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Whitehall, Sept. 9.

**T**his day, by Letters of the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, from on board the Lyon riding near Montserrat, one of the Caribb Islands, we have this account of what hath been done in those parts by the Squadron under the Command of Sir John Harman. That he arrived at the *Barbadoes* about the beginning of June with seven Men of War and two Fire-ships, where after two dayes stay he set sail for *Nevis*, taking with him four other ships which he found ready there, saving the *Portsmouth Ketch* with orders to follow him with such men as were left behind on shore. That he arriving at *Nevis*, June 13. the *Portsmouth Ketch* came up to him, having on her way taken a French Sloop with a Paquet from *S. Christophers*, bound to the French Fleet, consisting of 23 or 24 sail of Men of War and Merchants ships riding in the *Road of Martinogon* upon which Intelligence, Sir John Harman immediately called a Council of War aboard his own ship, where it was resolved, That he should presently set sail with all the force he could make and fall upon them, before they could probably have Intelligence of his arrival, and that accordingly he went forth with six Ships, taking with him for his assistance the *Jersey* and *Norwich* Fregats, leaving Captain *Perry* to command the ships that were left behind for the security of that Port. The 19<sup>th</sup> of that Month he came in view of the French Fleet, which lay close to the shore under the protection of three Forts, and upon the approach of our Fleet, fired at least a thousand great shot, but at such a distance that it was not thought fit that night to return them one gun in exchange; they had also with them three Fire-ships, but could not be tempted to come out to Sea. The next day Sir John Harman began to attack them as they lay, where at first the Forts discharged some unhappy shots upon our ships, but when we began to fire, they grew silent, as if they would beg a Truce, directing us to their ships, on which we made six or seven attempts, but without any considerable damage to either side, being in all of them prevented, either by contrary winds or absolute Calms; but on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> the Wind serving us, we fell in amongst them, and in little time set fire to their Admiral and six or seven other of their best ships, and afterwards, partly by our continual plying them with shot, and partly by their own industry, to prevent us of the possession of the remainders, all the rest were sunk, saving only two or three, which with much difficulty got off, but so much torn and disabled, that they cannot be suddenly fitted up again for service; nor had they escaped the fortune of their companions, had not the necessity of several ships called away the Fleet to *Montserrat* to take in fresh waters. Though the encounter was for some time very sharp, yet (God be praised) we lost not in all our ships above 80 men. Some damage we received in our Hulls, Sails and Rigging, which will in few dayes be repaired, and our Squadron be fit for farther service.

*Dublin*, Sept. 2. This day the Peace was to the great rejoicing of all People proclaimed, with much Solemnity, at the usuall places of this City, in presence of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, attended by the King of Armes, Heralds and Macebearers.

His Grace the Lord Lieutenant continues still at *Kilkenney*, to whom are gone the most considerable persons of this Kingdom, with most of the Privy Council.

*Swansey*, Sept. 5. Yesterday was driven upon these coast's a vessel of 100 Tuns and six Guns belonging to *Majorca*,

laden with Oyls, and bound for *Offend*, which had undoubtedly perished upon the Welch shore had she not been (reasonably met by a small Collier which brought her safe into this Port; her Companion the *St. Anthony* of the same place of 200 Tuns, 28 Guns and 50 men, laden with Oyls and bound for *Bristol* came with her on this side *Cadiz* Road, and was afterwards separated from her by storm.

*Newcastle*, Sept. 6. On Wednesday came into this Port about 30 Sail of Coasters, and yesterday about 50 sail of light Ships from *Aiborough*, *Tarmouth*, and other parts upon these Coasts; a great Fleet of small Ships are now at *Sunderland*: Our laden Fleet are not yet put to Sea, being hitherto detained by contrary Winds and foul weather.

*West-Cowes*, Sept. 9. This morning arrived here a small Galliot of *Amsterdam* laden with Deals and Holland Cheeses, intended for *Lisbon*, but the vessel proving unsound, 'tis believed they will be forced to put off their lading in this place.

*Weymouth*, Sept. 6. Yesterday past by us to the Eastwards the Fleet of *Virginia* ships, whereof three belonging to this Town, are safely arrived here.

*Rome*, Aug. 27. On Monday the Pope held a private Consistory, where several Churches were proposed, and disposed of, and Cardinal *Roberti* designed for the Legation of *Romagna*, which had been refused by *Sauelli*; acquainting them with his intentions of sending his Legate to *Munster*, for the composing the differences between *France* and *Spain*, between whom the War is carried on by Sea as well as at Land, with much success: Prince *Ludovico*, General of the three *Sardinia* Gallies, in his return from thence to *Naples*, met lately with a French Brigantine in her way from *Scanderoon* to *Marseilles*, which he seized, shaving the heads of the French he found aboard her, and chaining them all to the Gallies.

*Vienna*, Aug. 27. The Jubilee granted by his H. lines, being on Sunday last Published here, his Imperial Majesty with many of his Nobility, with all the Clergy, went in a Solemn Procession, but the Empress with her Ladies of honour not present, she being now grown very big with Child.

Several Consultations and Conferences are daily held at Court, in relation to the Affairs of the Netherlands; and 'tis said, the Council have already ordered four Regiments to be in readiness to March that way under the Command of the Baron *Schellart* and the Count *de Caraffa*; and the other Forces to be speedily raised for the same Service: but before they come to a final resolution in this business, they expect the return of a Courier from *Spain*. In the meantime the Sicur *de Gremonville* takes high, endeavouring by his menaces to divert the Empire from assisting the Spaniards, but this has at present wrought rather the contrary effects, their preparations being carried on with much more care and earnestness.

By Letters lately sent from the Governour of *Milan* to the Spanish Ambassador in this Court, he is informed that 12000 Footmen are there levied and in readiness to take the Field, and that all places under his Government are well Fortified, and furnished with all sorts of Provisions and Ammunition, ready to make a stout opposition if the French should think fit to invade them.

From Hungary we meet with great complaints from the Bishops of *Newhausel*, that the Hungarians have lately appeared near that Town, burning up their Hay, and making great spoil in those quarters, and that in their retreat they had met with a Convoy of Tunks, which they fell upon and routed, putting