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Dublin, July 20.

THe 13th and 14th Instant, his Grace the Lord Lieutenant was present at the Curragh of Kildare, where all the Militia of this Province (except only that of this City) appeared in an excellent Equipage, all of them, both Horse and Foot, drawn up in their Order, and by their frequent shouts, expressing great cheerfulness to be employed in the service of their King, and the defence of their Country. The 9th Instant the Militia of Munster was likewise reviewed in several parts of that Province, where they also appeared in a good Posture and Equipage.

Sunderland, July 21. On Thursday last came into this Port a Prize of 90 Tuns from Amsterdam, being one of nine Prizes taken within these three weeks by the *Anthony* a Scottish Privateer, Captain Wood Commander, four whereof he hath sent into Shields, the rest into Septland.

Turcoe, July 22. The Squadron of the Dutch Fleet which lately appeared upon our Coasts, are gone off without any further trouble to us then the keeping of good Guards in all places where they could probably be expected, the Country having on this occasion sufficiently evidenced their Courage and Loyalty, by the great zeal and readiness they shewed to advance all for the Defence of their Prince and Country. On Saturday four ships came to an Anchor in Mounsey-Bay, but went off again in the Evening, we suppose them to be part of the Dutch Squadron, and now following after them.

Plymouth, July 23. This day the Right Honourable the Earl of Bath Lord Lieutenant of this County, with Sir Thomas Allen, returned hither from Dartmouth, where by their presence and extraordinary Care, such good Order has been taken for the Defence of that Place, that the Enemy despairing of Success, passed by it without making any attempt. The whole Country in all places appearing very ready and active for the defence of their Country, to which they have been highly encouraged by the good examples of the Lord Lieutenant and his Deputies. We hear of four French Frigates that are Cruising upon our Coasts, but of no Prize taken by them, or any hurt done lately upon the Coasts.

Newcastle, July 23. By Letters from Scotland were advised of 20 Prizes more taken by their Privateers, and coming into Leith, four ships the last night arrived at this Bar, two of them said to be Prizes.

Rye, July 23. This Afternoon about 30 Sail of Hollanders, of whom ten Men of War, the rest Merchants, having been seen passing through this Bay Westwards, the wind at South-Est.

West-Coves, July 23. On Monday last in the Evening, the wind coming to the South-West, the Dutch Squadron weighed and went off Easterly, consisting of all sorts of about 50 Sail.

Hull, July 24. On Monday last were brought up hither two ships taken off the *Uly*, of 80 Tuns each; one the *Charity* of Amsterdam, her Lading, Hemp, Wool, Coppers, Lead, &c. the other called the *Sandford* of the same place, William Cornelison Master, from Hamburg, laden with great Timber and Pipe-staves.

Southwold, July 24. Yesterday three Swedes ships bound from the North-East into this Bay, were pursued by a Frigate and Schoop, both Capers, by whom they were seized and sent to Holland.

Portsmouth, July 25. Two Vessels arriving here from the Thames, one of them a Light Ship, fell in amongst 30 Sail of

Dutch that were passing to the Eastwards, but got safe off again; they discovered also about 60 Sail more of them off the Goodwin.

Alborough, July 25. This week 20 Sail of Colliers in their way from Tarmouth, being discovered by a Dutch Privateer, two of them belonging to *Lastoff*, were off the Spits seized on, but the men made their escape to shore in their Boats. This day two Dutch Men of War came to an Anchor in this Bay, about two leagues distance from this place, but are again gone off to the Northwards. On Tuesday about 11 at night three of their ships came up close to the shore, having several Boats with them, but being discovered by our Fishermen, went away without any farther attempt.

Rye, July 25. This day are seen plying to and fro in this Bay about 40 Sail of Hollanders, and as we are told by a Privateer chased in hither, most of them Men of War.

Cádiz, July 3. Here are in this Town quartered about 2000 Neapolitan Soldiers, waiting only for an opportunity of transporting themselves to Flanders, several Ships being ordered to fit up for that purpose. Nine Men of War will in two daies put out to Sea to lie on the Coasts, till the rest of the Fleet can be set out: Great care is taken for the defence of this and all other Ports, that they may not lie too open to the Enemy. Two daies since we had Letters from Tangier, informing us, that a great Body of the *Moroc* of *Taffalea's* Army had appeared near that Garrison, and some little skirmishes had passed betwixt some Soldiers of both sides, but 'twas generally believed they were marching towards Argel, where *Gayland* continues with about 3000 foot, and 600 horse, but had no great confidence either in them, or the strength of that place, his Brethren being already for their security fled to Tangier for protection.

Genoa, July 19. Some few dayes since passed by this place two ships, and aboard them about 400 Spanish Foot sent to Naples to reinforce that Garrison.

The 16th Instant, the Grand Council of this Republick did by their general concurrence in their Suffrages, Elect and add to the Body of their Nobility the Brother and Nephew of his Holiness, with the Universal satisfaction and applause of the whole City.

The 12 Italian Companies that have been lately raised in the Duchy of Milan, having been rendezvoused the third Instant in the City of Alexandria, amounted to 800 Foot besides Officers, who with a considerable Train of Artillery, marched the next day towards Finalt, where six Gallies belonging to the Duke of Turky's Squadron attended for their Embarkement under the command of Serjeant Major *Maria Isca de Silva*, to transport them into Spain, for the Service against the Portugais.

An hundred Spanish Foot are by Order of Don Lewis Pons de Leon Governour of Milan, marched to Finalt, with 25 many Grisons, to reinforce that Garrison, and such care taken for the defence of it, that they may not by the neglect of so considerable a Port, seem to invite their Enemies to attempt it.

Yesterday this States Ambassador having completed his Quarantine, was admitted to Pass, and went with a great Train to the Palace to give an Account of his Negotiation in Turky. Signior Giulio Spinola is going hence by Order of the Council, as Extraordinary Envoy to the Court of France, his Dispatches much hastned, his business thought to relate to the Commerce establish'd between this Republick and the Grand Signior.

We hear not any News of the morbo of the French Gallies, and therefore conclude them as yet at Marseilles. This morning was launched here with much Ceremony, a great ship of

60 Guns, which when it lifted, is to be Admir'd.

Paris, July 30. The King and Queen having been magnificently received in *Douay*, his Majesty since went to *Orchies*, where his Army being drawn up, he took a review of it, and ordered them that day to march, with a design of undertaking some great Siege, though to what place intended is not yet known: The Army is since marched on the right hand of the river *L'Escaut*.

A Courier arrived from *Madrid* assures us, that the Court of *Spain* had dismissed the Archbishop *D'Ambrun*, our Ambassador, from that Court, forbidding his farther appearance there, declaring the acts of hostility done by his Majesty of *France* in the *Netherlands*, to be a rupture of the Treaty betwixt both Kingdoms, being above all very highly incensed for the attempts, or at least the intentions of them upon *Luxemburg* and *Fonsarby*.

The *Sieur de Pertuis*, Captain of the Guards to the *Marshall de Turenne*, is by his Majesty's Order made Governour of *Courtrick*. The Queen is at *Tournay*; the Chancellor and Council are to be called to *Compiègne*, where the Queen intends to reside for some time upon her return, the *Small Box* being still at *S.Germans* and *Vincennes*.

Paris, Aug. 3. Two dates since arrived here a Courier from the Army, informing us, that part of it was before *Oudenard*, and that the Count *Marfia* with 5000 horse, and as many foot, lay between *Gheus* and *Brussels*, for the assistance of *Vendermond*. The Queen is now returned to *Arras*, having been much pleased with her reception at *Douay*.

For the supply of the Army who are somewhat less need by the Garrisons put into the several Towns and Forts lately taken from the Spaniards; the King has besides all private levies, demanded of *Bretagne* a speedy supply of 10000 men, and a like number out of *Normandy*, and has written to the principal Officers of this City to contribute what they are able for the supply of his Army, and to acquaint them with his pleasure, that every Coach-Gate in this City be charged with the furnishing out of one horseman for his service.

Six of the largest Guns in the Arsenal are lent to the Army, which gives us occasion to believe that some considerable design is now on foot.

On Saturday last arrived here the *Prince de Furstemberg*, who is to give an account to *Monsieur de Lionne* of what lately passed between the Princes and Estates of the *Rhine* in their Assembly at *Cologne*.

Breda, Aug. 2. On Sunday night, after 4 hours Conference in the Castle, the Plenipotentiaries about 9 in the Evening Signed the Articles of Peace; which done, *Monsieur Fleming*, the Swedish Mediator, in a short Harangue, congratulated the happy issue of so great a work; after which, the Plenipotentiaries saluting and complementing each other, the Conference ended; As they came out of the Castle, the Cannons were thrice discharged round the Town, the Musicians playing their Volleys from the Works, and the Horse drew a up upon the Plain blowing them with their Trumpets, the whole Town greeting their haules to express their joy to them as they pass by.

Bruges, August 3. The 30th past the *Marschal D'Amont* with 7000 Men came before *Oudenard*, and the next day (31st) by an Assault took it, though with much slaughter of his men, the sculdiers that were there in Garrison not exceeding 700 Men. The 31st the King of *France* with the Galls of his Army came to *Aeth*, sending a strong party of Horse before *Brussels*, which gave an Alarm to the City, obliging them to double their Guards, and took from their Gates a great number of Cannon. The same day the French took in *Aeth* a Town of great importance, within five leagues of *Brussels*. Yesterday, August 2. The Horse came within view of *Dermond*, which is believed they intend to besiege, and it is said they are also making a Bridge over the *Scheld* on *Brussels* Road, within two leagues distance of *Ghent*. The people in those parts are in an extraordinary fright and consternation, flying with their goods and Cattel to *Arwerp*, the whole River being covered with Boats laden with goods passing thither, desiring of their security, especially since the taking in of *Aeth*, and their advance towards *Dermond*, has for the present cut off all Communication be-

tween our Forces in *Flanders* and those in *Brabant*, *Haynault*, and *Naumurs*, and makes us extremely apprehend the late both of *Ghent* and this place, which cannot easily receive Succors but by the way of *Holland*.

Whitehall, July 28. On Thursday the 25 Instant, the Two Houses of Parliament in Obedience to His Majesty's Proclamation of the 20th of June past, Assembled at *Westminster*, and upon His Majesty's Desires made known to them by the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of *England*. Adjourned till Munday the 29th Instant.

On Friday the 26th Instant Arrived here from *Breda*, the Right Worshipful *Sir John Coventry*, bringing with him the Treaty of Peace, which was there Signed by the Plenipotentiaries on Sunday the 21 in the Evening.

Since the last account of the late action with the Dutch in the Hope of the 23 instant, (by some mistake said to be performed by *Sir Edward Spragg*, who though he had the Command of that Squadron, happened at that time to be absent) there past little action the next day, the Enemy keeping their distance, and avoiding any farther Engagement. The 24 instant, about 11 or 12 at night, the Dutch firing 12 Guns, weighed and went off, and at break of day were found to have got away as far as the Buoy of the *Nore*, which *Sir Edward Spragg* (who was now returned to his Command) perceiving, he immediately weighed, driving down with the Ebb, & about 5 came to an anchor a little below *Lee*; that day about 1 of the clock, being high water, the Dutch weighed again, and lay driving with their Topsails to the Mast, our Squadron at the same time plying after them with their Top, and Fore-sails, and in an hour's time our Fire-ships got within shot of their greatest Ships, who drove away before them: the most part of the Ebb the Dutch made all the force they could, but with little damage to *Sir Edward Spragg*, who kept still pursuing within shot till Sun-set, and then the Dutch came to an anchor a little below the Buoy in the *Nore*, and ours retying a little above it, the two Squadrons being at about a mile and half distance, ours having a little before received an addition of 3 or 4 Fire-ships, and 5 Hoys out of the *Medway*. In all this afternoons service, *Sir Edward* gave them scarcely one Gun in answer to the great firing they made, not being able to come up so near them as he desired, the Enemy having the Wind.

The 26th Instant about quarter ebb, the Dutch drove a mile or two farther down, about 10 of the Clock *Sir Joseph Jordan* from *Harwich* with upwards of 20 sail of small Frigates, Fire-ships and others, was discovered standing from the Eastwards right with the Dutch, when two of his Fire-ships sailing near them, but firing too soon burst down without effect, two or three more were also put by without that execution done upon them which was expected, the wind being too high for their purpose, only one Dutch ship, generally believed to be a Man of War, and supposed to have run a ground as she was standing over towards the *Isle of Shepy*, was seen on Fire, the men most of them saved in two Boats, and brought away by a small vessel that stood over to her for that purpose. *Sir Joseph Jordan* having thus passed by the Enemy, came about three in the Afternoon to an Anchor by *Sir Edward Spragg* a little above the Buoy in the *Nore*, when it being ebbing water, both parties kept their stations, the wind being too high for any further Engagement, till the 27th about four in the Afternoon, the Dutch weighed and made sail about the first quarter ebb, and were gone as far as they could be discerned from the shore, the weather being hazy; *Sir Edward Spragg* likewise weighing with his Squadron, plying to the Eastwards as far as could be gained by that Tyde of ebb, which was about four miles below the Buoy in the *Nore*.

Gravesend, July 28. At two Afternoon, by a vice from our Fleet under *Sir Edward Spragg*, we have account, that this morning at 7 of the Clock, they were got as far as *Black-Isle* without *Orange* in pursuit of the Dutch, who were as far advanced as the Middle Ground, and it is supposed they will be got clear off the Sands by the next Tyde of Ebb, they plying to Sea with all the speed they can possibly make, as fearing they may not have Water enough, the Neap Tydes coming on, and that the Wind turning Westerly, we might do execution upon them with our Fire-ships.