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Falmouth, March 28.

AT Helford is arrived the *Olive Branch* of London from *Alicant*, a ship of 200 Tun, laden with Fruit, Sope and Wines, Captain *Highway* Commander, she came from *Tangier* the fifth Instant, and reports that place to be in a very good condition, and that Sir *Jeremy Smith* was then there with his Squadron.

Newcastle, March 30. We have almost every day some ships coming into this harbor, on Wednesday last came to this Bar the *Pembroke* with thirty sayl of small Vessels, and three ships belonging to this Town, they had carried provisions for the Navy; there is no Dutch upon our Coast.

Edinburgh, March 27. About 14 daies since, Captain *Hamilton* Commander of a private Man of War went out, and had a sharp fight with several Vessels, and had seven of his Men killed, but yet came off successfully, bringing away with him his Prize, a Vessel of 200 Tun, laden with Wine and Brandy, and two others, one of 300. the other of 400 Tun, with Ballast going Northward about for *Bordeaux*. Another Privateer, Captain *Murray*, hath taken four small Vessels laden with Fish, which he brought safe home.

Tarmouth, March 30. This morning arrived here a Billander from *Osend*, who tells us that several Capers both French and Dutch are upon that Coast, but have not the confidence to venture over. The *True-Love* Fregat came this day by our Road from by South, and several Light Colliers to the Northward, but no Enemy appears either way.

Legorne, March 8. A *Bristol* man that came ten daies since from *Algier*, tells us, that the Prizes taken by them, proved most of them French. One of them very rich, laden for *Spain*, with Bayes, Sayes, Sarges, and Silks; that on the 26 of *Feb.* they brought in a Ship of *St. Maloes*, laden with *Iron of Biscay*, and bound for *Cadix*, and that two of their men of War returned much torne and shattered, having encountered a ship neer *Cadix*, said to be a *Hamburger*, which not being able to take, they fired, and brought in forty of her men.

The Duke of *Beaufort* hath free liberty given him, to take his own time with his Navy to put out to Sea: which yet he has not done, nor is like to doe suddenly, not thinking his Navy strong enough as yet, either in ships or men, but he pretends he shall be before the end of this Moneth: in the mean time Sir *Jeremy Smith* cruises in the narrow, at the *Streights* mouth, and remains wholly Master of those Seas, as well within, as without the *Streights*.

Alicant, March 8. It seems the ship formerly burnt off of *Cadix*, proves to be the *Hamburger* that came from *Plymouth*, richly laden for *Alicant*, he fought eight houres with five *Turks*, and killed them out of one of their ships above 100 men, and all the Officers, and had not an unhappy shot entred his powder room, might have taken one of them. Those of *Argiers* thrive extremely of late upon the French and Dutch in those seas, and have at present 22 Fregats abroad.

Texel, March 26. The preparations for our Navy begin now to appear more and more, here being at present 12 men of War, and more every day expected. Yesterday came in the *East-India* ship of *Horne*, with two men of War.

Rotterdam, March, 28. Yesterday *de Ruyter* went for *Helvoetsluys*: *Heer de Liefdt's* Vessel sayled from *Delft-haven* to the *Briel*, and to morrow *Heer Van Es's* his ship is to fall down; the new ships to follow as soon as they can be got ready. The Rendezvous for the whole Fleet not certainly known.

Vicna, March 25. It is credibly reported, that Count *Balassi Imbre* is by the Mediation of the States of *Hungary*, taken again into favor. The Emperors Library Keeper, formerly sent to *Buda*, hath had leave from the Governor of that Town to view the Library, which he findes not to arise to that value and worth as was discoursed of. The Governor refuses to let the Books be removed without a special Mandate from his Master. In looking over the Books they found great store of money, which it seems, had been left there in the last war, but for what use is not known.

His Imperial Majesty sent lately a Courier to the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, to put a stop to his League with *Holland*, as hoping he might be instrumental in effecting a compromise of all differences; but it seems the business was already done.

Cleve, March 31. The meeting appointed to be held between the Princes of the Circle of *Westphalia*, is broken off, by what accident, we know not; however the Deputies for the Electors of *Brandenburgh* and *Colen*, and the Dukes of *Newburgh* and *Brunswick*, are still at *Munster*, where they labor hard to finde ways expedient for the composing the disputes between the Bishop and the States of the United Provinces; to whom, they say, the Emperor is likewise sending his Envoyé, and that the Princes of the Diet at *Ratisbone*, are resolved to send their Deputies for that purpose, that the Empire may not be interested in that war; but with so little confidence of success, that all parties are providing forces for the more effectual carrying on the war on all sides. Most of the Princes of *Germany*, being intent upon their Levies, though it is not known for what designs.

Rome, March 20. Don *Pedro d'Arragon*, the Spanish Ambassador, is to remove on the twenty fifth of this month, from his own to the Popes Palace, where he is to be entertained at his Holiness expence for three days as Vice-Roy of *Naples*, according to custom; which being expired, he returns to the Government of his Kingdom, which is in great tranquility and quiet; with an unquestionable obedience to his Catholick Majesty. This ceremonious Treatment of the Vice-Roy, is not a little displeasing to the French Faction in this Court, who had the Pope hearkned to their Councils, should himself have taken the management of that Kingdom in hand.

Several reflections have here been made upon several passages, during the Carnival, but more particularly upon the Queen of *Sweden*, who afforded the Town more publick pleasure, then all the rest; for besides the Plays which every night she caused to be acted in her own Palace, she took an horse in the most eminent part of the Town, adorning it most sumptuously with great and rich Galleries, where she stood publickly in the sight of great multitudes of people gazing on her, and always surrounded with 28 or 30 Cardinals in more then usual familiarity, which gives great jealousy and dissatisfaction to the Pope, who looks upon it as a matter of consequence, and not unlike a faction; and that which increased his discontent was, that she erected a Royal Crown with a great Sculpture over her Gallery, which was construed as favoring too much of Sovereignty in another Princes Dominion, under whose protection she lived: But this was dissolved, by the Cardinal Nephews giving her a visit in the same place the last day of the Carnival, which he did with great state, accompanied with six Cardinals of his Creatures. This Queen is observed to have won very much upon the opinion of most of the Cardinals, some of them continually attending her, when she is seen publickly.

The Duke of *Senden* is informed, that Cardinal *de Retz*