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Plymouth, January 22.

THe 20 instant arrived here the *Jamaica Factor*, Francis Constable Master, from *Jamaica*, by whom we have an account of the good condition of that Island; several other Merchant men are at present in Port, bound for London.

Rome, Jan. 9. Here is lately dead Cardinal Borromeo, to which Dignity he was promoted by Pope Innocent the X, after some few days illness, by whose death there are at present five places void in the Sacred Colledge.

At *Civita Vecchia* they are making preparations to receive the Duke d'Esrees, who is daily expected to arrive there from *Marseilles* in quality of Extraordinary Ambassador from the Crown of France, though in the mean time it is said, his Holiness has declared to the Bishop of *Laon*, that except his most Christian Majesty would admit at his Court the Nuncio he had signed to send thither, he could not receive his Brother, whom he heard was coming hither in that Quality.

The Cardinal Charles Barbarini hath by the appointment of that Duke received the protection of the affairs of *Savoy*, which his Uncle the late Cardinal *Antonin* had.

The 20 instant the Marquis d' Astorgas intends as is said to begin his journey towards *Naples*, where Don Pedro d' Arragon seems the more impatiently to expect his arrival, by reason he hath already caused the greatest part of his Moveables and Household-stuff to be transported for *Spain*, whither he intends to follow so soon as he shall have put that Government into the hands of the said Marquis d' Astorgas.

Vienna, Jan. 10. His Imperial Majesty having lately bestowed the Government of this place on the Baron de Cops, Governour of *Prague*, he is arrived here accordingly to take possession of it.

The Grand Signior having sent to demand of *Abasti* Prince of *Transylvania* two Provinces, at present under his Government, to annex them to that of the *Bassa* of *Waradin*, the said *Abasti* hath sent to acquaint the Emperor therewith, returning in the mean time the Port this answer, that he could not proceed in a matter of that importance without the advice of the States of his Countrey, whom he would to that end forthwith assemble; This news causes much discourse here, especially this being a matter which very much concerns us, and would be of great prejudice to *Hungary*, those two being very considerable Provinces, the one having in it great store of Salt and other Mines, and the other several Towns inhabited by the Free Heydukes who formerly assisted this Empire with 20000 men against the Turks.

The Emperor hath approved of the choice the Dyet hath made at *Raisbonne* of the Prince of *Baden Dourlach* to be General of the Forces of the Empire.

The Baron Zitchey having voluntarily, quitted his place of President of the Chamber of *Hungary*,

the Emperour hath gratified the Count *Colonitz* with it.

Venice, Jan. 15. The report we had here the last week of the death of Cavalier *Quirini*, Ambassadoer from this State to the Port, proves to have been a mistake, the Senate having since had Letters from *Constantinople* which mention his arrival there, though in a very sickly condition: The same Letters farther speak of the great preparations that are making in all the Ottoman Territories, which none now longer doubt but are designed against *Poland*, though there be still those who omit not their endeavours for the perswading the Grand Vizier, and by him the Grand Signior, to undertake the protection of the Hungarian Rebels, to which it is said he still expresses great aversion, as being resolved to maintain inviolably the peace at present established between the two Empires: The Turks continue to complain of some depredations alledged to have been committed this Summer by the French Fleet in the *Archipelago*, insomuch that all correspondence hath as is said, been of late intermitted between the Grand Vizier and his most Christian Majesties Ambassadoer at the Port; We are told of an Envoye who is at present on his way to *Constantinople* from *Paris*, his business being, it is said, to endeavour to reconcile the misunderstandings which might have happened upon that score.

Berlin, January 19. The 16 instant arrived here the Heer d' Amerongen, in quality of Envoy Extraordinary from the States General of the United Provinces, and the next day had Audience of his Electoral Highness, to whom he communicated several matters relating to the present Conjunction; on the part of those States, and returned, as is said, with a very satisfactory answer from his Electoral Highness, of which, the said Envoy hath since given notice, by an Express to the States his Masters. The next day he Dined with the Elector, with whom he had afterwards a long Conference in his Bed Chamber; and at his desire hath since had Commissioners appointed to Treat with him: The general discourse here is, as if this Minister had proposed to his Electoral Highness a Treaty of Defence, which the Commissioners are farther to confer with him about.

Dusseldorp, January 29. At *Nuis* are arrived 2000 *Swissers*, who are to continue in *Garrison* there; the other French Forces which were there lodged, are part of them removed to *Lin*, *Ordin-gen*, and *Kempen*, and the rest marched towards *Westphalia*; we hear of more Forces that are arrived in the Territories of the Elector of *Cologne*, and that yet more are daily expected. Monsieur de *Louvois* is gone for *Paris*, where he was to be in six days; it is thought, he may be suddenly in these parts again; in the mean time we hear, that the French Troops have taken the Oath of Fidelity to the Elector, being as is given out, onely sent in conformity of a late Treaty between his most Christian Majesty and the said Elector, to assist him in the present Conjunction.

Cologne, February 29. Colonel *Bampffield* hath, as is said, lately complained to these Magistrates,

that the Elector had in the pass he had given him, for the safe Conduct of his Regiment towards the Territories of the States General of the United Provinces, declared his intention of having the said Regiment visited in its passage by *Keyserwaert*, in order to the stopping such persons, who have formerly been in his Service, and deserted it, which our Magistrates have promised their endeavors to remedy; in the mean time the Troops of the Circle of *Westphalia*, are to Rendezvous the first instant at *Mulheyem* and the third to come into Garrison here. On Monday last 700 French Horse, bravely Mounted and Armed, together with 1000 Foot, marched by *Brenil*; The next day several Troops likewise marched on the other side of the *Rhyn*, which they passed at *Andornath*, not far from this place, towards *Westphalia*, with design, as we are told, to go and take their quarters in *Dorsten*; so that all these parts fill daily more and more with Foreign Forces, it being said, that we shall have in the Spring, an Army of 30 or 40 thousand Men in these Territories.

Monsieur *Louvois* is gone from *Nuis*, on his return to the Court of France. The Duke of *Luxemburgh*, is together with Prince *Willem* of *Furstenburgh*, and the French Minister Monsieur *Verjus* at present here.

Paris, January 30. Some days since dyed at *Versailles*, Messire *Pierre Segurier*, Chancellor of France, in which eminent employment, he had served his Majesty, for the space of 39 years, with great esteem; having some days before his death, for that he found his weakness to encrease upon him so far, that all hopes of his recovery, seemed quite past, by his Son the Duke de *Couslin*, returned his Majesty the Seals which were in his keeping. Here is arrived the *Comde de Molina* from *England*, being to reside at this Court, in quality of Ambassador from the Crown of *Spain*.

The Marquis de *Lionne* hath lately received a very dangerous hurt by a fall out of a window, insomuch, that his Physicians begin to doubt his recovery. Some difference having happened between the Archbishops of *Rheims* and *Paris*, in that the former would have solemnly officiated in the Jesuits Church here, on the occasion of Celebrating the Canonisation of *St. Francis de Borja*, without having first desired leave for doing it, from the Archbishop of *Paris*, as being in his Diocess; the King hath been pleased to take notice of the matter himself, and finally to reconcile it, to both their satisfaction.

From *Dunkirk*, they tell us, that there were fitting out 10 or 12 small Men of War, upon private accounts, to be employed, as their Commissions mention, against the Kings Enemies, who they are, the Governor of the Place, being to declare to them before they set out.

From *Aire* in *Artois* we have advice, that the Governor of that place, was lately arrived there from *Brussels*, bringing orders with him from the Count de *Monterey*, to demolish the Suburbs, for the greater security of the Town, and that in order to it the Inhabitants were quitting their Houses there, and removing to others within the Walls. Monsieur *Grotius*, Ambassador from the States General of the United Provinces, hath reiterated his Instances for his last Audience of his Majesty, his Excellency intending, since he can hardly expect any success in his Negotiation here, to make what haste he may home.

By an Extraordinary Courier arrived with Letters from the Bishop of *Laon* at *Rome*, we have advice, that his Holyness had resolved to send a Nuncio forthwith hither, with this farther Decla-

ration, that till he was admitted at this Court, he could not receive the Duke d' *Esrees*, the French Extraordinary Ambassador. From *Metz* they write, that the last Squadron of the 12000 Men, marched thence the 18 instant, towards the Electorate of *Cologne*. That the Troops which are already arrived there, had taken the Oath of Fidelity to that Elector. Monsieur de *Louvois* is daily expected here from those parts.

Brussels, January 30. On Sunday last returned hither the Duke de *Bourbonville* from *Flanders* and *Artois*, where he had been by his Excellency the Count de *Monterey*'s order, to visit the several Garrisons of those Provinces. On Monday last they began here first to collect the twentieth penny on the rent of Houses, which it is thought, will bring up a very considerable sum of Money. Our Governor continues very watchful to observe the motions of our Neighbors, and accordingly makes every where all possible provision for the good defence of the respective Countries under his Government.

Our last Letters from *Madrid*, tell us, that his Excellency the Earl of *Sunderland*, Ambassador Extraordinary from His Majesty of Great Britain, arrived there the 9 instant; That they heard not as then of any positive answer the Queen Regent had made to the Proposals of the French Ambassador, in relation to the present conjuncture of affairs.

Hague, February 2. The Imperial Ministers having lately given in a Memorial to the States General, in which, they represented, that as well the Elector of *Cologne*, as other Princes of the Empire, were not a little concerned at the great numbers of Forces which they daily draw down towards their Frontiers on the *Rhyn*, as if it were with intention of attempting something on their Neighbors; It is said, that the States have since replied to the said Memorial, to this effect; That as they never had the least thoughts of any such design, which might directly or indirectly prejudice their Neighbors, either within or without the Empire; so they wished they had no cause given them, to be apprehensive of the preparations that are making, and the great numbers of Foreign Troops that are gathering together in the Empire, &c.

This day are arrived here, most of the Deputies of the States of *Holland*, who will be to morrow compleat again, in the mean time little of moment passes here, the great expectation being of what these States will finally resolve on at their next meeting, in several matters of great importance which are before them. Yesterday arrived here an Express from Monsieur d' *Amerongen* at *Berlin*, bringing, as is said, a good account of that Ministers negotiation at that Court.

From *Maestricht* they write, of an other Fire that had lately happened there, which though it did not much mischief, yet put the Garrison into a great allarme, the Soldiers in their first frights looking upon the accident, to have been the plot and contrivance of their Enemies, who they now thought ready to storme the Town from without, whilst they were thus disordered within; but the Fire being quickly quenched, they began to be better satisfied, and to discover how vain these their fears had been.

Advertisement.

LOst the 12 of January by the Lord *Asson*, one Balcon; whosever hath taken up any such Hawk, or can discover to the Lord *Asson*, at his House at *Truxa*, any one that conceals such Hawk, so that the Lord *Asson* may recover again the same Hawk, shall have five pounds for a reward, and his charges born for bringing or sending the Hawk, Tixell two Miles off *Stafford*.