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Turin, Dec. 25.

WE have an Account that the Marquis de Dronero upon receipt of the Orders that were sent from hence, parted immediately from *Nizza for Thoulon*, and embarked there the 16th Instant upon a French man of War, Commanded by the Marquis de la Porte, which was appointed to carry him to *Lisbonne*; upon the arrival of this Ambassador at the Court of *Portugal*, it is believed, all Matters relating to the Marriage of our Duke with the Infanta, will be so adjusted, that nothing will remain to hinder the Consummation of it; though after all, there be some people among us, who look upon this Work as subject still to too many difficulties, to be speedily perfected. Some days since arrived here the Duke and Dutchess of *Sr. Pietro from Milan*, and have very kindly received by our Duke and Dutchess.

Genoa, Jan. 1. The continuance of the strong Northerly winds, is the cause that not any Ships have arrived here this week. Two Dutch Convoys, and many French Ships are expected so soon as the Wind changes. It is said that the Algerines are going to break with the French, who, to prevent it, are fitting out a Squadron of men of War at *Thoulon*.

Venice, Dec. 28. On Monday next the Cardinal d'Estree parts hence for *Rome*, intending in his way to see the Great Duke of *Tuscany* at *Florence*; and perhaps he may make some short stay there: the said Cardinal and the Duke of *Mantoua* have seen one another two or three times, but the Matter was so ordered, that their Meeting seemed to be wholly accidental. There are Letters from *Turkey* which say, that the great preparations which are now making, are not really making against the *Moscovites*, for that a Peace is under-hand Treating with them; and that the Grand Signior has other thoughts of employing those Forces which will appear towards the Spring.

Warsaw, Dec. 27. This City which has for some Months past been very empty, by reason of the absence of the Court, begins now to fill with people who have business here at the Dyet, which is to meet the 10th of the next Month; the King and most of the Senators will likewise be here very speedily, it being the custom for the Senate to meet some days before the opening of the Dyet, to consult about what is to be proposed to them; All people say, that the great Points which will be the subject of their Debates will be, whether they shall continue the Peace they have at present with the Turks, or enter into a War against them in con-

junction with the *Moscovites*; and this is a Matter that is likely to be highly contested: for the generality of the Nobility seem inclined to the War; but the King it is thought, and the Major part of the Senate think it best to preserve the Peace, unless they could have such assurances of assistance from the several Princes of Christendom, as might give them a prospect of a happy issue of the War, should they enter into it; the Alliance between the Crown and the *Czar of Moscow* is still much discourd of; but the Poles have naturally a mistrust of the sincerity of the *Moscovites*, which makes them very backward of entering into any Engagements of that kind with them; but what their common Interests may lead them to at present, a short time will let us see.

Stockholme, Dec. 28. The last day that the Dyet was Assembled, which was on the 20th Instant; the Nobility resolved two very important points; The first was, that the Senate should not for the future, have any greater Authority than the other States; and that the King upon any occasion (if he thought fit) might ask their Advice in the affairs of his Government, without being obliged to follow it. Secondly, That in case his Majesty should in time of War be out of the Kingdom, his Majesty might put the Government into such hands, during his absence, as he thought fit; and that in case his Majesty should come to dye, the Orders and Instructions which he should leave concerning his Successor, in case he should be under age, and the Government of the State during his Minority, shall be punctually observed and executed. Count *Oxenstjerne*, whom the King is sending to the Emperor and other Princes, will now begin his Journey in a very short time.

Vienna, Dec. 30. The Turkish Chians that lately arrived here, has been dispatched by our Governor Lieutenant-General *Starenberg*; We do not yet hear what he came about; and we suppose it to be no great Matter. This week arrived here an Express from *Constantinople*, with Letters from the Emperors Resident there; he reported that the Grand Vizier understanding that there was a Treaty on foot between the Imperialists and the Hungarians; and that there was a great likelihood that a Peace would be concluded between them, he was much concerned at it, and had resolved by all means to prevent it, and in order thereto, had sent to the said Hungarians to make them great offers, in case they would put themselves under the Grand Signiors Protection; whether this news deserves any credit we know not; but many Reports of this nature have been spread abroad without any ground for them, by those who desire not that things should be brought to an accommodation; and therefore give out news of this kind to amuse the Hungarian

Hungarians, and to keep them from closing with Overtures that are made to them on the part of the Emperor. It is still said, that the States of *Hungary* are to meet in *March* next.

Vienna, Jan. 2. Several Troops of Horse who came from *Hungary*, have this week passed through this place; being ordered to goe and take their Quarters in *Moravia*, where the Officers will be better able to recruit their Troops, than they could do in *Hungary*, where all things are at present by reason of the Truce, very quiet; and we hope they will continue so, and that a solid and lasting Peace will restore to that Countrey its former happiness and tranquillity. These parts are now for wholly freed of the Plague, that there are not above four Villages in all *Austria*, which are suspected to have any Infection remaining in them.

France, Jan. 6. We hardly talk or think of any thing but the preparations which the French are said to be making, which we believe are meant against the Empire; the People are full of fears, and expect a new War, in which opinion the ignorant and credulous are very much confirmed by the several strange Signs here are reported to have been seen of late, of Men and Armies fighting in the Air, and of Birds of a prodigious bigness, and of other strange things.

Strasburg, Jan. 7. The French proceed with their Citations, and intend it seems, that way, to bring several Princes of the Empire, under their subjection; for if they refuse to appear before the Chambers of *Metz* and *Brisac* when they are summoned, their Lands and Estates are, without any more ado, seized on, and disposed of to others; and if they do appear, they must do Homage and swear Fealty to the French King and consequently acknowledge themselves his Vassals. The Prince of *Vaudemont* has actually suffered in the first kind, choosing rather to loose his Countrey, than to acknowledge a new Sovereign; to whom he thought he owed no dependance. The Baron de *Monclar*, and several other French Officers are expected here, but it is supposed will make no long stay.

Cologne, Dec. 10. We are expecting that in a day or two Sentence will be pronounced against the old Burger-masters. The Magistrates and some of the Commonalty met yesterday, and the day before, as we suppose about it. This week arrived here from *Brussels*, *William Legg Esq;* and yesterday he parted again for *Cazah*. From the Emperors Court they write, that several Deputies were arrived from the Hungarians, that they had not yet had Audience of the Emperor, but that the Bishop of *Sebestini* who came with them, had seen the Emperor and his Ministers.

Hague, Jan. 17. The States-General have at present but little business before them, they employing most of their time in reading Letters from their Ministers in Foreign Courts. We are told that they have advice from *Sweden*, that that Crown had finally resolved to proceed to the exchange of the Ratifications of the Treaty concluded between it and this State at *Nimeguen*. The States-General having thought fit to offer their Mediation for the composing the differences that are depending between the Poles and the Moscovites, the same has been accepted by them, and accordingly the States

will send an Ambassador to perform the Offices of the said Mediation. The States of *Holland* will Adjourn to morrow till the 8th of the next Month. We have advice from *France*, that the *Sieur du Quefne* was sent for to Court to receive the Kings Orders concerning the fitting out a considerable Squadron of men of War, to be employed in the *Mediterranean*.

Paris, Jan. 5. The Dauphin has given over taking the Waters, which he has found much good by, and therefore his leaving them off, is a sign he has perfectly recovered his health; however, the King will not let him Dance in the great Ball, which is preparing for the Entertainment of the Court in the time of the Carnival; for that such an Exercise may again weaken him. From *Rome* they write, that the Pope had given Orders that the Cardinal *d'Estree* should be every where received in the Ecclesiastical Dominions with all imaginable Honors and Respects; but that notwithstanding it was believed, the Matter concerning the Regality would not be easily adjudged: the Pope being very positive on his side. We are told that the King intends to have a very good Fleet of men of War in the *Mediterranean* next Summer; that the *Sieur du Quefne* will Command it, and that in order thereunto, he is in few days expected at Court.

Plymouth, Jan. 11. Here are now in Port, His Majesties Ships the *Swallow*, Capt. *Fowler*, Commanders the *Guernsey*, Capt. *Tenner*, and the *Pearl*, Captain *Williams*, who came from cruising, to victual, and when that's done, will return to their station.

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, have Money in Bank to pay to Number 577 inclusive, of the Orders Registered on the Second Act for Disbanding the Army.

Advertisements.

Lost yesterday morning about eleven a clock, out of *St. James's Park*, a Shaniel Dog of His Majesties, most White, and the rest Black, having a black spot upon his Rump, both his Ears black, his Tail some time since shorn, and the Hair somewhat curled. Whoever gives notice of the said Dog to Mr. *C. Smith* at his Lodging in *Whitechapel*, shall be well rewarded.

Stolen the 11th Instant out of a Stable of Mr. *James Brand*, in *St. Peters* Parish in the Town of *Bedford*, two Geldings, one a brown Bay near 8 years old, 14 hands high, well shaped, his Mane shorn half way, and almost grown again, bob-tail, a blaze on his face, a slip down his Nose, and all his Paces. The other a young one, three years old, near 15 hands high, of a darkish colour, which will be an Iron-Grey, grizzled about the Face, bob Tail, one white Foot behind, a little swelling on his farther knee before, Trots all; Whosoever gives notice of them, either to the aforesaid Mr. *Brand*, or to Mr. *Richard Smith* at the Gate upon *Snow-hill* shall have 40 s. reward.

Stolen on Tuesday the 11th Instant from the *Ros-Buck*, a Cooks Shop in *Bartholomew-lane*, near the *Royal Exchange*; a Silver Tankard with this Inscription engraven in an Oval, Job Sargeant at the corner of *St. Bartholomew's lane*; with two Bucks embossed thereon. A tall black Man with short Hair, somewhat grizzled, is suspected to have stolen it. Whoever gives notice either of Man or Tankard to Mr. *Sargeant* aforesaid, shall have 10 s. reward.

Taken away from a Gentleman on the 14th Instant, near *Registon*, a Gray Mare, about 14 hands high, near 7 years old, Trots and Gallops, dappled most about her Buttocks and Ribs, Lop-eared, short cut Tail, something foul-headed, with a thin Mane. Whoever gives notice of the said Mare to *Philip Brown* at the *Spread-Eagle Inn* in *Grace-Cowich street*, or to *Andrew Borne Smith* of *Levingham* in *Suffolk*, shall have 20 s. reward.