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From on Board the Ship Concord, commanded by Captain Thomas Grantbam, Nov. 12. 1678.

ON the 24th past in the night, being in the Latitude of 48, about 120 Leagues from the Lands-end of England, we met with three Sail of Ships, and a small Bark, one of which proved to be the Admiral of Argiers, a new Frigate of 48 Guns, called the Rose, and commanded by Canary a Spanish Renegado; the other two Virginia men, the one of Plimouth, the other of Dartmouth, and the Bark of Ireland. The Algerine baled us in English, From whence? We answered, From London; He told us he was the Rupert Frigate, and commanded our Boat on Board, which our Captain refused, knowing it could not be the Rupert. The Turk kept company with us all night, which gave us some time to fit our Ship, and get our Boats out; when it was light, he put aboard his bloody Flag at Main Topmast head, fired a Gun, and commands us to Strike to the King of Argiers, and to Admiral Canary, we gave him a, What Cheer Hoc; He comes up with us, and passes his Broadside upon us, having 13 Guns on a side of his lower Tiers: We returned him as good a Salute as we could be Steered from us, falls a Stern, loaded his Guns with double head, and red Partridge, and then came up again with us, claps us on board, grapples with us on the Quarter, and made fast his Sprit sail Top mast to our main Bolings, our main Sail being furled. After two or three hours dispute, finding he could not master us, he cut away our Boats, and fires us on the Quarter, and our Mixen-Tard being shot down, fired our Sail, which burnt very vehemently, and immediately set all the after-part of our Ship on fire. Our Captain kept the Round-House and Cuddy, till the fire forced him to retreat, all that were with him being killed and wounded, and being got down into the great Cabin and Steeridge, he sallied out with those that were there, with a resolution rather to be burnt than taken. In the interim the Turks Foresail hanging in the Brails over our Poop, took fire; then he would fain have got clear of us, but we endeavoured to keep him fast, and as many as run up to cut him clear, we fetcht down with our small shot, until his Sails, Masts, Shrouds, and Tards, were all in a blaze; when we cut loose, and immediately his Mast to the Deck went by the Board, with many Men in his Top, and his bloody Flag; several of the Men betook themselves to their Boats, but at last they overcame the Fire, as thanks be to God, we did likewise on board our Ship, having our Mixen-Mast burnt by the Board, and all the after-part of our Ship burnt; there was little or no Wind: The Turk got out his Oars, and rowed till he was out of shot of us; had it pleased God we had had a Gale, we should have released many Christians; we had not leisure to save any Turks, but preserved one Nicholas Humfries, formerly a Mate of a Ship, who had been in slavery 13 months, from whom we understood, that the day before, this Canary had in company with him three Algerines more, one of 34 Guns, the other

of 30, and the third of 29; that their design was to Cruize between the Lands-end and Ushant, and that they parted in chasing certain Ships; that there are 24 Sail of them abroad, most of them out of the Streights. There being but little Wind, the Algerine and we kept in sight of each other all that day, and the next morning, and then it proving a small Gale, and having an account from the said Humfries of the three other Algerines, we steered away our course for Virginia; but that day, viz. the 28th, about two in the afternoon, we saw a Sail ahead of us, standing with us, we fitted our Ship; and when he came near us, he proved one of the three Ships abovementioned, viz. that of 34 Guns, we stood with him, upon which he fired and runs from us, we chased him till Sun-set, then stood away our Course, and saw no more of him. We had killed and wounded on Board of us in the Action with Canary 21 Men, but of the Turks, according to the account from aboard them, at least 70 or 80 are killed.

Dantzicke, Nov. 23. This afternoon we have advice, that the Suedes came on Thursday last before Memel, and summoned the place; that the Governor had answered, that he had nothing at their service but Powder and Bullet, and that soon after he had made a Sally with 7 or 800 men, but that he had not succeeded in it, being repulsed with the loss of a great many men; that the Suedes had thereupon set fire to the Suburbs, and that the Wind had communicated the Flames to the Town, of which the greatest part was laid in Ashes; that the next day the Suedes marched off from Memel towards Tilsse, which is a Pass of very great importance to them that are possessors of it; and which is therefore strongly guarded by the Brandenburgs.

Strasburg, Nov. 28. The Duke of Lorraine does with his presence very much advance the Fortifications that are making at Kiel. The Bridge over the Rhine is now quite finished, and we are pressing to raise some Works for the security of it. The next week the Duke of Lorraine will go for Essingen, to meet his Queen there, and so to take their journey together to Vienna.

Cologne, Decemb. 2. Three days since Lieutenant-General Calvo, was with 3000 Men, and 6 or seven pieces of Cannon at Dueren and Bergem; yesterday he came to Glabbach, and this day hath taken the Town of Kempen, his design being as is believed, to enter into the Country of Cleves; and it is said that he is to be followed by 4000 men more. The French are fortifying Bergem, and have possessed themselves likewise of Kesenich, two Leagues from hence, where they pretend to erect a Magazine; and at Efferen, which is but a League from hence, they have made 18 or 20 Ovens, for the baking of Bread; so that we are here in great apprehensions of a Siege. The Bishop of Mentz hath written to our Magistrates to offer them assistance of 6000 men, but they are not very forward to accept it, desiring rather to obtain a Neutrality of the French.

Brussels, Nov. 29. The Ratiſications are at length arrived from Spain by an Extraordinary Courier, who came hither on Sunday night, and parted again yesterday by five in the morning for Nimeguen, where we suppose he is by this time, so that we expect to hear of the exchange of the Ratiſications this week. Our Letters from Flanders tell us, that the French King has sent orders to the Governors of the places which are to be restored to Spain, to be ready to march out by the 15th of the next month at farthest. Yesterday was performed the ceremony of the Prince of *Vaudemont's* being received into his Charge of Gentleman of the Chamber to his Catholick Majesty in Ordinary; his Excellency gave him the Key; and, we are told, that to-morrow, being St. Andrew's day, both his Excellency and the Duke of *Arſchois*, will receive the Order of the Golden Fleece.

Duno, Decemb. 6. We were in expectation at the Court, that the Letters which arrived yesterday from Nimeguen, would have brought us an account, that the Ratiſications were exchanged, but on the contrary, we are informed, that the Spanish Ambassadors press to have an Explanation of some Articles, and particularly desire that the matter of the Limits (which by an Article of the Treaty, is referred to Commissioners) be left to the decision of his Majesty of Great Britain, and the States General of the United Provinces, in case the said Commissioners do not adjust it in a certain time limited they likewise demand that the Merchants be expressly excluded from the benefit of the general Pardon and oblivion which is granted by the said Treaty to all persons for what has been done by them during the war. Our Letters add, that a farther prolongation of the term for the exchange of the Ratiſications, hath been agreed to; but that gives us little satisfaction, when we consider how extremely their Countries suffer in the mean time. The charge which they are at, by having the French Troops thus quartered upon them, amounting as is computed to some 100 thousand Crowns a day; and the City of *Gant*, after having paid seven times their 20th penny to the French, being now charged at 128 thousand Florins a month. From *Liege* we are told that the French Troops increase daily in that Country; and that they advance more and more from the *Meuse* towards the *Rhine*; and from *Cologne* the 2d instant they wrote, that their fears of being attacked by the French increase every moment, so that the Magistrates were about resolving to call in their assistance the *Munster* and *Luxemburg* Troops, besides the new Levies themselves are making, which will amount to 6000 men, besides 4000 of the City Militia; that the French were battering the Castle of *Sieberg*, and that the Guns were heard at *Cologne* that they had taken *Kempen*, and were entered into the Duchy of *Clèves*, where they committed great disorders. The same Letters add, that the Emperor had sent his orders to *Cologne* to pay a great sum of Money to the *Luxemburg* Troops for their Winter-quarters.

Ague, Decemb. 6. The Deputies of the States of *Holland* are expected here this night, to renew their Assembly to-morrow. We are told that complaints have been made by order of the States General to the French Ambassador here, that at *Rochel* the French exact 50 Sols per Tun of their ships, laden partly with salt, and partly with other Goods, contrary to an

Article of the Peace, which says that but 25 Sols shall be taken of Ships carrying Salt. As also that they continue to exact the same Duties at *Vijet* of *Holland* Vessels, trading to *Liege*, which they had formerly established at *Maeſtricht*. *Don Emanuel de Lyra*, the Spanish Minister, presses the States to put *Maeſtricht* into the hands of the King his Matter.

Paris, Decemb. 7. Yesterday in the morning the Dutch Ambassadors had a private Audience of the King at *Verſailles*; their publick Audience is not to be till after they have made their Entry into this City, which will not be yet in some days. We have now certain advice of the arrival of the Spanish Ratiſications at *Nimeguen*, though it seems they are accompanied with some restrictions and limitations, which may create some new difficulties, though it's hoped they will be overcome. Our Letters from *Alsace* of the first instant, tell us, that the Duke of *Lorraine* had put the Imperial Army into quarters in *Suabia* and *Franconia*; that the new Fortifications of *Strasburg*, and the Forts on the *Rhine*, were continued with all possible application; that the *Sieur de Monclar*, who commands the Kings Forces in *Alsace*, was fortifying several small places near *Strasburg*, which by that means he purposes to keep blocked up this winter.

Portsmouth, Dec. 1. On the 29 past, the Fleet of Dutch Merchantmen, consisting of 24 Sail, (who have lay'n wind bound in *Cowes* Road these five weeks) set Sail with a fair wind, under the Convoy of a Man of War of 34 Guns, being bound for *Cadix*.

London, Decemb. 3. This day Mr. *Coleman*, according to the Sentence past upon him, was drawn upon a Sledge to *Tyburne*, and there Hanged and Quartered.

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Stolen or strayed the 18th of November last past, out of the Grounds of *William Stone* Baker of *Stowmarket* near *Bridge-water* in *Somersetshire*, a bright bay Mare 7 years old, 15 hands, with black mares and strong black tail, a mealy mouth, a large star in the forehead, a half-penny cut in one of her ears, and burnt on the left buttock with a T. If any person finds the said Mare, let them give notice thereof to *William Stone* aforesaid, or to *Mr. R. Burt* at the *George* in *Red-Lyon Court* in *Fleet-street*, and they shall be well rewarded.