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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 excellenc 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.

Cadix, 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 *Brafil* 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-