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Leghorne, January 11.

The sixth instant parted hence the Society in Company of several Dutch Merchant men, for England; the seventh arrived here the *Hambrough Merchant*, and *England Frigate* from *Smirna*; the eighth came in here the *Providence* laden with Oyles from *Gallipoly*; and yesterday arrived the *Golden Fleece*, together with the *Unity* and *Florentine* from *England*, as likewise the *Lady Ketch*, who meeting with three *Argiers* men of War, upon notice of her being *English*, was not in the least molested, but received all kindness from them.

Ditto, 25. The 15 arrived the *Anne* and *Fudith* from *Gallipoly* with Oyles, and may in few days depart in Company of several other Merchant men for *England*; the 23 arrived the *Greyhound* from *London*; this day the *Golden Fleece* may sail for *Naples* and *Messina*.

Vienna, January 20. Here is lately returned the Courier, who was some time since sent with Instructions to the Imperial Resident at the Port, bringing Letters from the said Minister; which tell us, that the Grand Visier openly declares, that the great preparations they are making, are intended against *Poland*, and that he will Command in Person the Army, that shall be employed against that Kingdom, for which we are not here, without a particular concern, in respect of the near Alliance of the Emperor with that King, by the Marriage of his Sister.

We are told, of a Turkish Chiaus, who is on his way hither from the Port, and is in few days expected here. They of the Reformed Religion in *Hungary*; seem to make great difficulty to part with their Churches to the Roman Catholics, as their Archbishop hath let them know, his Imperial Majesty hath Commanded they should; upon which, several persons who were the most active, in the opposing the execution of these orders, have been taken into custody, not without occasioning some dissatisfaction in those parts. The *Sieur Souches*, General of the Emperors Forces in *Hungary*, lyes dangerously ill, almost past hopes of recovery.

Ditto, January 23. The Turkish Chiaus is arrived within three miles of this place, to morrow he will be conducted hither, and the same day have Audience of the Count de *Montecuculi* President of the Council of War; it is said, his Errand is, to demand passage for the Ottoman Forces through some of the Emperors Territories, on their march towards *Poland*, and farther to desire the Emperor; that he would not break the present good correspondence between the two Empires, by going about to assist the Poles, whom the Grand Signior is, as they pretend, forced to declare War against; in that they detain from the *Cossacks* of the *Ukraine*, who are now become his Subjects, several places they violently took from them this Summer. The Dutch Burgo continues his negotiation here with much diligence, for the abating the Impositions on Wines and other Commodities, carried out of these

and other parts, of the Empire, for the use of the United Provinces, though it is thought, he will hardly be able to prevail in it, because of the great revenue it brings the Emperor.

Dantzicke, January 23. The 26 instant will begin the great Dyet here, several of the Deputies are already arrived, and say they have Instructions to agree to any thing, which may be for the good of the Kingdom in general, and chiefly for its security and defence, in a time when they are threatened with a powerful Invasion. Our Ambassadors arrived the 12 of the last Month at *Moscow*, but complain very much of the Treatment they received, as well during their journey, as since their arrival there from those people.

Hamburg, February 2. Yesterday arrived here several Officers, bringing with them a considerable summe of Money, being, as is said, to raise in these parts four Regiments, two of Horse, and two of Foot, for the Service of the Bishop of *Munster*, in *Pomerania* the Swedes are bringing together several Troops, and will, as is said, have in that Province, and their other Territories in *Germany*, an Army of 16000 Men this Spring.

Brussels, February 5. His Excellency continues to Treat the Deputies, at present here, from the States General of the United Provinces, with extraordinary kindness and respect. The Duke de *Bourbonville*, Governor of *Artois*, is lately come hither to confer with his Excellency, concerning several matters relating to his Government. Count *Marcyn*, who was lately indisposed, is at present perfectly well again. We expect with much impatience, the return of a Courier lately sent hence to *Madrid*, and by him the Queen Regents directions, how to proceed with the Treaty, proposed by the States General.

Cologne, February 5. Yesterday went hence, Colonel *Bampfilds* Regiment, and the same day entered this place the Troops of the Circle of *Westphalia*, who being immediately upon their arrival drawn up in the Market place, took the Oath of Fidelity to these Magistrates; in the mean time we hear, that at *Keysermaert*, the French intend to visit this Regiment, and to stop all such, as either are his most Christian Majesties born Subjects, or have deserted his Service, to which end, they have planted four pieces of Cannon near the Rhyn, to Command the Vessels which transports this Regiment. The third instant the Bishop of *Strasburgh* entertained the Duke of *Lorraine* here in Town at a noble Dinner, where it is said, there was some discourse of that Dukes accommodation with his most Christian Majesty. We hear of more Troops that are coming down into these parts, to *Alsace* there is at present in Garrison 2400 Men.

Paris, February 6. Monsieur de *Louvois* hath since his return, taken his place in the Kings Council as Minister of State, with which Title, his Majesty has in consideration of his many Services, been particularly pleased to honor him. The fourth instant dyed here in Town, *Anne Marie Mariniotzi* Princess de *Conti*, Wife to the late Prince of that name; in the 35 year of her age, after five days illness, leaving