present posture of the affairs of that Countrey, without being over-burthen-some to his Dominions.

Some part of the Forces of the Dukes of *Brunswick* and *Lunenbourg* are already drawn out of East *Friesland*: The Deputies of those Estates intending to take likewise such speedy orders, that therett may (as soon as may be) receive their Pay, and remove also their Quarters, which will be no small ease to those parts.

From *Amsterdam*, we are inform'd, that the late Frost which froze up their Men of War, and Merchant-ships; about that City, infused into the Inhabitants a pannick fear and apprehension, lest the fixed posture they lay in, might expose them to much danger, if any Attempt should be made upon them during the Frost; which being blown likewise into the heads of the Magistrates and Officers, so strongly Alarm'd them, that consulting immediately for the prevention of that Imminent Danger, the Citizens were presently drawn into Arms, and the Souldiers kept to more than usual Duty. Great numbers of men were every where employed to break the Ice, and Souldiers sent aboard the Ships to take care, that no suspected persons might be suffered to come near them, and a severe Order published, by which all Inn-keepers, and other persons are commanded daily to bring in to such Officers as were publickly appointed to receive them, the Names and Quality of all persons, especially strangers that lodged in their houses, under a great Penalty upon their Defaults, or Negligence.

*Paris, Jan. 29.* The 22th instant, the Companies of Guards with the chief Companies of *Misquereers*, were drawn up on the Plain of *Ouilles*, where the *Sieur D'Ariznan* was admitted to his Lieutenantcy, and several other Officers established in their Commands.

The Lieutenant General of his Majesties Affairs of *Poy-tiers* endeavouring in vain to demolish a Temple built by those of the Reformed Religion at *Isodon*, being, as it

seems, opposed by at the least 3000 persons that were got together for its defence: Further order has been since given to the President *Baratin* Intendant of *Poytiers*, for its demolition, who drawing together the Forces of the Province, assisted by the Count de *Pardailan*, so vigorously fell upon that work, that in two hours time they pulled it down, to the great trouble of those of the Religion; and from thence proceeded further to the *Bourg de Couhé-Vebac*, where they did the like execution upon another Temple built upon the same pretence.

The 27th, his Majesty ordered a Cupboard of Plate to be given to the *Danish* Resident, which was accordingly presented him by the *Sieur de Berlise* Master of the Ceremonies.

*Paris, Febr. 5.* Yesterday his Majesty for the Divertisement of the Court, appointed a Review of his Guards in the Plains of *Ouilles*, where he was pleased to assist in person, accompanied with their Royal Highnesses, and with all the principal persons of the Court of both Sexes, but there happened an unlucky accident to the Regiment Royal; three of whose Companies passing the Ferry at *Chauxaux* were all cast away.

*Hague, Jan. 29.* Some days since the Court of *Holland*, having sent certain Officers to *Rotterdam*, to execute the sentence heretofore passed against *Messieurs Kicwydt* and *Vanderhorst*, the Burgomasters of the City seeing them begin to carry away the Goods and Householdstuff of their two fellow Burgesses, opposed the Execution, and forced them to retire, and have sent their Deputies to the Court of *Holland*, to remonstrate against that procedure, as contrary to the priviledges of their City.

*Kinsale, Jan. 18.* The third instant a Vessel of four Guns, belonging to *London*, in her return from *Malaga*, with a considerable quantity of Wines and other Lading, unfortunately ran upon the *Old-head* near this Town, and was cast away, and many of her men drown'd.

*Rye, Jan. 26.* This morning a French Vessel of about 160 Tuns, was by Captain *Holmes* forced ashore, not far from this place, and broken in pieces, her lading being Salt and Bandy, with some Wines, was for the most part destroyed.

One of the prizes taken by Captain *Holmes*, that unfortunately ran aground as she was entering this Harbor, was so bulged, that she will hardly be brought off; but 60 Tuns of wine of her Lading, are taken out of her, and secured by the Captain.

*Newcastle, Jan. 26.* Several Light Vessels came lately before this Bar, but by the violence of the wind, one of them was unhappily cast away; but her men, with all her Cables, Anchors, Rigging and Sails preserved. Another of them was put upon the Rocks under the Castle, and is in much danger, it being hard to judge what fate she is like to meet with. Two or three others ride it out at Sea, and the rest with some difficulty, so safely within the Bar.

*West-Cowes, Jan. 28.* On Saturday, late in the Evening, arrived at *Southampton*, a Vessel of 50 Tuns, laden with Wines and Fruit from *Malaga*, from whence she came without disturbance, not having met with any Vessel by the way.

*Deale, Jan. 29.* Yesterday Captain *John Holmes* in the *Bristol*, brought into this place a prize, being a Vessel belonging to *Diepe*, laden with Bay-salt.

*Bristol, Jan. 26.* Yesterday arrived here from the *Barbado's*, a small Vessel of this Town, called the *John Pink*, of about 70 Tun, laden with Sugar, Tobacco, and other Commodities of that place. They came out together about 22 Sail in company, which, though some days since separated by foul weather, are since arrived safe at several Ports.

They tell us, that about the 8th of *December* last, they had Information at the *Barbado's*, that the *French* with seven or eight Ships of considerable force, made their approach to *Antigo*, and with English Colours made a descent at the *Five Islands* Harbour, where with a strong Party they suddenly attacked the Fort, which they were reported, after a stout resistance, to have master'd, and taken the Governour prisoner, and from thence were marching further into the Island; but the Islanders then taking the Alarm, had got together a considerable Force, with which they fell upon the *French*, and forced them to a Retreat, and were not with-

out hopes of regaining the Fort, and obliging the *French* to quit the Island.

They tell us further, that they left the *Barbado's* in a good posture, not only for their own defence, but also to give assistance to their Neighbours, having a considerable Army of Foot and Horse well appointed and ready for service; besides a far greater number that will be drawn together upon any Emergency; where are also ridings, besides other Vessels, several of the Ships that were in company with the Lord *W. Illoughby* in the late fatal *Hurricane*, and thought for some time to have been lost.

*Whitehall, Jan. 29.* Letters from *Surinam*, dated the 18th of *October*, give us this account of the success of the English in those parts of *America*:

Having not long since taken and ruin'd a considerable Colony of the *Dutch* at *Apecawaca*, we resolv'd to attempt something likewise upon the *French*, and particularly to attack *Sinamary* a Colonel of theirs, about sixty Leagues distant from *Surinam*, and *Chayan* about twenty Leagues further to the Windward. In which Expedition the whole Country appearing very zealous, we were nevertheless retarded in expectation of the *Indians* that were to assist us, they being usually tedious in their setting out: But being ready to set forwards, Intelligence was brought us from the *Leewards*, that the *Dutch* and *Arawacacs* had fallen upon 70 of the *Charebeans* at the mouth of *Necarita*; and having notice of our design upon the *French* Colonies, were resolv'd to attempt something upon us, during the absence of our Forces, which put us upon new Consultations, and being likewise informed, that our Men in *Dissekebe* required our Assistance, as did others in *Baurooma*, who were reduced to some streights by the *French*, who from *Martinego* had made an Incurtion upon those parts, and taken several *Negro's*, and were retiring with them, and some considerable plunder. Upon these considerations, we resolv'd to divide our Forces, one party being commanded by Captain *William Cowell*, to pursue our first design against *Sinamary*, and the other under the command of Captain *Christopher Rendar*, to oppose the *Dutch* and *Arawacacs*.

On the first of *August*, Captain *Cowell* set forwards, and on the 12th, having happily cut off their Out-guard, and being well informed of the state and condition of the Fort at *Sinamary*, he march'd up to the Fort, which (though well defended for some time) he took by storm; in which action seven of the *French* only were killed, and about fifty taken prisoners, with *Monfieur de Noell* their Governour, about twelve others making their escape. A small Vessel of ours called a *Periagoe*, at the same time chasing and taking his *Shallop* laden with Provisions. The Fort was immediately dismantled and burnt, the Plantations destroyed: Two *Shallops* and all the *Periagoes* that could be found, were laden with the Spoil, and brought to *Surinam*, with the prisoners; we took there all their Artillery, and many Arms, and much Ammunition, which came seasonably to supply our wants; what could not be brought away, was burnt and destroyed, we losing not one man in this Expedition, and onely Captain *Rendar* hurt in the Nose.

Neither was Captain *Rendar*, with the other part of our Forces less successful, who having embarked his men in several Vessels, he pass'd up the *Caneca*, a very populous Creek in *Berbices*, chasing the Enemy before him, who though nine *Periagoes* well manned, durst not resist any two of ours; in which posture having pass'd almost as high as *Berbices*, without opposition, he return'd for *Currenteene*, where landing, he march'd near 20 miles by land, and then dividing his men, fell upon two frontier Forts of the *Arawacacs*, who made a very stout resistance; but at the last were all of them killed, their Women and Children taken Captives, with much Booty, in which Service we lost one Englishman only, one *Charibbean* and one *Negro*: Captain *Rendar* received a shot in the Breast, and seven or eight men more hurt with arrows, all which are since recovered. Some recruits have been since sent to him of Ammunition and other necessaries; he not intending to return till he has taken some account of *Dissekebe* and *Baurooma*, of which we expect an account.