

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 *Seruent* 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 low 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 John's*, 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 *Merchant's 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.