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Messina, Dec. 6.

THE *Cloudsly Galley* is arrived here in six days from *Smirna*; And the *Russell Frigate* in 48 hours from *Galipoli*; and they will both sail to morrow for *England*. The first left at *Smirna*, the *Wimbleton Frigate*, bound to *London*, and the *Charles* to *Legborne*.

Legborne, Dec. 19. The 13th instant arrived here a Dutch Ship called the *Porta Bassa*, in 38 days from *Scanderoon*, and 8 from *Messina*. The 14th came in the *Rose Galley* from *Alexandria*; And the 16th the *Beake Galley* from *Newfoundland*; The latter, was, off *Corsica*, Chafed by four French Men of War, but our-failed them; who are since come into this Port in 23 days from *Tunis*, being the same that went lately from *Thoulon* to Convoy several French Merchant Ships as far as the Channel of *Malta*; and having taken in here Provisions and Water, they sailed again last night for *Thoulon*; from whence we hear, That the French are at work in fitting out their Ships, and expect Seamen to Man them from *West-France*.

Turin, Dec. 27. Our Troops quartered about *Pignero* have a very watchful Eye upon the motions of that Garison, who have not ventured to send out any Parties, since the defeat of one of them about 10 days ago. The Officers in the Duke of *Savoy's* Service are called upon to compleat their Recruits.

Venice, Dec. 30. Two days ago arrived here 4 Venetian Men of War from *Napoli di Romania*, (where our Fleet Winters) to be refitted for the Service of the next year. A great Convoy is likewise preparing here for the *Levant*. The Ambassadors of this Republick intend to set out the next month for *England*. The Letters from *Rome* say, 'tis believed the two remaining Vacancies in the Colledge of Cardinals are reserved for *Don Livio Odescalchi*, Nephew to Pope *Innocent XI*, and the Bishop *Pignatelli*. The Advices from *Turkey* tell us, The Grand Signior intends to pass the Winter at *Constantinople*; and that the Turks make what Preparations they can for the next Campagne.

Vienna, Dec. 31. The Emperor has named the Count *de Harrach* to go with the Character of his Envoy Extraordinary to the Elector of *Saxony*, and he parted hence the 29th instant for *Dresden*, to finish the Treaty that was begun while his Electoral Highness was here, about the additional Forces he is to send to the Emperor's Assistance in *Hungary*. Prince *Lewis of Baden* is expected here in few days, and when he arrives, a great Council of War will be held. The King of *Spain* has

given the Order of the *Golden Fleece* to the Elector *Palatin*, and has sent a Gentleman to present the same to his Electoral Highness at *Duseldorp*. The Letters from *Hungary* tell us, That the Imperialists continue to work on the Fortifications of *Tirul*; and that they make likewise several new Works at *Peter Waradin*.

Frankfort, Jan. 8. They write from *Nurcemberg*, That Prince *Lewis of Baden* passed the last week through that place in his Journey towards *Vienna*, where he will make but a short stay, and after that return into these Parts, to dispose Things for an early Campagne on the *Rhine*.

Cologne, January 10. The River *Rhine* which was Frozen some days ago, is now open again, and the Boats pass as before. Levies are making for the Service of the Elector *Palatin*, who has ordered his Officers to have their Troops compleat by the middle of *March*.

Hamburg, Jan. 10. The Commissioners are going to meet to accommodate the Difference between the Duke of *Mecklenburg Swerin*, and the Duke of *Mecklenburg Strelitz*, about the Succession to the Duchy of *Gustraw*. The new Dutches of *Moderia* parted from *Hanover* the 19th of the last month on her Journey towards *Italy*.

Paris, Jan. 9. On the 3d instant, the French King nominated a great many General Officers to serve in his Armies, to wit, 16 Lieutenant Generals, 30 Marechals de Camp, and 65 Brigadiers of Horse and Foot; And on the 6th he made one Lieutenant General, 13 Marechals de Camp, and 3 Brigadiers more. The Marechal *de Villeroy* is to Command again in *Flanders* the next Summer; And the Marechal *de Catinat* in *Piedmont*; But the Marechal *de Lorge's* Indisposition is like to hinder his going any more into the Field. They work very hard to fit out the Fleet at *Toulon*, which is to be Commanded by Monsieur *de Chasseau-Renaut*; And they have sent Seamen from our Ports on the Ocean to man these Ships, which, as 'tis generally said, are to pass the *Streights*. The Poll Tax is to be continued this year, with some new Regulations, which will be published in few days. The Officers in the French Service are ordered to hasten their Recruits, but they get but few Men, but what they take by force.

Brussels, Jan. 11. They write from the Frontiers, That the French have sent Commissaries into the Conquered Countries, who go from Village to Village, and set the King's Mark on all the Horses they find fit for Service, promising the Owners, that they shall be paid for them when they are fetched away. They have also sent Orders