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Berwick, Aug. 11.

A Vessel arriving here from *Scotland*, confirms to us the recovery of the *Convertine* from the Dutch, and that the Scots Privateers have this last week brought up into *Leith-Road* four considerable prizes.

Falmouth, Aug. 12. The 7th Instant we were informed of the Landing of 300 of the Dutch upon *St. Agnes Islands* near *Scilly*, from whence they carryed off some sheep, cattle and conies. Several Boats they sent into the Mouth of the Harbor to sound it, two of which were presently disabled by shot from the Castle; after which they sent in four great ships on the same errand, who with much difficulty got off again, but made no attempt to land, the posture of the place, with the great readiness of the Governor and souldiers, discouraging that design if they had any such.

On Friday morning happened a great storm, the wind at South West, which cleared that Island of those unwelcome Guests: that evening were seen about 16 sail coming off the *Manacles*, which we supposed to be part of their Fleet separated by the weather, standing off at Sea to the Eastward.

On Saturday about four of the clock appeared 20 sail more coming from the West, standing to the East, the wind at North West, after whom at some distance, came a Vessel close up to the shore, which proved an English ship of 22 Guns, called *The Summer-Island Merchant*, from *Bermudas*, laden with Tobacco and Oyl; two of the Dutch Fleet discovering her, gave her chase for some time, but the night coming on, they stood off again to Sea, and the ship is now safely arrived in this Harbor.

On Sunday about one of the Clock in the afternoon, a great Fleet appeared off the *Manacles*, and some few others came in with them from the East, in all about 40 sail, all which stood off together at Sea, the wind at North West; about an hour after, a great ship of that company took fire, which continued burning at the least three hours; at the distance of five or six leagues from the shore; a small vessel a little before this accident, passing by, saluted her with three Guns, which she answered with one, which makes us conclude her to have been a Flag-ship; whilst she burnt, a small vessel coming up near her (as we suppose) took in her men, and went off to the rest of the Fleets, which about five of the clock drew nigh together, and that night (as we guess) stood away to the West.

This Monday morning about seven of the clock, we discovered a Fleet of about 35 sail of small ships coming close in to the Bay with English Colours, which we guess to be part of the *Virginia Fleet*.

Dartmouth, Aug. 13. This Evening appeared in view of this place about 55 sail of the Dutch Fleet, which about Sun-set turned into *Torbay*, where we suppose they intend to continue at anchor this night: Upon their appearance six Companies were drawn out of this Town in view of them, whereupon their Admiral put out a white Flag on his Main Top-mast head.

Hull, Aug. 14. On Monday last was brought in *Humber* a prize taken on the Coast of *Holland*, by one of his Majesty's ships, being a French Vessel of 200 Tuns, seven Guns, and 40 men, laden with Oyl, and bound from *Greenland* for *Bayonne*.

The other prize, called the *Stadthouse of Harlem*, a Dutch Min of War of 46 Guns, and 240 men, is brought up into *Humber*, having in the fight lost 18 of her men, with her Captain and Lieutenant; most of the men are French.

Berlin, Aug. 1. The *Baron de Blamenthal* is some few dayes since gone from hence for *Copenhagen* to congratulate his Royal Highness for his late Alliance and Marriage with the Niece of his Highness the *Electour of Brandenburg*, with whom is sent the *Sieur Frederick Brand*, who is to continue in the King of *Denmarks* Court in the quality of Ordinary Resident.

Dantzick, Aug. 5. Since the late March of the General against the *Tartars*, we have no farther advice from those parts, but only that he is still in their pursuit, and not without hopes of giving a good account of a considerable Body of them, and to prevent them in their Design of joining with a greater Body that is said to be on their March for their assistance; which is rather apprehended, since by a Courier from *Camieneck* *Pozolski*, they were informed that the Grand Cham, and the *Soldan Galga* were at the head of a great Army, but had not as yet come to any resolution for an Invasion, being, it seems, to take their measures according to the account they shall receive from their Ambassador formerly sent to, and every day expected from *Constantinople*.

The late Incursions are not at all owned by the Cham of *Tartaries* Minister to proceed from the direction or countenance of his Master, which the Poles have little Faith to believe, since no care is taken to punish or suppress them.

The Count *Wallenstein*, Envoy from the Emperor to the Court of *Poland*, has had his Audience to condole the death of the late Queen, and since that, several others, in one of which he seemed to invite his Majesty to think of another Queen, falling afterwards into a discourse of the great Beauty and Vertues of the eldest Princess, sister to his Imperial Majesty, and of the eldest of the Princesses of *Inspruck*, to which his Majesty seemed not to be much moved, making answers that he was not now in an age which could incline him to the thoughts of a new Marriage. The Count having finished the business he was sent for, is now on his return.

The Court discourse variously of the Kings intention, many being of Opinion that he is rather resolved to forget the Glories of the World, and retire himself to a private life, but is willing in the first place to have the nomination of his Successor, which his Subjects seem resolved not to admit of, but to have the Election in the power of the Republick.

The City of *Thorne* dissatisfied with the procedure of the Roman Catholicks against those of the Reformation, in reference to the Churches allowed for their Publick Worship, have it seems, referred themselves to the Dyet, wherein they hoped to meet with more favour, but upon debate there, they are by a Decree obliged, not only to give up the Church of *St. James* which they contended for, but 'tis said they will be also forced to part with that other Church of *Nossredame*, to the great dissatisfaction of the whole City.

Cologne, Aug. 10. His Highness the *Electour of Mayence* is now passing by the way of *Hochst* to *Koningsleir*, intending to return in little time to *Mayence*, there to take into consideration the affairs of his own Country, in relation to the several interests of the Emperor and King of *France*.

From *Afchaffenburg* we are advised, that they are there taking into their Cognizance the Cause of the *Baron de Reifsenberg*, but the proceeding (it is believed) is like to be only to msl, and his Imp. imprisonment in probability like to continue as long as his life.

The continuation of the wars made by the French upon the *Low-Countries*, gives much jealousy to the Princes of the Empire, not exempting those whose Interests are most of all complicated with those of *France*: They are all generally de-

frous, that the quarrel risen betwixt the two Crowns might be determined any other way than by that of Arms, which is also earnestly endeavoured by the States of the Empire. In the mean time the Spanish Ambassador at Vienna presses hard for satisfaction to be given to the Deputies from *Burgundy*, by sending forces thither for its security, as being a Member, and consequently requiring the care and assistance of the Empire.

Count *Mansfield* is lately gone by Order from his Imperial Majesty to his Highness the Elector of *Brandenburg*, to treat with him about some private affairs of great importance. The design for the New Levies in the Emperours Dominions advances, and some considerable sums of moneys are already given out for their encouragement, 'tis not yet publicly said to whom the Command of those Forces shall be given, though some talk there in, that the Elector of *Brandenburg* is designed for that employment, who has already 12000 men in Arms, besides the forces that are on foot in the Circle of *Lower Saxony*.

The Government of *Brissgow* is lately conferred on the Marquess of *Baden*, who is daily expected at the Imperial Court, and from thence to return to his charge.

The Cardinal of *Salzburg* has by the Count *Ferdinand de Herberstein*, and the Councillour of *Ratisbonne*, demanded the Investiture of his Bishoprick of *Ratisbonne*, which was accordingly performed the 27th past to his satisfaction.

The French are not a little jealous lest some Alliance be privately endeavoured at between the Emperour and King of *Sweden*, which latter, 'tis said, has some inclination to be taken to a Match with the Eldest of the Imperial Princesses, whose Picture, with the other Princesses her Sister, are both drawing by the hand of an excellent Painter, to be sent into *Swedeland*.

The *Flanders Mule* not arriving this week according to expectation by reason of the late ill weather, we have but little account of the Affairs in those or the Neighbouring Countries, only by a Letter accidentally brought us, we have this account.

Bruges, Aug. 7. The French lye still before *Lille*, and by the assistance of the Countrey people commanded in, the Lines about the Town, as well as the Contravallations are much advanced, nor are they wanting in plying it with their Guns and Mortars, though as yet with little damage. The Garrison and Town are full of Courage to defend it, and seem not to be at all moved by all the threats of their Enemies.

Some few daies since (we are told) the King of *France* sent into the Town demanding the release of a prisoner of some Quality that was fallen into their hands, and in case of refusal, threatening them with the firing of all the houses round about the Town; which message being delivered to the Governour the Count *de Brouay*, he is said to have made this resolute answer, That if any one house about the Town were set on fire, the prisoner should be roasted on the Rampart.

About two daies since the besieged with a considerable body of men made a stout sally out of the Town, which succeeded so prosperously to them, that they are reported to have killed near 2000 men, and killed up seven pieces of Canon, making their retreat with little loss, the confirmation whereof, with the particulars, we must expect hereafter.

The Spanish Army is drawing together near *Ghent*, where there is like to be a Rendezvous of their whole force, and in little time may probably make some attempt for the relief and succour of the Town, and disturbance of the Enemy.

Plymouth, Aug. 13. The *Virginia Fleet* is by an happy and seasonable providence safely arrived, and though the enemies Fleet lay divided to intercept them upon these Seas, not any of them fell into their hands. Of this Fleet, six are safely come into this Harbor, 30 put into *Foy*, and 23 more gone with Convoy into *St. Georges Channel*, bound for *Bristol*, and some other places on the *Severns*, where we believe they are by this in safety.

Before their setting out, the *Elizabeth Frigate* which lay in *James River* to stop her leaks, and to repair her Masts and Rigging, much damaged by ill weather at Sea, was with

some Merchant-men that lay there by her, unfortunately surprized by four Dutch Men of War, whereof two of 36 Guns a piece, one of 4, and the other of 18, with two Fireships, who having made their escape from *Nevis* after the late Victory obtained by ten of the English, over them and 16 French ships, wherein they lost many men, came away for *Virginia*, where accidentally lighting on a small vessel coming out of the *River James*, they exorted from the men they took, an account of the condition of the *Elizabeth*, and the number and posture of the Merchants, which encouraging them, they instantly resolved on action, and putting up English Colours, with the advantage of some Renegades they had aboard them, they passed undiscoversed by the Merchants, and coming up with the *Elizabeth*, gave and received a Salute, but suddenly after passing two Broad sides into her, and finding but few men in her to make resistance (the greatest part of them with the Officers, being employ'd at land to provide necessaries) they presently made themselves masters of her, but she proving altogether unfit to put to Sea, they were forced afterwards to set fire to her with all her Guns and Ammunition.

The *Richard* and *Francis* of *London*, *Robert Conway* Captain, made a very stout and valiant resistance, and in several boardings beat off the Dutch with great slaughter, and had he been well seconded, might in probability have frustrated their attempt, but the Captain being dangerously hurt, and many of his men killed and wounded, he was forced to yield with a dozen other vessels, four more being also burnt in the Dispute.

Bristol, Aug. 14. This day arrived here 15 sail, most of them great ships well fraught, from *Virginia* and *Bermudas*, the rest of their company being likewise safely put into their respective Ports.

Dover, Aug. 24. The storms have been lately so very great here, especially the last night, that had it continued another Tyde, might have done much damage both to this Town and Harbor; the *Flanders Pasquet* is said to be by the late winds driven into the Downs, since which we have heard no further news of it; three of the Dutch ships lye off the Northforeland, and on Monday last 15 of them were riding before *Margate*, but did no more hurt then only by the taking up some few Stawkers or Nets laid for Lobsters.

Harwich, Aug. 17. Yesterday the Dutch Squadron were discovered keeping their old Station, where they are also this morning, and have not of late attempted any thing. The new rais'd Troops and Companies are here, as well as in other places of the Kingdom, disbanding. Yesterday the three Companies of *Sir Jo. Sayers* Regiment having first Mustered, were afterwards without their Armes returned to their Quarters, from whence upon receipt of their pay they are to be dismiss'd; the like method was followed by the Earl of *Sunderland*, and *Sir Richard Ingoldsbyes* Troops of Horse.

Alborough, Aug. 17. The Dutch Men of War continue still in this Bay, but with little rest these four or five daies past, by reason of the great roughness of the Seas: Only two small Hoyes have of late appeared before this place, and those English, passing unmolested from the Northwards.

Advertisements.

UPON certain notice given of a person lately dead of the Infection at the Goal in *Maidstone*, by the general desire of the Justices of the Peace of the County of *Kent*, it hath been thought fit to publish to all persons, that for the prevention of the spreading of the Contagion, no Assizes are for this summer to be kept for the said County.

THE Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, proceeding in course on the payments of Orders on the Act for 1250000*l.* as they are Registered according to the Rule prescribed by the said Act, are come to the payment of the 371 Order in number.

The preceding Orders to that number which are yet unpaid, are the 135. and 153. for which moneys have been long since reserved in Bank. Also yet unpaid the 343. 354. 361. 364. 365. 366. 368. 369. 370. 371. for the payment whereof, moneys are likewise reserved in Bank.