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Falmouth, Febr. 20.

**T**He sixteenth instant, a *Barbadoes* Vessel belonging to *Southampton*, was off the Lands end set upon by two French Pickaroons, one of eight, the other of twelve Guns; with whom she fought with much resolution, till ten of her twenty six men which she had aboard her, being killed, and several others hurt, she was at the last taken, thirteen of her men being afterwards put on shore at the Lands end, but the Master and two others carried away with the Vessel.

*Warsaw*, Febr. 13. This Court having nominated their Ambassadors and Eivoyés to the several Princes of Christendom to implore their Assistance against the Common Enemy, one of them is designed for the Court of *Sweden*, with whom we have now a right understanding. We are in great apprehensions of the preparations and threats of our Enemies, the Grand Signior much encouraging the Cossacks and Tartars, and 'tis said is raising an Army of 20000. men to assist them in their next Summers Expedition.

The Cossacks in *Ukrania* are divided into several Factions, one party still continuing firm in their obedience to this Crown, another party declaring for the *Muskovites*; and a third for the Tartars.

*Lithuania*, *Wolonia*, and *Rolafsché*, lie at the present most subject to the incursions of the Enemy; but such care is taken for the uniting the Forces of the Neighboring Countreys, that whatsoever part shall be invaded, all the rest may be ready in a Body to assist them.

An Assembly will be suddenly called to consider seriously of the dangerous posture of the Affairs of this Kingdom, and 'tis much hoped they will be easily induced for the future to lay aside all Animosities and Disputes, and take into their thoughts the Publick Concernments of the whole Kingdom.

From *Moskow* we are informed that there is in that City a great Convention of the Prelates of the *Gracian* Church, amongst whom are two Patriarchs, viz. *Priscus* of *Alexandria*, and *Macarius* of *Antioch*; the Patriarch of *Constantinople* having in his place substituted *Ligariidius* the Metropolitan of *Moskow*, who is accepted of in his absence. The Occasions of this Synod, are thought to be principally the Differences and Novelties that have of late years crept into the *Moscovian* Church; and the exorbitant actions of *Nican*, the great Patriarch of *Russia*, whose removal 'tis believed will be endeavoured by this Convention. But he is desecrating the Room, has thickred himself in a strong Cloister, called *Jerusalem*, about twelve miles distance from *Moskow*, where he is attended by several Polish Jesuits, and experienced Captains, from whom 'tis feared there may arise some tumults and disturbances; the consideration where of has been a principal motive to incline the Grand Czar to the more speedy conclusion of a Peace with the Poles.

*Zurick*, Febr. 15. These Countreys as well as our Neighbors, are sollicit to contribute their assistance to the *Venetians*, for the defence of *Candia*; where the vigorous proceedings of the *Turks* have given a strong allurum to the Princes of Europe, especially those of *Italy*, to take some effectual course to prevent the nearer approach of so powerful an enemy. *Maltha*, *Sicily*, *Naples*, *Rome*, and *Florence*, are fitting up their Gallies for their assistance, and if the *Turks* make any farther progress into *Dalmatia*, both this Countrey and *Berne*, will be induced to lend their assistance, and

supply them with some Companies to be employed there.

The Cantons intend in short time to assemble themselves at *Baden*, where several points will fall under their consideration, as

First, To find out some expedient to obtain the arrears due to them from the Crown of *France*.

Secondly, To put the Frontiers of their Countrey into a posture of defence, by reinforcing *Constance*, and other Towns of concernment.

Thirdly, To regulate several abuses crept into their Courts of Justice, and to reform some Errors in the publick exercise of Religion.

Much hurt has been lately done by the Snow, particularly in the Vally of *Sina* in the Cantons, where three Villages have been covered with Snow, by the violence of the Winds blown upon them, under which, above 100 persons perished, with a great number of Cattle. And in the *Grisons* near *Gampoblia*, so great a quantity of Snow was blown into the River, that the current being stopt, so sudden an Inundation immediately followed, that several houses were ruined, eight persons drowned, with some thousands of Cattle.

The Duke of *Savoy* has ordered all his Boats to be fitted up, which with the forces ordered to march towards *Geneva*, has much allarm'd the City, where they continue their Fortifications with much labor and expence, little hopes as yet appearing of the composition of their differences.

*Venice*, Febr. 20. Notwithstanding several reports spread abroad of a close siege laid to the City of *Candia*, our late Letters advise us to the contrary; the Chief Vicer continuing still at *Retimo*, making all the necessary provisions imaginable, in pursuance of his design; and had employed onely several of his Officers to make their approaches to the City, to take a view of its Fortifications, and to inform him in what places he might most advantagiously raise his Batteries to annoy the besieged.

The Marquis *Ville* gives great encouragement to the Garrison, which is well stored with all necessaries to endure a long siege, and many stout Soldiers well resolved to hazard their lives in its defence.

The Soldiers taken in from the Gallies, are daily employed in the new Fortifications, which are very strongly built, to hinder the near approach of the enemy; and care is taken for the removal of all combustible matter out of the Houses, to avoid the danger of their Morter-pieces, which are much threatened by the enemy, on whose execution they seem much to relie.

*Vienna*, Febr. 25. A Courier is dispatched from this Court into *Silesia*, with Letters to the Count *de Nostitz*, the same Courier being ordered after the delivery of them, to go forwards into *Poland*, to inform his Majesty of the good intentions of the Empeour; for the preservation of the interests of that Crown.

The *Swedes* (as 'tis given out) have lately offered their assistance to the Poles, which we hope they really intend, however, the Council of War here, has judged it convenient to order the speedy march of some Troops into *Silesia*, to prevent any inconveniences that may happen.

Our late Advices tell us that the Grand Signior has given Order to the Prime Vicer, to draw together an Army of 120000. men, to be employed in this next Summers Service, principally to assist the *Cossacks* and *Tartars* in their designs upon *Poland*.

The Ambassador from *Tartary*, that has been long expected, is not yet arrived; but Order is taken for his Entertainment,