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Falmouth, Jan. 10.

**T** Here were lately found about *Penzance*, two Balls of Shewmake, and some tackling, which are ghueft to be parts of a wreck of a Ship come from *Lisbon*.  
*Dover*, Jan. 11. Yesterday a ship bound from *Holland* to *France*, was brought in hither; in which are some Silks, &c. Last night Monsieur *de Maes*, late Agent for the French Merchants and Traders, set sail in a Shallop for *Newport*.

*Paris*, Jan. 16. The Deputies of the Clergy are very urgent with the King to disannul the Decree of the *Chambre des Grandes Fours* against the Prelates of *Auvergne*, and to that purpose have proposed two ways how His Majesty may do it; but it is not yet found that the King will hearken to either of them.

The Dutch are much troubled to see *de Ruyter* and *de Wit* draw two ways; the former would have the sole command of the Naval Forces as Admiral; the other would have always Commissioners to oversee the Fleet, who should have votes in the Council of War, and represent the Body of the States General. Were the Fleet in a readines, this heat might break into a flame, but in the Posture it stands, there is time enough to cool; for the scarcity of provisions, and want of money, hath been so great among them, that it is said, some of the great *Hogens* have been forced already to melt down their Plate to raise money for the Soldiers.

The Chevalier *de Clermont* passing over *Pont*, about 9 or 10 a clock, met with Monsieur *de la Feuille* in his Coach, whom he provoked to draw his Sword; and after two or three passes, and a wound received in his body, was parted. The Count *de la Feuille* went to the Court to report to His Majesty what had pass, presenting him the broken Sword, which he had taken from the Chevalier *Clermont*, with an account of the provocation received; with which it is said, the King rested well satisfied, and acquitted him of that part he had in it. The Count *de Clermont* absents himself upon the matter.

The King makes frequent visits to the Queen Mother, expressing great sorrow for her indisposition; which every day increases much upon her.

*Hague*, Jan. 12. The people are not at all satisfied with Prince *Maurice's* managery of the War, who with 18000 men hath done nothing considerable. The Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, and Major of the Sea-Regiments, are each to command a Man of War. Those whom the States have employed to treat with *Denmark* and *Brandenburgh*, finde themselves much mistaken, and that now they thought the Treaty as good as concluded, we are told it is as far off as ever. The ill carriage of their Statesmen have given the Ministers occasion to deliver their opinions in the Pulpit, which relishes so ill, that one is secured for it at *Delft*, and the rest are muzzled by a *Placet*; that they shall not open about States matter for the future.

*Brussels*, Jan. 12. The report of this Town is, that the Prince of *Munster's* Troops have given a very considerable defeat to the Dutch about *Groningen*, having intercepted a considerable Convoy under the Guard of 4 or 500 Men, which was designed for *Coevorden*, by which that place is likely to be much streightned; but in regard no Letters are yet come from *Munster*, little credit is given to it. The Prince wants neither strength nor courage, and his supplies are so considerable, as to put him in a capacity to resist the force the States can make against him.

*Hague*, Jan. 15. The noise of the Duke of *Brumswicks* Mediation is stopt with the *Lunenburgs* forces march; and the discourse runs now of the Duke of *Newburghs* levies, and the Elector of *Mentz* being in readines, as is said, to assist the Bishop of *Munster*. *Van Gsch*, and Monsieur *Cunens*,

are safely arrived; and yet Mr. *Oudart*, Mr. *Gringim*, and Mr. *Corney*, are still kept prisoners.

*Cleve*, Decemb. 31. There is to be a meeting betwixt the Bishop of *Colen*, this Elector, and that of *Mentz*, the Duke of *Newburgh*, and the Bishop of *Munster*, concerning the affairs of the Circuit of *Westphalia*, which it is thought may give some jealousy to *France*. Monsieur *de Moulins*, the French Envoy, hath neither complemented the Imperial nor English Ministers, who are observed to hold a good understanding with each other; and by that, some will adventure to give a ghueft at the Friendship of their Masters, Monsieur *de Moulins* errand, it seems, is little more then bringing a Letter, and the main business is left to Monsieur *de Esirades* who is suddenly expected here, though some conceive the French might have found out a person more acceptable to the Elector, by reason of a dispute between his Highness and *de Esirades*, about giving the right hand in his own house; concerning which, it is said, there pass some words betwixt *de Moulins*, and the Baron *Saxerin*.

*Paris*, Jan. 16. The Duke of *Chaulnes* hath spent some time in the preparation for his Embassy for *Rome*, and yet now it begins to be a question, Whether he shall be employed upon that Negotiation, in regard here are some strange apprehensions of his Holiness, who, it seems, hath permitted some part of the Pyramid erected against the *Corfes*, to be broken down, without calling the Actors in it to an account. The Ambassador from *Venice* is to make his entrance to morrow into *Paris*. The Court talks here of a Peace between *Spain* and *Portugal*, but the people are ill at ease in expectation of what will be the issue betwixt us and *England*, as that which doth much more concern their Commerce.

*Vienna*, Jan. 6. The French Envoy, Monsieur *Gramonville* hath instructions to own himself by whatever Title the King of *England*, or the King of *Spain's* Minister, shall appear in that Court.

Count *Peter Serini* hath, by an Express, given notice to the Court, That the Bassa of *Canissa* is repairing an old Castle beyond the Turkish Borders, with an intent to garison it, and force the Countrey to Contribution; upon which, his Imperial Majesty ordered him to put a stop to it, and directed the Count *Montecuculi*, Governor of *Raab*, to give notice to the Vizier at *Offens*, to issue forth his Orders to the said Bassa to desist from that undertaking, and take care that no encroachments be made upon any of the Emperors Territories. The contest betwixt Count *Peter Serini*, and the Relict of Count *Nicholas*, is happily reconciled by the Commissioners the Emperor appointed for that purpose, to the satisfaction of both parties; he shewing himself very handsomly to that occasion, in a free and voluntary surrender of such places as were conceived of right to belong to her, or her son, as the Heir of his Brother. The Emperors Exchequer is now very buisie, in paying off the Ransom for the Dukedoms of *Ratibor* and *Oppelen*.

*Rome*, Jan. 6. This whole Court is very much pleased at the Election of the Cardinal *d'Arragon*, for the Government of *Naples*, whom they conceive a very fit person for his parts, that justly qualifie him for that employment, and as one that will be a good friend, having hitherto kept a very strict correspondency with them. His Holiness hath been observed to take a very particular satisfaction in his Conferences with him, spending more time then is usual upon the like occasions, and making particular enquiry of the health and hopes of the young King of *Spain*. The time of his departure hence, is not fixed, in regard he hath not yet performed all the solemnities for his late deceased Master; nor is it thought he will move hence, till another Ambassador come

to take his place. Others would have it, that at the first occasion of his stay, is to be consecrated Bishop by the Popes own hand, in order to the Archbishopsrick of *Toledo*, in which there is not a want of Precedent, as well of Pope *Clement* the Eighth, as Pope *Innocent* the Tenth.

*Legorn, Jan. 2.* The French are making out all their Force in *Provence*, and all other Ports, that they may look like something at Sea. 'Tis discours'd, That eight French Men of War are at *Cadix*, and four at *Lisbon*. 'Tis talk'd, the French, as well as Dutch, are very fearful of a good Squadron of English Ships coming into these Seas, and accordingly look out to avoid them; but if they shall come too late to finde their Men of War, they will however be timely enough to secure the four English Merchants Ships from *Smyrna*, and disappoint the French and Dutch, who had threatned never to quit these Seas, whilst the English wait their passage through them. Several French Ships are in Port here; one of 42 Guns, and 150 Men, bound for *Cadix*; two for *Lisbon*, each of 36 Guns, and 10 Mur'ers, besides several smaller Ships; two of which are bound for *Smyrna*, and may depart next Week. 'Tis said, the Great Duke will send four Florentine Gentleman hither, to treat with the Merchants about the maintenance of the Ports, in regard both the Sicknes in *England*, and their War with *Holland*, is a very great hindrance to the Trade; so that the Points insisted on, will be about the Custom-house, and the *Lazaretto*.

*Genova, Jan. 6.* 'Tis said the Prince of *Monaco* is about to make, if already he hath not made sale of *Monaco*, to the French King, which lying between the Dominions of this State and the Duke of *Savoy*, would give a just jealousy and disgust to both of them; the Duke of *Savoy* is already so sensible of it, that he will in few dayes be down at *Nizza*. *Signor Gio Luca Durazzo* is at *Milan*, treating with that Governor for *Finale*, and about the reception of the Empress. *Signor Gio Agostino Durazzo*, Brother to the said *Gio Luca*, hath at *Constantinople*, adjusted a Trade from hence to the Grand Signors Dominions.

*Hague, Jan. 15.* This Evening a Conference is appointed with the Principal Commanders, concerning the setting on foot some Body of them to keep the Field, and deliver the poor Country from the ravages of the Bishops Forces, who have strangely wasted the Provinces of the *Drente*; and as fresh News is now brought, have cut off two or three Companies of *Friesland*. It was therefore, upon the report of a Conference made Yesterday, resolved, That for the better security of the Frontiers Provinces, towards the Bishops side, these Commanders shall be appointed, viz. In *Gueldres*, Colonel *Walleren*; in *Over-Yssel*, the *C. de Strum*; and in *Groningen*, Colonel *Broersma*, who shall have the care and direction of the safety of these Provinces more particularly committed to them. Several of the chief Commanders of the Army are summoned hither, to assist at the Councils in this conjuncture; but its said, That the *Rhinegrave* is left out of the number; notice, it seems, having been taken by those that govern among us of the disgust he quitted the Field in.

*Holland* hath propos'd, That in the next Campagne the number of Deputies shall not be so great, onely two or three of the States, and one or two of the Council of State; it having been observed in the last Expedition, That this Body having had none of its Members joynd in that Deputation, did on several occasions expressly traverse, or at least retard things very much. The matter is at last, as is said, brought to the point, that 11000 Men are ordered to be sent into the Field under Prince *Maurice*: in order to which, a Petition is to be framed by the Council of State for 800 M. Francks, to defray the expences of the Service; but when or whence that can come, is not seen.

How money shall be levied, is now the grand point, the Council of State, and the Receiver-Generals, having been in a Body before the Council, with a serious complaint, That the Provinces do not furnish the monies they are taxed for the expences of the War at Land and Sea; and those of *East-Friesland* have been so much harrassed, that the Duke of *Wurtemberg* has interpos'd his Mediation on their behalf.

The *Señor Leovring* has been request'd to pass to *Cleve* in the name of the States to renew that Negotiation. Those of *Ulrecht* would have had *Amerongen* joynd in Commission with him, but the other Provinces permit to have him single, though it is said, that being called into the Assembly of the States General, he hath excus'd himself from the employment, alledging principally the little knowledge he had of that matter.

This morning it is said, the Terms of the Treaty with the Minister of *Denmark* are adjusted, upon which we differ'd. If so, a few days will give us the certainty with the particulars.

Its certainly confirm'd from *Christiana*, that the Vice-Roy, the *Sieur of Guldenclev*, hath made an arrest of the two *East-India* ships that were criven in thither, having caused the sailes and rigging to be taken off, and their men discharged.

*Groningen, Jan. 16.* This Garrison was this Day recruit'd with fresh Supplies: and another Company is sent into *Bortagne* to prevent the worst, and three to *Coeverden*. Those of the Fort *Ter Wedde*, are at last said to come to a pauley, but their conditions are so insolent, as favour rather of an abuse, than of an intention to surrender; for they require Horse of us to carry off their Ordnance to *Meppen*, and Carts to carry away their sick Men; to go with Colours flying, Drums bearing, Bullets in Mouth, and all other Advantages that ever were required by any Persons beleaguered. The Enemy gathered about *Meppen*, and Frost-nailed their Horses to ensure the Weather, but the Design is broke with the Weather.

*Hague, Jan. 18.* The *Rhinegrave* is of his own accord come hither, and presses (as Prince *Maurice* also does) to justify himself: To which it is answer'd, that none accuses them. But that satisfies not, so as *de Puffen* and *Cronman* have to pacify them, given them a Copy of the Report made here, which is said, contains a simple Narrarive, of what pass'd in the Campagne, and more especially at the deliberation held concerning the besieging of *Borkholt*. Upon which it is given out, that the Prince remains well satisfied, at least, it is well assembled, he having visited each of the Deputies apart, and particularly *de Puffen* who made the report.

*Dover, Jan. 12.* There is news come in fresh this morning, that there are 12 Men of War out of *Zeland* now before *Ostend*, who expect more from the *Texel* to join with them. Their design is not yet known, but it is said they are commanded by *Bankers* and *Everfson*. His Majesties Fregots, the *Success* and *Norwich* are cruising in the Narrow.

*Hull, Jan. 12.* We are advis'd that on Monday last there were seen of *Whitby*, 8 *Holland* Men of War with a *Galliot*, but we heare not of any harme they have done.

*Deale, Jan. 14.* The *Foreland* Men, viz. The *Colliers* of *Sandwich*, and the several Ports of *Thanet*, stay in expectation of Convoy. About 4 this afternoon, the *Success*, *Little Mary*, and a *Ketch*, came in with 5 small Vessels laden with Timber from *Rye* for His Majesties use, the two latter having convoy'd them over the Flatts.

*Isle of Wight, Jan. 13.* The same Fregot, in which Captain *Green* was lately slain in fight, with the French *East-India* Man, being willing to spend her Victuals at Sea, brought into *Poole*, a Vessel pretending to be French, laden with Herrings. One Captain *Bawding* in a small Sloop has brought into this Port another, coming elsewhere, laden with Wine and Brandy.

*Oxford, Jan. 17.* Our Letters from *Paris* of the 10th, brings us the News of the Death of the Queen Mother of *France*, *Anne of Austria*, Sister to the late *Philip* the Fourth of *Spain*, who after great and languishing pains from a Cancer in her Breast, dyed there that Morning, to the infinite regret of that whole Kingdom, who owes so much to the wise and Prudent Conduct of that Excellent Princess, for many and troublesome Years, in which she govern'd Affairs there, during the Minority of her Son the present King.

The Account of the weekly Bill runs thus, Total 375. Plague 158. Increased 110.