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Dublin, Febr. 11.

ON Saturday arrived here the Earl of Offory, and has since received the Complements of all the considerable persons about this place. The Tories who have been the occasion of much trouble and vexation to the Inhabitants of *Ulster*, are by care and industry of our Office.s and Soldiers employed in that service, much lessened in their number, and the Countrey quit of a great part of their fears the greatest part of them being either killed or taken; near forty of them are now prisoners in the Goal of *Duncannon*.

On Thursday last, a Robbery was committed by seven or eight of the Tories out of the County of *Down*, between *Dundalk* and *Newry*; but upon notice given of it to the Neighbor Towns, they were immediately so nimbly pursued (especially by the Inhabitants of *Newry*, who for this service are lifted into a Troop,) that the Goods and Plunder they had taken, were recovered and restored to the owners, Five of the Tories being so closely beset in passing the Ford at *Hathen Castle*, that two of them were killed in the dispute, and their bodies brought to *Newry*, the other three getting into a Wood from whence 'tis believed they cannot easily escape.

Hull, Febr. 15. Here is lately brought in a prize, being a Light *Hollander* of 240 Tuns, taken on the Coasts of *Norway*, by a small Privateer, commanded by Captain *Hill*.

Vienna, Febr. 5. His Imperial Majesty hath by his Letters from the King of *Poland*, received an account of the deplorable condition of that Kingdom, and the perfidiousness of the *Tartars* and *Cossacks*, who sheltering themselves under the Protection of the Grand Seignior, having in their late Incursions cut in pieces a considerable Body of the Polish Forces, burning and spoiling the Country, and leading his Subjects into a miserable Captivity, threatening a return the next Spring with a vast Army of *Turks*, *Tartars*, and *Cossacks*, against whom he desires the Assistance of the Emperor. His Imperial Majesty has accordingly taken this Affair into his consideration, resolving to dispatch Count *Pietro de Serin* to the Visier of *Buda*, to examine the reasons, inducing the *Ottoman* Court to this sudden Rupture. The Count is hastening his Preparations for his speedy departure, carrying with him a rich Present of Plate for the Visier, and at his return is to be employed from the Emperor to his Majesty of *Poland* as Ambassador.

The *Chiaus* has had his last Audience, and taken his leave of this Court, with the usual Ceremonies and Presents of Gold Plate, with a distribution of a considerable number of pieces of Eight amongst his Attendants. Yesterday he left this City, intending home by Land; but we hear not as yet of any persons nominated as Commissioners to be employed to *Waradin*, to determine the Disputes arising upon the Frontiers.

The Prince *Ragotski* makes some considerable advance in his affairs, having by his Addresses gained upon many of the Principal Ministers in the *Ottoman* Court, where the interest of *Abassi* declines much, he being unable to pay the Contributions required of him.

Their Imperial Majesties have been so well satisfied in the Divertissement of the Horse-Ballets, that they have ordered all the Ornaments and Habits to be carefully preserved, intending to have it again exhibited at the Emperess's Coronation at *Ratisbonne*.

This Court seems much concerned at the great preparations

made by the French upon the Frontiers towards the Spanish *Low-Countries*, particularly in *Artois*, *Henegau*, and *Luxembourg*, where, by a Courier sent lately from *Brussels* to this Court, we are informed are arrived a considerable number of men, with great quantities of Ammunition and Provisions; which much quickens the *Livies* here, from whence some Companies will be in short time ready to march, further returns of money being also expected from *Spain*, to be expended in the raising of Forces.

Their Imperial Majesties have by the Prince de *Lobkowitz* returned their thanks to his Holiness's Nuncio in this Court, for his assistance in their late Marriage, presenting him with a Diamond of very great value.

Yesterday the Marquess *de Baden* by an Express received the News of his Ladies being safely brought to bed of two Princes, one of them dead, but the other in perfect health; for which he liberally rewarded the Messenger. To-morrow their Imperial Majesties are to be treated in the Apartment lately built by the Emperors Order, where twelve of the Principal Ladies of the Court present them with a Ball. The 17th. instant, the Emperor intends to entertain the two Emperesses and the Principal Persons of the Court with a Lottery.

Genoa, Febr. 9. Yesterday arrived at this Port, four *Sicilian Gallies*, commanded by the Duke *Ferrandina* their General, to attend the Duke of *Albuquerque* to his Vice-Royalty, who continues still in this City incognito, entertained at the Prince *Doria's* Palace; having since his arrival here, neither received any visits or appeared publicly abroad, the Senate being unsatisfied with the Reception he required as a Grandee of *Spain*, and Vice-Roy of *Sicily*. He now only expects a fair wind.

Don *Philippo Cicala* and *Silvestro Fenza*, Ambassadors from the City of *Messina* to the Court of *Spain*, are here arrived in their return from *Madrid*, where they spent two years, being at the last forced to return without effecting any thing, or being admitted to his Majesties presence, to whom they were sent to desire the continuance of several Privileges belonging to their City.

The seventh instant an Extraordinary Courier passed by this place, sent from his Holiness, to his Nuncio at *Paris*. At his departure from *Rome*, the third instant, he left the Cardinal *Rospigliosi* very dangerously ill, with little hopes of recovery.

Our Convey arriving here lately from *Spain*, proves very rich, having aboard those Ships, at least, Two Millions of pieces of Eight, and as much more in Merchandize: With it are returned several persons of this place, and other parts of *Italy*, that have been long in *Spain*; by whom we find, that the Marquess *de Bayonne*, General of the Spanish Gallies, having no little purpose, endeavored to interest the Court at *Madrid* in his quarrel (for the shots formerly made against him, in passing by the *Cittadelle* of *Savona*, which he refused to salute) has taken part of his revenge upon a small Vessel of considerable value, which by her Flag, being discovered, to belong to this Republick, he sunk upon the Coasts of *Spain*.

A Vessel belonging to the Family of the Marquess *Durazzo*, that has been some time missing, is found to have been taken by the Corsyres, near the *Streights*, in her way for *Offend*.

The Duke of *Savoy* is very zealous for advancing Trade in his Countrey, and in order thereunto has taken care for the completing of the Fortifications, and other necessary Buildings at *Villa Franca* near *Nice*, having given several privileges

privileges very advantageous to the Merchants for the encouragement of their Trade: Employing likewise many men and much money upon the Highways between *Villa Franca* and *Nise*, to make them passable for the Transportation of Commodities, the Countrey adjoining being willing to contribute largely to these expences, in hopes of the advantages they may hereafter reap thereby.

We are informed, that a Corsaire of *Algiers* with 300 men aboard, is put into *Thouon*, where he is to refit and new Mast.

Hildesheim, Feb. 10. The Assembly is like to continue here long; but their Transactions are kept very private. The Articles between the *Swedes* and the City of *Bremen*, are at the last ratified, but not to the satisfaction of the Citizens; the *Swedes* being unwilling to leave their Neighbourhood, the City resolving to keep their Oath made to the Emperor. The Forces are on both sides rather increased than lessened, and 'tis feared the Dispute may be again set on foot, to the Disturbance of all the Neighbour Princes.

From *Zelle* they assure us of the good posture and hopefulness of a happy composition of the Affairs between the two Princes Electors; but that Circle is resolved still to continue their Forces on foot.

From *Alsatia* we are inform'd, that the Governor of *Brisac* has received Orders from the King of *France* to have all things in a readiness, & his Forces prepared for a Rendezvous, against the arrival of those intended to be speedily sent thither. That the States of *Alsatia* are continually consulting what remedy to apply to this growing Evil.

Dantzick, Feb. 6. The Condition of *Poland* is at the present very deplorable, by reason of the great Devastations made by the *Tartars* and *Cossacks* in their late Incurſion, in which they have burnt and plundered many considerable Towns, and a great number of Villages; leaving rear upon a whole Province wholly ruined and destroyed. Seventeen Troops of Horse, that appeared in defence of the Countrey, were cut in pieces by them. Eleven others, that were marching to their assistance, being so routed and dispers'd, that Duke *Demetrio* their Leader, with much difficulty made his retreat with only 200. of his number. They are at the present said to be retied with above 10000. Prisoners, whom they use very severely, tiring them out with hard Marches, and speak high of a speedy return with a much greater force; with which they threaten to march farther into the Countrey. 'Tis confidently said they have already made themselves Masters of *Camienick* and *Mochielz*, two Towns of great importance. The Polish Forces under the Command of *Sedominski*, have at a distance attended their motion, but not able to effect any thing considerable upon so numerous a Party, obliging them only to keep close in their retreat, from whom he often gleaned up their stragling Companies, defeating a part of their Rear; recovering some small part of their plunder, and taking some prisoners.

Paris, Febr. 23. Here is lately arrived an Envoyé from his Imperial Majesty, his business not yet known: Since his arrival he has had much conference with the Spanish Ambassador, upon several propositions which he is to make to this Court.

The Spanish Ambassador in his way between *St. Germaines* and this City, was lately affronted by some Souldiers of the Guards, which he perceiving to proceed from their excess of Wine, they being all of them drunk, was willing to have concealed, but it being much resented by other foreign Ministers in this Court, who seemed highly concerned in an affront done to an Ambassador he thought it convenient to make his complaints to his Majesty, who promised him an ample satisfaction, which in few days after was given him; the Souldiers being by His Majesties Command brought shackled and in Chains to the Ambassadors house, by Monsieur de *Castellan*, Major of the Guards, with the Officers of their own Company, who making their excuses for the insolency of the Souldiers, the Offenders acknowledging their Crime, begged his pardon, but were afterwards condemned to the Gallies; but the Officers whom his Majesty threatened to punish for their remissness, were upon the Intercession of

the Ambassador pardon'd: His Majesty being pleased at the same time to treat the Ambassador with very obliging language, as a person for whom he had not only an high esteem for his qualification, as a publick Minister, but as one whom he admitted into his particular kindness and friendship.

Several Weddings have been lately solemnized in this Court, particularly the Count de *Fucillade* is married to *Mademoiselle de Roznez*, Sister to the Duke of that Name, who has upon that Marriage, resigned his Duchy to the Count, reserving to himself the sum of 400000 *Livres* in lieu of it.

His Majesty is likewise pleased to give the Count 100000 *Livres*, and to confer on him the Title of Peer of *France*, in which Quality he is to be received in Parliament, as soon as he enters upon his Duchy.

The Count de *Mon'ord*, Son to the Prince D' *Harcourt* is married to *Mademoiselle de Brancas*, and the Count de *Nereſſan*, to *Mademoiselle de Launay Grave*.

A Courier is lately dispatcht from his Majesty to *Pam in Navarre*, to suspend the Chief President, and the Attorney General of that Parliament from the execution of their charges, they having lately put a stop to the Taxes, ordered to be there levied by the Chamber of Justice, till they had first made their Remonstrances to his Majesty.

From *Rochele* we are informed, that eight Companies of the Regiment of *Navarre*, are by order embarked into two Ships that lie ready to sail, as is supposed, for the *West-Indies*.

A Vessel belonging to *Havre de Grace* was lately so closely pursued by an English Privateer, that she was forced to set her self on fire, the men escaping in their Boats. We hear also of three other Ships of *St. Malos*, laden with Spanish Wines, and a great Dutch Merchant ship, that have lately fallen into the hands of the English.

The Duchy d' *Espernon* is upon sale to Monsieur *Colbert*, whose Son is to enjoy that Title. The Moneys agreed on, are to be paid on Friday next.

The Cardinal de *Retz*, is much satisfied with his Reception at the Court, where he is desired to stay, during the diversifements of the Carneval; after which, he intends to return to *Commercy*, without farther interressing himself in the affairs of State.

It has been lately proposed in Council, that Impositions and Taxes should be imposed on several persons not formerly taxed, yet by their Offices and Employments able to contribute largely to the publick, as *Notaries*, *Bankers*, &c. But upon consideration this Propoſition was laid aside; the former Taxes being imposed as penalties upon illegal methods of gaining Estates, they being unwilling in this juncture of Affairs to exasperate the people by fresh Impositions.

Portsmouth, Febr. 17. The *Sweepstakes* being here arrived from *Lisbonne*, hath landed their Majesties Envoyés, returned from that Court, and brought home under his Convey, a Fleet of 15 Merchants richly laden, who are all of them safely arrived.

Plymouth, Febr. 17. A Vessel arriving here in ten days from *Rochele*, informs us, that 15 French-men of War of considerable force, were in that Harbour full manned with Sea-men and Souldiers, all of them ready to set sail for *Brest*.

The two Prizes formerly taken by Rear-Admiral *Herbert*, and put into *Scilly*, are this day come safe into this Port.

Deal, Febr. 18. There is newly arrived in the Downs, a rich East-India Ship, called the *African*, in a good condition, she came out from the *Indies* in December last, but met with no Vessel at Sea, except only one French-man, who thought not himself strong enough to attempt her.

A Bay brown Horse, 14 handfuls high, meal-mouthed, a feather or two under his Main; one white foot, one little white Star in his head, scarce seven years old, taken out of the Mule on Thursday night: Wherefore all persons are to take notice hereof, and if they hear of, or finde such an Horse, to give notice to any of his Majesties Servants in the Mule, and they shall be well rewarded.