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Newcastle, October 12.

THe *Saphire* and *Little-Victory* are returned into this Harbor, and have brought with them a Prize laden with Cums and Salt: We had here a warme report of some French and Dutch Capers that were said to have fallen in with the Fleet of Colliers, not long since sent from this place, but we are now assured of the falseness of it, and that the Fleet is by this safely arrived in the Thames.

Genova, October 6. The Empress (as 'tis said) sets forwards from Milan the 9th instant, 'tis thought that the Envoyes from this State will part this day from hence, to complement her before her departure, though others are of opinion that none will be sent, the *Spaziards* being observed to stand so highly upon punctilios. The States Convooy for Turkey was seen off of *Stio*, August 22. and the Venetian Fleet at that time about *Milo*, which gives us hopes that the Convooy got safe to *Smyrna*, though we are much allarmed from *Legorne*, that they have been stopp'd by the Venetians in the Arches.

From Milan we are informed that the Empress made her Solemn Entry the 25 past, with very great pomp and magnificence, triumphal Arches very richly adorned, being erected in several places of the City for that Solemnity; and all persons appearing in their greatest splendor and bravery, the Empress not riding on horseback (as was expected) but carried in a very rich open Chariot, Comte *Filippo d'Aglié* arriving there the day before, with an exceeding stately and rich equipage, and was met and brought in with a great number of Coches with six horses.

Venice, October 8. The Turks that lately made an unsuccessful attempt, with much loss upon *Mascasca*, gave not over their design as was expected, but were with all diligence proceeding to give another furious assault, to which they were much encouraged by the weakness of that place and small number of the Garrison, which intention of theirs, was by a fugitive discovered to General *Cornaro*, who being unwilling to hazard the lives of the Garrison, in a place not possibly to be kept against so powerful an Enemy, gave order for the quitting of it to the Enemy, drawing out all the men from it in the night, but first undermining the Fort, leaving there a train which they intended should take fire at the time intended, by the Turks for that assault: The Turks according to their design, came up furiously to the Walls, but finding no Enemy to oppose them, grew presently jealous of some extraordinary stratagem, and without attempting farther, retired from the walls to expect the issue, of which they were speedily satisfied, by the firing of the Mine, which with an incredible noise, blew up the whole place: After this the Turks marched farther into the Country, but with what design is not yet known; our Forces returning to *Spallata*, where they continue at present to observe the motion of the Enemy.

The *Corsaires* at *Dulcigno*, observing that our Gallies and other Vessels of strength were employed in attending the General *Cornaro*, took that opportunity to prey upon the Coast, landing upon several places on the Sea Coasts, and carrying away with them many of the Inhabitants with their goods.

On the other side our *Morlachs* of *Trax* and *Sabenco*, joining in a body, made an incursion into the Enemies quarters, from whence they returned successfully with a rich booty, good store of Cattle of all sorts, and several heads of their Enemies.

Our Gallies are now again upon the Seas, giving chase in all places to the *Corsaires*, who had not been so busy in

their absence, but upon the instigation and treachery of certain Renegadoes. The allarme we lately had of an invasion intended by the Turks upon *Zante*, and some other Islands adjacent, is discovered to proceed from the usual Rodomontados of the Enemy, who under all this noise, intended nothing but some inconsiderable pyracies at Sea.

On Sunday last after dinner Signiour *Procuratore Valiers* with a large and gallant train of Cavaliers, went hence on his Ambassy to the Empress, attended on by 24 Staffiers, 12 Pages, and 4 Trompets in very rich Liveries, carrying with him also his Lady, who though she goes *Incognito*, is attended with a large train of Ladies and Gentlewomen.

Mayence, Sept. 28. The affairs of these Countreys continue still in troublesome condition. We are at present in a middle state between War and Peace, a suspension of Arms being enjoyed by his Imperial Majesty, but as yet we discern not any good effects of it.

The *Lorrainers* having throughly harassed all the Low-Country, begin now to aim at some places where they may secure themselves in their Winter-Quarters: Our last intelligence from *Spire*, makes them to be before *Wachenheim*, which is now full of excellenz Wines of this years Vintage. On the other side 'tis said, that the Elector *Palatine* is again marched out of *Heidelberg*, with all the force he could make, and designs upon *Kistloch*, a place of strength in the Bishoprick of *Spire*. Our Elector is onely upon the Defensive Posture, and has caused several Bridges to be pulled up between this and *Frankfort*, the better to secure his possessions on this side the River.

Madrid, October 7. Here has been much Competition of late for the Viceroyalty of *Peru*, which is at last concluded and bestowed upon the *Conde de Lemos*, who is specially to be transported to his new Government, taking with him the Marquess *de Villar*, and another Lord; who though high in blood, are at present but low in their Fortunes, which they have hopes to advance by this Employment.

Cádiz, Sept. 19. The Spanish Armada is now riding, as formerly, before *Lubon*, which City hath received no small inconvenience by their Neighbourhood; and hath given a great stop to their Commerce, putting them likewise into no small apprehensions for their *Brazil* Fleet: But their great want of Provisions hath caused much Sickness in the Armada, which they feared might force them from that station. Four ships are already arrived from them in this Road, bringing the News of a great Mortality amongst their men, and the loss of one of their considerable ships, which by some accident was sunk. These four ships are (as 'tis said) taking in Provisions and Necessaries for the rest of the Fleet, which intends still to keep the Sea.

Disso, Sept. 26. This instant are coming into this Road 15 or 26 of the Armada, forced hither by their wants and sickness; the *Capitana* in particular, counting above 160 sick men aboard him.

This place is much concerned for a late Proclamation made here for the removal of the Custom-house, and the Table for the Judges, from this place to *St. Lucar*; it being likewise published, that all things belonging to the service and dispatch of the Gallions, shall be for the future sent to *Seville* and *St. Lucar*, which will extremely ruine the Trade and Commerce of this place. We are sending away our Deputies to *Madrid*, if possible, to prevent this; but we fear the interest of *Seville* will be too prevalent in the Court, though the inconvenience of the Port of *St. Lucar* must needs be very prejudicial to all great ships.

Granada, Sept. 28. The Duke *De Medina Celi* is ret-

king an Army to be employed (as is given out) upon the Frontiers of *Condado de Niebla*; so that we are like to have four several Armies on Foot, though neither of them very considerable.

Four *French*, and three *Holland* ships are lately past by *Malaga*, who have taken their Lading from the new *Spain* Fleet; and the Convoy of *Genoua* is now come to take off the remainder of their Cargo.

Rome, *Octob. 2.* This day the Canons of the Church of *St. Jean de Leteran* at their own expence, celebrated with great Funeral pomp, the obsequies of the late Queen Mother of *France*, where there assisted the French Ambassador *Monsieur Le Duc de Chaulnes*, with many of the Cardinals of the Faction, viz. *Orfino, Antonio, Mancini, and Maldechina*, with a great number of Prelates, Noblemen, and an extraordinary concourse of people. The solemnity being more then usual, the Canons being willing by this Ceremony to express the great esteem they had of the merits of that Queen, and their gratitude to the Crown of *France*, they possessing an Abbey given them by the late King of the yearly value of 6000 p. Cardinal *Chisy's* absence from that solemnity has occasioned much discourse here, he being lately created Arch-Priest of that Church in the room of Cardinal *Colonna*, some days since dead at *Fisale*.

A Courtier is newly past by this place from *Madrid* on his way to *Naples*, with order to that Viceroy to pay monthly to Cardinal *Sforza* 1000 Ducats, during the time of his Embassy to this Court from his Catholick Majesty.

Warsaw, *Sept. 28.* From *Ukrania* we are informed, That the General of the *Cossacks*, in testimony of his obedience, is resolved not only to keep the people under his command in subjection to this Crown, but also to put such strong Garrisons into the principal places, as shall still oblige them to live peaceably.

Letters from *Lituania* advise us, that the Commissioners from *Muscovy* had lately received Letters from the grand Duke, which import, That no farther Concession is to be made to this Crown, but only of the forementioned places of *Polosko* and *Vilepsco*. The great hopes and probability they have of concluding a Peace with the *Swedes*, rendering them less sollicitous after the Treaty with us.

Lubomirski has now brought home his Lady and Family, and continues his resolution of living peaceably, intending very suddenly to attend her Majesty some time the next Month; and in his return to wait upon his Majesties commands, who is still diverting himself in Hunting, being the exercise he much delights in.

Legorn, *Sept. 28.* A second Vessel arriving here, confirms on his own sight and knowledge, the seizing of the *Genouese* Convoy, worth at the least three Millions, by the *Venetian Armado* in the *Archipelago*, in which was imbarqued the Marquis *Durazzo*, the *Genouese* Ambassador to the Grand Signior; some laying upon pretence of carrying false coyn, there being in it 100000 Dollars in 5 Solz. pieces of bad Alloy; others, because they found several Letters and Biles of Goods directed to the Grand Signior, and divers Bassas. But what ever was the reason, he is sure of the matter of fact, having seen several of those ships unladed by the *Venetians*.

Fresh news is every day brought us of the great zeal of the *Jews* in the *Levant*, to the pretended *Messiah*, who flock in such numbers to him, that in one day no less then 8000 strangers were in the Cattle, where he is prisoner, to see him; that when he goes abroad (which is as oft as he pleases) he is always attended, a King, to the admiration of all sober men. All this being permitted by the Grand Signior himself, who allows him a considerable daily maintenance.

They have a new Prophet also risen in *Scio*, who declares, That the 26 of the Seventh Moneth or Moon, which begins the 30 instant, All the World is to see the deliverance of the *Jews*.

From *Rome* 'tis said, that the Pope is very weak, and that the *French* Ambassador is very active in order to a new Election, and that the *Spaniards* to countermine him, have resolved, That in case of a *Sede Vacante*, Cardinal *Sforza* shall not manage the interest of that Crown; but that *Don*

Pedro d'Arragon, Vice-King of *Naples*, shall come in person from *Rome* to give check to the *France* faction.

Paris, *Octob. 20.* Our Letters from *Thoulou* inform us, that eight large new Vessels, Men of War, are there equipping with all diligence, which are intended to pass the *Streights* into the Ocean, and to joyn the Fleet under the command of *Monsieur de Beaufort*, who is still at *Brest*, and has received orders from his Majesty to disarm all his Fleet except 12 ships, which with the eight that are to joyn them from *Thoulou*, are to lie ready for service upon all occasions. Besides these, the six ships bought by the King of the States of *Holland*, are hastning and fitting up, and are in few days expected at *Brest*.

From *Havre de Grace*, they tell us of the Arrival of one of our Men of War, forced by ill weather into that Road before the Town; but having not water enough to make a nearer approach for security, several Shallops were sent out to lighten him; which they did so opportunely, as to get him safe into the Port, who (had he staid one hour longer in the Road) had otherwise been certainly made prize by three English Fregats that were cruising there.

Yesterday arrived here the Marquis *de Monterey*, son to *Don Louis d'Haro*, one of the Grandees of *Spain*, with a great attendance and equipage, being on his way for *Flanders*, where he is to command a Terce of the new raised *Spaniards*.

Eschuse, *Octob. 23.* Our Letters from *Amsterdam* tell us, that the ship *Venenborgh* that came from the *East-Indies*, was entred into *Gluckstadt*, but they have now news at all of the other two that were in her company.

Four Men of War are mending and fitting out with all diligence at *Middleborough*; and 'tis said, they are designed to joyn with the Squaaron under Captain *Guillaume Van Saen*, in place of four others of that Squadron which will be recalled back into *Zealand*, having been all this Summer out at Sea. All the other Provinces are likewise calling in their ships, those that are to keep the Sea, are from 36 to 44 Guns, and have order to be out for six weeks; in which time their Merchants ships will most require their assistance. We shortly expect 30 or 40 sail of Merchants from *Denmark*, who are at present in the Road before *Elseneur*, and intend in few days to set sail under the Convoy of two Men of War, part of those ships carried hence by *Adelaer*.

Hamburg, *Octob. 6.* The *Swedes* Leaguer grows every day stronger by the daily addition of new forces. The greatest part of the forces about *Stettin*, having orders to march upon the first news of the Rupture of the Treaty. Amongst others, the Generals Life-Guard being a lusty Regiment of Foot were in their march, consisting of 14 Companies, and with the Officers, is complet 2000 men.

Hague, *Octob. 21.* Yesterday four Troops of Horse and several Companies of Foot were mustered, and are according to order to be disposed of to their several Posts. 'Tis said, that the States intend speedily to dispatch Deputies for *Bremen*, to endeavor a compolure of their differences with *Swedeland*.

Yesterday his Highness the Prince of *Orange* left *Cleves*, and came to *Byaven*, where he was nobly treated by *Mademoiselle Bredersde*, to morrow at Noon he is expected at *Ntrecht*, and at night here, whither he has sent before him his attendants and baggage.

Eight or ten days hence, the Princess Dowager is likewise expected, and with her the Duchesse of *Brandenburgh*, who 'tis thought will pass the Winter in this Town.

Hest-Cowes, *October 15.* The roughness of the Seas, and extremity of ill weather have kept off all ships from putting in here: The *Milford* and *Paradox* have been kept in by contrary winds near 12 daies, and expect only better weather to put to Sea, being bound with several Vessels for *Plymouth*.

Weymouth, *October 15.* Several parcels of a Wreck have been driven upon those Coasts by the late storm; and two Chests taken up upon the Coast of *Portland*, and some other things seen floating, which make us apprehend it to have been an English Vessel, and particularly a small Barque bound hither from *Hampton*.