

armed all the Gallies which are in the Port of *Canea*, Employing the Soldiers in his Army, and the Slaves as Pioneers to work in the Trenches; That they have already begun to raise three Batteries against the three principal Buildings of the City, which are defended with infinite courage by the Christians, who are very confident they shall at last force them to leave the siege with as little success as formerly. The Plague rages violently in *Morea*, from whence it has been brought into *Canea*, and into their Army, the Mortality being great amongst them, and their want of Victuals not yet supply'd.

In the mean time our Squadrons are continually plying about those Seas, and frequently intercept their Vessels that attempt to put in provisions into *Canea*.

A great party of the *Turks* horse being lately got together in *Albania*, with an intention to have made an Incurſion into our Territories, were by a timely intelligence prevented in their Design, by the carefulness and vigilance of *Colonell Possidaria*, who drew all the Neighborhood into Arms, and waited the arrival of the *Turks* in the narrow passages, by which they had intended to have passed; but the Enemy having notice of their posture by a spy sent out by them, immediately retired; whereupon the Christians being unwilling to return without some Action, marched into their Country as far as *Licca*, from whence they returned with a great Booty of cattle and many slaves.

Seignior Labia with his Convoy lies ready to set sail, expecting only a fair wind; the great ship, called the *Marabotto*, 'tis believed, will be ready to sail with them.

Liste, July 2. The 30th. past, a considerable party of the French Army marched towards this place, and divided themselves into four or five bodies, and came up briskly before this Town, which they found in a fit posture to receive them; the Works being every where so well manned, that they had little encouragement to make an Assault; which invited our Men to make a Sally, in which they killed above fifty French upon the place, and returned with inconsiderable loss: In the mean time the Cannon from the Walls were frequently discharged, but by reason of their distance, doing but little execution; we thought fit to make our nearer approaches to them, by planting our Guns upon our new Fortifications, from whence they had their effects upon them, doing considerable execution; and amongst others took off the shoulder of their Commander the *Marquis de la Feuillade*, a person of great reputation in the French Army, who in few hours died of his wound, and was that night carried off, and buried in the next Abby. The resistance they found here obliged them to draw off, but not without leaving some marks behind them of their revenge, having that night fired one part of our Suburbs, and destroyed about forty Mills, and some Country houses near the Town. This day we have had another Allarum, which in a quarter of an hours time drew all our Men to the Works, expecting the approach of the Enemy; but it now appears that the French have no farther design at present upon this place, we having received certain intelligence, that yesterday the King of France, with a great part of his Cavalry invested *Douay*, and this day the rest of his Horse with the Infantry is passing by to besiege it, which (though a place considerably strong and well fortified) is not at present proportionably manned, and therefore we much fear it cannot make such resistance as might be otherwise expected.

Hague, July 6. The States are continually dispatching away provisions and necessaries for their Fleets, and as earnest to defend themselves by land; they much fear the intention of the *Swedes*, though they lie still as formerly in *Stiffe Bremen*: The Bishop of *Munster* is said to have received a considerable sum of Moneys from the French, and intends to raise and maintain 8000 Men, pretending them only for the defence of his own Country. The Militia advances here, and several Companies are ordered to march towards *Over-Isfel*, and *East-Friesland*, to be ready to defend those parts in case of any sudden attempt; especially since the *Swedes* have publicly said, that if they receive not speedy satisfaction from the States, they are resolved to attack them by land.

From *Amsterdam* they confirm to us, the newes of the ill success of our Convoyes, which has fallen heavy upon many

considerable Merchants in this City, to the breaking of several of them, but order is now taken to secure our Convoyes for the future, and a Squadron sent to ply upon the Northern Coasts for that purpose. The Convoy from *Denmark* of about 70 Merchants, with the two French and seven Danish men of War, is arrived at the *Wly*.

Yesterday we had news that ten more of our ships, richly Laden from the Northern parts, were chased by a Squadron of the English, and that 8. of them were taken; the other two saving themselves about the *Vlieter*.

Yesterday the Count de *Hornes* went hence for the Fleet, carrying with him 1500 men, to be put aboard their men of War, which are to be divided into 3. Squadrons, to cruise upon the coasts of *England*.

Paris, July 6. From *Breda* we are told of the arrival there of *Captain Gabarel* with the Squadron under his command the 27th past; and from *Rochelle*, that the *Sieur Colbert de Teron* is privately embarked there, but 'tis not said to what place.

His Majesty has in a Letter to the Queen, informed her that on Sunday last he opened his Trenches upon *Douay*, which received him with much shot, but with what success is not yet known here: Madam the Duchess of *Orleans* has been lately very desperately ill, but 'tis hoped is again upon recovery.

Yesterday the Queen went from *Compiene* intending for *Arras*.

The *Midland Circuit* for this Summer-Assizes, is as follows:

The Lord chief Baron *Hales*,
Mr Justice *Tyrrill*.

Warwick, Munday 2 Sept. at Warwick.
City of Coventry, Wednesday the 4th. at Coventry.
Leicester, Thursday the 5th. at Leicester.
Borough of Leicester, The same day at the Borough.
Derby, Monday the 9th. at Derby.
Nottingham, Thursday the 12th. at Nottingham.
Borough, The same day.
Lincoln, Monday the 16th. at Lincoln Castle.
City of Lincoln, The same day at the Guildhall.
Rutland, Friday the 20th. at Oakham.
Northampton, Monday 23. at Northampton Castle.

Barnwick, June 26. Some of his Majesties *Fregata* lately Cussing, met with 10. Dutch ships laden from *Fleekery* with *Masts and Deals*, 7, or 8. of which they made prize, whereof 2. were sent in o *Leith*, one being a Vessel of 157. tuns, the other of 170. tuns.

Whitchall, June 30. The 27. instant the Dutch Fleet having drawn off their Squadron from the Bay before *Alborough* stood with the Tyde from the Buoy of the *Nore*, into the *Thames* mouth, being about 43 sayl great and small, but made no attempt more considerable, then she sending some few men ashore on the Marsh over against the *Hope*, to steal sheep, who adventured not upon any houses. About 7. in the Evening they sayled downwards, at which time one of their Flag-ships ran on ground upon *Blyth-sands*, where she was forced to continue till the next morning flood, with 14 more of the Fleet that lay by her for her Defence; in which time they were constrained to Unrigg her, and to take down her Topmast: About 3. in the morning she got off with some damage, and with the 14. that were her Guard, fell down to the rest of their Fleet to the Buoy of the *Nore*. The 28 instant, about 5 in the afternoon, their Fleet, which then consisted of 44 sayl, and about 25 Hoyer and small Vessels, came to an Anchor about the lower end of *Quinborough*; but about 7. they weighed, and went down below the Buoy in the *Nore*, where they continued that night, and have not since appeared in the River. The 29. about 8. or 9 of their greater ships were seen cruising off *Harwich*, about the *Sledway* and *Gunfleet*; and about 12 at Noon some others began to appear upon the *Naes*. 18 of their men of War, with 2 Fireships, and 2 Galliot Hoyer, were 3. or 4. days since met sayling to the Northwards, giving out, they intended to seek out *Sir Jeremy Smith*: Since which *van Ghent* went out with 22 sayl more, steering N.N. West, and is said upon the same Design.