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Swansey, Febr. 16.

ON Thursday last an *Hamborough* Vessel, called the *St. John Baptist* of *Hamborough*, bound homewards from *Bourdeaux*, laden with French Wines and Brandy, was cast away near *Penbray* in *Caermarthenshire*, the Commander *Abraham Peterson*, with nine Men and two Boyes, came late to Land, who selling such part of their Lading that could be saved, intend for *Plymouth*, in order to their return home.

Dartmouth, Febr. 18. The pretended *Offender* brought in here the 9th. instant by the *Gerard*, a private Man of War, under the Command of Captain *Ashenurst*, is like to prove a very considerable Prize, though no discovery of her can be made by her Papers, which upon her seizure, were by themselves thrown over-board for its prevention. The Master of the *Fregat* (and not the Captain (as was formerly mis-reported) breaking open the Cabin, with the assistance of his Crews, seized on three Boxes of Saffron, and a small Box of Chocolate, with some other Goods, most of which are by the endeavours of the Captain recovered, but the Master still continued under Custody.

Warsaw, Febr. 4. Our Peace with the *Muscovites* being happily concluded, care is taken for the speedy exchange of the Ratified Articles.

The *Cossacks* and *Tartars* are retired with their prey, but against their threatened return, we hope the affairs of this Kingdom will be put into good a posture, by assistance of the *Muscovites*, from whom, we hope, for considerable Succors, that we shall not be taken unprovided for their Reception.

Madrid, Febr. 11. The Marquis of *Caracena* hath been some dayes in this place, where he has received the Compliments of the *Grandeas*, and is believed will in short time return for *Badajoz*, to command the Forces of Kingdom the next Campaigne. The Duke *D' Ossuna* is nominated Vice-King of *Catalonia*, as the Duke of *Lerma* of *Valencia*. The Count *de Montero*, is every day expected here from *Flanders*, with an account of the state of our Affairs in that and our other Provinces adjacent.

Letters from *Alicant* of the 24th. past, inform us, that an English *Satia* from *Tangier*, entering into that Road, had several shots made at her by a French Ship and two *Satias*, that lay there at Anchor; for which, upon complaint made to the Governor, she had no satisfaction made her; after she had made a little stay there, to repair some damage she had received by foul weather, she put again to Sea, and upon her return boarded one of the French *Satias*, and carried her away; being by the French esteemed worth near 20000. Pieces of Eight.

Letters of the 31th. inform us of two other French Barks taken by her in her return, both of them of very considerable value, being bound from *Cadix* to *Marseilles*, with the Moneys received for Corn, which they had sold there.

From *Cadix* we are advised, that the Gallions will be ready about the 15th. or 16th. instants to set sail, richly laden, with several Ships that are there in Port. The Fleet for *New Spain*, according to Proclamations will be provided to set out about the next Midsummer. Two small Vessels laden with Lead and Fish, were by ill weather cast away near *Cadix*.

Rome, Feb. 12. His Holiness continues ill and retired from business, unable to give Audiences, though much pressed to it by Foreign Ministers, for Affairs of the greatest Importance. His Physicians advise him to leave *Monte Cavallo*, where he is at present, and to try the Air of the *Vatican*, which they fancy will agree better with him; and some Order is already taking for his removal. Cardinal *Orsino* moves earnestly in the behalf of the King of *Poland*, but by reason of the Popes Indisposition, little progress is yet made in that Affair; his Eminency being yet only fed with fair promises made to him by Cardinal *Chigy*, has deferred the return of the *Courrier* to the King of *Poland*, till he can be more fully assured of his Holinesses Intentions from his own mouth.

His Holiness continues his Encouragements to the Venetians in their Wars with the Turk, and has given them liberty to raise 100000. Crowns upon the Ecclesiasticks secular and regular, within the Jurisdiction of the Republick, to be employed for the raising of Forces for that Service.

Cardinal *Respirosi* is a little recovered from his dangerous relapse, and has thoughts of resigning his Charge of Secretary and Principal Minister of State, who is believed will be succeeded by the Patriarch of *Alexandria*, Signior *Borromeo*, the present Governor of *Rome*.

The Marquis *di Sancho Romano*, Ambassadour to this Court from His Catholic Majesty, is suddenly expected here, several of his Family being already arrived, and himself upon his Journey.

On Monday morning last, His Holiness called a private Consistory, where he acquainted the Cardinals with his resolution to give what Assistance possibly he could to the Venetians, for the Defence of *Candia* against the Turks, in which he intended to employ Signior *Prior Bichi*, General of his Gallies, and had invited the Knights of *Malta*, and the Great Duke of *Tuscany*, to joyn their Gallies with his, to assist the Venetian Fleet in their Common Cause; and since he found the Apostolical Chamber much exhausted, he exhorted the Cardinals to lay their assisting hands to so meritorious a Work, and to make what Contributions they were able for the assistance of that Republick.

In the same Consistory, Proposals were made by several Cardinal Protectors, for the selling of divers Vacant Bishopricks.

Vienna, Feb. 12. The Estates of *Lower Austria* are now in Consultation about the weighty Affairs of that Province, their first Assembly being held at the *Ritterstüb*, where his Imperial Majesty being present, the Chancellors the Count *de Sprinzenstein*, in the Name of the States, made some Proposals to the Emperour, to which he immediately returned his Answer; giving them in writing an account of his desires; which was by the Grand Marsh of the Province, afterwards communicated to them in the Town-House, where they continue their Session, in Deliberation upon the particulars of it. His Imperial Majesty having admitted them to the Honour of kissing his Hand.

An Assembly of Estates is also held in *Bohemia*, in order to the speedy raising of Moneys for the Service of the Emperour. The Diet in *Silesia* is ending, to the satisfaction of this Court; an account of its Consultations being daily expected here, by the Count *de Nostitz*, the Emperours Commissioner, now upon his return.

The Diet of *Hungary* is put off to a longer time, and is said till the next August, to be held neither at *Eresburgh* nor *Odenburgh*, but rather at *Ebersford* or *Neustat*, which

ther the Emperour may with more ease repair, according to the necessity of Affairs.

The Council of War sits close, and many Commissions are issued out, and moneys ordered to be employed for the raising of Forces, to be in readines on all occasions for the defence of the Empire.

From *Hungary* we are informed that the *Palatine* is fallen very dangerously ill, with little hopes of recovery, which has put some stop at the present to the Affairs relating to *Transylvania*.

The *Grandees* are making great preparations for the Coronation of the Emperess, which they intend to solemnize with all the Magnificence imaginable, but no time is yet prefix for the Solemnity.

Heylbrun, Febr. 12. On Thursday last, the Arbitrators agreed upon their Sentence, in all Points, favorable to his Highness the *Electour Palatine*, the privilege of the *Wildfang*, being determined to belong to him, onely the Tax called the *Schaltung* imposed by his Highness was adjudged to be severe, but not without precedent having been formerly practised.

Venice, Febr. 18. Our Letters from the *Levant*, inform us, That the *Grand Visier* had dispatcht a Galley to *Thebes*, for *Signior Padavino*, our Minister there, with whom he desired a speedy Conference; That upon a Muster of his Forces in the Isle of *Candia*, he found his Army to consist of 23000 men; but had issued out his Orders to all parts of the *Turks* Dominions near hand, to hasten forwards their recruits of Men, Provisions, and Ammunition, intending very suddenly to form his siege against *Candia*, and to cast some Guns of extraordinary bignets to be employed in that service. On the other side, that City is not at all wanting to its self in providing for its defence, having raised a very strong Fort without the City to keep the enemy for some time at a distance.

The *Turks* have put an Embargo upon all Ships that are now in their Ports, intending to employ them for the transportation of men and necessaries to the assistance of the *Grand Visier*.

Our Conyoy under the command of *General Morosini* hath been met on the way to the *Levant*, sailing with a prosperous gale: Several other Ships are fitting up to follow, whereof three are already taking in their provisions intending for *Candia*.

Orders are likewise sent to our Resident at the Court of the *Great Duke of Tuscany*, to use his endeavors with that Duke in behalf of the Republick, that four of his Ships at *Legorn* may be lent them to be employed to *Candia* for the relief of that City.

Dantzick, Febr. 12. Our late Advices confirm to us, the conclusion of a Peace for thirteen years, between the *Poles* and *Muscovites*; the principal conditions of it, are, That *Witepski, Polock, Duneburg, and Liesland*, with their appurtenances, are to be immediately restored to the *Poles*. The *Muscovites* to retain *Smolensko, Stoviria*, and all *Ukrania* beyond *Borishenes*: All on this side being adjudged to the *Poles*. The *Muscovites* to enjoy *Kiowa* till *June, 1669*, and then to surrender it.

From *Breslaw* Letters of the fourth instant, inform us, that *Lubomirski* was on the 26th past, seized with the Palsie, of which, he is since dead; having advised his Son, by no means to interest himself in the Disputes between the King and the Confederates.

The *Turks* continue their resolution of making War upon the *Ples*, which they have publicly declared in *Walachia* and *Moldavia*.

His Majesty was expected the seventh instant at *Warsaw*, to take care for the raising of forces, and making provision for the Army, and has ordered 600 men to be put into *Kamienitz Podolski*, for the strengthening of that place, in case any attempt be made upon it.

Ridziewski is hastning his preparations for his journey to the *Ottoman* Court, being to receive Eighty thousand Florins towards the expences of his Embassy, carrying with him a present for the *Grand Seignior* to the value of Three hundred thousand *Riddles*.

The *Swedes* Extraordinary Envoyé, is arrived here this day from *Warsaw*.

Genova, Feb. 12. The *Duke de Ferrandina* has since his arrival here, visited on the *Duke de Albuquerque* his Viceroy, who the next day returned his visit, going on board the *Gallies*, where he was received with all the honor that could there be given him. The *Duke de Ferrandina* has since taken an house in the City, where, 'tis believed, the Viceroy will continue some time, attending the return of a Courier from *Spain*, having also an eye upon the Government of *Milan*; *Don Luys Ponce de Leon*, as 'tis said, intending suddenly for *Madrid*.

Legorne, Feb. 14. A Bark arriving here in 15 days from *Tripoly*, informs us: That four of those Corsayres, very considerable Men of War, are putting out to Sea to relieve four others, that for some time have been cruising, but without purchase. Two of them were returned into the Port, the other two forced off to Sea by a storm with great danger, their safety being much doubted of.

Paris, Feb. 27. The twentieth instant their Majesties with the *Dulphir*, and their Royal Highnesses went to *Perseilles*, where they continued during the Carnival, pleasing themselves and the whole Court, with several Divertissements of Mascarades, Carowfels and Balls.

Monsieur Colbert desiring one of his Sons might be admitted into the Order of the Knights of *Malthe*, has prevailed with that Order for their content; but finds some difficulty to obtain a Dispensation from his Holiness, to capacitate him for the admission.

The *Duke of Savoy* has ordered some of his Forces to march towards *Geneva*, little hopes as yet appearing of a compolure of their differences. His Highness seems willing to refer it to the arbitration of his Christian Majesty; but the City desires first to take the advice of their Neighbor *Switzers*, which is not well interpreted at this Court.

Newport, March 2. The French have not onely stop the *Flemish* Ships at *Dunkirk*, but have of late put an Embargo upon all Vessels whatsoever. Their great preparations upon the Frontiers, gives all the adjacent parts occasion to stand upon their Guards. The *Marquess de Castell Rodrigo* finding it likewise convenient to draw some Troops to *Charleroy*, and other Neighboring parts, and to take such care of them, that they may not by any neglect invite others to attempt them.

Amsterdam, Feb. 27. Four of our Captains this week mustered their Seamen, in order to their speedy putting out to Sea, viz. *Gillis de Wild, Jean Van Gelderen, De Haen, and Pinke*, their Ships lie ready below the River, and themselves ready to embarque for the *Uly* and *Texel*. *Van de Saen* is this day to muster, and *Captain Fabricius* and *Peter Magnus* in a day or two after; all of them commanding Vessels of considerable force belonging to this City, and will be ready in six or seven days to set sail. Several other Men of War are fitted up in the *Meuse* and *Zeeland*, which when joyned, will make up a Fleet of 20 sail, designed (as 'tis given out) to meet the *Danish* Ships that are expected to assist us in this Summers service.

Rye, Feb. 19. This day a private Man of War, *George Canning* Commander, brought in here as prize, two small Vessels; one of them of 35 Tuns, laden with Iron and Spanish Wool, the other of 40 Tuns, with Block-wood and Iron.

Southwold, Febr. 20. Yesterday two Ketches from the *Southwards*, were discovered and chased by a small Dutch Privateer, within a League of this Town, but were successfully rescued by a Ship of five Guns, bound for *Newcastle*; upon whose appearance the *Caper* put again out to Sea. This day two other Capets appeared to the Eastwards, but upon sight of a Fregat, that lay at Anchor about two miles to the Northwards, they stood off again to Sea.

Dever, Feb. 20. On Saturday last, the *Lenox*; Captain *Holmes* Commander, brought in a Prize, being a Dutch Vessel of 250. Tuns, laden with Salt.

Harwich, Febr. 21. On Tuesday last a Fleet of about 80. Sail of Laden Colliers, passed by to the *Thames*; at which time two *Gottenburgh* Ships, that have for some time continued in *Humber*, safely arrived at this place.