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Cork, Dec. 10.

THe 6th instant was held a Court of Oyer and Terminer in the Kings Old Castle of this place, before the Vice-Admiral of Ireland, Sir Arthur Derring, Sir Richard Kyrle the Chief Justice of Munster, and Colonel Randal Cleyton, for the Trial of several Pyrats, seized near these parts, of which we have this account. About the 20th of July last, one Captain *Fran. s Bodkin*, an antient Native of Gallaway, with *Henry Jackson* Master of his ship, and *James Ward Gunner*, and about 20 other English and Irish, put to sea from *Stigo* in a small vessel called the *John* of that place bound for Spain and the West-Indies; but Two days past July 22. gave chase to a small *Virginia* bound for Tobacco, which they seized as a Deutch privateering the men had forsaken the ship; but none of them being since heard of, these Pyrats are suspected to have cast them overboard. Into this ship, the Goods being taken out, *Bodkin* put 6 or 8 of his men, but loosing company in a storm, came himself into the Vintry in *Killybegs*, where he left his ship and company, and went to *Limmerick* to recruit himself with more men; in his absence *Jackson* the Master discovering a sail, put out to fetch her up, and found her to be a Dutch ship of 30 Tuns, from whom they took such Goods as they thought fit, and returned back to the Vintry, where being suspected as Pyrats, Nine of them, and amongst them *Jackson*, were seized on by the Sheriff of the County, together with their Captain *Bodkin*, who was then returned from *Limmerick*, but afterwards broke prison and escaped; upon the Trial they were acquitted from the first Indictment for the *Virginia* ship, for want of evidence, but found guilty for the robbing of the Dutch ship and *Jackson* with Six others condemned to dye: but the old Sheriff being superseded, and the new not yet appearing, their execution is deferred till the 7th of January.

Katisbonae, Dec. 4. The absence of several of the Deputies from this Assembly, has put a present stop to the farther debate about the perpetual Capitulation. The other more considerable part, about railing forces for the security of the Empire, depends only upon the adjusting of some small disputes with the Emperor, which the Deputies have taken into their serious consideration, and may in little time come to a resolution. It will be found convenient to place a considerable part of this new raised Army upon the *Rhine*, to be there in readiness to oppose any designe that shall be formed against the Empire, or any of its Members.

The affairs of *Hungary* give us some apprehensions; the Rebels continuing still to press the Turks to assist them: and although the Emperor receives as many Compliments as can be expected from the Ottoman Court, with promises not to encourage the Rebellion, tis yet feared they may be at the last prevailed with, by their great importunities and the insinuation of such as make it too much their business to give this Empire a diversion. The Prince of *Transylvania* is said to be summoned by the Grand Signior to attend his Commands at his Court.

The Princess *Ragotsky* in Upper *Hungary*, has relieved the Garrison of *Esched*, which has suffered

long for want of a supply of Provisions. The Emperor seems much pleased with the fidelity of this Lady, who has been very active in the discovery of the Rebellion, and has contributed much to the reduction of that Kingdom to obedience, by informing the Emperor of the designs of Count *Nadassi*, who had in vain by his Letters solicited her to joyn in the design against the Emperor; to which he would have induced her by a promise to establish her son in that Crown.

Venice, Dec. 12. From several parts of the Levant we are informed, That the dissatisfactions and discontents of the people of *Constantinople*, are not at all lessened, since they finde themselves so much impoverished by the long absence of the Court, and the Emperor so much addicted to his pleasures, as not to have any thoughts of leaving *Adrianople*, a place which furnishes him with allsorts of diversifements, especially that of hunting, to which he is more particularly addicted.

The Grand Visier, hath hitherto by his arts, so far prevailed with the Sultane's, that she contents her self with the preservation of the lives of the Emperors Brethren, without endeavoring to advance either of them to the Empire, however zealous the people show themselves in all things that concern their interest; but he continues still firm in his resolution, to employ the forces of the Empire in some War, of which he promises to himself the sole management; by this means securing himself from the malice of his enemies, by keeping the Army at his devotion; and at the same time doing the Emperor the service, by employing the soldiers to divert them from busying themselves in affairs of State, and undertaking any thing to the disturbance of the Empire.

Signor *Cornaro*, Proveditor of the Armata, is lately arrived here upon one of our Gallies, bringing home with him several persons who have been prisoners in Turkey; and amongst them Signor *Molino*, that was taken, about Twenty two years since, in a fight near the *Dardanelles*, with several others that have been confined to the Seven Towers.

Signor *Torzi*, Ambassador from this Republick to His Imperial Majesty, hath obtained leave from the Senate to return home: they have made choice of Signor *Morofni*, who is employed under the same Character to His most Christian Majesty, to succeed him at *Vienna*.

Some persons lately arriving here from *Zante*, tell us, that a Ship belonging to this place, was on her return from *Smirna*, chased by three Corsairs of *Tripoli*, and forced to shelter her self under the Fort of *Novarrino*; where the Captain taking notice that the Corsairs had sent a Challoup to Land, which he supposed was to make a bargain with the Governor of the Fort to his prejudice; thought fit immediately with all his men, to put himself into his Challoup; and to get into *Zante*, where he acquainted the Proveditor General of the grounds of his jealousy, who immediately dispatched a Messenger to the Governour of *Novarrino*, to acquaint him with the apprehensions of the Captain, and to let him know, how just a cause would be given him of exhibiting a Complaint against him in the Ottoman Court, if he should