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Plymouth, Decemb. 31.

THis Day the *Marigold* of *Dartmouth* arriving here from *Lisbon*, informs us that on the 7th. instant, about 9 of the Clock in Evening, the *Marquês de Sande* returning from the Court in his Litter, accompanied by *Dom. Francisco de Lima*, his Neighbour, was in passing through the *Ruffio*, over against *St. Dominicks Church*, set upon by seven or eight Horlemen, who waiting his return under the Arches, pierced the back end of the Litter with their swords, and gave the *Marquês* five or six mortal wounds; with which he suddenly expired, having time only to cry out *Jesús, Confession!* which *Dom Francisco* perceiving, immediately leaped out of the Litter, receiving only one blow upon the Hilt of his Sword: The Assassinate presently fled, but we & some of them discovered by the Littermen, though in the dark, to belong to *Don Joanne de Castro*, to whose house they were by the *Infante's* Order pursued, and half a dozen of his servants apprehended, who upon torture confessed the fact. *Don Joanne*, with the *Condé de Mesquitella*, both of them upon a private difference thought to have been equally concerned in the Assassinate, escaping the search, are since fled; but much diligence is used for their apprehension.

They farther inform us that the second instant, the King declared under his hand, that he had not consummated marriage with the Queen, swearing it upon the Holy Evangelists; so that 'tis believed they will suddenly proceed to declare the nullity of that marriage.

The 13th. instant, the French Squadron under the Command of *Monfieur D' Almeras* fell down the River of *Lisbon*, in Order to their Voyage for the *Sreights*.

Weymouth, Jan. 1. The 29th past came into *Portland Road* a large Dutch Ship of 700 Tuns, bound for the *East Indies*, she put out from *Holland* three dayes before, and after one nights stay in that Road, set sail the 31th in pursuance of her Voyage.

Tarmouth, Jan. 1. The last night and this morning, near thirty sail of laden Colliers came into this Road from the Northwards, about twelve sail more with the same lading, are also put out of this Haven, all of them intended for *London*, and are now at Anchor before the Town.

Yesterday a laden Collier of 300 Tuns, ran upon the *Cockle*, a sand near two miles Northwards of this place, and with much difficulty got off again, but proves so leaky by this accident, that she is forced to crave assistance to conduct her into *Harwich*.

Portsmouth, Jan. 2. On Tuesday in the afternoon the *Saphyre* and *Mermaid* put to sea from *Spitthead*, intended Convoys to some Merchants for the *Sreights*; but the weather having not since proved favourable, we suppose them to be put to the Leeward.

Madrid, Dec. 24. We are here busie in our preparations for carrying on the War this next Spring, and accordingly our Levies advance, 10000 Foot being in short time to be raised, and care taken for advancing Moneys for that service. The intended Loan is not yet finished, but will speedily be concluded upon the arrival of our Gallions.

The Office of Introdutor of Ambassadors, vacant by the decease of *Don Alonzo de Patz*, is conferred on *Don Pedro de Lira*, who attended the Empreſs in her voyage into *Italy*.

We are even now informed, that the Admiral of the Gal-

lions, with one other ship, and one Merchant, were arrived at *Cadix*, and that the rest of the Fleet consisting of 25 sail, were left by them off the *Terceras*, from whom they were separated by storm; that a great mortality has been amongst the Fleet, principally occasioned (as they conceive) by their too long stay in *Porto bello*.

Letters of the 13th instant from *Malaga*, tell us that by an English vessel arriving there from *Tetuan*, they are informed that *Taffalatte* has been lately successful in the Province of *Trimarino*, having taken *Trimarinc*, and 5 other considerable Cities, in which were 16000 Souldiers, most of whom he put to the sword, and that he has some intentions of making war upon *Algier*.

Hamburgh, Decemb. 27. The Levies of the two Regiments for the Duke of *Holftein*, are much advanced; but as yet nothing is certainly known touching the Resolution of the *Swedes*, for the employment of their Army, which still keeps in their Old Quarters.

From *Warsaw* we are told that the Tartarian Ambassador in that Court, endeavours to establish a closer League and Union with *Poland*, than that lately concluded with them by the Grand Marshall *Sobiesky*, and the Sultan *Galga*, to which they seem the rather inclined, by reason of the great Inundation of the *Kalmucks* into the *Lesser Tartary*, for the re-establishment of their antient *Cham*. However their Army hath not yet made any considerable haste homewards; having made a stop about *Moldavia*, being as they give out, apprehensive of the *Muscovites* and *Cossacks*, who possess some Posts by which they are to return; but 'tis believed, to be only a colour for their longer stay upon the Confines; they being willing to serve themselves of any pretext, to continue near *Poland*, till their late made Treaty be confirmed by the General Diet, which is to be held the 24th. of *January* next, and accordingly preparations are making as usually for their Assembly.

The *Sieur Orzewski*, Chancellor to the Crown of *Poland* has had a conference with the Deputies of the Greater *Poland*, about the important affairs of that Kindom, and afterwards entertain'd them at an extraordinary Feast, dismissing them with much satisfaction.

From *Vienna* we are told that the recruits for the Imperial Army are one half of them to be raised in the Hereditary Countreys, the other halfe in the other parts of the Empire, the whole expence of them being computed at Ninety thousand Rixdollars, each Souldier listed out of the Hereditary Countreys, to have 8 Rixdollars advance, and the others 12 a piece; that as great care is taken for the Train of Artillery, towards the expence whereof is designed the sum of Two hundred and eighty thousand Guilders; towards the raising of which summes, the several parts of the Empire furnish their proportions.

The Spanish Levies are privately, but yet vigorously carried on in *Vienna*, but in other places the Drums are beaten for Volunteers.

They are somewhat apprehensive lest the Turks may have some design in hand to the prejudice and disturbance of *Hungary*, some numbers of them being drawn together upon the Frontiers.

Paris, Jan. 7. His Majesty has returned the Extraordinary Courier lately sent to him from the Duke de *Chaulnes*, our Ambassador at the Court of *Rome*, and 'tis said has by him sent his final resolutions touching the Conditions of the Peace between this Court and that of *Spain*.