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Barcelona, July 31: N. S.

**O**N the 29th Instant Admiral *Russell* arrived before this place with the Fleet under his Command, as also the homeward bound *Turkey-ships*, which joyned them at *Cagliari* in *Sardinia*. They have had very blowing Weather, but the Fleet has received no damage, and both Sea-men and Soldiers are in very good health. Brigadier *Steward* has been with the Marquis de *Gastanaga* (who is encamped seven or eight Leagues from hence with 14 or 15000 men) from the Admiral, to acquaint him with his Arrival, and to know if he can in any thing be serviceable to him. The French, who were encamped near *Osttriche*, (having demolished that place as well as *Castel-Follit*) are, upon the Fleet's appearing on this Coast, retired towards *Palamos*; and 'tis said the Spaniards intend to follow them, and either oblige them to a Battel, or, if they continue their Retreat, to besiege that place or *Rosés*. We are told the Admiral will sail to-morrow towards the Coast of *Provence*.

*Cadiz*, July 31. N. S. The 26th, failed from hence five Dutch Men of War, with several Provision-ships, to joyn the Fleet in the *Mediterranean*; and the Convoy with the Forces from *Flanders* lie now with their Top-sails loose, and will sail this Evening, or to-morrow for *Barcelona*. The Galeons will sail in a month or six weeks.

*Alicant*, Aug. 1. There are now off this Port 5 Dutch Men of War and a Fire-ship, with several Victuallers, who came from *Cadiz*, and are bound up the *Streights*.

*Gibraltar*, Aug. 1. Yesterday arrived here an Express from *Ceuta*, and brought an Account of a very warm Action that happen'd there the day before: The Moores thinking to surprize the Spaniards, advanced about Noon to the Forts of *St. Peter* and *St. Paul*, and with the help of Scaling-Ladders got into some of the Out-works, and possessed themselves of the place of Arms, before our Men could put themselves into a posture to oppose them; but the Alarm being given, and Succours sent from the Town, the Spaniards recovered the same, and beat off the Enemy after a Dispute of 3 hours, in which 2000 of the Moores were killed, and 200 of the Garrison, with several Officers, among whom was the Serjeant-General *Don Gerónimo Maris*. Five Companies of Foot are going from hence, to re-inforce the Garrison of *Ceuta*.

*Madrid*, Aug. 10. The first Instant *Te Deum* was sung in the King's Chapel for the Surrender of *Casal*, and there were Illuminations all over the Town, which were repeated the three succeeding Nights. This Court has received Advice by an Express from the Viceroy of *Catalonia*, of the Fleet's Arrival the 29th past at *Barcelona*; and that Admiral *Russell* was going to sail again towards *Provence*: We are very sensible here, that the Diversion he has given the Enemy, by obliging them to keep so great a part of their Forces for the Defence of their Coast, which otherwise might have been employed against us, or the Allies in *Piedmont*, has been of great advantage to our Affairs in *Catalonia*, (where the French have been forced to abandon several places, and to retire towards their own Frontiers;) and a Means of taking *Casal*; and in all probability, will give Opportunities to both, of making further Progresses against the Enemy; and 'tis generally discoursed, that the Marquis de *Gastanaga* has resolved to besiege *Palamos*.

*Guernsey*, Aug. 15. Capt. *Slowly*, Commander of the *Deceiver* Privateer of this Island, has lately taken three French Prizes, one of about 60 Tuns and 3 Guns, and the other two of about 40 Tuns each, and has brought them in here.

*Plymouth*, Aug. 20. This Day are come in six Sail of Danes and Suedes, bound for *Lisbon*. The Spanish Expedition Pacquet-boat arrived Yesterday in *Mounts-Bay*, from the *Groyne*, bringing Letters from *Madrid* of the 10th of this Month, N. S.

*Portsmouth*, Aug. 23. Sir *George Rooke* came hither the 21st from *London*, and went on board His Majesty's Ship the *Queen*, where the Union-Flag was hoisted at the *Main-Top*. Yesterday came to Spit-head the *Shrewsbury*, *Yarmouth* and *Lynce*, with two Dutch Men of War from the *Downes*.

*Yarmouth*, Aug. 23. The *Bonadventure*, the *Assistance* and the *Milford* are now in this Road, with above 100 Sail of Light Colliers, who will proceed to the Northward with the first Opportunity of Weather.

*Deale*, August 24. This Morning came in His Majesty's Ship the *Saphire* from *Ostend*, Captain *Lydcot* Commander, which place he left Yesterday, and says, that when he came away they were in hourly Expectation to hear of the Taking of the Castle of *Namur*; and that the

Mareschal