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Rome, Decemb. 16.

THE 10th instant died here Cardinal *Francis Barberin*, Nephew to Pope *Urban the VIII.* in the 83 year of his Age, and the 56 of his Cardinalate; By his death several great Offices and preferments are become void; in that of Dean of the Colledge of Cardinals, he is succeeded by Cardinal *Fachenessi*, and in others by his Nephew Cardinal *Charles Barberin*. There are now 18 places vacant in the Colledge of Cardinals.

Madrid, Decemb. 14. The 30 past their Majesties arrived at *Guadalajara*; and the next day came *Torrejon*, the Queen Mother, who arrived there some time before, went from her Apartment, to meet them; the King no sooner saw her, but he ran to her, embraced her, and kissed her hand, the Queen advancing at the same time likewise to kiss her hand, which the Queen Mother would not permit, and embraced her with great tenderness, treating her with the Stile of Majesty. Being come into the Palace, the Queen took the Queen-Mothers hand by force, and kissed it several times, praying her to treat her as her Daughter. Then the Queen-Mother perceiving that the Queen was without a Muff, she gave her hers, on which was a Knot of Diamonds, and then tyed about her Wrist a Bracelet worth 2000 Pistols, instead of a Ribbon she took thence. The next day their Majesties came to the *Buen Retiro* (one of the Royal Palaces at the end of this Town) amidst the acclamations of the people, who flocked thither to see them. The Preparations for her Majesties publick Entry into this place, are ordered to be finished against the 22 instant, and if they cannot, that Solemnity will be deferred till after *Christmas*. The Queen will not make her Entry on Horseback, as was at first intended, because it is believed she is with Child. *Don Emanuel de Lyra*, has taken possession of his Place of Secretary of State for *Italy*.

Genoua, Dec. 20. The Senate has resolved to send an Envoy to *France*, to represent to that Court the reasons which obliged them to deny the French Gallies a room in their Arsenal. It is much feared that *Casal* will at last fall into the hands of the French, no body now doubting but that the Duke of *Mantoua* has sold it to them; for we have seen here a Copy of the Instrument made between them on that occasion. In the mean time the state of *Venice*, and that of *Milan*, are Arming, being resolved, as is said, to hinder the French from being Masters of that important place.

Marseilles, Dec. 19. The Chevalier *de Noailles* is returned hither with the 8 French Gallies under his command from *Genoua*, that Senate having not thought fit to permit them to winter in their Arsenal. The *Sieur d'Opede* will sail in few days with

8 other Gallies to try the Senate once more in this matter. The Corsairs of *Tripoli* have taken a French Merchant Ship laden with Merchandises to the value of 100 thousand Crowns.

Prague, Dec. 23. This place, God be thanked, continues in very good health. The Emperor has resolved to raise this Winter several Regiments of Horse and Foot; and Count *Starenberg* is sent with 50000 Gilders to *Philipsburg*, to see that place put into a perfect condition of defence.

Copenhagen, Dec. 19. The King of *Sueden* we hear has granted several great Privileges to the City of *Landsbroon*, making it a free Staple, and exempting the Inhabitants from paying Excise, and other Taxes, and from Quartering of Soldiers, &c. That King has caused a Placat to be published, promising Pardon to such of his Subjects that deserted his service during the War, as shall now return into it. Our King is going to reduce his Forces.

Strasburg, Dec. 26. The French make great Levies in these parts, as if they were entering into some great War. And at the same time they work hard on the Fortifications of *Hunningen*. And Monsieur *Vauban* the great Engineer is arrived at *Homburg*, to add new Fortifications to that place.

Francfort, Dec. 31. The French are raising men here, and the Commissaries that are employed therein tell us, that they expect Orders to go on more vigorously with these Levies then yet they have done. From *Augsburg* we have Letters, giving an account, that the Duke of *Hanover*, who arrived there in his way to *Italy*, died very suddenly on the 28 past.

Liege, Jan. 2. The French have quite quitted *Veruiers, Huy, Viset*, and several other places in this Country.

Brussels, Jan. 3. Some days since his Excellency sent several Troops to quarter in *Chievre*, a place belonging to this Government, to prevent the French quartering there, of which Monsieur *Calvo* having notice, he sent to the Spanish Commander to require him to retire with his Troops, which he did accordingly, and the French entered into the place. We are told that his Excellency has received assurances from *Spain* of his continuing in this Government for some time longer. Yesterday the young Prince of *Osnauburg* passed through this place on his way to *Paris*. From *Alsace* we have an account, that the French have finished the Canal between *Kasteboltz* and *Schlestadt*, which will be of great use to them; and that the success of this Work has put them upon a design of turning a Branch of the *Rhine* by *Brisac*; that Monsieur *Vauban* the French Engineer is by the Kings command gone to *Homburg* to begin the Fortifications there, and from thence he is to go and visit all the places on the *Saar*, to see if any are fit to be fortified. That the French King

King had commanded all persons who hold any Lands within the Bishopricks of *Thoul*, *Mets*, and *Verdun*, to repair within a limited time to the new Chamber at *Metz*, to pay their Homage, and Enrol their names as Vassals to his Majesty, in default whereof they are threatened with a confiscation of their Estates, which will concern some of the Electors, and several other Princes on the *Rhine*. It is believed that what has lately happened at *Geneva* to the French Resident, may bring that City into some trouble. On Sunday last his Excellency received Letters from *Madrid*, assuring him that the 600 thousand Crowns formerly mentioned should be remitted hither by the next Ordinary.

Hague, Jan. 2. The French Ambassador has sent the Gentleman of his Horse to *Paris* with Letters giving an account of what has been transacted here, and desiring farther Instructions against the return of the States of *Holland*, on the 9th instant. In the mean time the Imperial Minister here has received directions to join with Mr. *Sidney*, His Majesty of *Great Britain's* Envoy Extraordinary, in opposing the Alliance proposed by the French Ambassador, in which the endeavors of the latter have already had all the success that could be expected. The States General seem much concerned at the difference arisen between the Elector of *Brandenburg*, and the Duke of *Zell*, about the formers quartering some Troops in the Country of *Mecklenburg*, and have on occasion thereof written very obliging Letters to both those Princes, and have at the same time sent strict orders to their Ministers in their respective Courts to use their utmost endeavors to compose this matter, that so those Princes, having established a good understanding between themselves, may be able to perform the parts of good Allies towards this State, if there should be occasion for it. The Elector of *Brandenburg* has restored all the places he was possess of in *Pomeran* to the *Suedes*, and yet the French Troops, have no orders, that we can hear of, to quit *Wesel* and the Dutchy of *Cleves*. The French we hear are buying up in several parts of *Germany* great quantities of Corn, both for Horse and Men, some of which they bring to *Flanders*, and lay up the rest in their places in *Alsace*, which with other preparations they make, gives people cause to think they are designing a new War. By a Vessel arrived from *Surinam*, the States have Letters from the Governor of the 16 of *October*, in which he gives them an account, that the *Indians* continue to do the *Planters* much harm, ruining their Plantations, burning their Mills, killing their *Negro's* and *Servants*, &c. and that without a speedy and considerable assistance from hence, it would be impossible for him to preserve that Colony.

Hague, Jan. 5. The French Ambassador Monsieur *d'Avaux*, continues very zealous to promote the Interests of his Master, and in order thereunto makes frequent Visits to several Members of the States, letting them know that he expects a positive answer to the Overtures by him made concerning an Alliance between his Master and this State in few days. We are told that the States have Letters from *Copenhagen*, which inform them that the French Ambassador there had proposed an Alliance between his Master and that Crown; but they are better pleased with the account they have from their Minister at the Elector of *Brandenburg's* Court,

that he has great hopes of composing matters between his Electoral Highness and the Duke of *Zell*, upon the formers withdrawing his Troops out of the Dutchy of *Mecklenburg*.

Paris, Jan. 3. On the 15 or 16 instant the Prince of *Conti* will be married to Mademoiselle *de Blois*, to whom the King gives a Million of *Livres* for her Portion, a yearly Pension of 100000, and a Gift of 150000 to defray the Charges of the Wedding; and in consideration of this Marriage, his Majesty has augmented the Prince of *Conti's* Pension, which will be now 75000 *Livres*; as likewise that of his Brother the Prince of *Roche-sur-yon*, which will be 60000. The Chamber set up for the punishing those accused of Poisonings, have lately caused several persons to be seized; and we are told that they are framing two or three Processes of Consequence.

Portsmouth, Dec. 30. The *Woolwich*, *Bristol*, and the Merchant Ships under their Convoy, are still detained here by contrary Winds.

Deale, Dec. 30. The Merchant Ships in the *Downes* have weighed two or three times, and many of them sailed, but the same or the next day were forced back again by contrary Winds.

Whitehall, Dec. 31. His Majesty has thought fit to appoint Sir *Stephen Fox*, Sir *Richard Mason*, Sir *Nicholas Armorer*, *Thomas Windham*, and *Roger Pope Esquiers*, His Commissioners for the executing the Place of Master of His Horse.

These are to give Notice, that the Wine Licence Office is removed out of *Salisbury Street* into *Great Essex Street*, near the Temple, London, where all persons concerned are forthwith to pay their Arrears of Rent, and to Renew their Licences that are expired.

These are to give Notice to all the Pensioners belonging to the Chest at *Chatham*, and all others whom it may concern, that upon the Twenty fourth of February next, will begin a general Pay of the said Pensioners.

Advertisements.

A New-years-Gift, Composed of Prayers and Meditations. With Devotions for several Occasions. Sold by *Simon Neale* at the Three *Pygons* in *Bedford Street*, over against the *Royal Exchange*.

Adam Guin having on the 28th of *December* last, lost a Diamond Button of considerable value, If any can give notice thereof to her self at her house in the *Fall-mall*, they shall be well rewarded for their pains.

All Persons that have any Papers concerning the Reformation of the Church of *England*, or of any Ministers of State or Clergy-men, during the Reigns of King *Edward the Sixth*, *Queen Mary*, or *Queen Elizabeth*, are most earnestly desired to give notice of them to Mr. *Richard Chiswell* Bookseller at the *Rose and Crown* in *St. Pauls Church-yard*, that they may be perused by the Author of the first Part of that History, already extant, in order to the completing of that necessary Work, and all security shall be given for the restoring any such Papers, and the Persons who Communicate them shall be acknowledged, if they desire it, according to their value; and all Charges shall be defrayed in sending and returning them.

Stolen on Sunday the 28th of *December* past, about six a Clock at night, near *Tottenbam Court* in the County of *Middlesex*, a black Mare about 15 hands high, having a bob tail, a large star in her forehead, and two white feet behind. Whoever gives notice to Mr. *King* next door to the *Blow Ashlar* in *Bowstreet*, *Coven-Garden*, where the said Mare is, and secure her for him, shall have two *Guinea's* Reward.