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West-Comes, February 2.

THe last Night arrived two Ships that had made some stop at *Plymouth*, one of them the *St. Jacob of Bruges*, laden with Salt from *St. Martins*, and bound homeward's, the other a Vessel of *Offend* thither bound from *Bordeaux*, her lading most of it Wines, both of them having passes from the Chamber of Commerce in *Bruges*: By them we are informed of many *Holland* Ships that lie laden in several parts of *France*, intending homewards thro' the Channel; that the greater Ships belonging to the French Fleet, continue still at *Brest*, many of their middle sort being gone to *St. Martins*, and some of their smallest Men of War for the *West Indies*; and the general discourse in *France*, is, that a War will be speedily set a foot between them and *Spain*.

Elfsburg, Jan. 4. This day the Here *Isbrants*, Envoyé from the States of *Holland*, passed by this place in his way for *Denmark*. *Amerongen* is also expected at *Copenhagen* from *Holland*. The Court of *Denmark* has been some time at *Fredericksburg*: Two of their Men of War are laid up for this Winter at *Fleekery* in *Norway*, wanting Men, Provisions, and indeed all other Necessaries, which hindered their return with Admiral *Helt*, who is now at *Copenhagen*.

Rome, Jan. 15. A Courier arrived here on Wednesday last from the Court of *France*, about some Affair (as 'tis thought) of grand Importance, being not above eight days upon the way, his Business was to the French Ambassadour, who dispatcht him with equal diligence, and returned him to his Master. Monsieur de *Bourlemont*, was immediately call'd by that Ambassadour to Council, who together went to attend Cardinal *Chigi*, and the next day were admitted to an Extraordinary Audience of his Holiness: which done, a Courier was immediately dispatcht by the Ambassadour into *France*, the Business being guess'd to relate to *Castro*.

His Holiness having commanded, that the Library formerly belonging to the Duke *D'Urbino*, consisting of fourteen thousand Volumes, should be transported to the *Vatican*. The Abbot *Buratti* an Advocate of the Consistory, is accordingly employ'd to take care for their safe and speedy conveyance thither.

His Holiness fell this week into a violent Fit of his old Distemper, but upon the careful applications of the usual Remedies, is much mended. The Cardinal *Rospigliosi* has been likewise so extremely ill, that 'twas generally thought, the Pops would have had another Vacancy at his disposal; but his Distemper has abated somewhat of late, and his friends hope for his recovery.

'Tis said, his Holiness is much inclined to do what lies in his power for the Assistance of the *Venetians*, not onely by encouraging the Neighbouring Princes, but leading them by his example, intending to employ his Gallies for their service in the *Levant*, and to send them a very considerable sum of moneys.

Order has been given by his Holiness to Don *Mario*, and the Prior *Bichi*, to take a view of the Fortifications at *Civita Vecchia*, and to change the Garrison there; to which purpose, they have taken with them from hence three Companies, with whom are carried sixty prisoners condemned to the Gallies.

Genova, Jan. 22. One of our Convoys expected from *Cadix*, is come safe in here, being separated from the rest of her company about the Gulf of *Lyons*, but gives no account of the rest, who by the tempestuous Weather that has continued near eight days together, we suppose to be driven to

Corfica, from whence we expect to hear further News.

The Governour of *Milan* is well recovered of his Distemper, and again employ's himself in the Affairs of Publick Concernment. 'Tis discours'd, that there is a treaty of Marriage on foot, between the Duke of *Parma* and the Princess *Maria D'Este*.

The Duke *Albuquerque* continues expecting his Gallies, but has quitted the thoughts of obtaining the Government of *Milan*.

Venice, Jan. 28. The continuance of ill weather, has not onely put a stop to our Convoy under the command of his Excellency *Morosini*, who is still confined to *Malomocco*, but has occasioned likewise much mischief upon the Coasts, particularly, we hear of two *Tartans* laden with Corn that are cast away in *Puglia*, and another Vessel from *Zante*, laden with several sorts of Merchandizes broken in pieces in her way to *Messina*: The like misfortune having befallen another Vessel from the same place, laden with Corn and other provisions. A Vessel belonging to *Marcilia*, that went from hence laden with Arms, has been forced ashore, but most of her lading saved; but the greatest part of the men in all these Vessels are cast away.

The unseasonableness of the weather has invited our Magistrates to their devotions, the great Image of the Virgin *Mary* being by publick Order expes'd in the Church of *St. Mark*, and Prayers daily made for better weather.

Several *Tunis* and *Tripoli* Corsayres are plying about *Sapienza*, and have made prize of a Petach and a Tartan, both laden with Wines, Biskers, Oyls, and other things of considerable value.

Our Letters from *Candia* inform us, that the Grand Visier lies about *Retimo*, employing great numbers of Mules to convey provisions to the Camp, of which they are at present in great want, but expect supplies both of Victuals and Men, in order to their design upon *Candia*, which advances much; there being a Body of 40000 *Turks* already drawn into the Field, and 'tis believed will suddenly lie before the Town; where all things are disposed in to good order, that they seem not at all to fear the greatest force that can be brought against them. Where the Marquis *Ville* by his presence and example, gives great encouragement to the Garrison; who are very busily employed in forwarding some new raised Outworks, which will contribute much to the strength of that place.

The greatest part of our fleet lie at present about *Paros*, from whence Squadrons are continually employ'd to cruise up and down to intercept the Succors designed for *Canea*; they have lately taken two great Petaches laden with Biskers and other Provisions, intending to have put in there. One Squadron of our ships are likewise gone for *Zante* for Supplies for our fleet.

Several of the *Turks* Light Gallies have been lately seen passing towards the *Dardanellos*, but with what design we yet have not discovered.

By a Vessel arriv'd from *Cattaro*, we are inform'd, that the Visier has given Order to the Balla of *Bosnia*, to raise a considerable number of Men, and to have in readiness all sorts of provisions: a Report being also spread, that they intend an Invasion the next Spring upon *Dalmatia*.

A *Chiaus* is also dispatcht from the Grand Visier to *Morona*, with Orders to send him from *Morona* great quantities of Cannon Bullets, but the Commanders there seem unwilling to part with any, pretending that they shall want them for the service of their own Fortresses.

Several of the Family of *D. Gaspar di Thebes* the Spanish Ambassadors

Ambassadour, intending for this place, are already arriv'd, himself daily expected.

The Holland Ambassadour for the Ottoman Court, continues still here, but talks of Imbarquing very speedily for *Constantinople*. Our Ambassadour *Girolamo Giaverina*, is Imbarqued with *Morofini*, intending to disbarque at *Zante*, uncertain as yet whether to proceed for *Constantinople*, or *Smirna*.

Vienna, Feb. 22. The Venetian Ambassador having earnestly solicited in this Court for assistance in the Wars of that Republick against the *Turks*, has obtained the favor to raise forces upon their own Expences in the several Provinces of *Austria*. And such farther care will be taken to satisfy their just demands in this common Cause of Christianity, as may not interfere with the Treaty formerly made, between this and the Ottoman Court.

The Levies go on vigorously, the Ten Regiments that are to be raised with the Spanish money, lately returned hither, are to be commanded by General *Montecuculi*, for the service of his Catholick Majesty

General *Wrangle* is at present in *Pomerania*, and 'tis said he is there taking order with the States of that Province, for the quartering of several Regiments, which he intends to send thither from the Dutchy of *Bremen*, where the Country is over-pressed, that it is not able any longer to entertain them.

Dantzick, Jan. 25. Letters from *Warsaw* inform us, That the *Tartars* and *Cossacks* have done very considerable mischiefs by their late Irruption, carrying with them a inestimable Booty, by the plundering of several rich Cities, and have in chains above 30000 persons. Our last intelligence informs us, that the *Muscovites* and *Tartars* have lately defeated the *Poles* in a great fight, wherein they had slain a great part of the Polish Nobility, and above 15000 men upon the place. Of which, we must expect farther confirmation.

The *Turks* likewise threaten them with a War this next Summer, having placed new Officers upon the Frontiers, and preparing all things necessary in pursuance of their intentions, but his Majesty of *Poland* is dispatching *Curitzky*, Governor of *Elbing*, as his Ambassador to the Grand Seigneur, to compose (if possible) those differences, and divert the storm, which otherwise will inevitably fall on that Kingdom.

Hague, Feb. 1. The States General are to assemble within few dayes, when all the vacant Charges and Commands are expected to be filled up. Prince *Maurice* continues still here, and 'tis as yet uncertain when he shall begin his journey towards *Germany*.

The *Huissiers* sent to *Rotterdam* to execute the Sentence formerly given against the *Heers Kievit* and *Vanderhorst*, being opposed by the Citizens at *Rotterdam*, gives us some apprehensions of our increasing troubles. We expect shortly the Arrival of the Deputies from that City, who are by them ordered to give an account to us of the reason of their proceedings.

The *Swedes* increase our jealousies by their new Levies and Preparations, but the Arrival of the Count *de Donna*, who is daily expected, will give us more certainty of the inclinations of that Crown.

We are informed of the Arrival of our Fleet with French Wines, by *Zealand*, consisting of above a hundred sail, of which five fell into the hands of the English.

From *Amsterdam* we are advised, That upon the new Election of Magistrates in that City, the Pensionary has prevailed for the election of several of his own Creatures; but at *Rotterdam*, and some other places, he is not at all pleased with their Elections; whose Deputies and Commissioners he fears may create him some difficulties in the Assembly of the States General.

Some dayes since a Merchants Ship going from *Holland* with English exchanged prisoners, was examined and seized by the French, and carried into *Dunkerke*, where they declared her Prize, having some *Holland* Merchandize found aboard her; which infinitely disaffects the Dutch Merchants.

Doctor *Maddowell's* business continues in the same posture

as formerly; no late proceedings being made against him.

Paris, Febr. 9. The Popes Nuncio is very zealous in this Court in defence of his Holiness Authority, and seems highly concern'd at the late Debate in Council, for prescribing and prefixing the time of Admission of Religious Persons of both Sexes, pressing it as a kinde of Schism, to restrain Persons that were willing to resigne themselves up to the service of God.

The Archbishop of this place has likewise used all his Endeavours to obstruct the passing of the Edict, urging it as an Intrenchment upon the Rights of the Church, and an Injury to all Families, that will by it be hindered from disposing of their Children with that convenience as formerly; and 'tis believed, no further progress will be made into it.

The *Here Van Leuninghen* Envoyé from *Holland*, has earnestly solicited his Majesty, for a free Commerce of their Manufactures, especially their Cloath, which is granted them; but in the mean time, Monsieur *Colbert* has ordered the chief Merchants of this City, not to Import any of them upon their Accounts.

The Code is still under Examination at the Chancellours House, where there arose lately some Disputes between the Presidents *des Enquestes*, and the Commissioners of the Grand Chamber, for Precedency, which the Chancellour has represented to his Majesty, for his determination; and 'tis believed, they shall take their places for the future according to their Seniority of admission into their places.

A Courier is here arriv'd from *Rome*, with a Bull from his Holiness, empowering sixteen Bishops to examine and proceed against several other Bishops, upon their refusal to subscribe the Formulair against the *Farsenists*.

Brussels, Feb. 6. The *Spaniards* having bought 180000 pound weight of Saltpeter at *Amsterdam*, the States fearing it might have been employed to their prejudice, thought fit to make stop of it: Whereupon the Governor of this place, caused many new Pieces of Cannon lately founded at *Mechlin*, for the use of the States, to be seized on; of which, the *Holland* Resident made his complaints to the Marquis *de Castel Rodrigo*, who answered him: That so soon as the States would dismiss their Saltpeter at *Amsterdam*, the Cannons should be immediately restored: Which upon the Residents Letter to the States there, was effected on both sides, to their mutual satisfaction.

'Tis said, that the *Hollanders* will for the future, prohibit all their Ships and Boats that come from *Holland*, to pass through to this place, but to unload at *Lillo*, a Port of theirs not far distant from *Antwerp*, where the Vessels from hence are to take in what is brought out of *Holland*; which is expounded to be an invention for the raising 'a new Tax, but is thought somewhat inconsistent with the Articles between the States, and these parts; and invites the Merchants here to seek after a Trade with other Countreys.

The Council of *Brabant* are consulting about the making a new Channel, by which Vessels of 300 Tuns may pass securely to *Antwerp*, and not by *Gent* and *Bruges*.

Weymouth, Feb. 4. The 2d. of this Month arriv'd here two prizes from *Guernsey*, that were lately taken by the *Hopeful Providence*.

Bristol, Feb. 4. We have here News brought us from *Rockell*, that the *Prophet Elias*, a Vessel of this Town, was in her way for *Lisbon* set upon by a French Man of War of about 35 Guns, with whom she maintained a fight for six hours, with much courage and resolution; having aboard her near 30 Men, and 18 Guns: but then the Masters-Mate, with ten of her Men being killed, most of the rest disabled; and the Ship no longer able to make resistance, she became a prey, and with much difficulty was brought into *Rockell*; having in the fight killed above 70. of the French, and left in the Man of War very considerable Marks of her stout resistance.

Alborough, Feb. 4. A Hoy belonging to *Harwich*, was in passing by this place, attempted by a French Shallop, which came up close with her, to have laid her aboard; but was so warmly entertained with her Guns; that she was forced to quit her design, and escape to the Northwards, being in vain for some time pursued by the Hoy.