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Bristol, Jan. 26.

This day arrived a Vessel of 80 Tuns, one *Lucas* Master, laden with Oyls and Figgs from *Tavilliz*, an obscure Port of *Portugal*; in her return homewards, she was discovered and chased for some time by a French-man of War; by whom she was in great danger of being taken: but the Master at the same time espying another Sail at a great distance, made all the Sail he could towards her, and happily met her before the French-man could fetch her up. This Sail proved to be a Turks-man of War belonging to *Algier*, who upon application made to him, considering the distress of the pursued Vessel, readily offered his assistance, and interposing made several shot at the French-man of War, who unwilling to pursue his Prize, through so much danger, tacked about and left them. The *Turk* continuing his kindness, guarded the Merchant out of all appearance of danger, excusing himself that he could not conduct her to her own Coasts, having been long out at Sea without any Booty. The Master at his departure, in acknowledgment of the timely succours brought to him, made him a Present of some Casks of Wine, and Barrels of Fruits, which the *Turks* Captain accepted of, but refused his larger proffers of half his Lading, and dismiss him.

Warsaw, Jan. 14. Since the abrupt conclusion of the Diet, the Council have agreed upon these two Points.

First, That a new Parliament or Diet should be called to begin its Session on the 7th of *March* next ensuing.

Secondly, Upon their apprehensions that the *Turks* would attempt upon them, they agreed, that Ambassadors should be speedily dispatched to several foreign Princes, to sollicite them for their assistance; and 'tis said, the *French* intend to take this opportunity to march in a Body about 12000 Men, which may be of some advantage to that Queens interest in the present conjuncture of Affairs.

The payment of the Arrears of the Armie, is like to be deferred till the Convention of the next Diet: but as to that so much disputed business of the Mint, his Majesty hath given out his Publick Command, That no more Shillings shall be Coyned in *Lythuania*.

The Success of the *Tartars* and *Cossacks* is variously reported, but our latest Intelligence informs us, that the *Weywood Sedominsky* having sustained great losses by them in their first Irruption, had joined with the Neighbouring Nobility, and formed a Body of 3000 Men, which being re-inforced with some Troops of the Crowns Army that were Quartered near them, marched courageously into the Frontiers of *Walachi*, where they fell so successfully upon a considerable Party of the *Tartars*, that routing them, they had the pursuit of them for so long a time, that their Horses tiring, many of their Riders were killed and taken, a considerable number of their Prisoners redeemed, and much of their Prey seized on. In the mean time, we are in great apprehension of a bloody War with both *Turks* and *Tartars*; The Governour of *Walachi* having Orders from the *Ottoman* Court to be in readines to take the Field in *March*. The fear of a Common Enemy, we hope, may have that Influence upon us, as to keep us from Civil Wars, and already minds us of agreeing with our Neighbours of *Muscovy*, with whom the Treaty is re-af-firmed.

Vienna, Jan. 22. The Spanish Ambassadour has lately spent some time in Visiting and Entertaining the principal Ministers of this Court, and has several Bills of Exchange sent to him of very considerable summs of money, for the raising of some thousands of Men, which are most of them to

be sent into the *Low-Countries*, and several Officers have already made their applications to him for Employments in the Service.

Orders have been lately issued out to the President Royal of the Chamber of the Kingdom of *Hungary*, for the making all sorts of necessary Preparations, for the Reception of their Imperial Majesties, who have some intentions to go the next Spring to *Presbourg* in that Kingdom, to assist at the Diet intended to be held there, where that Crown is to be solemnly conferred upon the Emperess. The like Orders are also issued out to the President of the Chamber for the Kingdom of *Bohemia*.

The Count de *Furstenberg* Bishop of *Metts*, hath had his Audience, from their Imperial Majesties and Princeesses.

The Nobility of *Hungary* are Assembled at *Presburg*, to consider of several Proposals preparatory to their intended Diet, and (if possible) to put an end to the Differences between the Prince *Ragotski* and *Abassi*, to prevent the further and more dangerous Consequences that may follow: the *Turks* appearing very eminently in the Controversy, which has already Allarm'd all *Transylvania*, with the Frontiers of *Hungary*. 'Tis believed, that the Diet will be held at *Odenburg*, but the Coronation of the Emperess solemnized at *Presburg*, but probably not so soon as was expected; the *Hungarians*, as it seems, thinking it convenient to have the Ceremony put off for some longer time, the Expences being like to prove too considerable, as to require it.

A *Chiaus* is lately arrived here from the Vicer of *Buda*, but has not yet discovered any other business to this Court, than the exhibiting some Complaints against the *Hungarians*, for taking too great a liberty upon the Frontiers, of spoiling and burning the Country, in which he has desired some speedy Order may be taken for their suppression, for the continuance of the good understanding that hitherto has been preserved between both Parties.

A Courier is here arrived from Upper *Hungary*, informing us, that the States of that Country have nominated their Deputies to Treat with others sent from *Transylvania* to *Waradin* by the Prince *Abassi*, to debate the Jurisdiction of the new *Bassa* sent thither by the Vicer of *Buda*, to prevent any Quarrels that might otherwise arise between those two Countries.

This Court being informed, that an Ambassadour from the *Crym Tartar* was in his way to this Court; A Courier was immediately dispatched to the Imperial President at *Breslaw*, with Orders for his Honourable Reception, and to take care for the defraying of the Expences of his Voyage till his Arrival here.

Lodgings are also provided for the Reception of the Prince of *Nassaw*, who is here expected from the States General of the United Provinces, to Compliment their Imperial Majesties, upon their Marriage, and to Negotiate in their other Concernments.

The Count *Balassi Imbre*, after his long Imprisonment, has upon the late Marriage of the Emperess, received his part of the Publick Rejoycings, being restored again to his liberty.

Hamburg, Jan. 19. The Field-Heer Count *Wrangel* some time since past by this Town for *Pomerania*, and 'tis said, is to have a Conference with the Elector of *Brandenburg* in his way. Whatever Reports have been spread abroad, the *Swedes* Forces continue still in their Quarters, but had Order upon the departure of the Field-Heer to be in a constant posture for any Commands. The *Lunenburgers* being also observed to make new Levies.

Madrid, Jan. 4. The Count de Lemos with the Gallions will be speedily ready to set sail for his Vice-Royalty of *Perou*, having with him a Train of 200. persons, which will all belong to his Family. 'Tis believed this Fleet intends to touch at the Isle of *Providence*.

The Government of *Catalonia* will be shortly vacant, by the re-calling of *Don Vincenzo Gonzague*, the present Vice-Roy, whose time for exercising that Charge, is near expiring. Several Persons have already made their interest in this Court to succeed him, but 'tis believed their Majesties intend to continue him for three years longer, in consideration of the many services he has done them.

The Marquess de *Caracene* is expected at the Court, having ordered his Forces into Quarters. 'Tis said he has called in many Commissions from his Officers, but upon what account is not publickly known.

The Duke de *Montalto*, Governor to the young King, is in expectation of a Cardinals Cap, which some report to be already come. 'Tis discours'd, that the Marquess de *Castel Rodrigo* is chosen to supply his place of Governor, and the Duke de *Veraguas* to be sent Governor of *Flanders* in his room.

Our Ships that were cruising upon the Coasts of *Portugal*, have been by the violence of Storms, forced to withdraw, but 'tis believed will speedily return again to that Employment.

Legorn, Jan. 17. A French Barque arriving this week from *Thoulon*, informs us that they are hastning out their three New Ships, which may probably be near ready for the Seas by the end of *February*.

Several French Vessels are lately past by for the *Levant* upon the account of Trade.

Letters brought hither by a French Ship arrived from *Saanderon* inform us, That the Persian King had lately dealt severely with an Ambassador from the King of *India*, who styling his Master, King of all the World, demanded the Delivery of *Candabar* and *Cullibeezar*, which 'tis believed may occasion a War between them, for which the King of *Persia* is preparing.

They tell us that five French Men were arrived at the Persian Court, two of them from the King of *France*, the other three in the behalf of the Persian Company. But the Dutch Agent there had endeavoured by Presents and otherwise, to prevent them from obtaining any Priviledges.

Two Dutch Ships from *Battavia* brought over a new Dutch Agent to the Persian Court: The Old One *Van Wiche*, in taking his leave of the Governor of *Gombroone*, after several *Rodomontado's* for the glory of his Nation, concluded that *England* and *France*, in respect of their Riches and Power, were no more to be compared to their High and Mighty States, than a couple of Boys to an Elephant: The Governor replying, He believed not what he said, dismiss him. But some French Gentlemen that stood by, so ill represented the impudence of the Agent, that taking witness of what he said, they have made their Complaints to their King.

Basse, Jan. 24. The Republick of *Venice* hath sent lately to our Cantons, as well as to other parts of *Europe*, to inform us of the dangerous posture of their Affairs in *Candia*, upon the late descent of the Turks, who have also a Design this Spring to bend their utmost force against the Metropolis of the Island; requiring assistance in the Common Cause of *Christendom*.

The French continue levying Souldiers about *Brisac*, and the report augments their design to send Forces into *Alsazia*, to oblige the City of *Collmar* to admit a French Garrison, which puts the other Neighbouring Towns upon their defence, especially *Strasbourg*, where Order is taken to take care of their Fortifications, and to reinforce their Garrison.

The Difference between the Duke of *Savoy* and the City of *Geneva* is not yet composed, but the Duke seems not so warm in the prosecution of the Quarrel, as he at the first appeared.

Paris, Feb. 5. His Majesty hath given Command to all his Forces in *Normandy* and *Picardy* to be ready to march

upon the first Orders; intending to have a general Rendezvous for them about the end of this Month.

About Four thousand Carts and Waggons, are ordered to be made with all convenient speed, Forty Waggons with Powder, and all the Brass Guns are sent from *Dunkirk* to *Callais*, and Four hundred pieces of Canon are embarked here, to be employed as 'tis said, in the service of the Fleet.

The Cardinal de *Retz* is gone from *Commercy* to *Chazons* in *Champagne*, where he intends to stay for some time, and afterwards to pass forwards for this place.

The 28th. past, One of our New Ships was launched at *Brest*, with the usual Ceremonies, and called the *Trident*; being a Vessel of 800. Tuns, and is to carry 55. Guns. Two others that are fitted up and armed, are to go off this Week, viz. the *Prince*, of 1100. Tuns, and 66. Guns; and the *Breton*, of 1000 Tuns, and 56. Guns. Two others are forwardly upon the Stocks.

Hague, Febr. 6. On Thursday Night last, hapned a great Storm, which continuing till Saturday Morning, has occasioned several Wrecks upon the Holland Coasts: We hear likewise of one (supposed to be a Flemish Ship) cast away near *Newport*. But this advantage we have received by this violent Weather, that to our admiration, it has cleared our Rivers of all the Ice, which we thought would have required much more time; so that the Rivers being now generally open, the Fleet of Holland Merchants expect onely a fair wind, intending through the Channel, which by the advantage of the long Nights, and the French Coasts, they hope to do in safety.

What Hopes and Inclinations soever the generality of our people conceive of an Accommodation, our Preparations still go on for the War: The Pensionary *De Witte* employing all his subtilty for its continuance, reposing much confidence in the assistance of the French, who arriving here in small Companies, are grown of late so numerous, that 'tis conceived he hath a secret Guard of them, which will appear ready at his Devotion, should his Affairs require their Assistance.

Barwick, Jan. 26. On Thursday Night last happened a great Storm, which has done much hurt to several Houses and Stacks of Corn, &c. in *Northumberland* and the parts adjacent: In which Tempest a Scotch Privateer in his return from *London*, was forced ashore on the sands near *Hely-Island*, and is in some danger to be lost.

Weymouth, Jan. 30. Yesterday put in here a Spanish Vessel belonging to *Bilboa*, laden with Wooll and Iron, bound for *Ossend*, she has been 52. dayes bearing at Sea in fowl weather, in which she spent her Main-Top-Mast and her Waists, and consumed all her Provisions.

Portsmouth, Jan. 31. Yesterday arrived here the Hawk Ketch from the Downs, who coming near the Isle of *Wight* about break of day, was discovered by two Sloops and a small Fregat, all of them French, and full of men, that lay there at an Anchor, who immediately weighed, and stood boldly up with the Ketch, one of them coming in close to lay her aboard, upon whom she fired a Gun with Case shot, which fell in amongst them with such Execution, that a great Cry was presently heard from that Vessel, after which they desisted from any further attempt, and went off, riding close along by the Shore, as if they were Fishermen.

Harwich, Febr. 2. Yesterday arrived in the Rowing Grounds, the *Success* and *Drake* Fregats, bringing in with them three Dogger-boats, Prizes.

The Kings Most Excellent Majesty having been graciously pleased by His Letters Patents under the Great Seal of England, to give Authority to Henry Bruncker Esquire, for the erecting of a Light-House on *St. Anns* point in the County of *Pembroke*, to prevent such damages as ordinarily accrue to Seafaring-men, through the want of such timely Provisions in that Case. All Persons using the Sea, whether Captains of Ships, Masters, or other Mariners, may hereby know, to the end that no mistake happen, by reason of their not timely notice thereof: That there is upon the said *St. Anns* point a Light-House now erected accordingly, and Fires are therein continued burning for the benefit and direction of all such as pass along that Coast.