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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 Argierine 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 sail out, and Six new ships on the Stocks, about the bigness of those they lost some time since off of *Cape Spardel* 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 Cardoua*, 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 *Nuvarre* 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-