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Two days since we received Letters from *India*, written by the English President residing at *Surate*, who acquaints us with the daily fears they have there, from *Sivagee* the Rebel, who having beaten the *Mogul* in several Battles, remains almost Master of that Country, and takes the boldness to write to all the European Ministers in *Surate*, that if they refuse to send him such and such immediate presents of Money (which as he puts them would amount to vast sums) by way of Contribution, he will return and ruin that City; That he exacts the like from the Inhabitants, who certainly would comply with his Demands, but that the Officers of the *Mogul*, being there hinder them. Which puts them into an extreme Straight, and causes others daily to convey away their richesse; many also embarking and transporting themselves into other parts, to avoid the storm they fear will fall upon them.

'Tis probable that the Island of *Bombay*, belonging to the English, will reap no small benefit by these Broyles; to which place many *Bannians* flock with their Families and Estates. 'Tis reported that that Island is now made one of the richest and pleasest places in all *India*. 'Tis said, they want nothing but some industrious English hands, and that it is intended to engage what numbers may be, to come and Inhabit there, with a promise of many considerable advantages, especially that of Trade in all *Aisa*, and to *Africa*, as far as the Cape of *Good Hope*, and to the Gulf of *Persia*; and several Islands in those parts.

- *Smirna*, Dec. 14. The Corsairs in the *Arches*, continue very intent upon Prey, pillaging almost every Christian Ship that falls into their hands, or pretente of Turks, Jews or Armenians Goods. Lately the Marquis of *Flori*, a Savoyard, in a Ship of 60. Guns, took all the Silk and other fine Goods out of the *Great Alexander of Venice*, Commanded by Capt. *Simon*: But not long after, meeting with a storm, he was cast away on the Isle of *Paros*, where the Men being come safe ashore, fortified themselves, and planted their Guns upon their Works; of which Capt. *Simon* having advice, he procured three Venetian men of War to revenge his quarrel, and so sailing to *Paros*, assaulted the Works, and took the Marquis with all his Men and Goods, intending to proceed against them as Pirates.

Stockholm, Jan. 24. Some days since passed here a publick Minister from *Muscovy* to the Danish Court, whose busines is said to be, to know of that King, what assistances he would give his Master the next Spring, for the driving the Turks out of their new Conquests in *Poland*.

His Majesty of *Sweden* is lately gone to the *Copperberg*, attended by the Chancellor, Treasurer, and some other Senators: since his departure the Marquis de *Feuquieres*, Ambassador from his most

Christian Majesty, is arrived here, but intends to remain *incognito*, until the return of the Court. Here is also arrived a Gentleman from the Duke of *Wurtenberg*, to propose, as is said, a Marriage between the eldest Son of that Duke, and the Princess *Magdalene*, Niece to the Queen Mother of *Sweden*. And we expect hourly to hear of the arrival of an Envoy from the Elector of *Brandenburg*, whose Commission is said to be, to press this King to an observance of the last Treaty made betwixt this Crown and his Master, for the defence of the peace of the Empire.

Warsaw, Jan. 31. Hitherto little progress hath been made in the Negotiation about the composure propoed with the Male-contents. The Bishop of *Grawow* returned the 29 instant from *Lowitz*, where he left the Palatine of *Wistepsky* his Colleague; and yesterday that Prelate made a Report to the Senate, touching the Conference had with the said Male-contents, who are said to have expressed an inclination to Peace, with a desire of security for their Persons, to be given by the King and the Republick, that so they may come with safety to declare their own minds themselves: But notwithstanding all this, there is ground to apprehend, the personal appearance of this People, and their pretended inclination to adjust all differences, will prove successless. However, the Court yesterday dispatcht away Letters and Passports to them, nominating withal the Palatins of *Gendomir* and *Vilna* and some others for Mediators to Treat with them, the result whereof you may expect by the next.

Madrid, Feb. 1. Troops are still raising throughout this Kingdom, and particularly in this Town, to be sent for *Catologna*. The 19 of January a Courier was dispatcht for *Cadiz*, to halten away the 18 Ships of the Armada Royal, that are to meet the Gallions expected, which Squadron is to be Commanded by Don *Pedro Corbet*.

Brussels, Feb. 17. There happened yesterday morning about four of the clock, a great Fire in our Publick Store house for Coals, wherein were 2000 facks of Char-coal, of which the greatest part was burnt; But by the early care that was applyed, it was happily stopped there, without doing farther mischief.

Brest, Feb. 11. The first instant the Count of *Estrée* came to an Anchor in the Road of *Cameret's* with part of the Royal Squadron under his Command. The next Morning he landed, after he had sent away the other Ships of the same Squadron for *Rochfort*, to careen there, himself being now gone to attend the King. He stayed four days at *Lisbone*, and seven days more at the entry of the Bay of *Cadiz*, whence he hath conducted hither, a considerable Fleet of Merchant Ships, both English and French, richly laden. There were then in the said Bay, three Dutch men of War, which upon the appearance of our Squadron, drew in between the two Forts for safety. Here is extraordinary diligence used to fit out the Ships that are to serve the next Spring.

St. Germain, Feb. 17. By a Courier lately arriv'd

ved here from the Army, we have advice, that the Marshal de Turenne having the fourth of this Month, caused to be Attacked the Town of Unna, by some Troops under the Conduct of the Marquis de Renel, the Place being a considerable Post for Winter-quarters, had surrendered upon discretion; whereby the Garrison consisting of 400 Dragoons, and near 400 Foot, belonging to the Elector of Brandenburg, were made Prisoners of War; a considerable Body sent by the said Elector, for the succour of the Town, having in the mean time been defeated by a part of the Marshals Forces, but the particulars of this Action, and the Enemies loss, is not said:

Paris, Feb. 22. The Count d'Estree having Convoyed a very considerable Fleet of Merchant men to St. Malo, hath put into Brest with his men of War, and is himself on his way to the Court.

St. Germain en Lay, Feb. 24. The 17 instant the Deputies of the Parliament of Bretagne were introduced by the Duke de Channe, Governor of that Province, and had Audience of his Majesty, who appeared to be very well satisfied with their submissions.

The 18 Sir Edward Spragg, Vice Admiral of England, Envoy Extraordinary of the King of Great Britain, had likewise Audience of his Majesty, being Introduced by the English Ambassador; after dinner he had Audience of the Queen, and Monsieur the Dauphin, being conducted thither by the Sieur de Bonneix, Introducer of Ambassadors, who received the Envoy at Paris, and carried him in the Kings Coaches.

The 18 instant arrived a Courier, sent Express by the Abbot of Gravel, with the news of the death of the Elector of Menet, which happened at Wirtschaftburg the 12 instant, at which his Majesty seemed to be very sensibly touched; and some persons tell us moreover, that the Bishop of Spire who was Coadjutor to the Elector, was chosen Archbishop and Elector in his place.

The same day towards night, we had advice, which was confirmed the next Morning, of an Insurrection in the Franche Comte, caused by the discontents of certain of the Nobility, and of the People, who are generally dissatisfied with the Government of Germino Quinones, Governor of that Country, for the Catholick King; The Marquis de Discinioux, a person of the greatest quality amongst them, having put himself in the Head of the Nobility, to assist the Inhabitants of Dole, Gray, Fony, and other places that had declared against the Governor, and the Spanish Ministers, oppressing them with the violation of their Privileges, and the burthening them with inopportune exactions.

Antwerp, Feb. 17. All our Letters from Cologne and Cleve confirm the advice we formerly had, that the engagement so much expected between the French and German Armies in the Land of Mark, is come to nothing; and it is added, as if some little misunderstanding had been between the Elector of Brandenburg and Count Montecuculi, the former resolving, it seems to fight against the advice of the latter, ~~so much~~ that ~~Montecuculi~~ would not go out in person, but sent the Duke of Bourbonville with 16000 Men to joyn with the said Elector, during his stay at Paderborne with the pretence of the Gout.

Our Letters from the Hague tell us, it is given out there, that the States will in the next Campagne, have an Army of 80000 Foot and 12000 Horse, besides the Forces of their Confederates. But no Man, that knows the present State of Holland, and the rest of the Provinces, can imagine, how they will be able to raise and maintain so vast

a Body; In the mean time our new Levies in these Countries proceed very vigorously.

Cologne, Feb. 17. The Letters from Lippstadt of the 15 instant, that arrive just now, confirm to us our former news, that the Elector of Brandenburg, finding the Marshal de Turenne with his Army in so advantagious a Post, had not judged safe to engage him, and so was retreated to Bilefeld.

Hague, Feb. 21. Yesterday in the evening arrived here the Prince of Orange from the Leaguer at Alphen, who, 'tis thought, may now stay here a while, since in this variable weather, nothing can be attempted upon the Enemy. The 17, the Admiral de Ruyter arrived here likewise, and was the next day in a long conference with the Commissioners of the Admiralties, concerning our Sea-preparations, after which, he returned yesternight to Amsterdam; but what were the Results of that Council, is not yet said. The loss of our East-India Ship, outward bound about Portland, of 700 Tun burthen, carrying 32 Guns, and 270 Men, laden with considerable Commodities, hath caused no small trouble to the company concern'd in her.

'Tis now confirm'd from all parts, that the Elector of Brandenburg is retreated with his Army, seeing he could not engage the French so advantageously as he hoped for.

Whitchat, Feb. 19. Saturday the 15 instant, Sir Job Charlton, Speaker of the House of Commons, having been taken ill the night before, so as not to be able to proceed in the service of the House that day, the House, notwithstanding the great and pressing Affairs now depending before them, thought fit to adjourn till Tuesday, at which time Mr. Speaker finding his Indisposition to continue still upon him, did, by Letter, make his humble suit to His Majesty, that he might be eased of the burthen he was not able longer to sustain; whereupon His Majesty signified to the House by Mr. Secretary Coventry, his permission to them to choose a new Speaker (they having the same morning received a Letter from the Speaker, to have leave to retire into the Countrey) and immediately the House did unanimously make choice of Edward Seymour, Esq; much to His Majesties satisfaction, for his known Loyalty, and great Abilities to discharge that Place, and accordingly the House of Commons having presented him to His Majesty in the House of Lords for His Majesties Approbation, His Majesty was pleased very graciously to accept and allow of the choice.

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*L*ost near Whitechapel, Sunday night the 16th of February instant, about 7 a clock; A gold Watch, with a gold Chain to it, with 3 Seals upon it, 2 of which are Cornelions, and the third an Amethyst, all Heads, whereof one of the Cornelions is the Kings, they are set in Gold Enamelled, 'tis a French Watch, and the Case is Shagrin, gone all over with Gold Wyer; who ever can bring findings of it, to Major General Egerton's House in Southampton Street near Holborn, shall have five pounds for their pains.