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London, January 1.

BY a Letter of the 29th November from Captain Bowen, Commander of his Majesties Fregat the *Centurion*, then at Anchor in Malaga Road, we have advice, that the said Fregat plying in company of the *Deptford-Ketch* near *Cape de Gare*, on the 13th of November, discovered a sail making to them with all possible speed, which proving to be an *Argiers* man of war, they immediately tacked and stood with him, which made the Turk change his course, and make all the sail he could from them: about 12 a clock at night, the Fregat having gained upon him, fired their chace Guns, and about 4 in the morning they were got somewhat nearer, when the Argerine fired Two of his Quarter Guns into the Fregat, which they immediately answered with a broad side, and so continued in a close dispute till Six, when they were near the shoar of *Cape Guy* on the coasts of *Barbary*, where the Turk intended to be, but the Fregat pressing hard upon him, and the wind shifting, he was forced to alter his course from *South-East* to *East*, and betake himself to his Stern-chace; thus they continued till Four in the afternoon, when the Fregat was got within a Cables length of him, endeavouring all they could to get alongst his broad side, but the weather growing very calm, he betook himself to his Oars, the Fregat plying him still with his chace-Guns, so as they could discover him much maimed in his Masts and Rigging; however, by Eight of the clock he was got out of sight, being then near *Cape Tennis*: It was observed the Powder the Turks fired with, made a great deal of smoak but gave no report, and that the greatest part of their shot, was made of Marble, which burst in small pieces so soon as it met with any opposition. In this engagement the Fregat received some small damage in her Sails and Rigging, but not considerable.

Letters from *Malaga* of the 9th December further add, that there was in that Port 26 fail of Merchant ships, all laden and intending with the first fair wind or *England*; and that by some persons coming lately from *Argiers* they were told, that they have Twelve fail out, and Six new ships on the Stocks, about the bigness of those they lost some time since off of *Cape Spartel* in the Fight with the English.

Stockholm, Nov. 28. The 14th instant the Count *Herman Nuncy*, Envoye Extraordy from his most Catholick Majesty, had his first Audience of the King and Queen Regent, whether he was conducted with all the Ceremonies usual on the like occasions. The differences that have for some time depended between this Crown and the Great Duke of *Muscovy*, will not yet admit of any composition by reason of the great Rebellion there, which hath so distracted those People, that they scarce think of any other business, then how to quell those Rebels.

Madrid, Dec. 10. The First instant being His Majesties birth day, was here celebrated with all imaginable pomp and solemnity: in the morning the more ordinary sort of people were entertained with the

killling of Three Bulls, and in the afternoon their Majesties were pleased to be present at the same sports; which being ended, the Grandees, and chief of the Nobility were there ready to entertain their Majesties with some other exercise on horseback, which was done in this manner; The King, Queen, and whole Court, being seated in their respective Balcones; the Prince of *Parma*, and Marquis of *Penalva* came into the place very richly clothed, and excellently well mounted, each of them attended by Twelve Lacqueys in new Liveries of Green Velvet, who drawing near to the place where their Majesties were seated, according to Ceremony, asked leave that the performers might make their entrance; whereupon Five Trumpeters and as many Kettle Drums came in on Mules in Frocks antickly composed of White and Red pieces of Cloth, their Mules covered in the same manner; after these, the signal being given, entred the Nobility on horseback, adorned with all kind of Gallantry, with their Lances in their hands, and dividing themselves into Squadrons, made Two or Three carriers thwart the place, at last having taken their stations, they began the skirmish (which was in imitation of the Moorish fighting on horseback), darting their Canes or Lances at one another, and defending themselves, with their shields: this sport continued for an hour and half, to the great content and applause of their Majesties and all the spectators; after which they again begun the Bull fighting, which continued near Three hours, and concluded with the slaughter of Ten Bulls, in which the Marquis of *Algava* did very much signalize himself, giving eminent marks of his skill and courage.

The 8th instant *Don Antonia de Cardona*, who was *Don Juan* of *Austria's* chief witness when he accused the Conde of *Aranda* of designing his death by poison, and some time since rescued out of prison by *Don Juan's* servants, was recommended, having been seized in *Nuorre* by order from the Vice Roy of that kingdom, and sent up prisoner to this Court.

Milan, Dec. 10. The Duke of *Ossuna* having been to visit the fortifications at *Morrara*, and not finding them in so good a condition as he expected, has given order for the setting all hands at work to repair them; he intends in few days to go to visit those of *Cremone* and several other places; the Count of *Melgar* is daily expected here to take possession of the Government of *Noquarre*, which *Don Fernando Bildez* is to quit in lieu of the charge of General of the Artillery.

Rome, Dec. 13. Here is lately arrived part of the Equipage of *Don Pedro d' Arragon*, Viceroy of *Naples*, amongst which are Four rich Liveries, valued at 150000 Crowns; it is feared that upon the arrival of the said Ambassador, there may happen some dispute between him and the Constable *Colonna* about precedence. The *Savoye* Ambassador having by an Express received Order from his Master to receive the Absolution from the Pope, which he hitherto refused to do, accordingly did it this day, and is now thinking of his return home.

The Queen of *Sweden* being lately at play, was suddenly taken with a swooning Fit, which return-

ed upon her Three times together, so as her Confessor and Physitian were immediately sent for; this last being come, she was presently let blood, and is now somewhat better: the Cardinal *Azzolini* having had notice hereof, went presently on foot to visit her, being unwilling to stay till his Coach was made ready, and the next day almost all the Cardinals were to visit her Majesty upon the same account.

Venice, Dec. 13. The Turks give us still new cause of trouble, in *Dalmatia* they begin to commit several Insolencies, whereupon this Republick hath resolved to send thither 800 men, together with a Present of 10000 Ducats to the Bassa, who is there, to regulate the limits with this State, endeavouring by that means to induce him to yield to them those places they pretend to.

Hambouurg, Dec. 26. Here hath lately passed this Town, an Ambassador from the Grand Segnior on his way to *Poland*, his name is *Pawloft*, and by birth a French man; that Court it seems making choice of a stranger, lest if they had sent a Turk, he might be detained in *Poland* as their Envoye is at *Constantinople*: Its said the Grand Segnior doth by him demand of the King of *Poland* the entire and quiet possession of the *Ukrain*, promising upon that condition to restore him *Caminieg* in *Podolie*.

From *Warsaw* they write of the 12th instant that Monsieur *de Wit*, Ambassador Extraordinary from the States General of the *United Provinces*, had taken his leave of that Court, and was on his way home, having had but little success in his Negotiation there. That the differences between the Two Generals are composed, and the whole Kingdom in a quiet and peaceful condition.

From *Vienna* of the 14th they write, that by an Express from their Resident at *Constantinople*, they are assured of the intentions of that Port to take into their protection the Rebels in *Hungary*, and to succor them with all the force they can, which hath so hotly alarmed that Court, that it is thought it will make his Imperial Majesty resolve to form a very considerable Army to march into *Hungary* for preventing all further practices, and the opposing all such designs. From *Moscow* they write that the Rebels increase still, and grow every day more formidable; several great men having of late associated themselves to them.

Brussels, Dec. 31. All the discourse here is of the apprehension of a war with *France*; to morrow the Troops begin to march to the place of their Rendezvous, very much encouraged by the Count *de Montserrey's* promise, that they shall have Eight months pay given them, to which end he hath lately received a very considerable sum of money from *Spain*, from whence they likewise expect great recruits of men; in the mean time his Excellency hath sent several persons with Commissions to raise in *Germany* 3000 Horse and some Companies of Foot, and is taking all other possible care for the security and defence of these Countreys.

Hague, January 2. Yesterday Prince *Maurice* parted hence for *Cleve*, and this day Monsieur *Benting*, employed hither by the Bishop of *Munster* to assure this State of his intentions to live in perfect peace and amity with them, went hence in order to his return home; notwithstanding which, they receive here daily advice of the great levies he is making in all his Countries, and even upon the frontiers of this State.

The proceedings of the Dutch Captain in refusing to salute at *Genoua*, are wholly disapproved of here, and he very much blamed for his indiscreet carriage in that particular. Some days agoe Monsieur *Van*

Beuningham made report in the Assembly of the States-General, of his Negotiation in *England*, when he also told them of the great satisfaction his Highness the Prince of *Orange* receives in his entertainment in that Court. The States of *Utrecht* have deputed three of their body to those of *Gelderland*, to exhort them to provide in time for their security; and especially, to guard the passage on the River *Issel*, which being done, they will be sufficiently secured on that side.

Hague, January 6. Some Letters from *Hamborough* say, that Mr. *Loveing*, Envoye from His Majesty of *Great Britain* to the King of *Denmark*, who was formerly reported to have been drowned in his passage thither, near the River *Elbe*, was arrived at *Copenhagen*: but of this we expect a farther confirmation.

Paris, January 3. The First instant died here *Harquin de Perefis*, Archbishop of *Paris*, and Chancellor of the Kings Orders, in the 66th year of his age, of an immoderate bleeding at the nose, to the great grief of the King and all his Diocess; his place of Chancellor of the Orders, the King was pleased immediately to bestow on the Marquis *de Louvay*, but has not yet disposed of his Archbishoprick, for which several Candidates appear. *Dom. Lopez*, the Ambassador from the King of *Ardrais* now returning home, having taken a view of the rarities this place affords; he goes hence on Tuesday next, the King having ordered him to be presented with a very fair Looking-Glass, a rich suit of Hangings, and several other things of great value, as well for the King his Master, as himself and his sons.

The First instant their Majesties and all the Court returned hither from *Versailles* and yesterday having heard Mass, dined in their apartment at the *Thulleries*, where they still remain. Some days agoe very unfortunately a fire happened at *Versailles*, which was so vehement, that in a short time it consumed the Queens apartment; the loss is counted very considerable, the Furniture having been exceeding rich and magnificent. The King intends to begin his journey into *Flanders* about the middle of *April* next, where he will have a Camp all the Summer of 40000 men, and another in *Lorraine* of 12000.

Advertisement,

Whereas divers persons have contracted with the Commissioners for granting Wine-Licences for Licence to sell Wine by Retail; and entred into Bonds, or under their Hands, obliged themselves to pay the respective Rents due for the same, at certain times now elapsed, whereby the said persons so obliged, are exposed unto chargeable prosecutions at Law, which hitherto hath been deferred, and they divers times advised to pay the same, but have still neglected. Now these are to give notice to all persons who owe or have to obliged themselves to pay any Rent due by advance or otherwise (or who owe any arrears of Rent) for Wine Licences, that if such of them who dwell in or near the City of *London*, do not forthwith pay the same; and if those who dwell in the Country, do not also pay the said Rents at or before the 26th of *January* next, into the Wine-Licence Office, situate in *Durban-yard, London*, they will be impleaded and prosecuted according as the Law directeth. And also all persons selling Wine without Licence, or such who desire to sell Wine in any place in *England, Wales, or Berwick*, are hereby advised by themselves, Attorneys, or friends, forthwith to repair unto the said Commissioners, who will contract and give Licence unto them at moderate Rates, that the Trade in Wine may be increased, and they proceed to sell the same, and neither offend the Laws, nor further expose themselves to the forfeitures and penalties thereof. And all who desire Licence to sell Wine in any place, supposed to be wholly Lett to any person, may apply to such person for Licence, and in case they cannot agree, His Majesties Commissioners for Wine Licences, upon due application, will moderate between them, who have at present authorized *William Beaumont* their Agent, to agree and issue out Licences in the Counties of *Devon* and *Cornwall*.