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Yarmouth, June 5.

This 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 readiness 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 readiness 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