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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 Prince's *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 an 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 *Macedon*, with Orders to send him from *Morca* 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