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Falmouth, Febr. 27.

THe 24th past, came in here Captain Hogge, Commander of the *Flying Greyhound*, who in cruising upon the Coast of France, seized on a Prize, putting some Men aboard her to take possession, but the *Dragon* Fregat appearing with Dutch Colours aboard, the Captain supposing him to be a Dutch man of War, remanded his Men, and made what Sail he could for his own security, and was so long pursued without discovery of their Error, that the Prize was lost; the *Dragon* being since by an Easterly wind driven into this place.

Plymouth, March 1. This day a Vessel of *Eruges* put in here in nine days from *Rochelle*, informs us of the arrival there of thirty Frenchmen of War, with five other Vessels, and a Pink laden with Soldiers, intended (as is given out) for the *West-Indies*.

An O tender arriving from *Nantes*, advises us of seven Frenchmen of War that are riding off *Ouessant*.

Dartmouth, March 1. A Privateer commanded by Captain *Marshall*, hath lately brought into *Saltcombe* near *Dartmouth*, a Prize laden with Wines from *Bourdeaux*, which is ordered to be sent away for *Southampton* to the Commissaries.

Rome, Febr. 19. His Holiness is now so well recovered from his Infirmities, that he has lately appeared at a Consistory, and given Audiences to several of the Cardinals, and particularly to the Cardinal *Ursino*, Protector of the Affairs of *Poland*, who pressing earnestly for Succors, especially for Money, to be employed in the defence of that Crown, against their powerful Invaders; his Holiness was pleased to excuse himself upon the account of the vast Sums of late years expended, particularly in the Wars of *Hungary* and *Andalus*, and in the late Differences with *France*, during the Con. It about *Monsieur de Crequy*, besides many other occasions of Expence, which have much exhausted the Treasury, and rendered him incapable of giving him such assistance as was required. But this not satisfying the Cardinal, his Holiness advised him rather to make an Experiment of the friendship of his most Christian Majesty, from whom his Majesty of *Poland* might with much reason expect assistance; but in conclusion, refused the satisfaction of this Affair to Cardinal *Chigi*. Cardinal *Cisero* immediately dispatched away a Courier, with the German some time since arrived here from that Crown, to give his Majesty an account of the Cardinal's refusal; having at the same Audience proposed the Bishop of *Beffers* Ambassador from the French Court in *Poland*, to be promoted to a Cardinalship in one of the Vacancies, in favour of the King of *Poland*, to which his Holiness returned no answer.

The French Ambassador likewise had an Audience, which continued a long time, his Holiness exciting himself up on the account of Weakness which would not permit him to dwell long upon business.

A Congregation of Cardinals is now agreed on, who are to treat the Differences between them and the ancient Barons and Roman Princes, and to declare what Honours and Observances are to be expected on each side. The Duke of *Bracciano* Head of the ancient Nobility, has given the Title of Excellency to the Princes *Borghese*, *Pamfilio*, *Palestrino*, and others, who are fully reconciling themselves for the encouragement of their Common Interest.

Cardinal *Vincenzo Maculano*, a Creature of Pope *Urban* the Eighth, died on Tuesday last, in the 91 year of his age,

and the 26 of his Cardinalship, his body was opened and Embalmed, and the next Evening privately conveyed to the Church of the *Dominicans*, and the Night following as privately Interred at *S. Sabina in Monte Aventino*; by whose death there are now four Vacancies in the Colledge of Cardinals; besides the other four which were formerly by his Holiness reserved in *Petto*.

By his Holiness's Nuncio at the Court in *Vienna*, we are assured that his Imperial Majesty hath given liberty to the *Venetians* to levy 3000 Men in his Hereditary Countie's, to be employed in the Service of that Republick.

Legorn, Feb. 21. A Vessel lately arriving from *Smyrna*, called the *S. Placido* of *Messina*, very richly laden, informs us, that she came out in company with six other Vessels; whereof four went off for *Venice*, one put in to *Civita Vecchia*, and the other is since come in hither, besides two Barques bound for *Marseilles*. In *Smyrna* they were confidently told of the death of the King of *Persia*, who is succeeded by his Son: They also inform us, that the *Turks* press all the Ships they meet with, whether Christians or others, which they intend to employ for the Transportation of Men and Provisions to *Canea*; that it was confidently reported they had already landed about 80000 men, and were continually sending Succors and provisions to them. For which purpose, there was in *Alexandria* a Fleet of sixty Vessels ready laden, but were not without apprehensions of the *Venetian Armata*, whose Squadrons are continually scouring those Seas, General *Cornaro* himself plying about *Paros*, reinforced with the Convoy arrived there under the command of *Semitecolo*.

They tell us also, that the *Turks* have little kindness for the French, since the miscarriage of their Provisions in the 15 French Bottoms, which they have in part revenged upon a French Ship going for *Alexandria*, which they set upon, putting the Captain and all the Seamen to the Sword, and carrying off the Vessel; and that the *Sirene* and *Sea-Horse*, two French Men of War, that some time since passed by this place, in their way for *Malta*, are since departed thence, and gone farther for the *Levant*.

Genova, Feb. 22. The *Sicilian* Gallies are refitted here, and furnished with all the necessaries they wanted, and lie ready to sail whensoever the Duke of *Albuquerque* shall please to Embark.

Several Ships with Corn are here arrived from *Sicily*, bound for *Spain*, whither the Convoy from this place is also speedily intending.

From *Turin* we are advised, that some of the Lacqueys, belonging to the *Venetian* Ambassador at the Duke of *Savoy's* Court, being affronted by the Lacqueys of a Nobleman, a Subject to that Duke, it was to ill resented by the *Venetians*, that the Ambassadors Brother with his Retinue came aimed to the *Piazza Carolina*, where they put to slaughter many innocent persons, which has much incensed the Duke, and 'tis feared, may occasion a Rupture.

The Duke proceeds vigorously against the City of *Genova*, having given order for the marching of 5000 Foot, and 1000 Horse, intending (as 'tis given out) to raise a Fort or Citadel near the City, hoping for the assistance of 6 or 7000 French, with whom they expect to joyn in few days, if the City cannot be otherwise induced to a compliance.

Venice, Febr. 23. Our Letters from *Candia* inform us, that the Treaty set on foot by the Prime Visier is wholly broken off, he being fully resolved to prosecute the siege with all the force imaginable; but seems impatient of a long War, his thoughts being very intent upon the *Ottoman* Court, and