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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, Dolleman, 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 Luné; the evening the Lord Lieutenant by Sir Thomas Allen 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 Genoua, 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 Bosia 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-