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Plymouth, Dec. 4.

Several Spanish Ships are lately put in here from *Ostend* in their return for *Corunna*; here is also lately come in one Spanish Ship, on which are embarked 500 Soldiers bound for *Ostend*. Yesterday sailed hence 4 or 5 Ships to the Westwards.

Lyme, Dec. 5. The second instant, came in here the *Hart*, a Ship of this place from the *Berbados*, in company for above halfe her passage, with two other Ships intended for *London*, commanded by Captain *Cope* and Captain *Colliers*, whom they suppose also to have made a prosperous voyage; they report that Plantation to be in a thriving condition, and that more then halfe the *Bridge-Town*, formerly destroyed by fire, is again re-built. The same day was put in here by ill weather, a Ship belonging to *Topham* on her return from *Faros*, having been six weeks kept out at sea, and undergone much hardship through want of Provisions.

Madrid, Nov. 14. The Queen Regent has lately ordered the raising of three thousand Horse for the safety of her person, and the security of the peace of the Kingdom, intending to send them to be quartered upon the frontiers of *Africa*, as soon as things can be quietly composed in relation to *Don Juan*. The power of *Taffeleta* being grown of late very considerable, and our Garrison in those parts apprehending least somewhat may be attempted upon them. Father *Nithard*, the Queens Confessor, finding that *Don Juan* has vigorously pressed his retirement from publick affairs, has 'tis said offered the Counsel to give him satisfaction in that particular, to take from him all pretensions on that side, but the Queen has not yet consented to his removal. Since the retirement of *Don Juan* into *Catalonia*, Her Majesty sent the Count *de Castille* to conferre with him, and to invite him to return, and ordered the Duke *d' Ossuna* the Viceroy of *Catalonia* to entertain him with all possible respect due to a Prince of the blood, and to endeavor to give him satisfaction of the Queens good intentions towards him, of which we with impatience expect the effects.

The Prince of *Tuscany* has been entertained by their Majesties in this Court with all possible honour and respect, and complimented by all the great personages about the Court; he has visited the *Buen Retiro*, and taken a view of the considerable places and things about this place, and in few days 'tis believed will depart hence for *Portugal*.

The Marquis *de Castel Rodrigo* upon his arrival here from his Government of the Spanish Netherlands, immediately alighted at the Palace to pay his duty in the first place to their Majesties, by whom he was received with extraordinary marks of kindness and esteem; he has since been frequently present in the Council of State, but of late is retired to his House of pleasure, called *Florida*, about five or six Leagues distant from this place, where he is frequently visited and complimented by the Grands of the Court.

The Queen Regent has been pleased to nominate the Marquis *de Falces* to be sent Ambassadour to His Imperial Majesty, who is accordingly making preparations for his voyage, and may in few days begin his journey towards *Vienna*. The Marquis *de Ma'agon* employed there under the same Character being upon his arrival to return home, Her Majesty being pleased to conferre on him the Viceroyalty of *Gallicia* in the room of the Marquis *d' Avila Fuente*, lately deceased.

The Duke *de Terra Nueva*, being of late grown infirm, and finding himself unable any longer to undergo the charge of Viceroy of *Arragon*, has desired Her Majesties leave to retire, which was accordingly granted him, and the Count *d' Aranda* made choice of to succeed in that employment.

Orders are lately sent to *Cadis*, that all Soldiers and Seamen belonging to our Fleet, shall be immediately sent aboard their respective Ships, where they are to continue till farther order upon pain of death.

Rome, Novemb. 17. The Queen *Christina* of *Swedenland* is in few dayes expected in this City, where more than usual preparation is making for her Reception and Entertainment. The Pope has this day sent ten persons to attend her upon the way about *Castel Nuovo*, 12 miles distant from this place; where they are to complement her in his Name, and to treat her with much Magnificence: where also *Don Camillo* the Popes Brother, with *Don Vincenzo* and *Don Tomaso*, intend to meet her, and to conduct her into this City, where she may be expected on Monday or Tuesday next at the farthest, and the Cardinals *Barbarini* and *Rospigliosi*, ordered to receive her three miles from the Town with a considerable Train of Coaches.

Most of the Cardinals are now returned into the City from their divertisements in the Countrey about *Albani* and *Frescati*, as are also the Cardinals *Flavio* and *Sigismundo Ghigi* from *Siena*. The Spanish Ambassador having about a week since visited the Pope upon his late distemper, from which he is again well recovered, returned after one days stay to *Frescati*; this day is again arrived here, but returns again to morrow to his divertisements in the Countrey.

Here are lately discovered neer this City several Mines, whereof one of Gold, two of Copper, and one of Lead, and care is taken to share the profits of them between the Apostolick Chamber and the Proprietors.

Milan Nov. 21. This week returned hither *Don Gasparo Baretta*, Lieutenant General, and principal Engineer belonging to this State, giving the Governour the Marquis *de Moriana* an account of the fortifications of several places under his Government, which he had sent him to take an account of; the Marquis himself being prevented of his personal visit by a fit of the Gour which has for some time confined him to his bed; he has ordered him also to take a view of *Cremona* and several Forts on that side, and to take care they may be well provided with all sorts of necessaries for their defence. Cardinal *Savelli* is lately gone from hence to *Rome*.

From *Turin* we are advised, that the Fortifications at *Vercelli* are much advanced, and many hands employed for the compleating of them; and that for their better encouragement, the Duke of *Savoie* intends to take a view of them in person, and from thence to pass forwards for *Ferrue*, to give order for the perfecting of the fortifications which are there raising upon the *Po*.

Venice, Novemb. 24. We doubt not of the arrival of the French succors at *Candia*, since by a Ship lately coming in from *Smirna*, which touched the 2d instant at *Cerigo*; we are assured that Signior *Tadeo Morosini*, with the Convoe under his Command, passed by that Island the 27th past from *Zante*, and that two dayes after the French followed them with 9 Ships, bending their course for *Candia*: we are in daily expectation of several Ships belonging to the Fleet, which are to be retired during the Winter season; from whom we expect a particular account of our affairs in those parts. One onely Letter from Chevalier *Arborio a Savoye*, dated the 22th past from *Candia*, imports his intentions

tentions of returning home; which he has onely desired till the arrival of these expected succors; when the whole Garrison was unanimously resolved to make some considerable attempt upon the Enemy, in which he was resolved to take his part.

From *Smirna* we are told of the arrival of a great number of Camels laden with powder, which the Turks were there embarking, with some Companies of Foot, for the reinforcement of the Viziers Army; and that at the Cape of *Matrapan* 10 ships were lately seen under sail for the same service, laden with men and ammunition.

The Senate omits not any thing that lies within their power, to oppose the Ottoman Power, which is still vigorously active for the reduction of *Candia*; especially since by some of our Letters from *Turky*, we are told, that the Cavalier *Alvisi Molino*, who was, upon fair pretensions of a Treaty, sent to negotiate with the Ottoman Court, has not hitherto been admitted to an Audience, either from the Grand Signior or any of his Ministers; but has been sent to *Constantinople* under a Guard of 20 or 40 Janisaries: the Turks still persisting in their resolution of having the whole Isle of *Candia* delivered up to them, before they will admit of any peace or accommodation; of which we as yet suspend our belief, till farther Confirmation.

The Senate having received information that several Cannoniers which were impressed for their service, to be sent for *Candia*, had put in other persons in their rooms of less ability than themselves; by which means that Garrison was frustrated in that sort of supply, to their great prejudice; have now passed a Decree, obliging them when commanded, to serve in their own person, and not by Deputy.

Here are lately arrived 200 stout men, raised by some German Lords for our assistance, and are to be embarked with 800 others sent from the Emperour, on the ships which are designed to sail for *Candia*, under the Command of Signior *Nicola Zani*; with whom are to be sent 3500 Muskets, and a proportionable supply of other arms: 300 men more are daily expected from the Duke of *Brienswick*, and 'tis hoped may arrive timely enough to embark upon the same Convoy.

The Pope continues still to contribute largely his assistance, and has ordered 500 men to be sent into *Dalmatia*, to supply the room of such of our old soldiers which have been drawn thence for the succor of *Candia*. The Senate is already making use of the late permission given by His Holiness, for raising moneys upon some Convents, which are to be suppressed within the Jurisdiction of this Republick.

Hambourgh, Dec. 4. From *Swedeland* we are told of several ships have been lately cast away by the great storms, and amongst others, two ships laden to a considerable value from *Stockholme*, to the great discouragement of the Merchants of that place.

From *Poland* they tell us, that the Prince *Radzaville*, with some other persons of Quality, and Deputies of the Assembly of the Protestant Religion, have been opposed by some of the members of that Convocation, especially a Deputy of *Prussia*, who seemed very zealous for their exclusion from the said Assembly, but upon the full hearing of his objections, with the defence made by the Prince, the whole Diet seemed much dissatisfied with the same *Prussian* Deputy, and suspended him from his voice till farther Order. 'Tis said the Grandees of that Kingdom are divided in their opinions as to the future Election of a Successor to the Crown, but the generality seem much concerned at a considerable sum of Moneys returned by the French to *Dantzic*, which they fear is designed for the corruption of their Deputies, for the carrying on of their interests, which they endeavour to prevent.

Prince *Charles of Lorraine* is said to have obtained a considerable interest amongst the Electors, and after a short stay at *Breslau* in *Silesia*, is gone from thence near to the frontiers of *Silesia*, where he is to have conference with several persons of the greatest Quality of that Kingdom: several

of the Members of the Diet press hard that the Election might be concluded, if possible before the dissolution of their Assembly, but the generality believe it may require a much longer time.

From *Copenhaghen* Letters of the 29th past, inform us, that the English Consul is gone thither from *Elsenor*, to complain of several Customs and extraordinary Taxes, which are imposed in *Norway* upon foreign ships; and to desire the abatement of them; but that the Admiral *Adeluer* is by the King of *Denmark's* Order to go sadde ly into *eland* to adjust the business with the States, concerning the bulk and measure of such ships as are to be permitted trading into the Northern Seas.

Amsterdam, Dec. 11. We hear not of any ships cast away upon our Coasts by the late tempestuous weather. The *Half Moon* which was bound for the *Indies*, having run some hazard at sea, and received considerable damage, was forced to put in at *Gocree*; where a little before was also forced in the Arms of *Amsterdam*, which has since refitted, and on Monday last set sail for some of the Islands in *America*.

The King *David* is lately arrived from *Lisbonne* at the *Texel*. 'Tis said the States are considering of some way to take off the Customs and Taxes imposed upon Wines, Beer, Corn, and such like Commodities, and to settle some other method in the room of it; so that the gains of the Farmers may be taken off, together with the sums which they are now obliged to pay to their Under-Officers.

From *Lisbonne* we are informed, that the Corsairs of *Algiers* have lately seized on 4 Merchant ships belonging to *Hambourgh*, and 2 Portugais bound for *Porto Port* and *Brasil*; as also 2 Holland Fluxes, whose men had the good fortune to make their escape. We are since told of two other *Hambourgh* ships which are fallen into their hands, one called the *Justice* bound from *Nantes* to *Cadix*, and another called the *Fortune*, in her passage from *Porto Port* to *Hambourgh*; one other Portugais ship from *Brasil*, bound for *Lisbon*; and one Polach laden with Hides, Incense, and other Merchandise, to a considerable value, from *Alexandria* bound for *Venice*. The *Seven Provinces* which went out without Convoy from *Legorn*, intended for *Smirna*, was by the way over-taken by storm, and after the loss of her Mast forced into *Naples*, where she intends to refit; and will meet with the rest of the Squadron, which is put into *Messina*. About 50 sail of ships are lately arrived at the *Texel* from *France*.

Deal, Decemb. 7. This day are riding in the Downs the *Antilope*, Captain *Andrews* Commander, bound for the *East-Indies*, one ship intended for *Virginia*, and about twelve other Merchants ships, most of them small Vessels, outwards bound; also the *Golden Phoenix* from *Hambourgh*, the *Adventure* Ketch from *Malaga*, the *Constant Catharine* from *Barbado's*, and three Pinks from the Southwards.

Portsmouth, Decemb. 8. A ship belonging to *North-Tarmonth* laden with Herrings, and outwards bound, having accidentally sprang a Leak, was forced to put in here to refit; and may in few dayes pursue her Voyage. Yesterday came into *Spitthead* the *Roebuck* Fregat from the Coast of *Ireland*.

Whitehall, Decemb. 9. In *Bedfordshire* *Thomas Brownell* of *Biggleswade* Esquire is made Sheriff of that County in the room of *De Lawney* Esquire.