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Plymouth, August 2.

ON Tuesday last towards the evening, about two or three hundred of the Dutch in their Boats came from their Fleet, and making to the shore on Devonshire-side, attempted to land at *Wenbury* about a mile and an half from this place, and accordingly discharged their Murderers and several Volumes of shot, but the Militia being in readiness, gave them so warm a return that they immediately retired with all the speed they were able to their ships; the same evening another Boat with a White Flag came near the same place, desiring friendship and leave to buy some fresh meats, but the Militia sent them back, saying it was now late, and nothing of this nature could be done by them without the leave of their Officer in Chief. The next morning about an hour before day, about 12 or 13 Boats full of Sculliers, endeavoured to land on the Cornish side near *Cawland*, and Anchoring within distance of Musket shot, continued about an hour shooting against the shore, which was plentifully returned from the Point near *Cawland*, and by the Foot that lay farther out in the Bay, and much nearer to do execution on them: upon the Alarm which this firing in the dark gave to this Town, *Sir Thomas Allen* sent out two Boats for Intelligence, who discovered them about break of day in their retreat, when 20 more of their Boats sent from the Fleet came up to them, ours keeping their distance, only to observe them, who coming with all their Boats into the middle of the Sound over against the Ferry, (though out of reach) discharged all their Murderers and small shot, some of their Gallies and Ketches coming up with them and discharging also their Guns, and having a little while given chase to our two boats, retired much satisfied with the noise they had made near the shore.

That day about noon a Boat with a White Flag, and two Officers came to *Cawland* from their Fleet, desiring to speak with the chief Officer; where, being brought before *Sir Jonathan Trelawney*, who there Commanded 500 Foot, and a Troop of Horse: They desired from their General to know what news we had of Peace, which they hoped to be concluded; and desiring to buy Provisions, excusing the Hostilities past, as done without their Generall's Order, who had no Commission to molest or trouble any People on land; offering the Faith of the Seven Provinces to any person that should come on board their Fleet, for their safety in going and returning. *Sir Jonathan* gave them an answer to the first part of their demands, but as to the latter, he referred it to his Superior Officer, and dismissing them, promised them a speedy answer: and having accordingly consulted with the Right Honourable the Earl of Bath, the Lord Lieutenant, it was agreed, that *Sir Jos. Trelawney*, *Major Sparks*, and *Mr. Windham*, should go aboard their Fleet with an Answer:

At their approach *De Ruyter* met them at the Boats side, and inviting them aboard, saluted them at their Entry with 13 Guns, excusing the hostility past, as done without Order, and that for the future, no other acts of that nature should be committed by any of his Fleet, whilst he continued on the Coasts; *De Witte*, *Doleman*, the Count *de Hoorne*, and above 20 Captains of the Fleet attended them at the Great Cabin, where *Sir Jonathan* delivered his Message from the Earl of Bath, offering a Present to *De Ruyter* for his own Table, but refusing any greater supply till Peace should be proclaimed, or that he had particular Orders for it from his Majesty. After several Compliments and discourses past, they began to drink first his Majesty's health with 13 Guns, then the States with 11, and afterwards others with 9, 7, and 5 Guns, discharging during their entertainment on board about

80 Guns, entertaining *Sir Jonathan* and his Company with great civility, and returning them into Luncheon that evening the Lord Lieutenant by *Sir Thomas Allen* Ketch sent a Present to *De Ruyter* of some fresh provisions, with a Hat Buck, and some Fruits, which he received with 7 Guns, and dismissed the Ketch, with many acknowledgements of the kindness done him. On Thursday about two in the morning their whole Fleet set sail with a small gale of wind, and the *Drake* Fregate was presently sent out to observe their motion.

The Vessel employed to carry the Present of provisions aboard *De Ruyter*, tells us, that they had advice from the Leeward Islands in America, that the English had there taken two Dutch Men of War, and seven of their Merchant ships. They also report, that two of their Galleons have lately taken four English ships, whereof two from *Genova*, one from *Gallipolis*, and another from the *Barbados*.

Warsaw, July 17. The Deputies of the *Upper-Poland* having had their Audience from his Majesty, according to their Instructions, demanded that the French Ambassador might by his Majesty's speedy Order be dismissed the Court, acquainting him with their Declaration made at large touching the present state of Affairs of this Kingdom, and the Succession to the Crown, and that upon information that his Majesty had some Design, as soon as the Funerals of the late deceased Queen were over, to retire himself to a private life, they desired that Commissioners might be appointed to consider of this Affair of so great importance, and that his Majesty would first call a Diet, and in a full Convention of the Estates, declare his Resolution.

The Commissioners for the affairs of the Army have late at *Pruschlemburg*, where the Marshal of the Kingdom late as President, or Director: The Deputies from the Army appearing there, did in the Name of the principal Officers demand assurances, and some places to be appointed for the payment of the Army, declaring their unanimous resolution not to dismiss one man without full satisfaction of arrears. They are also very earnest with the King for the Cassation of all Decrees made in favour of the French Interest, otherwise declaring they shall be obliged to maintain the Old Confederation.

The Tartars grow daily more numerous, and endeavour to draw in the Bells of *Silistria* to joyn with them, which much alienates the hearts of the Nobility, and the generality of the people from the French Interest, from whose instigation they imagine all these troubles are brought upon them.

The Great Duke of *Muscovy* is resolved to send the young Prince his son to study at *Cracow*, the better to acquaint himself with the Language and Customs of this Kingdom, whom the Nobility seems much to favour, and may probably have some thoughts of promoting him to the Succession, if his Majesty continue his Resolution of Resigning.

Vicenna, July 24. The Regiments that are quartered in *stiria* and *Carinthia*, have Orders sent them to March towards the Frontiers of *Alsatia*, where for the greater security of themselves and that Country, they are to be disposed of into Garrisons.

Great numbers of Pikes, Muskets and other Arms are providing to be sent into the Magazine, to be there in readiness for the arming the Forces that are to be raised.

All our expectations are fixed upon the Resolution of the States of the Empire, and the Electoral Colledge, where the Vice-Chancellor of the Empire is labouring to trace out a way which may lead to an Accommodation between France and Spain. In the mean time, the preparations for War advances and the Regiments are completing. The Spanish Ambassa-

366 intends to promote the new Levies with all the vigor he is able, and has already fixed upon several Officers to command them, but has not as yet given out their Commissions. Some thoughts there have been of entertaining a thousand Croats and some Hungarians for this Service, but this project was presently laid aside, believing those undisciplin'd people might not, without much difficulty, be brought to submit to their Martial Laws, which might occasion great inconveniencies.

From Hungary we are advised, That the Hussars had by a party sent out towards *Newhausel*, taken away many Turkish horses, besides other booty; whereupon the Governor of that place commanded 300 Turks to March after them, which they did, but with no success; the Hussars passing the River of *Waag*, and discovering the Turks in pursuit of them, broke down the Bridge behind them, and so made their escape.

The Levant-Company of Merchants intend this week to go for Turkey with eight ships well laden with all sorts of Merchandizes.

Elfenburg, July 25. There are lately arrived in the Sound 100 sail of Dutch Merchants from *Holland*, all of them ballast, with a Convoy of four Men of War.

Two Danish Men of War that have been cruising on the Coast of *Norway* are returned, bringing in with them a Scottish Privateer of five Guns.

The Danish Fleet is ill provided with Seamen, a great mortality being amongst them, and those that remain very ill provided with victuals; the Subjects are grown extremely poor, by reason of their great Taxes and small Trade, and cry out heartily for a Peace.

A Fleet of 140 Merchant ships lie still in *Elfenore-Road*, bound for *Holland*, under the Convoy of 13 Men of War, seven of them Danes, of whom four are designed to Convoy 6 Danish ships for *Ireland*, they only wait for a fair wind.

Genova, July 26. Two ships of this place are here arrived in four weeks from *Lisbon*, and a third put into *Villa Franca*, with the Savoy Ambassador from *Portugal*.

Our Convoys from Turkey having compleated their Quarantine, were yesterday admitted to Practice: Four Gallies sent out to take an account of the Coasts of *Corfica*, are returned without any purchase: The French Gallies, 'tis said, lie still at the *Ile of Eves*, expecting the arrival of six or seven of their Men of War from *Thoulon*.

Signior *Giulio Spinola*, who is to be employed as Envoy Extraordinary to the King of *France*, is preparing for his Journey.

Cologne, July 31. The Count de *Starenberg* is now at *Frankfort*, with Commission from the Emperor for the speedy raising of a Regiment of Foot for the Spanish Service, and has for that purpose his Bills of Exchange for 12000 Rix-dollers, but the Magistrates fearing to disoblige the French, have forbid all publick levies, but nevertheless men offer themselves freely for that Service, insomuch that the Regiment is like in short time to be compleated, their Rendezvous being appointed at *Ruhmond*.

From *Treves* we are told, that the Marquis de *Crequey* is still within three or four Leagues of that place with a Body of 7 or 8000 men, expecting an additional Force of 5 or 6000, the better to watch the designs of the Emperor in those parts; upon their arrival, we may probably see farther the intentions of the King of *France* as to those Countreies. *Alsatia* is full of fears, especially since the French Officers give out that they intend to Garrison the principal Towns there, upon pretence that the Emperor has designed some Forces into the neighbouring parts.

There is a great project in hand for an Alliance between the Emperor and the three Ecclesiastical Electors, with those of *Saxony* and *Brandenburg*, all the houses of *Brunswick*, *Lunenburg*, *Hessen* and the Bishop of *Munster*; a little time will discover farther. The Sieur *Habeas* is sent from *Sweden*, and is already arrived at *Frankford* as Resident from that King in the Circles of the Upper and Lower Rhine, and *Franconia*.

The Envoy from *Burgundy* after an honourable reception at *Ratisbone*, has delivered his Credential Letters, and in his Visits recommended the Affairs of his Master, pressing them

with the consideration of the Inconveniencies that may happen to the Empire if they should desert the common interest in a time of so great danger, and 'tis believed he may prevail much by his Remonstrances, though the Sieur de *Gravelle* improves all his Interest as well as his Arguments to dissuade them from Interests themselves in the dispute.

From *Leipzig* we are told, That a Trumpeter from the Prince de *Saxe Lunenburg* passing by that City with the Arms of the Elector of *Saxony* upon his Livery, was stop't in the Street, his Coat torn in pieces, and himself committed to Prison, the Prince Elector being dissatisfied that any other Prince of *Saxony* should bear the Electoral Arms besides himself.

Paris, Aug. 13. Our Letters from the Frontiers inform us, That 2000 Spaniards drawn out of the Garrisons of *Cambrai* and *Valencienne* have lately made an Incursion into *Picardy*, where they plundered the Abby D' *Aunigny*, and then passing on near *St. Quintins*, pillaged a little Town called *Ribblemont*, taking the Lieutenant General with many other prisoners bringing away with them great booty and much Cattel.

The Siege of *Dendermond* has not proved so successful as was expected, the Town by the opening of their Sluices having drowned the Country about it, which much disturbing our Army in the League, and his Majesty being also assured of strong Succors put into it by Count *Marsin*, it was thought fit to draw off, much of the baggage being left behind by reason of the too hasty retreat of our men for fear of the Inundation, having besides other Officers and many Souldiers, lost the Marquis de *Villarde* killed by a great shot from the Town.

While the Marshall d' *Aumont* was drawing off from thence, the Duke d' *Enguyen* was ordered with a considerable body of Horse to invest *Lille*, which was done the ninth instant, the Army marching after to form a Siege, not despairing of success; though besides the Citizens, which are very numerous, and trayned up to Arms, there are also in it 3000 Foot, and 1000 Horse, and the Town commanded by the Count de *Eronuy*, an experienced Souldier, and excellent Officer. We are even now informed, that our Army is already posses't of the Suburbs, though with a considerable loss of our Men and Officers, and that they hope in few days to give a good account of the City.

Dartmouth, Aug. 4. The Dutch Fleet are now returning from the Westward, being this evening in sight to the Eastward of the Start.

West-Cowes, Aug. 5. Yesterday arrived here from *Brest* the *S. Katherine* of *Frederickstadt*, with Honey, Oyls, Linseed, &c. homewards bound. The Master coming from *Brest* the 18 past, left there about 44 French Men of War, and 11 Fireships; the Admiral, with four others, were then ordered on shore to wash and tallow, and seven others of the Fleet were continuing cruising betwixt betwixt *Westlands* and the *Sorlings*. On Sunday last he met with the Dutch Fleet of 48 Men of War, and some Fire-ships, and was kept on board the Admiral till Tuesday, *De Ruyter* having been ill of a Fever, and not till then to be spoken with. On Thursday last he met with a *Rotterdam* Pink with Ballast, an excellent Sailer, sent by the States to inform *De Ruyter* of the conclusion of the Peace, and the next day he heard great shooting.

On Saturday night last in the *Offing*, near the *Ile of Wights*, he met with nine French Men of War, most of them new Ships built in *Holland* upon the French Kings account, with a new Ketch of 6 Guns, all of them bound for *Brest*, having under their Conduct a Fleet of 30 Merchants, bound for several Ports of *France*; being aboard the Admiral, he was told of 8 Privateers fitted out from *Flanders* with Commissions against the French.

Alborough, Aug. 5. Three Dutch Men of War having in this Bay seized on a small light Pink coming from the Southward, it is since manned out by them, and rides near the mouth of the Haven to intercept any Vessels that shall pass this way.

Dover, Aug. 5. Here are two small Prizes sent in by a Boat belonging to a Fireship, both of them laden with Salt.

Harwich, Aug. 6. Yesterday the Spy being sent out for Intelligence, discovered 19 sail of Dutch at an anchor on the back of *Bardsey-Sands*, and 5 or 6 more plying over against *Orfordness* and *Alborough*.