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Deal, January 17.

Several pieces of Ships, Boats, and Buoyes have been lately seen floating; which gives us reason to believe that several Wrecks have been occasioned on the *Goodwin* by the last bad and stormy weather.

Onely the *Roebuck* with one Merchant ship are now riding in the *Downs*. Three Seamen belonging to the *Roebuck* having been discovered to have been guilty of breaking open an House in this place, 2 of them being apprehended, were after the restoring of their plundered Goods carried on board by their Commander; where they were duckt and towed thence on shoar at their Boats Stern, and afterwards cashiered.

*Naples, Decemb. 25.* On Friday the 21th instant was solemnly observed here the Birth-Day of the Queen Regent of *Spain*, the Court being that day more than usually filled with Persons of the greatest quality; who appeared with extraordinary Gallantry; and the Evening concluded with an *Opera*.

On Saturday Morning arrived here an Extraordinary Courier from *Spain*, by whom 'tis said the Vice-Roy has received Orders from the Queen Regent for the Continuance of his Government during the minority of the young King her Son; but enjoying him according to former Orders to hasten forwards to the Court of *Rome* on his Ambassy of Obedience, leaving the Charge of his Government during the time of his absence, in the hands, and to the care of the Duke *di Ferrandino* General of the Sicilian Gallies.

*Rome, Decemb. 29.* The difficulties which were so long in dispute about the dispensation of the marriage of the Prince Regent *Don Pedro of Portugal* with the Princess are at the last said to be determined, and that in its favour; so that a Courier will be in few dayes dispatched hence with an account of it to *Lisbon*.

The Count *de San Segundo*, who lately arrived here in quality of Ambassadour of Obedience from the Duke of *Parma*, being lodged in the Pallace *Farnese*, belonging to the Duke his Master, but of late yeats the place of Entertainment for the French Ambassadour; on Sunday night last caused the Arm of *France* placed by the Dukes of *Greguy* and *Chaulnes* with their own, upon the Frontispice of the Pallace, to be taken down: which 'tis said was done by the Command of the Duke his Master, that for the future the French Ambassadour might not claim any privilege of lodging there.

On Tuesday last His Holines according to the usual Custom of the Popes upon Christmalls-Day, laid Mass at the Church of *St. Mary the Great*; assisted by the Cardinal Dean, and the same day ordained Priest the Cardinal *Gualtini*.

There is not as yet any time prefixed for the promotion of Cardinals. Monsieur *Bigorri* Secretary to the Duke of *Chaulnes* continues his solicitations in the behalf of the Duke of *Albret*, in which he has been vigorously seconded by Monsieur *de Fourlemont* in his late Audience; but as yet the Pope has not declared his resolution in point of promotion; although many addresses have been made to him upon that subject.

*Malaga, Jan. 1.* Three dayes since arrived here a small Vessel from *Tangier*, but with no other advice than onely a Confirmation of the good condition of that place; and that the Mole for the security of ships that shall ride before it, is

already well advanced; and that the Garrison is busily employed in bringing Materials for the carrying on of the Work.

*Cadix, Jan. 1.* Some few dayes since arrived here the young Prince of *Tuscany incognito*, and yesterday in the Morning departed hence on his way for *Lisbonne*; leaving in all places eminent marks of his nobleness and generosity. The Voyage of the Gallions is put off till *May* or *June* next. This Countrey suffers extremely by the great want of rain, which hath occasioned the death of many of their Cattle, and gives them a great apprehension of a Dearth the next year; the Corn being every where in much danger.

*Vienna, Jan. 5.* The Secretary to the Imperial Council of War, being nominated by the Emperour to be sent in quality of Envoye from this Court to the Visiter of *Offen*, is preparing for his voyage, intending to pass down the River by boat, carrying with him several presents of considerable value for the said Visiter; the business of say Negotiation being to give the Visiter a due information of the bounds, and of the Homages to which he has lately pretended to in *Hungary*, and to consult with him of the surest means to prevent for the future all inroads and hostilities which have been too frequently hitherto committed by parties of each side, to the great disturbance and hazard of the peace between the two Empires; and in the mean time, by the exemplary punishment of some of the principal offenders, to deter others from the like practices; The Emperour having also given order to the same Secretary to do his endeavour to divert the States of the Upper *Hungary* from their design of doing Homage, and taking an oath of fidelity to the Turks, and to assure them of His Imperial Majesties resolution to give them full satisfaction in all their just grievances, and particularly in those concerning their Temples which were seized on by the Jesuits, and for the better security of the peace and quiet of those parts, hath ordered several Regiments of Foot to march that way for the reinforcement of the Garrisons.

We are more and more apprehensive of the design of the Tartars, lately arrived upon the borders of *Transylvania*; the consideration whereof is referred to the Council of War, who have given order to *Heisters* Regiment of Horse, and *Saff's* of Foot, immediately to march for the security of the passes upon the Rivers of *March* and *Waag*.

The first instant the Count *de Sprinckenstein* Marshal of the Lower *Austria*, was by His Imperial Majesty made a Colonel in the same Province in the room of the late Count *de Traun*; who has already began to make some alteration amongst the forces there, by taking in old soldiers into the several Companies.

The same day, the Jews of this City, according to their usual custom, presented the Emperour with a large gilt Cup of the weight of 25 Marks, and the two Emperesses each of them with a large silver Basin.

From *Raab* we are advised, that the Oriental Company had lately received and secured a great quantity of rich Merchandises, and that there was arrived a Turkish Chiaus on his way hither with several complaints of abuses committed contrary to the tenor of the agreement made upon the account of Trade.

The Emperour hath ordered an Assembly of all the Electors and Princes of the Empire to be held at *Franckfort* or *Magece*, to which His Imperial Majesty will also lend his Deputy, to state and put an end to all the farther disputes between the Prince Elector Palatine and Duke of *Lorraine*, and

to provide for the future general peace of the whole Empire.

*Brussels, Jan. 23.* This day we are informed, that the Duke of *Lorraine* has upon the instance of His Most Christian Majesty, already disbanded a considerable part of his Army. The French forces still continue in motion, not without giving some jealousy to our People in *Burgundy*, lest they may receive some disturbance from them.

The Constable of *Castille* hath been somewhat indisposed since his arrival here. To-morrow Sir *Edward Spragge* Envoy from His Majesty of *Great Britain*, intends to take his leave at the Court, and return by the way of *Ostend* into *England*.

We daily expect here the arrival of some Deputies from the States of the United Provinces, with whom somewhat may in little time be resolved as to their satisfaction for the expenses they were at the last Summer, in order to the preservation of these Countries, as also for the well starting of other affairs on both sides, as may most conduce to their mutual interest in the present conjuncture.

We see not yet any probability of a good issue from the Conference of ours with the French Commissioners at *Lille*, and do not a little apprehend the consequence of the high Demands and Pretensions of the French to the Dependencies on their late Conquests.

*Paris, Jan. 23.* The last night arrived here a Courier from *Lorraine*, and this day returned hither the Chevalier de *Lorraine*, by whom His Majesty is sufficiently informed of the readiness of the Duke of that name to comply with His Majesties pressing desires, and by laying down his arms to submit the differences with the Elector Palatine to a reference, so that the King has now laid aside his thoughts of marching towards those parts, preparation being making here for his divertisement by a Grand Ballet, and Masquerades; but as yet his forces are not remanded, but the Troops of his Household continue to march towards the Frontiers. Marshal de *Bellefonds* is said to be declared General of some forces which may be sent into the service of the Republick of *Venice*.

On Thursday next, the King intends to order the verification of several new Edicts in Parliament, most of the Masters, and other Officers of the Chamber des Comptes, having been sensible of his Majesties disavour for the publick Renunciation made by them against an advancement for raising a stock for the driving on of the East India Trade (of late much encouraged by His Majesty) have thought fit to revoke the Acts of their said Renunciation, and may be also induced to contribute their proportions to it.

From *Franche Comte* we are told, that the Inhabitants are busily employed in restoring their formerly ruin'd fortifications, and are drawing forces into that Province for its defence, and that already are arrived at *Besancon* some Companies of Swisses lately raised for the Spanish service in those parts, under the command of the Sieur *Fiffer*.

From *Rome* we are lately advised, that the Pope has nominated and appointed Cardinal *Mancini* for his Legate à *littere*, who, under that character, is to be speedily dispatched into *Portugal*, to give a Benediction to, and to confirm the Marriage of the Prince and Princess, with power to establish Bishops in all the vacancies throughout that Kingdom; and to give order for their Consecration, and to settle the Rights and Revenues of the Church in the same method they were formerly.

From *Perpignan* we are advised, that the Negotiations between Her Catholick Majesty and *Don Juan* are still continued, with much hopes of a composition to the satisfaction of all parties, and 'tis believed, that Prince may be yet prevailed with to undertake the Government of the Spanish Netherlands.

They further tell us, that Six hundred Neopolitan Soldiers are lately arrived at *Barcelona*, to whom they talk of adding some others to make up a Regiment to be sent into *Flanders*, and that *Don Juan de Pignatelli* is making his ad-

resses to the Court, and solliciting for the Command of them.

*Paris, Jan. 26.* The Sieur de *Marsel*, Lieutenant General of the Naval forces, has this week received Orders from His Majesty to depart hence for *Thoulon*, and from thence in little time to put to sea with 14 men of war which are there in readiness with 16 Gallies and two Galliot; aboard whom are to be sent a considerable force, with intention to attend the motion of the Corsairs of *Algier*, *Tunis* and *Tripoli*, who have of late seized upon some of our Merchants ships in the *Mediterranean*; though others are of opinion they may be sent to the succors of *Candia*, for which service the Marshal de *Bellefonds* has obtained his Majesties leave to raise 2000 men upon his own account, to be ready against the next Spring.

The Duke of *Lorraine* beginning to disarm according to His Majesties pleasure, Monsieur de *Louvois* is ordered to pass into *Lorraine* as a Commissioner to take care to see the forces disbanded, and the Order given for the march of our forces is recalled.

Yesterday arrived here the Count de *Coningsmark* from the Prince Elector Palatine, assuring His Majesty, that the said Prince had already begun to disband his forces, desiring to be protected from all violencies which may be offered by the *Lorrainer*.

*Hague, Jan. 24.* The States have lately written to the Prince Elector Palatine and Duke of *Lorraine*, offering their Mediation for the composition of the differences between them.

The French seem much concerned at the Impositions laid upon all Merchandizes going to, or coming from *France*; though carried in Spanish Bottoms; threatening that unless they are taken off within the space of three weeks, they shall be forced to proceed to Reprisals: which being insinuated to the Spanish Commissioners of *Lille*, they immediately acquainted the Constable of *Castille* with it; by whose Order the Spanish Ambassadour has here by his Memorial communicated it to the States: who have referred the Consideration thereof to some of their Commissioners.

The Baron d' *Isola* still continues here incognito, but has been honourably treated and entertained by the Spanish Ambassadour, and has frequent Conferences with the principal Ministers about the present state of affairs.

The Bishop of *Munster* is said to be putting his forces into order, and has already fortified *Bentheim*; which administers some jealousy to the neighbourhood.

The States are dispatching their Deputies to the Constable of *Castille*, to compliment him upon his entry into his Government, to conclude and come to an issue in the disputes with the Admiralty of *Ostend*, and to advise upon some proposals made by the Spanish Ambassador, relating to the Triple Alliance.

The Admiralty of *Amsterdam* is already preparing to fit up a Fleet to put to sea this next Spring, where they are also furnishing materials for the building eight great ships, as those of *Rotterdam* are for four others, the least of which are to carry 80 Guns apiece, and the biggest a hundred.

From the *Texel* we are told, that a ship called the *Spaniard*, on her return from *Bourdeaux*, entering the *Texel*, unhappily ran on ground, as did one other vessel going out, intending for *Rouen*, but by the assistance of other vessels, the greatest part of their lading was preserved.

*Portsmouth, January 19.* On Sunday came in at *St. Ellens* 14 or 15 sail of Dutch Merchant ships homewards bound, but forced in by the last Easterly Winds; they went all of them to *Cowes*, where they as yet remain, expecting a favourable wind to invite them out to Sea.

The same day came into this Port the *Roe Ketch* appointed to attend the *Portland* in her Voyage to *Corunna*; but the *Fregate* being some days past put to Sea, the *Ketch* is hastning to cleanse and take in provisions, and may in little time be in readiness to follow.