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Falmouth, Dec. 17.

Some ships lately arriving here from several parts of France, tell us, that the French are fitting up their ships in order to the setting out a considerable Fleet the next Spring; and that at *St Malo's*, Papers have been affixed upon the Gates, offering to such indigent persons as are not able to pay their debts, a freedom from their Creditors, upon condition, that they enter themselves in his Majesties service, to serve him in his wars.

Cadis, Nov. 24. The Argerines have appeared but little this way, since the loss they received near *Cape Spartel*. Letters of the 20th past from *Argier*, tell us of Nine ships that were sent out by them, and some others fitting up for the *Levant*. Four of their Corsairs have been lately discovered by some French vessels without the *Streights*, but have not met with any adventure. The want of Prizes, and the failing of their Customs, breed great wants amongst their people, and discontents amongst their soldiery, which they fear may end in a mutiny, if this winters cruising turn not to account.

This day the *Holmes* Frigate which did the signal service in stranding and destroying the Vice Admiral of *Sally*, and Two other ships before their own Port, put out again to sea, to cruise upon the same coasts.

Lisbonne, Nov. 26. This morning the Prince Regent is passed over the River to divert himself for some days in the Countrey on the other side, intending to go first to *Pamos*, and about Five days hence to *Salvateerra*, where he expects the Queen.

The Dutch Vice-Admiral *Jean de Livida* is arrived at *Sevubal*, to undertake the Convoy of the Salt Fleet on their return for *Holland*.

A French ship called the *Golden Mountain* returning hither with the *Brazille* Fleet, is lately seized on by the Portuguese, for not having (according to an Article of their Treaty) given in caution to return with the Fleet, whose cause the French Ambassador is now disputing with the Portuguese Ministers.

Rome, Dec. 2. The 27th past the Counts *Strozzi*, *Fiaschi*, and *Bevilacqua*, Ambassadors of Obedience from *Ferrara*, were with much Ceremony conducted to their Audience, wherein they made their Compliments, in the name of that City, professing their submission and obedience in the usual form.

The Ambassadors upon the same account from *Bologna* have made their entry with much pomp, and a great Train of Coaches, and may in little time be admitted also to their Audience.

The Court being now a little dissatisfied, that the Ambassador from *Savoy* will not by any means be induced to demand, or so much as receive a Brief of Absolution for disobeying the Popes Commands, signified by his Bull in *Cena Domini*, and continuing asserted to the hazard of the peace; Cardinal *Albici* has thought fit to undertake his defence, and has given out an Apology in Manuscript to justify the refusal of the said Ambassador, which has much incensed the Court against him, who look up-

on him as a person corrupted by the Savoyard, to the disadvantage of the Church.

Great preparations are made both here and at *Naples* for the solemn Embassy of *Don Pedro d' Arragon*, who has ordered a Bridge of Boats to be built over the River of *Gargano* for the more convenient passage of his Train, which it was expected, should set forwards about the beginning of this month; the Goldsmiths are employed to make silver shoes for his Horses, and several rich Ornaments for his Saddles, Bridles, and other Furniture, and the Palace of *Monseignor Mignacelly* is preparing to receive him.

This week the Queen of *Sweden* after much importunity (the Pope having designed the whole week for devotion) prevailed for an Audience, which continued for above an hour: the next day the Cardinal Patron gave her a visit, in which he had several hours conversation with her, but it is not yet guessed what was the subject of their Negotiation.

The Pope continues earnest to advance the Mount of Piety, that he may there have a stock of Moneys sufficient for the defraying of publick expences, thereby to ease the people from their Taxes, in which affair *Monseignor Guastaldi* has taken much pains, and with good effects, to the great satisfaction of the Pope. He intends also to make an inspection into the Revenues of all the rich Cloysters, intending that what part of it can be spared from the necessary allowantes to the Religious, may be distributed amongst the poor.

Warsaw, Dec. 8. This day the Envoye from the Duke of *Curland* did homage to his Majesty in the name of the Duke his Master, for the Lands which he holds from this Crown.

We have had very confident reports that the Army was entered into a confederation, of which they had made the *Mareschal Sobiesky* their General the chief; but this is not believed, since our last Letters from those parts informed, that they were marched to the places assigned them for their winter Quarters, the want whereof was the principal cause of their disgust: The *Palatine of Lublin* is some days since sent away to endeavor to give them satisfaction in all their just pretensions. The greatest part of the Army seem inclinable to obedience, and tis not doubted but their good example, with the care that has been taken by the King and the Diet to answer their petitions, will preserve them in their Duty.

That which most perplexes the thoughts of the Court and the whole kingdom, is a warm report of four Bassas, with the *Hospodars of Moldavia* and *Walaohia*, followed by an army of little less then 60000 Tartars, are passed the *Boristhenes* near *Roskav*, in order to the Invasion of *Ukrania*, and that the Turks are drawing together their forces, intending at the beginning of the next Spring, to march into the Country with a formidable army: His Majesty who is resolved not to omit any thing that can be done for the preservation of that Province depending on his Crown, intends to march in person for its defence, at the head of an Army of fifty thousand men, and has Ordered his train of Artillery to be in readiness at *Lemberg*, which he designs as the place for the Rendezvous of his Army;