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Edinbourg, July 16.

Here are several Prizes lately brought into Leith Road, and amongst others, one a pretended Swede, taken on the Coast of Norway. Yesterday Captain Wilson, a Privateer, brought up two Prizes; one pretends to be an Offender, the other a French Ship. This day one Archer, a Newcastle-man, with a Scottish Commission, and 7 Guns, sent up a Prize of 6 Guns, and 400 Tuns, laden with salt and fruits, with whom he had a sharp encounter for 2 hours. This day also one Bortrick, a Scottish Privateer, has brought up 2 of 100 Tuns a piece, laden with salt.

Newcastle, July 19. This day was sent in hither a Prize of 8 Guns, and 26 m. n. laden with provisions. Here are also brought in by a Privateer of four Guns four prizes, taken by him in the Elve, having also sent 1 more to Sunderland, 3 to Scotland, and one to the Southwards, all but one of them laden with goods to a considerable value; he was possessed of twenty, but not having men enough to send aboard them, the rest escaped him.

Dartmouth, July 19. This morning we are informed that the Dutch Fleet made some small attempt upon Torbay, where they fired two inconsiderable Barks, and shot off some Guns to the shore, but without any damage: They are now standing towards this place, but the posture we are in to receive them, we suppose will not encourage them to engage themselves upon this place.

Captain Akerman in the *Sowlings* Frigate, has lately had a smart dispute with two Privateers in the Soundings off *Flecker*, one of them being the *Stump-Nose*, a Vessel of 36 Guns, the other of 40 Guns, from both which he with much valour cleared himself, and brought away with him a prize of Rotterdam of 200 Tuns, laden with Wine and Brandy into *Mounts-Bay*.

The French Fleet, consisting of about 40 sail, has been discovered by a Privateer off the *Ushing*, by whom he was for some time chased, but made his escape to *Mounts-Bay*.

Lyme, July 20. We of this place, as well as others upon the Coasts, have been very careful in providing all things necessary for our defence, and have kept our selves in readines to have entertained the Enemy, if he had made any attempt upon us. These 3 daies we have seen between 40 and 50 sail of all sorts, plying up and down off the *Berry*, *Starts*, and *Torbay*: the last night, about 6 of the clock, they came within a league or two of us, but immediately made off again to Sea, sailing to the Southwards.

Weymouth, July 20. This morning the Dutch Fleet are seen turning up towards the *Isle of Portland*, and may this night reach that Road.

Hull, July 20. Yesterday came in here two Swedes laden with Deals; we are told of a prize brought into *Scarborough*, but of what value or bulk we yet know no. This morning were brought into *Humber* two Dutch prizes, of about 80 Tuns each, one of them laden with Wool, Hemp, and Lead, the other with Clapboard, both belonging to *Amsterdam*.

Vienna, July 9. The seventh Instant his Imperial Majesty conferred on Colonel *Sparre*, the charge of Major General of his Army, in the room of Major General *Wallis* lately deceased. Yesterday arrived here two young Princes of Saxony, who intend to spend some time in this Court, and afterwards to pass hence into Italy.

The Courier sent hither from Rome is returned with much satisfaction, having for the welcome news he brought

of the Election of the New Pope, been rewarded with the sum of 200 Ducatts: a late Courier from the same place assures us, that the Pope has an intention to interpose as Mediator between France and Spain, and if possible to bring them to an accommodation.

The Spanish Ambassador is by his Letters informed of the great readines and liberality of the Grandees of Spain, to contribute all the assistance they are able, for the defence of the Netherlands, to which purpose they have amongst themselves raised and made a present to the Queen Regent of the sum of six Millions of Gold, whereof a Million and half is already returned to the Low Countries; and as great a sum expected here for the raising of 12 or 15000 Men to be sent for that service, many Officers being already entertained to command them. The great persons of this Court in imitation of those of Spain, are likewise raising a great sum for the Emperor, but it is not like to equal the liberal contribution of the Spanish Nobility.

The Prince *Lubomirsky* has had late Audience from the Emperor and the two Emperesses; in which after his compliments performed according to Custom, he humbly begged that the Benevolence so merly given to his Father, might be continued upon him and his brother, offering to assist his Imperial Majesty with 5000 Men. The young Prince has desired also in marriage one of the Daughters of the late Prince *Portia*, which is not yet agreed to by her Relations.

To morrow 12 Vessels laden by the Company of Turkey Merchants intend to set forwards from hence, all those persons that are admitted into the Company, putting themselves into the Hungarian habit.

The Turkish Chiaus has had his last Audience of the Prince *Gonsague*, President of the Council of War, and is dismissed with a present of Plate and Bew-Cloth.

A Tartar who pretends to have been sent as Ambassador from the Cham of Tartary to Holland, about the business of Commerce, is lately arrived here; and fearing lest the Invasion by the Tartars upon Poland, might occasion some obstruction to him in his return that way, he has desired a Pass-Port from the Emperor to secure him in his way through Hungary, with a Guide, which is granted him. The like favor was as three daies since begged by another Tartar, with seven persons his attendants coming from Denmark; to whom also upon his desire, his Imperial Majesty has given moneys to defray the expences of his Travels as far as *Comotiva*.

Hamburg, July 17. Yesterday the Queen of Sweden kept a solemn Festival for the election of the Pope *Clement* the Ninth. About one in the afternoon, after the distribution of moneys to the poor, a Machine erected for that purpose began to run with Wine, which continued till 6 of which the people drank very liberally. About eight, 50 large Wax-lights were set up in as many Golden arms fastned to the walls of the Palace in 3 ranks, and in the midst of them was exhibited a Triple Crown with the Keys, and the Popes Name formed with lamps [*Clemens Nonus Pontifex Maximus Vivat*]. About 10. of the clock, a quarrel arose between some of the Queens servants and the people, which came to that height, that several persons were wounded, and one shot dead in the place, but was in the end appeased by the soldiers. In this tumult the Machine was pulled down to the ground, all the Palace-windows broken, and the Streets assaulted with great fury, insomuch that the Queen was forced to retire to another place for her security, where she continued till news was brought her that all was composed.

Lille, July 30. The French have not yet laid siege to any place; the body of the French army lying still about

Mortain, and the Marshal d' *Aumonts* army quartered round about us. Our *Volunteers* have fill'd up all our prisons with *French*, which they daily bring in, 40 or 50 in a company, with very considerable booties. Yesterday a party of 150 *Spanish* horse went out upon a party, and near *Tournay* fell upon the King of *France's* Guards, where they killed about 300 upon the place, and took the Kings standard; but in their retreat were met by a party of 2000 *French* coming from *Douay*, who cut off about 40 of their number, the rest saving themselves in this town.

This week a party going out from this Garrison for booty, between *Arras* and *Amiens* fell on a Courier, and a slight guard of *French*, and with them on a *Paquet* sent from the King to his Council of great importance, being an account of the Kings affairs drawn up under several heads by *Monsieur Colbert*, and with some replies sent back again for farther approbation; discovering the intentions of the King in relation to the Princes his Neighbours.

A party of fifty *Spaniards* of *St. Omers*, have taken a considerable booty of *Plate*, belonging to the Duke of *Enguien*, which with a Convoy, much exceeding their numbers, was passing into *France*: upon their retreat towards their garrison, about four Leagues from thence they discovered another party of about 100 horse, and sent out four of their number to take a nearer view of them, who meeting with six of the *French* Scouts, they briskly charged them, killing three of the *French*, and taking two prisoners, the other got off to his party, who immediately retired in much haste, giving the *Spaniards* leave to return with their *Plate* in safety to *St. Omers*. The Lieutenant who commanded them is liberally rewarded by the *Marquis de Castel Rodrigo*, and preferred to a great command.

Middleburgh, July 29. On Friday last arrived in *Zealand* a *Caper* from *S. Christophers*, who upon his Examination taken by the Magistrates of *Flushing*, affirms, that at his coming from thence a Squadron of *English* appeared before that Island, where there were 8 *French*, and 4 *Dutch* Men of war, who immediately agreed to fight, and accordingly the *French* being to head, fought through the *English* without making one Tack; the *Dutch* ships with full sail making away and steering another course; and that the *English* made all the sail they could after the *French*, but with what success he knows not, being wholly intent upon the security of his own Vessel, and with us any further occurrences came home through the Channel.

Hague, July 24. The *D. parties* for the Signing of the Treaty are going hence for *Breda*. The Alliance between the King of *Sweden* and the States being fully concluded, is now Engrossed, and will in little time be signed by both parties, and the *Count de Donna* at liberty to return to *Breda*.

Breda, July 29. On Tuesday last arrived here his Excellency the Lord Ambassador *Conventry*, where he received the Visits of all the rest of the Ambassadors. This morning they had a Meeting at the Castle, where they mutually communicated their Reports, but will not proceed to the completing of the Work till the arrival of *Count de Donna*, who is daily expected.

Kingsale, July 24. The 11th instant arrived in the Bay of *Tinacrag*, Westward to the Old Head of this place, a Fleet of 20 ships, which gave a strong Alarm to this place and *Castary*, which appeared with great cheerfulness and courage to defend the Coasts, but in little time an Express arriving here, brought us certain intelligence that it was the Squadron of *Sir Jeremy Smith* with his prizes, who the same day came safely into this Harbour.

Edinburgh, July 18. Here is newly brought up by *Captain Kays* a Privateer, a rich *Dutch* prize laden with *Silk*, *Broadcloth*, *Silks*, and other things of value; Two other prizes are also brought up by another Privateer, laden with *Silk*, *Oyls*, and *Cheeks* of *Sugar*.

Portsmouth, July 23. On Sunday last in the evening the *Dutch* Fleet appeared to the Southeast of the Isle of *Wight*, and sailing up within 3 or 4 leagues from *Sandham-Bay*, came there to an Anchor, where they continued the next day: the last night they weighed, and standing out to the Sea went away to the Southwards.

Whitehal, July 24. On Saturday and Sunday last several ships came in to the *Dutch* Fleet riding before *Harwich*, supposed to be *Victuallers*. The 22. they all weighed from the *Sledway*, and stood into the *Gunfleets*, sailing for the *Buoy* in the *Nose*; and between 3, and 4 that afternoon were discovered plying with all the sayl they were able for the *Thames*: Only 17 of them (of the lesser sort) were observed standing from the Fleet towards the *Downs*, who were afterwards followed by three larger ships. The 23, between 6 and 7 in the Morning, the *Success* and *Cygnets* discovering the Enemy off the Mouth of the River, retired; and by their frequent discharges, gave notice of their approach. About 9 of the clock about 24 or 25 sail of them began to appear in *Tilbury-Hope*, eight of them advancing as far as *Hull-Haven*.

About 11, or 12. the *Success*, being then with 18 other of his Majesty's Men of war and *Fireships* in the *Hope*, exchanged several guns with the headmost of the Enemy; when their first Squadron of 8 ships coming to an anchor within shot, a sharp fight began between them, and one *Fireship* was seen flaming, but it was hard to distinguish to what side she belonged, by reason of the smoke. The shot continuing between both Fleets, one of our *Fireships* wrought up to one of theirs, and grappling together, both of them burnt down, but so close to another ship of the Enemies, that she fell likewise on fire and blew up with a great noise, by which we judge her to have been a man of war. In little time after another of their ships took fire and burnt down, but at such a distance as could not prejudice us. After this, one of our *Fireships* grappling with another of theirs, were both fired. All the time of this fight, *Sir Edward Spragg* who commanded our ships, bravely made good his place, drawing his ships up in an excellent order, his *Fireships* being windward of his Men of war, the wind being most Southward, though sometimes a little varying; and with his Men of war securing his *Fireships*. A little Ketch was observed to have done excellent service this day, in plying boldly and nimbly to defend the Boats belonging to our *Fireships*.

A *Fireship* of the Enemy was then observed to come up very near to one of ours; but firing too soon, burnt down without effect: A little after a Ship of theirs fell on fire, but her men got off; she supposed she had so much covered the wind, that she was so far engaged on the shore, that she could not get off, and therefore chose rather to set fire to her self: this was a *Fireship* of ours bore up to another of the *Dutch*, but fired too soon; but upon the apprehension of her approach, the Enemy also fired theirs, the men on both sides getting off in their Long Boats. About four or five in the afternoon the *Dutch* began to draw off, only four *Fireships*, and one Man of War bore up to us, till the foremost of them being our Long Boats and Ketch lying ready to cut off her self; her men fairly left her, and ours took possession of her; whereupon the three other *Fireships*, though at distance enough to have gotten off, set themselves on fire, the men making their escapes in their Boats to their Man of War, who immediately stood off to the rest of their Fleet: Then *Sir Edward Spragg* with his Ship stoutly bore up towards the whole Fleet of the Enemy, and sent out a *Fireship*, who had wrought herself very near one of their greatest Men of War, being lustily seconded by *Sir Edward Spragg* in his Flag Ship, but being galled by the shot of the whole Fleet, they thought it convenient to come off; whereupon the *Dutch* again tacked about, ours making but a gentle retreat, but presently slackening their sails, they came to an anchor in the *Hope*, our Fleet falling down gently towards *Gravesend*, the *Dutch* not offering to move from their anchors, though both Wind and Tyde served them: The *Dutch* are now from 24 or 25 sail, reduced by this Engagement to 14 only, and ours from 19 to 15.

This morning before three the *Dutch* fired a Gun, the wind turning South-west, by which ours imagined the *Dutch* intended to weigh Anchor, and set sail, which as soon as it grew light, proved true; whereupon *Sir Edward Spragg* by a Gun ordered his Ships also to weigh and follow them; which the Enemy perceiving, came to an anchor about the middle of the *Hope*, till perceiving our Fleet still made up to engage them, they fired three Guns, and set sail, the wind at North-west.