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Plymouth, August 16.

THe 13th Instant the Dutch Fleet passed by *Dartmouth*, and went into *Torbay*, the wind at South-West, their number about 56 sail, the next morning the wind comming to North-East, and North North-East, about seven of the clock they weighed, and about two in the afternoon the headmost of their Fleet came in view of this Port, when the wind comming to North North-West the whole Fleet appearing for some time, plyed close to get near the shore, but it blowing very hard, they were forced to keep off, and with much difficulty got that night to an Anchor, being then about 42 sail in view; about this time they happened upon a small *Fish-bone*, by whom they learnt the news of the arrival of the *Virginia* Fleet, which was immediately communicated to the Admiral, who that night called a Council, and about 12 or one of the clock, sent off the greatest part of the Fleet towards *Foy*, where he heard there were put in a considerable part of the *Virginia* Fleet, only three of the Dutch continuing at an Anchor, and six others plying to and fro upon these Coasts, who all about noon followed after the rest to the Westwards. Yesterday by nine in the morning 34 sail of the Enemy came to an Anchor before the Harbor at *Foy*, some of them approaching within half Canon shot, and sending a Gallie to sound the Mouth of the Harbor. In the Afternoon two of their ships came up near the shore, and with their Broad-sides plyed the new raised Works at the entry into the Harbor, but were so warmly entertained from thence, and by several Guns planted along the shore, that after an hour and half's Dispute, they were forced to retire, with several shots received in their Hulls, and the loss of one of their Top-Masts, with several of their men, without any loss on our side, the County Forces, both horse and Foot, being ready to receive them, and both Seamen and Souldiers active and full of Courage, and good store of boats well manned lying ready to attend them, if their Courage will lead them on with the next Flood to make any farther experiment upon the Place.

Birdlington, Aug. 16. On Tuesday last came into this Port a Dogger Pin, formerly set out by Captain *Silver*, Commander of the *Kent* Fregat; within the River of *Weser* he seized on four Hyses, which in his return were by storm separated from him, and as yet he has received no newes of them. Captain *Froeman* in the *Orange* is also returned from the Coasts of *Holland*, where he set on shoar, and fixed two Prizes of considerable value.

Hull, Aug. 7. Yesterday a *Scottish* Privateer sent for *Birdlington* two Prizes, both of them Dutch, laden with Oil and Whalebones.

Berlin, August 1. The Princess *d'Anhalt* has now left the Court, and is gone for *Dessau*, and with her the Princess of *Curland*.

The States of *Holland* have agreed to furnish the *Lunenburg* forces with a new Subsidy, but not exceeding the half of that which they were formerly used to advance.

His Electoral Highness is at present at *Custrin*, where he intends to continue some weeks, at which place is newly arrived Count *Mansfield*, Envoy extraordinary from his Imperial Majesty, who has had his first Audience, in which he made his Complements of Condoling the death of the late Electress, but his Commission (as 'tis said) contains business of greater weight.

Monsieur Van Bern Envoy from *Madam the Landgravess*

of *Cassel* is daily expected at the Court to perform the same Ceremony.

Bremens, August 1. This City continues peaceable, all persons full of joy that after so many fears and jealousies by reason of the many delays in the exchange of the Ratification, it was at the last effected to the general satisfaction of all persons; the Solemnity of it was performed with as much Ceremony and honour to the Constable as the City knew how to give him. The Burgomasters upon information of his approach, in a Solemn Cavalcade setting out to meet him upon his entrance upon their bounds with a Troop of 250 Horse, consisting of the Principal persons of the Duchy, excellently armed and habited; at his entry into the Town he was saluted with 35 Pieces of Ordnance, and passed on horseback to the Lodgings prepared for him, preceded by that Troop of horses before whom went several Trumpets and Kettle Drums, with many lead horses and several Officers; after him followed another Troop of Horse, and then a large Train of Coaches filled with the Gentry and persons of Quality of the Town and Duchy, in which order the Citizens received him, who stood ranged on both sides of the way Armed, under their Ensigns.

The Guards that attended the Constable being afterwards sent out of Town to their Quarter provided for them, the Gates of the Town were immediately shut, and the Streets barricado'd and chain'd. The next day, the Constable, in a very rich Chariot, preceded by the Marshall of his Court, and the principal Officers of his Army, and many Trumpeters, went to the Town-House, where the Burgomasters stood ready to receive him at the door; and after an Eloquent Speech made to him by their Pensionary, they conducted him to a Chair under a rich Canopy of State, where, with the usual Ceremonies, the City did him Homage, according to the Agreement by the late Treaty; and then the Ratifications were interchangeably delivered, and the Acts delivered by the Chancellor: which done, they presented the Constable with a rich Present, Treating him the next day at a very liberal Dinner, which was by the Constable returned them with another in the Arch-bishop's Palace where he lodged.

Some dayes of feasting being past, a solemn day of fasting and prayer was set apart to give God thanks, for the happy ending of all their troubles, occasioned by the late differences with the Crown of *Sweden*; and the day following the Constable went from hence with the same Solemnity as he entered.

Cologne, Aug. 17. In the late Assembly held at *Munster*, after many disputes and contentions, they at the last concluded in the Election of *Ferdinand de Furstemberg*, Bishop of *Paderborne* to be Coadjutor to the Bishop of *Munster*, which passed with the usual Ceremonies and Formalities, notwithstanding the protestations of some of the Canons to the contrary, who likewise since a real act in form of the Election, as if somewhat were omitted that was necessary to be used in that Ceremony. This Election ended, the Duties which made up the Assembly, after they had made some few resolves more, which the necessity of affairs required of them, went away and broke up the Session.

In another Assembly at *Hombach* they have thought fit to raise some Forces for the Defence of the Country, the whole Body of them to consist of 2000 Horse and 4000 Foot, but without any General Officers to Command them, since they are not to be employed in any present Service, which whensoever it happen, may be in little time supplied; and by this omission they are good Husbands for the State, by saving

the Expences which would be required for the pay of so many Officers.

Rye, August 17. This day past by the Blackmore-Pinks and with her two larger Vessels, one a great Fly-Boat the other a Broad Stern'd ship, both supposed to be Privateers.

Plymouth, Aug. 18. Since the late fruitless and unsuccessful attempt made by some of the Dutch ships upon the Harbour off Foy, they were so ill pleased with the liberal entertainment that was there prepared for them, that they have since thought fit to give over that design, and accordingly set sail yesterday, without making the least offer at any farther attempt, and stood off to Sea: This evening the *Drake* Frigate that was sent out to take an account of their motion, returning hither, informs us, That they set sail from before Foy yesterday about twelve of the Clock, standing to the South, the Wind at South-West, and at four in the afternoon tacked in with the wind at West; but the Wind veering about to the North-North West, they made another Tack, and at night the body of their Fleet were sail'd as far as *Falmouth*, three of their ships lying at Stern, somewhat distant from the rest of their Fleet, hoping to intercept the *Drake*, by getting between her and the shore; but the Fire at timely tacking prevented their design, by standing for the land, and before night lost the sight of them: Notwithstanding the going off of the Enemy, great care is taken at Foy to secure the Harbour, and perfect the Fortifications; in which the extraordinary zeal and diligence of the Officers, Soldiers and Seamen, and generally of the whole County, has been evidently manifest, nothing having been omitted that could be done for the defence of that place, and the annoyance of the Enemy, as often as he appeared near the Coasts.

By some of our Letters brought us by a Vessel from the *Barbadoes*, we are informed that *Sir John Harman* was safely arriv'd there the 8th of June, and was immediately dispatched by my Lord *Willoughby* for the Leeward Islands, which were then in a good posture, and 'twas believed those Seas would in few days be cleared of the Enemy.

There were also in safety arriv'd at the *Barbadoes* four ships from *Guinea* lately laden: two of them upon the account of the Company, and the other private Adventurers, but their Voyage had proved fatal to the Negroes and the rest of the company in those ships by reason of a great sickness that was amongst them.

Foy, Aug. 18. Since the Dutch failed in their attempt upon this Harbor, they have not thought it convenient to make a second experiment upon us, where by the great zeal and exemplary diligence of *Sir Johnathan Trelawney* and other Officers all things are in so good a posture that we are inclin'd rather to wish so, than fear the force of the Dutch Fleet. They are now gone off from us to the Westwards, having not adventur'd upon any thing more considerable, than the private putting their boats sometimes to shore to steal sheep. On Friday last *De Ruyster* and *De Witt* put to shore at *Pentuan* on this side *Meragistey*, but did not adventure from the best side, making very little stay. This Morning a Galliot, which we suppose to be an attendant to *De Ruysters* own Ship, came up with English Colours within shot of this Harbor, but is now beating away to follow the rest of their Fleet to the Westwards.

Weymouth, August 19. This morning arriv'd here the *Paradox* Frigate, by whom we are inform'd that the *Deperford* Ketch hath lately taken a Prize, viz. a Dutch ship bound for their Fleet, laden with water and Billets, and carry'd her in to *Guernsey*.

Hull August 19. Yesterday came up hither the *Greenland* ship, taken by the *Oxford*, call'd the *S. Peter* of *Bayonne*, of two hundred and fifty Tuns, being a new Vessel not yet perfectly finish'd; to morrow we expect the arrival of the Dutch Man of War.

Margate, Aug. 19. The 4 Dutch Men of War continue still as formerly riding in the *North-foreland*, having for 4

or 5. dayes together received much disturbance by foul weather, but have given none to these Coasts.

Bristol, Aug. 19. On Thursday last the Regiment newly raised by the Right Honourable the Marquis of *Worcester* were drawn up in order to their disbanding; his Lordship having shewn extraordinary diligence and readiness in the raising them, having mustred and compleated and march'd his whole Regiment in 10 dayes after the receipt of his Commissions, and by his own and his Officers care so well trained and disciplin'd them, that they were thought fit to be employ'd in those places from whence the greatest danger could be expected from the Enemy.

By Letters of the 17th of *May* last, from *Nevis* we have this more exact account of the late actions happening in those parts.

Before the arrival of our ten English Men of War from the *Barbadoes*, the French had entertain'd a Design of Attacking *Nevis* with a body of 4000 men, which they intended to have drawn out of *Martenico*, *Guadaloup* and *S. Christophers*, and 1500 *Indians*, whom they had engag'd to serve them in this Service, and were to have fallen upon the English to the windward; and to this purpose they had gotten together a considerable number of ships, which were to have been employ'd for the carrying on of their Design, which was already so far advanced, that they had distributed their Provisions and Ammunition into the several Ships, and had begun to imbarke their Men; but one of their small Vessells having by accident intercepted a Schooner, sent by Lieutenant General *Willoughby* to the Governour of *Nevis*, who in intelligence, that within ten dayes the ten ships promised him should be sent him, with all the necessary supplies of Provision: The French, by a mistake, apprehending the Ships were to arrive the next day, safely desisted from the further prosecution of their intended design, and began to take other Counsells for the security of their own Ships.

The ten Ships arriv'd at *Nevis*; the Commander in chief having taken order for the security of the Island, sent away six of his ships to *Guadaloup*, where they took and brought away with them 8. of the French ships. By this time the French having received an additional strength from France of six Men of War, besides 4 Dutch Men of War newly arriv'd from *Sudiam*, they revived their old designe of attacking *Nevis*, and fitted up a Fleet of 32 Sails, whereof 20 were ships of considerable force, of which the English Commander of the ships at *Nevis* being advertis'd, he presently resolv'd with the addition of some men drawn out of the Island, which he put aboard his ships, to engage them; as he accordingly did with that success, that after a sharp fight he chased them home to *S. Christophers*: which done, he returned again to *Nevis*, where after three dayes stay to rest, by the arrival of the *Jarveys* the East India Merchant, and a small Victualler, he received a recruit of six hundred fresh men sent to him by Lieutenant General *Willoughby*, which put him upon the Resolution to find out the Enemy, and to engage them in their own Harbours, but they having Intelligence of his Design, consulted their own safety and prevented him by getting away; the English being now in their pursuit.

By later advice from *Barbadoes*, we are told that the Lord *Willoughby* had the fourth of June sent Captain *Morris* and Captain *Godolphin* with more men and provisions to assist the other of our ships about the *Leeward* Islands, and had dispatch'd away *Sir John Harman* with his Squadron for the same service, of which they hope to hear a good account in few dayes.

Harwich, Aug. 20. The Dutch Ships keep still their Station in the *Sledway* and behind *Bardsley* Sands, two or three only appearing in the Gunfleet; but we have not heard of any hurt lately done upon any of our Coasts.

By reason of the cross winds, or some miscarriage at sea we have not this week the Intelligence which we expected from *Flanders* or the Neighbouring Countries.