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Milford, Aug. 24.

Yesterday the *Mermaid* Frigate, with fifteen sail of laden Colliers put to Sea, bound for Plymouth. Here are lately arrived two Vessels laden from *Meavia*, and a small Vessel belonging to *Swansy* from *Virginia*, laden with Sugar and Tobacco.

Berwick, Aug. 25. Letters from *Leith*, confirmed by a Gentleman that came thence on Friday last, inform us, that ten of his Majesties Ships, with some Scots Privateers, came up the last week into that Road, bringing with them ten, others say sixteen prizes.

Birdlington, Aug. 26. The last week a Scotch Privateer, with four prizes, was by stormy Weather forced to shelter in this Bay, intending in few days to put to Sea again for Scotland.

Plymouth, Aug. 27. On Saturday last Captain *Akerman* seized on a light French Ship of 50 Tuns, and on Sunday upon a vessel of *Amsterdam*, of 150 Tuns, and ten Guns, laden with Deals and Pipe-staves, which yielded without any opposition. The *Streights* Fleet at *Dartmouth*, and the *Virginia* Fleet at *Foy*, lie ready with their Convoys to sail with the first fair wind. The *Drake* and *Sorlings* are sent out to the Westwards, to give notice of the Publication of the Peace, that the Merchants may the better pass undisturbed. This Morning arrived the *Mermaid* with the Colliers from *Wales*.

Newcastle, Aug. 27. The Seas being again open, our whole Fleet of Colliers lie ready to put to Sea, expecting only a fair wind.

Hull, Aug. 28. On Monday night returned into Humber, the *Hampshire*, *Swallow*, *Milford*, *Garnzey*, *Nightingal* and *Oxford*, who on Saturday last cruising about half Seas over, betwixt *England* and *Holland*, fell in with five Sail of *Hollanders*, three of them being Men of War, they took, viz. the *Ruiter*, the *Hoorne* and the *Zealand*, of 42, 36 and 30 Guns, and one Merchant Ship of 200 Tuns, laden with Sugars, called the *St. John* of *Amsterdam*, but pretending to be a Swede; the remaining Vessel they left, upon view of 20 Sail coming towards them, which they supposed to be Men of War.

Portsmouth, Aug. 29. About three days since the *Tarmouth* Frigate being at Sea, discovered *De Ruysters* Fleet, consisting of 50 Sail, between *Portland* and the *Isle of Wight*, bound to the Eastwards, but the wind not favouring them. Yesterday came in the *Paradox* from the Coasts of *France*, having safely Convoyed some Ships to the *Isle of Guernsey*. In her return, making in for *Portland*, she discovered the Dutch Fleet, which obliged her to stand off towards the French Coasts, five or six of the Dutch for some time chasing, but perceiving they were not able to come up with her, returned again to their Fleet.

Hermich, Aug. 20. A Fleet of light Colliers lie ready bound for *Newcastle*, under the Convoy of the *Francis*, *Roebuck* and *True-love*, who are ordered to attend the laden Fleet homewards in their return.

Rome, Aug. 6. On Sunday last, after a long sickness, died Cardinal *Odonardo Vecchiarelli*, a Creature of Pope *Alexander the Seventh*, in the 54 year of his

Age, and the 10th of his Cardinalship, so there are now five vacant Caps at the Popes disposal.

On Wednesday Morning arrived here an extraordinary Courier from *Spain*, in his way to *Naples*, bringing with him Letters from the Queen Regent to the Spanish Ambassador, informing him of the Dismission of the French Ambassador, from the Court of *Spain*, and prohibiting his farther Correspondency with that at *Rome*. The French Ambassador having, by a Courier from *France*, received the like orders, to avoid any farther Conversation with the Spanish Minister. The same Morning was held a Consistory, which continued long; the Pope, after the Proposals of several Bishopricks, acquainting the Cardinals with a Brief of his Predecessor *Alexander 7.*, declaring, that he was forced, through fear, to agree to the Capitulations of *Pisa*, but could not, without mortally offending his Conscience, advise his Successor to consent to the Discomerement of *Castro*. He therefore desired the Votes of the Cardinals concerning it, which were generally given in favour of the Brief. 'Tis also said, that the Pillar of Ignominy, erected in the Pallace *Farnese*, in Memory of the Attempt made upon the Duke de *Crequi*, the French Ambassador, shall be suddenly razed.

Legorne, Aug. 8. A French Ship arriving here in 18 days from *Smyrna*, informs us, that the Plague extremely rages in that City, where there die 300, sometimes 370 in a day, very few houses of Strangers as well as Turks, escaping the Infection; but most of the English are, for the present, retired from thence, during the great Mortality. A Barque from *Marseilles* advises us, that the French Gallies were at Sea, lying off their own Coasts, and that the Chevalier *Paul*, was ready with five Men of War at *Toulon*, but for what design was not then known. A Vessel of this place arriving from *Tripoli* in *Barbary*, brings with it a noble Present of several sorts of Beasts, and other things of value, sent by the Baffaw of that place to the Grand Duke. Some of the Great Dukes Ships seising on a Turkish Vessel, were informed, that the Siege of *Candia* is vigorously carried on by the Grand Visier, who is playing upon the Town from 11 Batteries, each of them carrying four great Pieces of Artillery: Amongst the Prisoners taken aboard her, was found a *Chians*, with Letters from the Grand Visier, directed to the whole Coast of *Barbary*, commanding them to be ready in May 1668. to meet at such a Rendezvous as should be appointed them. The *Savoy* Ambassador, the *Comde de Piozasque*, having finished his Complements in this Court, is sailed for *Genoua* in his way homewards.

Vienna, Aug. 13. His Imperial Majesty has ordered that this City be well fortified, and put into the best posture of Defence that can be contrived by his Ingenieurs; and for this end, it has been thought necessary to pull down many houses in the Suburbs, which are already marked out. On Saturday last the Envoy from *Tartary* had an Audience from the Prince *Gonzague*, as President of the Council of War, to whom he made a Present of a *Tartarian* Horse: The Emperor, during his stay, allows him twenty Rixdollers a day for his Expences. Yesterday he had Audience from the Emperor, to whom he likewise presented an

excellent Horse with a rich Saddle : After the delivery of his Credentials, he, in the Name of his Master, asked Pardon, that the late *Cham* had taken Arms against his Imperial Majesty, which he affirmed was done by the over-persuasions of the Grand Visier, and against the Inclination of the People, who, to shew their Resentment, had since deposed their *Cham*, and now heartily desire a good Correspondence, offering to entertain, at their own expences, an Army of 50000 Men, to be employed in the Emperors service, against what Enemies he pleased to Command them, but little credit is given to those Proposals, considering the great Inconstancy of these *Barbarians*, with whom a present Gain ways more than any other Obligation; however he is dismissed with as good words as he brought, and a Sum of Money towards the Expences of his Voyage. Besides the Monies expected from *Spain* for the encouragement of our new Levies, the Emperor has sent into *Bohemia*, and other his Hereditary Countries, for the Monies granted in their Assemblies; and has besides desired of the States a Loan, which may arise to a very considerable Sum, notwithstanding that those Countries have been somewhat impoverished by their former Wars. The Grand Signior has called home the Visier of *Buda*, and constituted another to Govern in his place, who has sent for a Copy of the Agreement made between the Port at *Constantinople*, and the Company of our Turkey-Merchants, whose Director is ordered by the Emperor to comply with his Desires in sending them, and a Courier is accordingly dispatched away with them for *Buda*. The Governors under the Turkish Dominion, receiving much Prejudice, and a great diminution of their Revenues, by the late Order from the Grand Signior, not to take above one per Cent. of our Merchants, gives us occasion to look closely to them, and to fear, lest underhand some design be laid, to take advantages, and upon a small pretence to seize them; but for prevention they resolve not to pass farther than *Comoriba*, till they have first sufficient Security given them. The Regiments designed to be sent into *Asiatia*, to lie there upon the Frontiers, are to be first recruited, each Regiment to consist of 2500 Men, with them is to march a Regiment of Horse, commanded by the Marquis *Leopold Wilhelm*.

Umsbadt, Aug. 16. The 5th Instant there happened a terrible Thunder at *Heidelberg*, which put the whole City into a terour: The Cattle, in which were present the Prince Elector, with the Princess, was in the Tempest seven times struck with Lightning, but no person hurt, for which Deliverance, the City kept a publick day of Thanksgiving, giving God Thanks for their Preservation from so dreadful a Judgment.

Paris, Sept. 7. On Sunday last the Chief President, with two Councillors, went hence, being sent from the Parliament to Complement his Majesty upon his taking in of *Lille*, and Monsieur *Voisin* upon the same Errand from the City. Monsieur *Colbert du Teron* is gone to *Bress*, where, with Monsieur *de Beaufort*, he is to visit the Fleet, and to take order for the sending out a Squadron to meet with the Spanish Fleet. The Archbishop *d'Ambrun* is arrived upon the Frontiers, where he is stopt by *Don Hieronymo de Guiguones*, who attended him from *Madrid* till the Arrival of the Marquis *de la Fuentes*, who has been received at *Bayonne* the 26th past. Letters of the second Instant from the Camp, give us this particular Account of the Defeat given to the Spaniards; That as soon as his Majesty had taken possession of *Lille*, he, the same Evening, ordered the Marquis *de Crequy* to march to *Deinse*, and from thence to send out Parties to discover the posture of the Enemies. The 29th past, the King having visited the Citadel at *Courtray*, came to *Arlabee*, and sent out the Marquis *de Bellefonds*, with *de Fourilles*, and *de Choiseul's* Brigades, with Orders to the Marquis *de Crequy* to pass the Channel of *Bruges* with all his Forces, and take up his Post between *Sas* and *Ghent*, Commanding the Marquis *de Bellefonds* to secure the Passages between *Sas* and *Bruges*. The 30th his Majesty

having Intelligence that the Enemy was marched out of *Ipres*, intending for *Bruges*, came himself that day to *Deinse*, and sent out the Brigades of *Artagnan* and *Montauban*, under the Command of the *Sieur de Podwits*, to join with the Marquis *de Bellefonds*. The 31st his Majesty was informed, that the Enemy were to near to the Marquis *de Crequy* and *Bellefonds*, that it would be very hard for them to pass without action; whereupon he took horse, and with his Guards of Light-horsemen, went to the Camp, from whence he sent two Brigades more to pass the Channel. In the mean while the Enemy held a Council, resolving to fight, but fearing they should be overpowered, they changed their Resolution, and returned towards *Bruges*; but perceiving 2000 of their Horse staid behind, Count *Marfin* ordered the Commissary-General of his Horse to march towards them, who found them engaged by the Marquis *de Crequy*, at the Head of the King's Regiment, and *de Rouvray's* Brigade, who charging them in the Rear, forced them to retreat into a little Village for their security, whither the Marquis following them, found them drawn up in Battalia, and immediately charged them so home, that he forced them to retire; and then the Marquis *de Rouvray* falling in with them, wholly defeated them; pursuing a Party of them as far as the *Philippines*, a Fort upon the Sea-Coasts: In this Encounter, the Marquis *de Crequy* was so far engaged with the Enemy, that his Horse received five hurts with Swords, the Master of his Horse killed near him, and the Captain of his Guards wounded: Of the Enemy 250 were killed upon the place, their Commissary-General *Villeneuve* taken, with six Collonels, four Lieutenant Collonels, three Majors, and a great number of other Officers, and about 550 Horses. In the mean time the Count *de Lillebonne* meeting with another party of the scattered and defeated Horse, took one of their Collonels, two Lieutenant-Collonels, several Majors and Captains, and about 250 Horses more. The Marquis *de Bellefonds* being informed of what had passed, and judging rightly that the greater Body of the Spanish Forces would endeavour to recover *Bruges*, advanced with all the diligence he was able to prevent them, and charging them in the Rear, cut in pieces the Regiment of *Holstein*, consisting of 600 horse, (which three times valiantly received their charge, with the loss of their Lieutenant-Collonel, and several other Officers,) forcing their whole Army to retire in some disorder, leaving behind them their Lieutenant-General, with several Officers and Soldiers Prisoners in this Action: We took likewise eight Ensigns, two Kettle-Drums, and several Ensigns Staves, from which they had torn off the Colours. After this Defeat, his Majesty ordered his Cavalry to repass the Channel of *Bruges*, and himself came the next day to *Deinse*, intending afterwards for *Avras*.

Whitehall, Aug. 31. His Majesty having thought fit to take the Great Seal from the Earl of *Clarendon*, hath this day been pleased to give it to the Honourable Sir *Orlando Bridgman*, late Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas.

Advertisements.

THE Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, are now proceeded to the Payment of the 423 Order, in number and course, Registered upon the Act for 1250000 l. And they give notice, that they receive Money in Bank for the Payment of the preceding Orders to that number which are yet unpaid, which are as followeth; that is, the 135. 153. 343. 354. 365. 381. 382. 386. 398. 399. 400. 403. 404. 405. 406. 407. 408. 411. 413. 414. 415. 416. 417. 418. 419. 421. 422. 426. 427. 429. 431. 432. 436. 437. 438. 439. and that of 440.

Hele are to give Notice, that His Majesty hath been Graciously pleased to grant unto the late Right Honourable the Earl of *Southampton*, Deceased, and his Heirs for ever, a Market at *Bloomsbury*, in the Parish of *St. Giles* in the Fields, in the County of *Middlesex*, to be kept on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday in every week, and a Market for live Cattle, and also for Hay on Friday in every week there.

A Sore Ger-Falcon of His Majesties, lost the 31th of August, who had one Varvel of her Keepers, Roger Higs of Westminster Gent. Whoever hath taken her up, and gives Notice to Sir Allen Apsey Mr. of His Majesties Hawks at *St. James's*, shall be well rewarded for their Pains.