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Genova, Jan. 21.

**H**ere is arrived the Assistance, Sir Robert Robinson Commander, in twelve days from Majorca (whither he Convoied three small English Vessels) in his company came the *Sarab* from Ireland, the *Merchants Adventure* from London, and the *Henrietta*; as also three French Ships bound for *Marseilles*; they give us an account, that on the first Instant they met, off of *Majorca*, two English Frigats and a Fireship who the day before had taken the *Golden Lyon* of *Argiers*, of 24 Guns and 200 Men, the Algerines were four in company, but the other three it seems escaped. Here is arrived from *Legborne* the *Anne*, the *Palestine*, and the *Dublin Pink*, who intend to go hence under the Convoy of Sir Robert Robinson.

*Brussels*, Feb. 6. Every day brings us fresh accounts of the great Damages cauted by the late Floods. The breach in the Dyke upon the *Schelde*, between *Willbrooke* and *Fort Margaret* is so great, that they know not which way to set about the repairing of it; the Current not being stronger in the River than in the Breach, which is about 30 yards wide, and enlarges daily. The Counts of *Oriel*, *Rupplemond*, *Groesbeck*, *Bornhem*, the Marquis *Wargny*, and Duke of *Bournoville*, have all their Estates in those parts under Water. It is much feared that the Dyke between the great and little *Willbrooke* upon the Canal will break; to prevent which, many hauds are at work. The Prince of *Parma* has sent several Enginiers with a good sum of Money to *Ostend*, to repair the Fortifications there. We have an account from thence of the arrival of 200 Irish Recruits. From *Liege* they write, that the French in pursuance of a Decree of the Chamber of *Metz*, are going to possess themselves of the Abby and Principality of *Stavelo*, lying between *Luxemburg* and *Limburg* and containing about 300 Villages.

*Brussels*, Feb. 10. Here is much discourse of a sudden change in this Government, some speak of the Duke of *Lorraine*, some of the Duke of *Neuburg*, and others of the Queen Mother of *Spain*, and that the Marquis de *Grana* is to have the chief Administration of Affairs under her, with the Title of Governor of Arms; what Truth there is in any of these Reports, time must inform us. Our last Spanish Letters gave us an Account, that the great preparations were making for the defence of *Conterabia*, and that Don *Gabriel de Carilla* was sent to Command there, upon the Advice they had received at *Madrid*, that the French Troops on that side did increase daily. The Prince de *Barbançon*, Governor of *Namur*, is come hither to give his Highness an Account of the condition of that Garrison. From *Lille* we are told, that Monsieur de *Sourd* is, with most of the Officers of the *Gen's d'Arms* have leave to return to *Paris*, and that the Marschal d' *Humières* intended to go thither himself about *Mid-Lent*.

*Rotterdam*, Feb. 13. It is generally said, that the Damages sustained by the late Floods, amount to

many Millions; and that near 20000 persons have been drowned. It is doubted whether the Island of *Tertolen* will ever be recovered, for the charge of the work will much exceed the advantage of it.

*Hague*, Feb. 13. The sad accounts we receive every day of the Losses sustained by the late Inundations, and of the lamentable condition of those that remain alive (for it is almost incredible what numbers are said to be drowned) in the Countreys that have fallen under this calamity, cannot be contained in a Letter; it will suffice to tell you in general, that the Damages are beyond a computation, and the misery of the poor Country People inexpressible. The care at present is to repair the Dykes, and to recover the Lands that are under Water, a Matter which the States have now before them, in order to the giving it all the Assistance and furtherance they can. The States of *Holland* met again the 11th Instant, and his Highness the Prince of *Orange* came to Town the day before. The Pensioner *Fagel* is very ill. The Heer *Van Odyke* is gone for *Zealand*.

*Hague*, Feb. 13. The Letters we receive from *France* inform us, That the Heer *Fax Starenberg*, Ambassador of this State at *Paris*, had received an Answer to the Memorial he Presented, to this effect; That his most Christian Majesties intentions are, Religiously to observe the Peace of *Nimeguen*, but that the Crown of *Spain* refusing to yield to him *Alost*, and other places in *Flanders* belonging to him, in pursuance of the said Peace of *Nimeguen*, he had caused his Troops to block up the City of *Luxemburg*, whereby to induce the Spaniards to give him satisfaction, which when they shall have done, either by yielding to his Majesty the said Places, or by giving him an Equivalent, his Majesty will remove his Troops from before *Luxemburg*.

*Paris*, Feb. 14. The 9th Instant the Deputies of the Clergy waited upon the King in a Body at *St. Germain*, the Archbishop of *Paris*, their President, spoke for them, and returned the King their Thanks for his Zeal and Care of the Church; and then presented to His Majesty an Act, containing the consent of the Assembly to the Extension of the Regale, pursuant to the Kings late Declarations, and at the same time put into his Majesties hands a Copy of the said Act; as also a Copy of the Edict concerning the usage of the Regale; and a Letter written on this Subject by the Assembly to the Pope, which they prayed his Majesty would cause his Ambassador at *Rome*, to present to the Pope. The 10th Instant the *Morocco* Ambassador that is here, had his Audience of Leave in order to his return home. The Blockade of *Luxemburg* does not only continue, but we are informed, that the French Troops have built several Redoubts, the more to strighten it.

*Whitehal*, Feb. 7. This day the following Declaration of the Grand Jury for the City and County of *Exon*, was Presented to His Majesty, who was pleased to express His Gracious Acquittance thereof, and the satisfaction His Majesty has in these repeated Testimonies of the Loyal Affection of that City

At the Adjournment of the General Sessions of the Peace, holden for the City and County of Exon, the second day of February, in the fourth and thirtieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Anno Dom. 1681.

**W**Et the Grand Jury, sworn to Inquire, &c. for the City and County of Exon, being desirous to express our Loyalty, Duty, and hearty affection to His Sacred Majesty, (in these times of danger, when so many ways and methods are secretly plotted and contrived against Him and His Government) As also our Thankfulness for that Peace and Plenty, which by Gods good Providence we enjoy under His Meek, Just, and Peaceable Government; and calling to mind those dreadful confusions which covered the face of this Land in the late horrid Rebellion; Do hereby Declare, That we do detest and abhor all Covenants, Confederacies, and Affociations, under what pretences, or upon what accounts so ever, that are, or shall be contrived, or entered into by any sort of persons against the Laws of His Majesties established Government, either in Church or State; more especially, that Traiterous and unparalell'd Association, lately discover'd in the Proceedings against the Earl of Shaftesbury: and that we will Defend His Majesty, and His lawful Heirs and Successors, with our Lives and Fortunes against all such Covenants and Affociations.

And further, for the better preservation of our Peace both in Church and State (a Blessing highly to be esteemed and valued by us:) We heartily desire this Honourable Bench, That the Laws against a Popish and Phana-tick Dissenters, especially against such as Preach, and lead them into Error and Sedition, within the Precincts of this City and County, may be put into a vigorous and impartial execution; and the rather, because it is notoriously evident, that divers persons, who have been followed and admired by the seduced People, as famous Preachers in unlawful Conventicles, have at last been discovered to be known Jesuits and Emissaries of the Church of Rome; so that we cannot be secure and safe against the one, without suppressing the other, which in our opinion may be best effected, by putting those wholesome Laws in execution, which the wisdom of former Parliaments hath provided against both.

And Lastly, His Majesty having been Graciously pleased so often to repeat His Will and Pleasure to support and maintain the true Reformed Protestant Religion, as now established by Law; His Resolution (as he shall see occasion) to call frequent Parliaments, and to Govern according to the known Laws of the Land; we are bound in Duty to rest satisfied with those His Gracious Resolutions; to Bless God for setting so Good, Just, and Gracious a Prince over us; To pray for His long Life and Reign in these His Dominions, to obey His Commands, and to assist him whensoever he shall have occasion of our Service.

We the Mayor, Aldermen, &c. do return our real Thanks to the Grand Jury for this their Loyal Declaration; and do heartily concur with them therein; and do desire the Right Honourable Mr. Seymour, the Recorder of this City, that he would be pleased humbly to acquaint His Majesty with this our Loyal, Hearty, and Dutiful Resolution.

Plymouth, Feb. 3. Yesterday in the Afternoon sailed from hence His Majesties Ship the Sweepstake, bound for Jamaica; having on board Sir Thomas Lynch, Governor in chief of that Island, the wind fair at N. E.

Whitehal, Feb. 3. His Majesty was pleased this day

to confer the Honor of Knighthood upon Richard Basset of Beaupre in Glamorganshire, Esq;

Whitehal, Feb. 6. On Tuesday last Sir Peter Wyche, His Majesties late Resident at Hamburg, kissed His Majesties Hand upon his return home, and was very Graciously received by His Majesty. And this day a Committee of the Company of the Merchants-Adventurers waited upon Sir Peter, to give him the Thanks of the Company for the good Services he had rendered them during that his Residence.

By the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London.

Whereas an Indignity hath lately been offered to the Picture of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, in the Guild-Hall of the said City, which cannot be understood otherwise then an effect of Malice against his Person; The Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the said City, out of a just and due regard to the Honour of his Royal Highness, and their deep Resentment of that Insolent and Villanous Act (to be abhorred by every Good and Loyal Subject) and being greatly concerned, and desirous to find out the Author thereof, do unanimously Publish and Declare, That if any Person or Persons know of, or can discover the Person who committed that Fact; the said Lord Mayor and Aldermen will not only kindly Receive, and Acknowledge his or their Discovery, as a most acceptable Service to the said City, but the Person or Persons that shall make the said Discovery, either to the Lord Mayor or the said Court, so as the Person be Apprehended and Convicted thereof, he or they shall thereupon receive a Reward of Five hundred pounds. Dated this 27th day of January, in the 33 year of His Majesties Reign.

WAGSTAFFE.

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Whereas Edward Bond of Sirs A. Minlintony of Bedford, was Robbed the second day of August upon Lutterworth in the County of Leicestershire, of his Horse and other things to the value 80 or 90 l. The said Horse being of a Sorrel Colour no white about him, except on Saddle spot, about 14 hands high, a Brand on his chest Shire, and on his further Shoulder a Star having a florid Red Nail. Whoever gives notice of him at the County of Bedford, shall be well rewarded.