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Dublin, December 27.

Yesterday happened here a very unfortunate accident, most of the Nobility and Gentry being at a Play, at the publick Play-house, the upper Galleries on a sudden fell all down, beating down the Second, which, together with all the people that were in them, fell into the Pit and lower Boxes. His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant with his Lady, happened to be there, but thanks be to God escaped the danger without any harm; part of the Box where they were, remaining firm, and so resisting the fall of what was above; onely his two Sons were found quite buried under the Timber; the younger had received but little hurt; but the eldest was taken up dead to all appearance, but having presently been let blood, and other remedies being timely applyed to him, he is at present past all danger. There were many dangerously hurt, and Seven or Eight killed outright. Here is lately dead the Bishop of Dromore, and its thought that Doctor Essex Digby may succeed him in that See.

Lisbonne, Dec. 16. The Prince Regent Don Pedro is at *Villa Franca*, a small Town, distant Six Leagues from this place, with the Queen, who in her way to *Salvaterra* fell sick there, and as it is said, miscarried, after having been Two months with Child; she is at present well recovered again, and expected here so soon as the Palace is refitted to receive her.

Vienna, Dec. 17. The report we had here of the taking of the Fortres of *Kaswar*, hath been contradicted upon the arrival of an Expres dispatched hither by the General Major *Heyster*, who says, That the place defends it self still, and that the Count *de Tekeley*, to whom it belongs was dead suddenly. He farther adds, that before the decease of the said Count, the inhabitants of the Two neighbouring Counties came to his assistance, and in a skirmish had killed several Germans, so that the success of that enterprize remains still doubtful. We receive daily advyce of the great preparations the Turks are every where making, so that we have just ground to apprehend a war the next Spring with them; his Imperial Majesty has hereupon given order for the making of new Levies in several parts of the Empire, and is sending Commissioners to visit his Magazines, to the end, stores of all kinds may be provided, The 12th instant Prince *Charles de Lorraine* returned hither from *Mayence*, and has since been with the Emperor to give him an account of what passed between him and his Uncle at their conferences there.

Venice, Decemb. 27. A Vessel arriving here two days ago from *Constantinople*, brings advyce, that Monsieur *Nointel*, Ambassador from His most Christian Majesty was arrived there, and had made his publick Entry with a great deal of pomp and magnificence; and that the Grand Seignior under pretence of Hunting approaches every day nearer to *Constantinople*. and some suspect with a design of coming unexpectedly by some stratagem of the Viscers into that City; and so on a sudden to crush the

faction of the Sultanes, who in the mean time omits not any thing for the strengthening her army, which is of late grown very considerable. The Proveditor General *Bernardo* continues very sollicitous to be recalled home, to which the Senate seem not very forward, but in a very kinde and gracious Letter have desired him to remain there for some short time longer, in order to the further effecting some designs now on foot.

Letters from *Dalmatia* tell us, That the Bassa of *Bosnia* was slain very ill of an Apoplexy, which had put some stop to their proceedings, for regulating the limits; but withal, that so soon as the said Bassa was in any degree recovered, that affair would be concluded, as was hoped, to the satisfaction of both parties. They further add, That the General *Barbaro* was resolved to have driven the Turks by force out of *Deuirz* and *d'Obbruarz*, but had received peremptory Orders from the Senate, to forbear all kinde of hostility.

Yesterday being the Feast of *S. Stephen*, the Duke according to custom entertained at dinner the Four-score Senators, and all the Ministers from Foreign Princes.

Marfeilles, Dec. 30. We have late advyce from *Spain*, that Sir *Edward Spragg* was gone towards *Argiers* and that they were daily expecting to hear what success he had met with. That those Corsairs begin to cool, and to desire a peace with the English, but that it was thought they would suddenly fall out with the French, they having already plundered some Barques of theirs, coming from *Spain*, of several Bags of Plate and other rich Commodities.

Paris, Jan. 10. The King hath by an Order of Council thought fit to forbid all His Subjects, under great Penalties, to sell any Salt, Wine, or Brandy-Wine, to any of the Subjects of the States General of the *United Provinces*.

The Archbishop of *Sens*, who for some time hath lain dangerously ill, is at present somewhat better, but he of *Narbonne*, is past all hopes of recovery. The sixth instant died here, *Jacques Charles Amelot*, First President of the Court of *Aydes*, in the Thirty seventh year of his age, much lamented for his great Parts and Abilities, which he had given long testimony of in the discharge of that place.

The King hath been pleased of late to make several promotions of Bishops, having nominated the *Sieur de Rosmadec*, Bishop of *Vannes*, to the Archbishoprick of *Tours*; and the *Sieur de Vautorte*, Bishop of *Leytoure* to succeed him in that See. The *Sieur de Bar*, Bishop of *Acqs*, to the Bishoprick of *Leytoure*; the *Sieur de Guron*, Bishop of *Tulles* to that of *Cominges*; the *Sieur Segquier*, Bishop of *Lambez*, to that of *Nismes*; the Abbot *Biscarra*, Bishop of *Lodeve*, to the Bishoprick of *Beziers*; *Dom Cosme*, General of the *Fucillans*, to that of *Lombez*; the Father *Mascarron*, to the Bishoprick of *Tulles*; the Abbot *de Chaumont* to that of *Acqs*; the Abbot *le Camus* to that of *Grenoble*; the Abbot *Amelot*, to that of *Lauaur*; and the Abbot *Gaillard* to that of *Gapt*.

Monsieur *Cailler*, who hath been several times in *Poland*, employed in the affairs of the Prince *de Condé*, died here some days ago, and was buried

by Order of his Highness with much pomp and magnificence. Out of *Lorraine* they write, that the Marshal *de Crequi* was arrived at *Barre* to visit the winter Quarters there, having been likewise to visit those about *Nancy*, where he had been detained for some time, by reason of the waters that are of late much out, occasioned by the great Rains in those parts.

Madrid, Dec. 10. Here is a report that the French have made themselves Masters of *Santò Domingo* in the *West Indies*, but this seems hard to be believed, though tis certain that several French ships are gone that way on some unknown designe. His Catholick Majesty hath sent Orders to *Cadix* and *Biscay*, for the fitting out Twenty five men of war, to be ready against the next Spring. The Marquis *de Gouvea*, Ambassador from the Prince Regent of *Portugal*, had yesterday his first Audience of their Majesties.

In few days Monsieur *Contarini*, Ambassador from the Republick of *Venice*, will have his Audience, and in the mean time making very splendid preparations. The Marquis *Corsini*, Envoye from the Great Duke of *Tuscany*, is gone hence, having been presented by Order of the King, to the value of 500 Pistols. The Count *de Melgar* is departed hence for *Barcelonne*, and so to *Milan*, to take possession of the Government of *Mortara*, which the King has been pleas'd to confer upon him.

Rome, Dec. 16. The 9th instant was kept here the Anniversary of *Clement* the X. in the Chappel of the Palace Quinial, where the Pope was pleas'd to be present, together with the Sacred Colledge. The next day was likewise performed a solemn Service in *St Peters Church*, where was present the whole Colledge of Cardinals. The 11th, the Ambassadors from the City of *Bologna* had Audience of the Pope, where they made their submissions to his Holiness in the name of the said City. The 12th happened here an unhappy accident, occasioned by a violent Lightning, which taking fire in a Barn filled with Hay, near *Campo Vaccino*, notwithstanding all the endeavors that were used to quench the same, burnt that and several other neighboring houses and Barns, the whole loss being valued at a hundred thousand Crowns.

Legorn Dec. 5. Yesterday arrived here Sir *John Harman*, in His Majesties ship the *St David* from *Zante*, having seen his Convoy of Merchant men bound to *Venice* and those parts, out of danger; in his way hither he spoke on the 12th past off *Cape Spartivento*, with a *Tripoli* man of war, who with great assurance, after he had made the ship to be English, came aboard him, informing him among other things, that there were Six other men of War of *Tripoli* then abroad.

Legorn Dec. 18. From *Florence* they write, that the Funeral of the late Great Duke had been there celebrated with extraordinary pomp and solemnity; and that the present Great Dutchess was with Child, to the great joy of his Highness and the whole Court.

Copenhagen, Dec. 20. The Queen Mother intends in few days to return again to the Isle of *Falster*, because of the great mortality here, which is so universal, that it is feared it carries somewhat of infection in it. The King hath given order for the setting out several men of war against the Spring, to which end he hath caused a Survey to be taken of what seamen are in this Town, and finding that there is not a sufficient number for the service of the Fleet, hath sent Orders to *Norway* to have the number completed from thence.

Hambourgh, Dec. 21. Several ships have through the late storms and bad weather been lost near the River *Elbe*, in most of which, this Town was concerned, so that their Trade hath suffered very much thereby. From *Hanouer* they write, that there hath been an Assembly at *Borgtorf* of the Duke of *Brunswick Wolfembutel*, the Bishop of *Osnaburgh*, and the other Princes of the House of *Lunenburgh*, about the pretensions of the Bishop of *Monster* upon the Town of *Hoxster*, where they resolv'd to assist the said Duke of *Wolfembutel* with all the forces they are able; yet after all it is hoped that the said Bishop may accept of the Mediation of the States General of the *United Provinces*, and this affair be brought to an amicable compofure.

Turin, Dec. 27. The 22 instant arriv'd here the Abbot *Seruenti* from the Mountains of *Brigue* and *Triore*, where he had been on the part of his most Christian Majesty, to endeavor, together with the President *de Gonterey*, the Duke of *Savoy's* Commissioner there; an accommodation between this Duke and the Republick of *Genoua*, which they have concluded to the content and satisfaction of both parties; the 24th he had Audience from the Duke, who received him with great acknowledgements of his discreet management of this affair, and with all other marks of kindness and esteem; and to shew how far he was sensible of the good Offices of the said Abbot in this accommodation, hath presented him with a Cross richly set with Diamonds and Rubies of great value; it is thought that so soon as the said Abbot hath the Dukes Ratification of this Treaty, which is to be sent to his most Christian Majesty, he will take his way for *Rome*.

Amsterdam, Jan. 9. By a ship lately arriv'd here from the *West Indies*, we have news from *Antegoa* of the 2d. of *September*, that there hath been lately in those parts a very violent Hurricane, which lasted but Four hours, but in that time did very great damage to that Island, and the ships that were in the Road, several Houses having been beaten down, and especially in the New Town called *St Johns*, most part of which is quite thrown down to the ground; the ships lost in that Harbor were the *Robert* of *Ireland*, *William Cocks* Master, another of the same place, called the *Merchants Adventure*, the *Margaret* Pinck coming from *Tangier*, a great ship called the *Five Islands*, and several other small vessels which came from the other Islands for shelter there; there was likewise driven on shoar a wrack, wherein was only found a dead boy, some quantity of Palm Oyle, and Elephants Teeth, which makes men judge it to have been a vessel coming from *Guiny*; they have also suffered very considerable damage at *Meavis*, several ships having been there lost, the *Providence* of *Bristol*, a ship of *London*, whereof one *Blake* was Master, and a *New-England* vessel which had brought Horses thither; besides these there has been lately cast away at *Santa Cruz*, a *Guiny* vessel coming from *Meavis*, laden with Sugar, and several others have of late been lost in those parts.

Deal, Jan. 7. A Flemish vessel of 80 Tuns, bound for *St Sebastian*, laden with Canvas, Cables, Powder, and Anchors, unfortunately run on shoar near *Sandown Castle*, but by the timely assistance of the Boats belonging to this Port, was got off again and brought into the *Downs*. Another *Hambourgh* vessel of One hundred Tuns, great part of her lading having been Powder, was in the same storm almost stranded, but by the help of several Deal Pilots, was brought off, yet so, as she is left unfit for any further service.