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Truroe, June 10.

T Here have lately appeared to the Westwards of this place, about 22 Sail of Ships, supposed to be a part of the French Fleet, which since Thursday last have been hovering between the *Lysard* point and *Scilly*.

Minchhead, June 11. The 4th instant the *Jacob* of *Amsterdam*, being a Vessel of 400 Tuns, and 14 Guns, was by hard weather put a shore, about a mile and a half to the Westward of this Port, where she lies very much bulged. The Guns and Rigging are taken a shore, and her Masts will be serviceable for a 4th Rate ship.

Newcastle, June 11. The late Storm which so violently tossed our Light Colliers, had its Effects also upon the Capers that infest these Coasts, one of which was certainly cast away, their Surgeons Chest with some other things belonging to them being driven on Shore as sufficient evidences of their Wreck.

Dover, June 11. The last night Captain *Canning* commander of a small Privateer, called the *Penelope* of three Guns, and between 30 and 40 men, engaged off the Coast of *Calice*, with a *Flushing* Caper of eight Guns, with whom he fought for the space of two hours and a half, boarding her several times, but not having men enough for the number of the Dutch; he unwillingly left the Caper, having three of his men killed, and 15 or 16 hurt, himself having received two shots but not dangerous.

Disco, 13. This noon tide was sent in here a supposed prize, being a Hoy of 200 Tuns, laden with Nutmeggs and Spices, pretending to be of *Hamburg*, but her Lading said to be taken in at *Rotterdam*.

Vienna, May 28. His Imperial Majesty intends suddenly to part from *Luxemburg*, in order to his return hither, where he is expected before the Feast of *Corpus Christi*, he intending with the Emperors to pass some time at *Favorita*.

The review of his Forces is to be about *Horne*, the Colonels being ordered to fill up their Regiments, and to add several new Companies to them.

Some few days since the *Sieur Grouonville*, Resident from the Crown of *France*, in an Audience he had from his Imperial Majesty, and avouched to assure him, that his Master had no intentions to lay any claim upon the *Netherlands*, but that the Forces which were marching that way were designed towards *Luxemburg*, to secure his Country on that side, where he feared some disturbance; but in a latter Audience wherein he was commanded to present his Masters Title to the *Low-Countries*, he desired the Emperor to assure himself that his Master would not do any thing prejudicial to the Empire, and therefore desired the Emperor would not interest himself by giving them assistance; and that upon the same resolution his Majesty had given order to his Plenipotentiary at *Ratisbonne*, to make all the Princes of the Empire acquainted with his design and intentions. The Resident intends to leave the Court about the 30th instant to return homewards; The Emperor being resolved by an Envoye from himself to return a Letter to the King of *France* with his thoughts upon his pretensions; and in the mean time calls frequent Councils to consider of this great affair, and has sent an express to *Ratisbonne*, to inform the Deputies of the Diet of the State of this affair, and to require their opinions concerning that Article in the Treaty of *Munster*, which (as the French pretend) permits not the Emperor to send forces to the assistance of the *Low-Countries*, which they answer, is abolish'd by the latter Treaty in the *Pyrénées*.

By a Courier arrived here from *Tirnavi*, we are informed that there has lately been a great contest there between the Roman Catholics, and those of the Reformed Religion, the former having taken down the Bells which the latter had put up in the Tower of their Church, of which the States of the Reformed Religion have made their complaints to his Imperial Majesty, humbly praying him to interpose his Authority, to the end that they may be restored to their ancient priviledges, which by such forcible proceedings against them are much infringed: The Emperor has for this purpose ordered that an assembly be called at *Presburg*, to hear and determine this business, and to consider of other weighty affairs of that Kingdom.

The Count *Tekey* is now possessor of the Forts of *Huniar*, and has offered to give to the Count *Soleni* satisfaction touching his pretensions, and in case he shall be declared Prince of *Transylvania*, promising to pay the yearly Tribute to the Ottoman Emperor, which the people are not thought at present able to do, and 'tis believed the Title will be conferred on him, he being a person well approved of by the Grand Signior.

Cologne, June 4. The second instant the Elector of *Mayence*, having first dismissed the several Envoyes that were in his Court, and made them their presents of Chains of Gold, Medalls and Jewels, went from *Erford* intending for *Wurtzbourg*; being before his departure informed by Monsieur *De Gravelle*, the French Resident, that the King his Master could not suffer any Forces to be sent either from the Emperor or the Princes of the Empire, to the assistance of the Spanish *Netherlands*.

The Baron *de Reiffenbourg* is no longer discours'd of, and 'tis generally believed he will be forc'd to pass the rest of his days under restraint.

From *Ratisbonne* we are told, That the Emperor has lately, by an Express to the Diet, inform'd them of the late proceedings of the French in the *Netherlands*; desiring their advice in this conjuncture of Affairs, and to give their opinions, what is fittest to be done, as to the concerns of the Empire.

The Envoye from *Poland* has not appeared in any Publick Negotiation since the news of the death of that Queen; and 'tis believed will suddenly return homewards.

From *Alsacia* our Letters inform us, That the Duke *Mazarine* is by orders from the King of *France* to attend the arrival of his Forces at *Brisach*; and that Monsieur *de Louvoy* is to command the Artillery: the whole Country is very jealous of their Designs, and particularly the City of *Strasbourg*, where the Magistrates have been commanded, not to make any Levies for the Emperor: the French having given the same caution to the Duke of *Wurtzenburg*, and the Prince *de Baden Durlach*.

Brussels, June 17. The French Army is again upon its March, but their intentions not yet discovered: 'Tis generally thought, they may take their way through *Flanders* to join with the Marshal *D'Aumont*, and together endeavour to besiege *Newport* and *Ostend*: They have left a double Garrison at *Binche*, and 3000. Men in *Charle-Roy*; and 'tis confidently said, that they have sent back all their Ammunition from *Avesnes* to *Peronne*. We have even now received Intelligence that *Courtrick* is besieged by the Marshal *D'Aumont*, in which there is only a small Garrison of two Companies of Foot; a greater strength of 500. Foot more were designed thither for its defence, but were repulsed: we much fear their success against it; and so much the rather, it being a strong and well fortified place, and situated in the heart of *Flanders*.

Naples, May 24. The Gallies intended for the Levant, to assist the Republick of Venice against the Turk, are well furnished with all Necessaries, with 150 Soldiers in each Galley, and are set sayl, being with the Popes Gallies to joyn with those of Maltha, which attend them in Sicily.

By the way of Otranto we are advised, that the Turks had found an opportunity of conveying 40 of their Gallies with Soldiers and Ammunition into Canoa, which had so much encouraged them, that they had since given a busie Assault to Suda, a considerable Fortress of the Venetians, but were beaten off with a great slaughter. However, their Wants of Provisions are by this additional Force much increased, and the Plague rages much in all their Quarters, which 'tis believed will as yet keep them off from their Resolution of laying a formal siege to the City of Candia.

Madrid, May 27. The Archbishop of Ambrun having some few dayes since, in an Audience at the Court, endeavoured to assure the Queen Regent of the sincerity of the King His Masters intentions, to maintain inviolably the Peace between the two Crownes; and having in a latter Audience at the Palace presented her with a Manifesto, newly received by an Express, so much contradictory to his other Declaration; The People taking notice of what had passed, were so extremely incensed against the French, that her Majesty, fearing lest some disorder might happen, prejudicial to the Ambassado, ordered some Guards to attend him for his security; and having returned her answer to the Letter sent her from his most Christian Majesty, she has since, in a great Council of all her Ministers, debated this important Affair; in the mean while issuing out Orders for great Sums of Monies to be sent into the Netherlands, and taking such farther care for the defence of those Countreys, as the present emergency requires.

Our preparation for this present Campaigne against Portugal goes on but slowly, as it also does on the other side, by which we take our measures. The Marquis de Caracene is not yet gone for the Army, his journey being somewhat retarded by a Marriage between his Daughter, and the little son, but sole heir to the Duke De Alva.

The King and the Queen Regent intend to pass a considerable part of this Summer at Buon Retiro. Don Juan is again leaving the Court, and going for Guadaluca; The Duke de Ossone is preparing for his Vice-royalty of Catalonia, in which he is to succeed Don Vincenzo Gonzague, who at the arrival of the Duke intends to retire himself into Italy, though, 'tis said, some care is taken to give him all possible satisfaction in his pretensions at Court.

Montgomery, June 6. The Militia of this, as well as those of the adjacent Counties, are in a very great readines, shewing more than ordinary courage and resolution for His Majesties Service; in witness whereof, upon a late View made of the Horse and Foot of this County, at a General Muster, which continued four days, there was a very full and cheerful appearance of stout well Armed Men; where, as an experiment of their heartines, a proposal was made, of drawing out two Files of Shot, and one of Pikes out of each Company, to be employ'd upon present Service, which they so readily entertained, that there presently began amongst them a Zealous Competition for the Employment, the Right and Left hand Files claiming, and pressing for the Honour of this March as their due: The whole Companies heartily expressing their readines, to March whithersoever His Majesty should be pleased to Command them, even into the bowels of His Enemies Countreys.

Whitehall, June 16. The Dutch Fleet having the tenth Instant in the evening made themselves masters of Sheerness, on the eleventh they advanced up the River of Medway, and though with much difficulty passed by several Vessels which had been sunk about Musclevbank, which was the narrowest part of it, the better to put some stop to them in their passages; and with 22 Sail came up towards the Chain, where the Lord General was in person with a considerable Force to oppose them; but the Enemy taking the advantage of an Easterly Wind and the Tide, which both served them pressed on; and though their first Ship stuck upon the Chain, the second broke through it; and notwithstanding a stout

resistance, in which our Men shewed infinite courage, with considerable loss to the Enemy, yet they clapt their Fire-ships aboard the *Matthias* and the *Unity*, that lay at an Anchor, as a Guard to the Chain, and then upon the *Charles the Fifth*, all three of them Dutch Ships, that had been formerly taken from them. The same day they possess themselves of the *Royal Charles*, which was twice fired by our Men, and as often quashed by the Enemy.

On Thursday the 13. Instant, about One of the Clocke taking again their advantage of the Wind and Tide, they advanced with six Men of War, and five Fireships, and came up towards *Upnor-Castle*, but were so warmly entertained by Major Scot, who commanded there, and on the other side by Sir *Edward Spragg*, from the Battery at the Shoare, that after very much Damage received by them in the Shattering of their ships, in sinking severall of their Long Boats manned out by them, in the great number of their Men kill'd, and some Prisoners taken, they were at the last forced to retire, having in this Attempt spent in vain two of their Fireships, which attempted the *Royall Oake*, but were forced off, and burnt down without effect; but a third had its effect, the two others coming also aboard the *Royall James*, and the *Loyall London*, which are much injured by the Fire, but in probability may be again made serviceable, having been sunk before their coming up, and the greater part of them laid under Water.

Since this they have not made any considerable Attempt, and by some Prisoners we have taken, we finde that the loss we have received, has been hitherto so fully returned upon them, that they can have but little reason to brag of their Success, and less encouragement to make any farther Attempts on these parts.

Part of the Enemies Fleet hath since this Action continued about *Musclev-Bank*, where on Friday were seen 24. Sail, on Saturday only 14. which 'tis believed stay there only to get off the *Royall Charles* which is on Shoare.

On Friday about 30. more of their Fleet were discovered between the *Buoy of the Nore* and *Lee*; and on Saturday only 12. in the *Bay of the Nore*, the rest being sail'd down, and 'tis thought will attempt no farther this way; However, our Batteries are in all the necessary places, both in the *Thames* and *Medway*, very well perfected, and furnish'd with Cannon.

This day we are confidently told by a person arriving here from *Chatham*, that yesterday two Dutch men of War, whereof one of 80 Guns, endeavouring to pass up towards *Upnor-Castle*, ran ashore, and were by a Fireship of their own party burnt, to prevent their falling into our hands; he says farther, that eight of their Men of War were yesterday endeavouring to Tow off the *Royal Charles* from *Musclev-bank*, and are there ran aground: upon which news twenty of their Men of War are returning to lie in the River, to prevent our Fireships, till they can find some way to bring them off, or otherwise to dispose of them.

Whitehall, Ditto. His Majesty having on Thursday the 13th Instant received an Address from the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, expressing their great Loyalty and readines for his Majesties service, and desiring his approbation for the doing all things that may contribute to the Quiet of the City, and repelling any Disorders, was pleased to declare himself abundantly satisfied with their Care, and accordingly leaves it to their Prudence, to doe therein what shall occur to be most necessary and effectuall to that End; promising on his own part, not to be wanting in any thing that may Demonstrate his unwearied Care and Concernment for them, of which they shall howly finde the Effects: His Majesty desiring to hear from them upon every Emergency, as they shall from him upon every necessary Occasion.

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, in continuance of their Payments in course, upon the Act for 1250000. are proceeded to the 321 Order in Number; and so shall continue to pay as the Tax upon that Act shall be brought in. And also the Interests of Loans as they become due.