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Whitehall, Decemb. 11.

HIS Majesty having, by His Gracious Declaration of the Fourth Day of April last, granted, A Liberty of Conscience to All His Subjects; And Resolving not only to Maintain the Same, but to use His utmost Endeavours, That it may Pass into a LAW, and become an Established Security to After-Ages, Hath thought fit to Review the Lists of the Deputy Lieutenants, and Justices of the Peace in the several Counties, that those may be Continued, who shall be ready to Contribute what in them lies, towards the Accomplishment of so Good and Necessary a Work; And such others added to them, from whom His Majesty may Reasonably expect the like Concurrence and Assistance.

Moscom, Octob. 22. Lieutenant-General Patricke Gordon being returned from the Campagne, the Czar past, was brought to kiss the Czar's Hands the 9th, who received him with many Expressions of Kindness, and preferred him to one of the Generals, telling him, That he must not think of going out of the Countrey as long as the War lasted. The 14th Currant being His Majesty of Great Britain's Birth-day, the said General Solemnized it here, making a great Entertaimment for all his Majesties Subjects.

Castlenovo, Octob. 28. The Pröveditor-General Cornaro being now possess'd of this place, which is of such great Advantage to secure the Trade of the Adriatique, has been sollicitous to enlarge his Conquests; and the Countrey hereabouts being inhabited by Catholicks, who are very sensible of the Oppressions they lie under from the Turks, he has sent many encouraging Messages to them to invite them to embrace a Liberty offered, and to shake off the Ottoman Yoak, which have had that good effect upon them, that notwithstanding they were curb'd by the Bassa's of *Bassina* and *Arcegovina*, and threatned by the Zangiac of *Scutari*, that if he found them wavering in their Obedience, they had nothing to expect but utter extermination; they were resolved to break through all Difficulties, and sent to the General for the Assistance of some Troops to enable them to procure their Freedom: The People concerned in this design were those of *Niscicbi*, *Drobinatss*, and the *Bagnanis*; some of which lie about 3 days Journey from hence, and some nearer: His Excellency, who would not be wanting to so favourable an opportunity, drew out 1000 select Men of the Countrey of *Cattaro*, joining to them 1000 more from the Gallots, with 500 Montenegians, who marched on the 19th Instant under the Command of the Sieur *Bisilla*, towards *Grabevo*, where they were no sooner arrived, but they were met by 2000 of the said Inhabitants, well clothed and armed, Comanded by 16 Persons of Quality of the Countrey: It was resolved in the first place to attack *Covenicchi*, a Town so situate, as to command all the Coun-

try about it, and lying within 2 days Journey of *Castlenovo*, which is very populous, the Turks inhabiting there in great numbers, and is defended by above 70 Towers; as they were on their march thither, a Slave came and advertised them, That the day before, the Turks having notice of their march, were most fleet with what they could carry away, however they found some still left, who were retired into the Towers, but being too weak to make any great resistance, they were killed or taken, and the Towers set on fire, one after another, with all the Houses adjoining to them, scarce 30 Turks escaping into the Fort of *Clobuch*, where the situation of the place, which is scarce accessible, and the impossibility to reduce them without Cannon, will secure them till their Necessities compel them to surrender: There was a Party sent to pursue those that had fled, who found they had passed the River *Trebussza*, which being swell'd by the late Rains, many of them were drowned in it through fear and haste: They would have pursued their Victory further, by driving the Turks too out of *Trebussza*, but the great Rains had made the ways unpassable; so leaving 500 Cattarines to act in conjunction with the Troops of *Niscicbi*, the rest return'd again hither, where all diligence is used to repair the Damages of the late Siege, and to add such other Works as may be necessary for the defence of the place; and there is no less care taken to bring hither Inhabitants, who arrive daily, being invited, as well by the good Usage they find, as by the Fertility of the Soil; particularly about *Zalzi*, at half a days Journey from hence, which the Turks have abandoned; it lies in a Steight commanding the Passes: There are already come to these two places above 2500 Souls.

Venice, Nov mb. 28. Here arrives daily Ships belonging to Captain General *Morosini's* Fleet, which he hath discharged; they have brought back several Persons of Quality, who are full of the Praises of *Athens*, extolling the fruitfulness of the Soil, the clearness of the Air, the good dispositions of the Inhabitants; the many Rarities and Antiquities that were now to be seen there, which the ignorance or unconvertible humour of the Turks had kept concealed or unregarded; amongst which were some Remains of those celebrated Statuaries, *Pbidias* and *Praxiteles*, and other great Masters. They report further, that the Captain-General was still there with about 3000 Soldiers, the rest being sent away: That he had begun to build three Forts between the City and Harbour, for the Security of their Communication. That the Serasquier continued about *Thebes* with 5000 Foot and 2000 Horse, who had sent several Parties to disturb them in their Work, but they always returned in lesser numbers. That General *Venier* was sailed further into the *Archipelago* with a Squadron of Ships, but upon what design was not known. That the Turks had a good Force upon the Island of *Negrepont*, and expecting to be attacked next Spring, they were more busie in repairing their Works, and Fortifying, than they used to be. Some of these Ships having touch'd at the *Morca*, bring an account of the good condition all things were in there; and how satisfied the Inhabitants are with the change of their Governors. By a Vessel that parted, about 5 weeks since, from *Cyprus* we understand, that the Disorders still continue, and augment, in that Island; the discontented Par-