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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 *Savoys*, dated the 22th past from *Candia*, imports his intentions