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Deale, Febr. 6.

Yesterday, in the afternoon, the *Saint Patrick*, with a Fireship in her Company, discovered two Dutch Men of War off the *Norshforeland*, whom he resolving to encounter, took all the Men that possibly could be spared out of the Fireship, and though yet but half Manned, boldly made up with the Enemy, with whom he exchanged several Broadfides, and came up with the biggest of the Dutch, valiantly boarded, expecting (as 'tis said) the arrival of the Fireship, to be dript the other aboard; but the Fireship disheartned through her want of Men, left the *St. Patrick* to the hazard of an unequal Combat, wherein the other Dutch Vessel boarding him on the other side, and both together much overpowering him in number, after some hours hot dispute with him, but with what damage on both sides, is not yet known; the Fireship being pursued for some time, escaped into the Downs.

Jan. 21. The Affairs of this Kingdom have at present a very ill Aspect, besides the Divisions amongst ourselves, we being still alarm'd with ill news from *Ukraine*: the report of our happy Rencounter with the *Tartars*, and the delivery of many of the Prisoners taken by them, being rather desired than believed; yet 'tis certainly reported that they are retired, but we fear to return again with greater force, to the ruine of our Country. In the mean time, all are imaginable is taken to form an Army to oppose them; to which purpose, a considerable Body of Cavalry are drawn together from the Neighbor Countries, and joined with the Crown Forces near *Reutish Lemberg*. Orders are likewise given to the Cavalry in all the several *Palatinates*, to put themselves into a posture to march against the Enemy; amongst whom is risen some dispute about the election of their Leaders, which the *Palatinates* desire to have chosen out of their own Body. We have still hopes, that our Commissioners are concluded a Treaty with the *Moscovites*, whereof we are every day expecting an account.

His Majesty much apprehending the Invasion, both of *Tartars* and *Tartars* this next Spring, intends to demand Succours and assistance from all his Neighbors, to whom he desires to dispatch very suddenly his Envoys and Ambassadors, as also to the Grand Signior; and a Tax is laid upon all the *Dukes of Poland*, to defray the Expences of those designed embassies.

The Ambassadors designed from hence to Foreign Parts, are said to be, the Uncle of the Bishop of *Craovie*, and the Count *Praismorski*, to the Emperor and the Electors of the Empire, the Referendary *Molsheim* into *France*, *Podkowitzki*, *Romonski*, and *Pasorio*, into *England* and *Holland*, and the *Voyvode Lubelski* into *Swedenland* and *Denmark*.

We fear likewise a misunderstanding is arising between this Crown and *Sweden*, whose Ambassador is said to have presented his Majesty with a Memorial of 40 Articles, wherein they complain, that the *Poles* have infringed the Treaty between those two Crowns.

Legna, Jan. 21. The 16th instant, arrived here a French Ship in 64 days from *Alexandria*, laden with several sorts of Merchandizes, in her return she touched at *Maliba*; by her we are informed, that the *Turkish* design upon *Candia* proceeds very vigorously, strict Orders being sent to all their Ports from *Constantinople*, to supply their Army with all sorts of Provisions and Necessaries.

In the Channel near *Rhodes*, she was met by a *Maliba*

Corsair, who was plying up and down for a Prize, but had not met with any; Four of their Gallies are fitting out at *Maliba*, intending for *Sicily*.

A Vessel belonging to this place, is also arrived in two and twenty days from *Lisbon*, call'd, *The Saint James*, laden with several Goods of considerable value; she came out in company with the *Isabella* of this place, and the *Saint Thomas* of *Genous*, but about the *Streights* were overtaken by a Storm which separated them: she toucht in her way at *Cartagena*, where she left the *Marques de Bayona*, with a Squadron of Spanish Gallies under his Command, who had seized on a *Genouese* Petach, richly laden, having aboard her, besides other Goods, 17 or 18000 pieces of Eight, but upon what pretence she says not; the rest of the *Genoua* Convoy was then at *Alicant*, having lost one of their number off of *Cadix*, which was unfortunately sunk in getting into the Harbor.

The 18th Instant, arrived here another Vessel of this Port, call'd, *The Madonna del Rosario*, in 6 days from *Algier*, telling us, that the *Corsairs* of that place had been cruising with eight Ships, and had taken a *Barge* and 5 Prizes of good value, whereof one a *Flemish* Ship that came from hence laden with Corn for *Spain*, which one of their *Corsairs* returning with for *Algier*, was with his Prize cast away. Several other Ships are making ready at *Algier*, to relieve them that are now abroad; whereof some are newly built.

This day arrived the *Isabella*, that came out in company with the *St. James* from *Lisbon*; near *Oran* she was set upon by a *Turkish Corsair*, but behaved herself so well in the dispute, that she reduced the *Corsair* to Obedience, returning with Thirty nine Slaves, and restoring 3 Christians to their liberty.

Hamburg, Jan. 26. The *Swedes* *Fieldbere* continues still in *Pomerania*, his return as yet uncertain. A *French* Agent is said to be on his way from *France* to the Court of *Saxe*, where he is to reside. The Queen *Christina* intends a Conference with many of the *Grandees* about the 10th of *February*, which will occasion the motion of many Strangers to this place, which already begins to fill; and 'tis believed the *Fieldbere* may by that time be returned hither. Against which time an extraordinary Banquet is preparing for their entertainment.

The Ratification of the Treaty between the *Swedes* and the City of *Bremen*, is not yet arrived, and 'tis thought hath met with some obstruction; by reason of the Tumult of the *Bremers*, in their attempt upon the house of *Sieur Speckhans*. This, and the continuance of the *Swedes* Forces in that Dutchy, keeps the *Lunenburghers* still upon their Guard, and obliges them to suspend the intended reduction of their Army. *Balbitzky* still continues here, and frequent Conferences are held between the *French* and *Swedes* Ministers; Monsieur *Miller*, the *French* Envoy, continues near *Staadts*, and is intent upon the result of the Assembly at *Hildesheim*.

From *Stockholme* we are informed, that the *Sieur Tunger* is appointed to be sent Ambassador from that King into *Spain*.

Vienna, Jan. 28. The 24th instant, the much expected Horse-Ballet was presented to the view of the Emperors, and the whole Court, with the discharge of 50 Cannon; but a great Snow which then fell, made an abatement of the glory of that divertisement, and spoiled their rich habits. The next Saturday was again exhibited with the discharge of all the Cannon; to the great satisfaction of all persons; but the Rain that then happen'd, did likewise much disturb their performance.