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Falmouth, February 10

THe 7th instant came in here the *Willman* of *Harmwich* laden with Beef, Tallow and Hides bound for *Holland*; the next day came in a ship belonging to *Amsterdam* laden with Wines from *Burdeaux*, which came out thence about Eleven days since in company with about 100 sail of *English* and *Dutch* Merchant ships, whom the Master informs he left at sea four days since, and supposes they are not as yet able to make any Port.

The 9th instant came in here the *Prosperous* of *Dover* with 4 or 5 other ships intending for *France*.

Warsaw, Jan. 17. The Vice- Chancellor of this Crown returning from the Court of *Vienna* lent before him the *Sieur Chokmicosky* to give His Majesty an account of his entertainment at the Emperours Court, and the satisfaction he received in the conclusion of the Marriage; the times for the payment of the Arch-Duchesses portion are altered; of the Million designed, Two hundred thousand Liures are to be paid upon the Marriage; Four hundred thousand more at Midsummer, and the rest within a year after. It being also agreed that the Arch-Duchess shall not be obliged to renounce her pretensions and Title to all the successions which may hereafter fall to her, until the last payment of her portion be duly made.

The King endeavors to hasten the Marriage that it may be fully consummated before the Assembly of the States in *March*, to prevent the opposition of the Nobles who seem full of discontents, fearing this alliance with the Emperour will necessarily involve us in a war with the Turks, which yet tis believed, would not be easily avoided without it.

We are here confirmed in the report, that a considerable number of the Ottoman forces are entered into *Podolia*, ranging the Countrey as far as *Gamienick*, which tis feared they intend to lay siege to; several of the Officers belonging to that Garrison being excluded from their Commands there, the Enemy lying in their way, that they are not able to return to their Charges.

Ukrania seems to be quite cut off from its obedience to this Crown, it being affirmed by an Officer of our Army lately arrived here from the borders of *Russia*, that the Cossacks on both sides the *Porissihenes* since the defeat of the other Generals have submitted themselves to *Dorofensko*, and that the Grand Segnior has sent thither one of his Bassas with a considerable body of an Army to take possession of the Countrey, and to confirm the people in their obedience.

The Tartars who have taken up their Quarters in *Podolia* are kept in excellent Order and Discipline, committing no disorders nor using any violencies to the inhabitants, which they believe will win much upon the affections of the people and encourage them to submit to their obedience.

Notwithstanding all these dangers threatened us from the frontiers, here is yet no resolution taken of drawing together a force for the defence of the frontiers, nor any method found out for the payment of our own Army, without which it will not be easie to keep them from a confederation.

Rome, Jan. 29. On Wednesday last towards the evening, the Duke de Chaulnes in Cardinal *Barbarins* Coach attended by a Train of 150 others, went to the Conclave, where having Audience from the Three Heads of the Orders, he made a long Oration to them to this effect, That

the most Christian King his Master had sent him purposely to that Senate, which he esteemed the wisest in the whole world, to offer them all the force and power God had given him to protect and secure their peace whilst they were there assembled for the election of the head of that Church, whereof he had the honour to be the eldest son; desiring them to endeavour in their choice to pitch upon a person well versed in the present Intrigues of the Temporal interest of the world, such as the late Pope was, in whose commendations he long insisted, and in the close put them in mind of the growing strength of the Ottoman power, after his Audience he gave a visit to the Queen of *Sweden*, and has since dispatched away an Express to the King his Master to give him an account of the present state of the Conclave, which he finds not so inclinable to the French interest, nor in so great a forwardness to conclude the Election as he before imagined.

In the mean time the Religious Mendicants, with other Priests, make their processions, and sing their *Litanies* in the Court of the *Vatican* doing their other Devotions with their Faces toward the Conclave; and sometime with the Musick of the Chappel, singing the Mass of the Holy Ghost at an Altar erected under the Porch of the little Court over against the door of the Conclave; visiting also the several Churches where the Sacrament is kept exposed, to beg a blessing upon the future Election.

The Cardinals *Imperiale* and *Misino* having upon their indisposition of body been forced for some time to leave the Conclave, are upon their recovery returned; on Tuesday last Cardinal *Piccolomini* falling into a Feaver was carried out to his own Pallace to be the better attended by his Physicians.

The Earl of *Northumberland* is some days since arrived here, and lately the Prince of *Brunswick* and Duke of *Roano*.

On Thursday a solemn Funeral Service was performed in *St Thomas Church* for the late deceased Queen Mother of *England*, where were present the Duke de *Chaulnes*, many Prelates, and persons of great eminency.

The Cardinals *Barbarini* and *Chigi* who seem at present to bear the greatest sway in the Conclave, propose several interests which are not easily reconcilable; the former is said to have 30 voices at his service.

Brussels, Feb. 14. The Commons of this City have after several conferences and consultations agreed upon the Impediment, but have pressed hard for the settlement of quietness and good Order amongst the soldiery, and for securing the streets against Robberies which are but too frequently practised in this City; to which purpose a resolution is taken for several *Corps de Gard* to be kept by the City Militia, and a severe Edict is to be published against all the soldiers quartered in this City, that none of them presume to stir out of their Quarters after Sun-setting upon pain of death, which tis hoped will be a sufficient Remedy against such disorders and give the City abundant satisfaction.

We are here not a little satisfy'd with the happy conclusion of the Triple alliance; the Constable of *Castile* intends on Sunday next to demonstrate his part of this publick satisfaction, by causing Bonfires to be made before his own Pallace, and is ordering Gold and Silver Medals to be made to be distributed to such persons as have been any way instrumental in effecting this great and important work.

The Commissioners from *Holland* are still here, and