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Bristol, January 9.

Here is arrived from *Guiney* round by the *Barbado's* a small Vessel, Captain *Green* Commander, upon the account of the Royal Company, who was one of the 13 Vessels, which set sail in Company from the *Barbado's* in *October*, whereof one unhappily foundred, and another by an accident of fire in her Gun-room was burnt: the fire is said to have been occasioned by the Captains rumaging for Cables and other Tackle, which he furnished out of great charity to a Spanish Vessel, whom, it seems, he met much distressed, and in want of those conveniences. He reports, that a little before his departure from *Barbado's*, there had arrived in the Bay two Privateers of *Jamaica*, who reported that the Governour of *Jamaica* had succeeded in his attempt upon the Dutch in *Carasaw*, but of this we are to expect farther confirmation; onely he assures, that my Lord *Walsoughby* upon farther communication had by a sloop, with those two Men of War joyned to them, four or five other Vessels well provided, and had sent them out upon some considerable design against His Majesties Enemies in those parts, of which, we may expect to here more hereafter. After the loss of those two ships, the remaining eleven kept together four or five daies, till separated by a fogge, they parted company, and that hapned to one part of them, which we heard some days agoe by a Vessel arrived at *Dartmouth*, and of the other he is able to say nothing.

Marseilles, Jan. 5. This day the Count *de Vivon*, General of the Gallies, and Monsieur *de Beaufort*, went for *Paris*. All possible diligence is used to set forth eight ships, for which purpose an Officer was sent to procure Caulkers; though indeed, could the ships be made ready, there would be a shrewd want of men; All those that came along with the Fleet are pretty well secured, not a man of them being suffered to come ashore, and the rest are to be made up of such Strangers, as the little Emessaries can debauch into their service; to give them their due, they are not backward, at least to promise extraordinary wages, and some they find, who for subsistance accept of their fallery. The ships of *St. Malo* are lading, and in few days intend for *Toulon*, as the place of Rendezvous; but being not yet certain of any Men of War for their Convoy, they are in a sad fright lest they should meet the English, from whom by their own measure, they can expect no great kindness. The three last ships that were taken from the Turkes, are sitting forth, two Gallies and two Gallions building, which, if matters succeed as they have design'd them, will make the naval power of France about 20 ships against the next Spring.

Stockholm, Dec. 23. The Queen Regent, after some days distemper, is found to be sick of the small pocks; but the disease, if we may believe her Physicians, is so favourable as will not endanger her life; this is the ninth day, and her Majesty has been better both now and yesterday than formerly. That which gives greater apprehensions, is, that this disease is observed to have been fatal to her family, three Sisters, as it seems, having dyed of it. They are dispatching from this Court in few days, the *Sieur Balbiski*, who was formerly employed in *Poland* to *Vienna*, what will be his errand, is not certainly known, but it is said to be about the affairs of *Bremen*. The sickness, as is said, begins to rage at *Gottenburgh*.

Copenhagen, Jan. 2. However the Swedes design may be to dispose their Army, this Kingdom is so sensible of their late sufferings, as to provide for their own security, and to this purpose they levy 8000 Men to be sent to the Frontiers of *Holstein* to observe their motion. Two ships from *Holland* laden with peice goods and spices are arrived at *Norway*; Five Dutch ships, one of them from *Smyrna*, are come to *Bergen*.

where the King, they say has caused an arrest to be laid on them, the meaning of which a small time will discover.

Hamburg, Jan. 5. As soon as the Holy-dayes are over, the Swedes are resolved to pass with their Artillery and 1500 Foot over *Damgert*, whilst the rest of their Army shall march by the way of *Mecklenburgh*: The stories about *Bremen* run with a great deal of uncertainty, every one almost framing his discourse by his passion. The Letters from *Wolgast* tell us, that the Deputies of the City of *Bremen* have had Audience of his Excellency, the Lord General *Wrangel*, and that they have submitted to take the Oath of Allegiance, as it was agreed by *Charles Gustavus*, late King of Sweden; and withal desired the Lord General, to take their City and Territory into his protection, which he has promised them; but this is more then most believe. Certain it is, should the City make opposition, they would finde themselves much distressed, and happily disappointed of the supplies they promised themselves from their Neighbours, especially in this busse conjuncture of affairs, when every Prince looks upon it to be his own concern, to have, at least, such a competent force neer himself, as to be able to stand upon his own Guard.

Weyssel, Jan. 13. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* has given Order for severall Levies, both of Horse and Foot, which the Dutch look upon as boding no good to them, especially, being made at that nick of time, wherein there seems to be no good correspondence betwixt them, in regard the Treaty that continued so long in hand, is little better then broken off, and the States have given no satisfactory answer to the complaints the Elector has made by his Minister, on behalf of his Subjects, who are charged much beyond their proportion, with the quartering of their Forces.

Genoua, Dec. 29. At present here is not so much as one Ship in Port: *Centurioni's* Squadron, and this States Convoy are expected here from *Cadix* the next moneth. Our Letters from *Venice* tell us, Several Consultations are held about the choosing of a fit Person to succeed *Cav. Querini*, Ambassador at *Rome*, he being already pitch'd upon to go Ambassador Extraordinary for *Spain*.

Hague, Jan. 13. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* is every day more and more distastd at the States, to see them dispose of his Towns in *Cleve*, under his very nose, without making the least Apology for the procedure, rendring them by that means not onely parties, but even the seat of the War in a great measure.

How serious soever the Emperor is in his Mediation betwixt us and the Bishop, its plain, he trusts not to it, but begins to arm; and till he see his Neighbours more quiet, its very likely he will not suffer the Bishops Forces to be waisted, for the Interest he may have in that strength to ballence the attempts of some of his Neighbours. The Elector of *Brandenburgh*, as he indeed hath the same Concern, so we begin to finde he is of the same resolution.

Since the return of our Ambassador, the *Sieur Van Goch*, and the fair account he hath given here of the great preparations and cheerfulness in *England*, to carry on this War, in which he hath much disabused the generality from the belief they had been industriously corrupted into, of the divisions, wants and backwardness of the People in *England* to prosecute this Quarrel. We begin to reflect on our condition, and every one easily concludes what ought next to be done: But our dependance on *France* hath so fettered us, that in plain truth we dare not move toward a Treaty, farther then they will give us leave, though all our happiness doth evidently depend on it. However, the States of *Holland* are shortly to meet, whether to think on this point (as is generally wish'd they would) or to advance the Treaty with *Denmark*,
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