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*Yarmouth, June 5.*

**T**His afternoon arrived a sloop from *Newport*, the Skipper informing us that he left *Newport* yesterday in the morning; that in the night about half Seas over, off of *Orford* or *Alborough*, he discovered about 60 or 70 lights, which he guess to be the Dutch Fleet, who then stood away to the Southwards; He says that *Fuernes* in *Flanders* a place about six English miles distant from *Newport*, was on Sunday last several times assaulted by the French, and upon Monday, surrendered to them about two of the clock in the afternoon, the Soldiers that were in it, being about 200 marching into *Newport*; He says farther that the banks to the Westwards of *Newport* are cut, and the Country laid under water, to hinder the nearer approach of the French Army.

*West Cowes, June 5.* Yesterday two French Fishermen were brought in here, taken upon the Coast of *France*, who give an account of a Fleet of about 60 sail of French Merchantmen with one Convoy, which they saw on this side the *Cape de Hague*, bound some for *Newfoundland*, and others for *Rochelle*, to fetch Salt for the *Grande partie*.

*Hull, June 5.* Yesterday was brought up here a prize, taken by the *Oxford*, about 26 Leagues off *Flamborough-head*, on Saturday morning last; being a Privateer of *Holland* of eight Guns, and forty men, of which number eight were taken prisoners by him, aboard two *Swedes* that had been taken by him, and were sent into *Holland*; The Captain having instructions to bring up all *Swedes* and *Danes*, coming from or going to *England*.

*Copenhagen, May 31.* The 24th. of this Month arrived here the Heer *Amerongen*, Ambassador from the States General to his Majesty, and had his Audience the 26. of their Majesties and the Prince of *Denmark*, with the usual Ceremonies. Two Dutch men of War, called the *Pheasant*, and the *Shepherd*, which are employed in the service of this King, under the command of Captain *Van Dort*, and *Van der Voors*, having from Noon till Night been engaged by an English Man of War called the *Princess*, before *Malsstrand*, are returned into Port much shattered and disabled, and all their Rigging torn, one of them having received three dangerous shots under Water, and the Captain *Van Dort* kill'd. The *Hollanders* that were aboard, attributing much of the Damage they received to the cowardice of the *Danes*, and others that were aboard them, who upon the first view of the English ran down into the Hold, leaving their Defence wholly to the Dutch. The *Danes* have sent some of their Vessels to *Holstein*, for the Transportation of the Prince's of *Cassel*.

*Nancy, June 4.* The Troops sent by the Duke of *Lorraine*, for the service of the King of *France*, passed by *Pont a Mousson* the second instant, being about 1500 horse, and 1200 foot, besides their Officers, under the command of the Count de *Lillebone*, and the Prince de *Vaudemont*, who is at the head of his Regiment of horse: They are since gone by the way of *Verdun*, and thence are to continue their march, till they arrive at his Majesties Army, by whose order the Sieur de *Obbeville* is to command them. The Duke of *Lorraine* is again returned hither, to the great satisfaction of the Citizens, and the Country hereabouts.

*Ipres, June 8.* On Friday morning the French Army of 14000 men, rounded the Town of *Berghen S. Winox*, and on Saturday between nine and ten at night, gave a general assault to it in five places, thinking to have taken it with much ease, there being in it not above 60 Walloons; and 25 English, besides the Townsmen. The Walloons they beat from the Works into the Town, and had probably

taken it; had not the English met with better success in coming into their defence, which so much encouraged the Townsmen, that they presently beat back the French in three places where they were entred, and forced them to retreat with the loss of 500 men, and about 400 hurt, the assault having continued till three in the morning: When the Governor finding the place not easily to be defended, about four of the clock beat for a parley, and surrendered the Town upon honorable conditions, marching off with Bag and Baggage, Drums beating, Colors flying, and all that was desired, with two pieces of Cannon, under a safe conduct to *Ipres*, to which place they came yesterday.

*Rotterdam, June 9.* The third Instant the Admiral *de Ruyter* arrived at the *Texel*, with 14 men of War of the *Maeße* Squadron, 4 Fire-ships and 2 Yachts; where he was saluted by each Man of War that lay at Anchor, with 12 Guns; which he answered with 9. The same day several of their Merchant Ships put to Sea under the Conduct of two Men of War. The fourth Instant *de Ruyter* took a view of all the Fleet, commanding the Captains to stand upon their Guards, and be in readines to set Sail; In the mean time placing 20 of his Men of War at the Mouth of the *Texel*, it being noised about, as if the English had some 30 Fire-ships in readines to send in amongst them: The same day they held a Council of War, in which two Captains were accused to have been wanting in their Duties the last Summer, viz. *Roscius*, and *Gillis Cheloy*; the former was acquitted, but the latter found guilty, and condemned to four years Imprisonment, and all his Wealth distributed amongst the Poor. The fifth, the Pensionary *de Witte*, with the Deputies of the Admiralty, came aboard the Admiral, and about three in the afternoon the Blew Flagg was set up, with design to put to Sea, but the Wind coming contrary, stopp'd them that day. The sixth Instant, about five in the morning, they put to Sea, going out of the *Texel* on the left-hand the *Landsdiep*, the Fleet consisting of 62 Men of War, 12 Fire-ships, one Vessel designed for the *East-Indies*, one for *Guiny*, and several other Merchants for the *West-Indies* and other places. The Vice-Admiral *Swers*, with 12 Men of War, staid behind at an Anchor, intending to have followed and joyned with the Fleet the same day, but the Wind coming North-West, hindred his intention for some time, but he is since also gone out. The same day *de Ruyter* sent off six of his Men of War to *Helwoet-Sluis*, to take in some Souldiers and Seamen, which are to be distributed amongst the Men of War of *N. Holland*, who wanted; that evening the Pensionary came back to *Nieu Diep*, in one of the States Yachs.

The seventh Instant there were 12 Men of War at Anchor behind the *Texel*, the most part of *Friseland*, which will be also at Sea this day or to morrow; and several boates are continually sent after the Fleet, with Men and Provisions.

*Antwerp, June 9.* The Estates of *Brabant*, and the other Provinces of the Spanish Netherlands, having in an Assembly declared the Queen of *France's* Pretensions to be Null, both upon the account of her Renunciation, and also upon the Edict of *Charles the Fifth*, confirm'd by these Estates, by which those Countys are declared inseperable from the Crown of *Spain*; and since the King of *France* is forcibly entred in an Armed posture into their Country, and hath already seized upon some places under the Spanish Jurisdiction, have resolved unanimously to venture their lives and fortunes for the defence of their Country, & for the manifestation of their Allegiance, solemnly Promised and Sworn to His Catholique Majesty, as their lawfull Sovereign: commanding all Persons under their Jurisdiction to proceed against

them, as Sworn Enemies to the State: They are now proceeding farther in their Leavies, wherein this City has given them a pattern, ordering a Crown a piece to each Souldier for Advance: and seven pence a day besides bread; all Persons being rated at their proportions for their maintenance: The Bishop of this City to entertain 100 Men; The Abbot of St. Michael 75; every Cannon 3, each Burgomaster 6; the Sheriffs 2; all Religious Houses and Priests to maintain their shares; and the Tradesmen rated every man according to his ability.

**Hague, June 9.** Yesterday in the morning, arrived here from the Fleet the Pensionary *de Witte*, who certainly informs the States that the Fleet are put to Sea, consisting of 59 Capital ships: the same morning they were discovered off *Scheveling* about the height of *Beckerhey*: *De Witte* is gone away from hence to *Helvoetsluys*, to order out some Fluits to attend the Fleet. Order is here taken for a flying Army of several Regiments, of which two of horse, and three of foot, shall be sent to *Groeningen*, and particularly the Count *de Solms*, and the *Here de Lee's* Regiments of horse, with the *Heres Clants*, *Golfsteyn*, and *Ameloes* Regiments of Infantry: *Hertogenbosch*, *Macstricht*, and several other places are to be strengthened, their Garrisons reinforced, and the Sconce near *Rooven* to be made up.

**Brussels, June 10.** The Groisse of the French Army lies still about *Charleroy*, and has not hitherto made any farther advance this way: our people every day take some prisoners, who assure us, that their Army is in great want of provisions, a small loaf of a pound being worth 15 So's, which causes their Army to diminish very sensibly.

Great numbers of the Country men are got together in the Woods of *Sogny*, in number, as 'tis said, about 12000, who have stopt up all the High-ways, and raised many Forts for their defence, which the Marquis *de Castel Rodrigo* taking notice of, has, for their encouragement furnished them with Ammunition, and other necessaries, and has commanded the Count *de Verlin*, Captain of Horse, with the *Sieur de Malineus* Serjeant-Major to command them; and this afternoon we are inform'd by the Bayliffe of *Nivelles*, that the peasants have killed the Marquis *de Boutron*, Governor of *Philippeville*.

The Baron *de Wanger*, Governor of *Bergue St Wynox*, has by his Letters hitherto informed us, that notwithstanding the great resistance he made against the French Forces that assaulted it, he was obliged in the end to surrender it upon honorable Conditions; viz. to march away with their Armes and Baggage, and two pieces of Cannon, the whole number of the Garrison not exceeding 70 Soldiers, and amongst them a part of an English Regiment of 25 men, who behaved themselves with extraordinary Courage and Resolution; but particularly he highly magnified their Commander Major *Gage*, as a person who in that occasion gave more than ordinary evidence of his great Valor and Conduct; and that the French in the assault of this place lost very near 1000 men, and among other persons of Note, one Lieut. Generally, and one Colonel.

**Breda, June 10.** On Saturday last the Ambassadors of England, France and Sweden, with the Envoyés Extraordinary, and Plenipotentiaries of Denmark, and the Plenipotentiaries of the States General, repaired to the Castle belonging to the Prince of Orange, which was the place appointed to Treat in; where the Governor of the Town was ready at the foot of the Stairs, in the innermost Court to receive them as they came, and conduct them to their several Apartments, where it is so ordered, that the French, Danes and Dutch Ministers have their distinct Chambers on one side of the great Gallery; the English in another hard by the great Room; by whom the Swedes have also their Apartment, from whence they go over one to the other, as oft as they have occasion to negotiate any business: Since this first, they have had yet no farther Meeting: Great care is taken to avoid all contests about Precedences; and order taken, that no Servants wearing Livery, shall wear Swords.

**Disio, June 13.** On Saturday last dyed here of a violent Fever, the Lord *Coyer*, one of the Swedes Plenipotentiaries, after 4, or 5 days sickness, in whose place succeeds the Count *de Dona*.

**Paris, June 15.** The King has been at *Avesnes*, where he

held a Council of War, and from thence is returned again to *Charleroy*, sending out several parties into the Enemies Country. 'Tis reported, that the King in his way to *Avesnes* ordered a Bridge of Boats to be made over the *Sambre*, over which he was passing on Horseback, but his Horse taking a fright at the motion of the Boats, began to leap and bound, insomuch as the King to avoid the danger of being thrown off with him into the River, nimbly leaped from his horse; but his Belt taking hold of the Pommel of his Saddle and Pistols, the Horse plunging into the Water, drew in also the King, from whence he was by those that attended him immediately taken up again, having not in that sudden danger discovered the least apprehension or sign of fear.

An express Courier arriving at the Court from Spain, brings us the news, that the King of Spain is very ill of the Measles, his Fever being increased. Another Courier from the same place has brought a Letter to the Queen, from the Q. Regent of Spain, desiring her Mediation to the King her husband, to obtain a Conference to examine her pretensions, and in the mean time to grant a Cessation of hostility; adding, That if the King her Brother shall refuse her this desire, she must then try all means for the defence of the King her Sons Countries, in which she hopes for the assistance of heaven.

From *Colicure* in *Roussillon* they write, That they have lately discovered a design of the Spaniards to have surpris'd that City, which they laboured to effect by an Abbot of *Catalonia*, called the Abbot of *St Genis*, who dealt privately with the Major of the Town, hoping by great Rewards to have corrupted him, which he discovering to the Governor the Chevalier *D'Obterre*, the Abbot having been some few days longer sed with the vain hopes of effecting his design, was suddenly seized on, and sent to the Castle of *Perpignan*, where the Chamber Sovereign is forming his Process.

**Dover, June 6.** The Alarm given us the 4. instant, of 40, or 50 Sail of French seen off this place, seems not to have any great foundation, we supposing it to be only a mistake of a Seaman upon the sight of some Fishermen which he discovered from the Top of his Mast.

**Sandwich, June 7.** On Wednesday last in the Morning were discovered off the Northforeland, a Fleet of above 60. Sail. This morning they were again seen, and by some Fisherboats known to be the Dutch Fleet, carrying out their Colours, and making nearer the Land; but the Coasts are so well guarded, that we fear not any attempt they can make.

**Harwich, June 7.** The Dutch Fleet of upwards of 70. Sail, came yesterday to an Anchor in the *Gunfleets*, where they still continue in the same posture and station; whatsoever they intend, such care is taken by the extraordinary diligence and conduct of the Right honorable the Earl of *Oxford*, that should they endeavour a Descent, they will find them in a fit posture to receive them.

The Lords Commissioners of his Majesties Treasury, finding that many of the Receivers of his Majesties revenue arising by Hearths, have been very negligent in collecting and accounting for that Duty before the same was farmed: Their Lordships have given Order for taking divers of their persons into Custody: and that the Auditors of his Majesties Revenue, do give to their Lordships an account on the last Friday of this month of June, what Receivers have delivered in their Accounts, and payed their money, and attend the passing their said Accounts: To the end that all such as shall then be found negligent and faulty therein, be prosecuted with all strictness and Severity.

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, in continuation of the Payments upon the Act for 1250000 l. are come to the payment of the 318 Order in Number, and so proceed according to the Orders in course as the Tax shall come in. And upon the Act for the Poll-money they are now upon the payment of the 44th Order in course.

There is lately published, A Deduction, wherein is proved by most clear Arguments, That the Right of devotion hath no place among Sovereign Princes of the Low Countries, as some have gone about to persuade: And that the delay of paying the French Queen's Dowry doth not annul the Renunciation which she made at her Marriage.