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Madrid, August 1. N. S.

WE have an account from *Barcelona*, That the Enemy having with their Artillery and Mines made large Breaches in the Bastions of *Portal Nuevo*, and *San Pedro*, and finished their Gallery over the Ditch, they Stormed the same the 22th of the last Month; The Fight lasted 7 hours, during which time the said Bastions were several times taken and retaken; and at last the French remained Masters of that of *San Pedro*, but were beaten out of the other. The 23d the Besieged endeavoured to recover the Bastion of *San Pedro*, which occasioned a sharp Dispute, the French were twice beaten from their Post, but at last lodged themselves again: About the same time the Enemy sprung a Mine under the Bastion of *Portal Nuevo*, which blew up part of our Men posted there; and they followed it with a furious Assault, but were very bravely received and repelled; Soon after they returned again, and between that time and the next morning the French made several Attacks, and were several times beaten off, but in conclusion they lodged themselves likewise in the Bastion of *Portal Nuevo*: 'Tis reckoned the Enemy lost 4000 Men in these several Actions, and the Besieged about 7 or 800; among the latter are several Officers of Note. The freshest Letters from *Barcelona* are of the 28th of the last month; They say, 1500 Soldiers were arrived there from *Ceuta*, and 500 *Catalans*, and that they were expecting a farther Reinforcement. Two days ago a Courier was dispatched from hence with Letters for the Governor of *Barcelona*; 'Tis said, that Don *Francisco de Velasco* will be removed from the Government of *Catalonia*, and the same given to the Conde de *Corzana*, and the Prince of *Hesse* made General of Arms in that Province. The Marquis de *Villanueva*, Secretary of State for the Affairs of *Italy*, is made Secretary of the Universal Dispatch, in the Place of Don *Loreta*. The Count de *Harach*, the Emperor's Ambassador, made this week his publick Entry here, and had Audience of their Catholick Majesty's, who continue in perfect Health.

Vienna, Aug. 7. The last Letters from the Imperial Army in *Hungary* under the Command of Prince *Eugene of Savoy*, are dated the 31th of the last month in their Camp 3 Leagues beyond *Peter-Waradin*; whither they marched the 28th, for the Convenience of Forage, it being more plentiful in those Parts than where they encamped before; Our Parties, sent out to get Intelligence, had brought in some Prisoners; who reported that 20000 Turks lay encamped near *Bigrade*, but that the Sultan and Grand Visier were not yet arrived there with the Asiatick Forces. We hear the Hungarian Rebels have sent Deputies to the Grand Signior, to desire his Protection and Assistance, tho' it can now be of little use to them, their Party being broke, and the number of those that still keep together very considerable.

Frankfort, Aug. 13. The Confederate Army, commanded by Prince *Lewis of Baden*, encamped the 6th of this month near *Raichenberg*, and still continue there. The French Army are marched nearer to the Fort of *Kiel*, and 'tis believed they will repass the *Rhine* at *Strasbourg*.

Hamburg, Aug. 16. The last Letters from *Poland* tell us, the Elector of *Saxony* had been received at *Cracow*, with great Solemnity and Acclamations of the People; That he had with him divers of the Nobility, and above 20000 Men in Arms; That he had paid the Arrears of the Army, and thereby more firmly engaged them in his Interest; and that all things were preparing for his Coronation; which the Prince of *Cony's* Party were in no condition to hinder.

Paris, Aug. 16. Yesterday arrived here the Count de *Chemereau*, being sent by the Duke de *Vendosme*, to acquaint the French King that *Barcelona* Capitulated the 5th of this month, and on the 10th (when he came away) the Articles were Signed, and one of the Gates delivered up; We do not yet know the Conditions, but doubtless they are very honourable for the Besieged, who defended themselves so very bravely, and held out 55 days of open Trenches; The taking of this place causes very little Joy here, seeing it has almost ruined the Army that Besieged it, having lost 12000 Men, killed or made unserviceable, with a great number of Officers, and 30 Ingenieurs; and after all the French do not pretend to keep the Town, but to restore it by the Peace, which is look'd upon to be very near. An Express arrived two days ago from the Marechal d'*Estree* at *Brest*, with advice, That another Ship was come in there from the *Sieur du Pointy's* Squadron, being a Prize laden with Sugar and Campeche Wood; The report of the Commander of this Vessel, as they tell it here, does not agree with the account that was said to come from Capt. du *Buisson* (who arrived some days before) of his having left *Pointy* engaged with the English Squadron commanded by Vice-Admiral *Newill*; The Relation the French now give of *Pointy's* Expedition is as follows, The 13th of *April* he arrived with his Squadron at *Cartagena*; the 14th put ashore 4000 Men, who with the assistance of the Artillery of the Ships, racked the principal Fort called *Boca*, which covered the Town, and took it by Storm; The 22th they took another Fort called *St. Lazare*, and some other little Forts were abandoned by the Spaniards; The 28th they opened Trenches against *Cartagena*; on the 30th took the Suburbs or Lower Town by Assault; whereupon the Upper Town Capitulated the 3d of *May*, and the Articles were signed the 4th, one of the Conditions were, That the Inhabitants should give Two Millions of Pieces of Eight, to free themselves from being Plundered: In the attacking of these Places the French lost 15 or 1600 Men, of this number 54 Officers, and among these the Viscount de *Coetlogon*, their Commander in Chief, and several Captains of Ships; The *Sieur de Pointy*, while he was staying for the Money to be paid by the Town of *Cartagena*, received advice of the approach of the English Squadron, and thereupon resolved to hasten away, the Buccaneers parting from him upon a dispute about dividing the Booty; Accordingly *Pointy* sailed from *Cartagena* the first of *June*; and on the 4th, being about 40 Leagues at Sea, had fight of the English Squadron, who pursued him 3 days, but at last changing his Course in the night, with the help of a Fog, he got clear of them; And this Prize happening to fall in with *Pointy*, was taken near the Bay of *Mattanzas*, on the North side of the Island of *Cuba*, at the Entrance into the Channel of *Bahama*; 'Tis not said where she left him; but the general Discourse is, that he may be shortly expected in some of our Ports. The reports concerning the value of the Booty he has got are very different, some make it more and others less, but whatever it be, it does not belong to the King, but to particular Persons, who were concerned in sinking out these Ships, and to the Count de *Thoulouse*, who is to have a great share as Admiral of *France*. They continue to say here that the Prince of *Conti* prepares for his departure, intending to go to *Poland*, to countenance his Party there.

Loo, Aug. 19. We have advice from *Flanders*, that the Army under the Command of the Elector of *Bavaria*, being considerably reinforced, was marched from *Neuville* to *Rouffelaer*, where was plenty of Forage; and that thereupon the Marechal de *Villeroi* had sent several Detachments to strengthen Monsieur *Catinat*, who remains within the Lines to observe his Electoral Highness. The Czar of *Moscow* arrived the 16th at *Clerus*, and will be so tomorrow

morrow at *Nimeguen*; and from thence will continue his Journey to *Holland*; His Majesty continues his Resolution to make him a visit at the *Hague*.

Hague, Aug. 20. N. S. The Business of the Treaty goes on in the method agreed on, by Personal Conferences held at *Ryswick*, between the Ambassadors of the Allies and the French; The Imperialists were there Friday and Saturday, and the Spaniards on Sunday in the Afternoon. They write from *France*, That *Barcelona* was surrendered the 10th; That the Fort of *Montjouy* was comprehended in the Capitulation, which was very honourable, and a Cessation of Arms was agreed in *Catalonia* till the first of September: They say likewise, That *Poincy* was escaped from Vice-Admiral *Nevill*, and daily expected home.

Dublin, Aug. 7. On the 2d Instant the Bill to prevent Protestants intermarrying with Papists, was Read a second time in the House of Commons, and committed to a Committee of the whole House. Leave was given to prepare and bring in Heads of Bills for the easier Recovery of small Debts; For preventing Butchers being Graziers; For preserving the Game of this Kingdom; and for better Executing the late Act for suppressing Tories, Robbers, and Rapparees.

The 3d, the House took into consideration the Speech of the Lords Justices to both Houses of Parliament, and a Motion being made that a Supply be given to his Majesty, 'twas resolv'd unanimously, That this House will to-morrow morning resolve it self into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of that Motion, and nothing to Intervene; and the Lords Justices Speech was referred to the said Committee. The Clerk of the Crown attending according to Order, with the Return of the Sheriff of the County of *Cavan*, was called in, and delivered the same at the Table, upon Debate whereof 'twas resolv'd unanimously, That the Writ issued to the Sheriff of the County of *Cavan*, for Electing a Knight of that County in the room of *Robert Sanderson* Esq; expelled this House for refusing to sign the Association enter'd into by this House, was not duly Executed; as now returned to this House. And the said Sheriff was ordered to attend.

The 4th, Committees were appointed to bring in Heads of Bills for Establishing a Register of Deeds and Wills in this Kingdom; and for extending Judgments, Recognizances, and Statutes on Estates of Infants, and supplying the Defects in an Act for appointing of Guardians. The House went into a Committee of the whole House, and resolv'd that it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, which was reported and agreed to by the House; The said Committee was appointed to sit again on Saturday next, to consider of the Supply; and such Members of the House as are of the Privy Council were ordered to attend the Lords Justices, and humbly desire, That the State of the Revenue, and Debt of this Kingdom and Deficiencies of the Aids be laid before this House; The Auditor-General was ordered to lay before this House the Duplicates and Return of the Poll Bill remaining in his Office. A Committee was appointed to prepare Heads of a Bill for avoiding Vexations and Delays, by removing Suits out of Inferior Courts.

The 5th, a Committee was appointed to prepare Heads of a Bill for preserving all Papers, Books of Entry, &c. in the Secretaries Office. *James Kennedy*, late Sheriff of the County of *Cavan*, attending, was called in, and according to Order, at the Clerks Table, took off the Indenture affixed to the Writ lying on the Table, and affixed the Indenture by which *Francis White* is chosen Knight of the said County; whereupon Mr. *White* was called in, and took the Oaths and subscribed the Declaration and Association. And the said *James Kennedy* was afterwards upon his Knees at the Bar of the House reprimanded by Mr. Speaker, for his undue Management of himself at the said Election. By Order of the Lords Justices, the Produce of the several Funds granted to His Majesty since October 1695; an Abstract of His Majesty's Revenue; and the Arrears due to the Civil and Military List since January 1691, were laid before the House; and 'twas resolv'd to proceed upon the Consideration of the Supply on Saturday next.

The 6th, Leave was given to bring in Heads of a Bill for Relief of Creditors; an Estimate of the Charge of Building a Citadel at *Limerick*; and of Barracks to be made for the Soldiers, was laid before the House, and referred to the Committee of the whole House for the Supply. The House went into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the Bill to prevent Protestants intermarrying with Papists, and came to a Resolution, which is ordered to be reported on Monday next.

Leave was given to bring in Heads of a Bill to prevent Protestants turning Papists. Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, according to Order, presented to the House Heads of a Bill for the better Security of His Majesty's Royal Person and Government, which were Read, and 'twas ordered to be an Instruction to the Committee appointed to bring in the same, to insert a Clause therein, to oblige all Persons in Employments to abjure the Late King *James*, and the pretended Prince of *Wales*; and that the House do take into Consideration the Heads of the said Bill on Tuesday next.

On the 2d Instant *Robert Mollsworth* Esq; was Sworn of His Majesty's Privy Council here, and took his Place at the Board.

The 6th in the morning one of the Packet-Boats from *Holyhead*, having on Board the Letters dated at *London* the 29th and 31st inst, was taken by 3 French Privateers of about 6 Guns each, but the Mails were thrown into the Sea; The *Queenborough* Frigate, who was in this Bay, upon advice thereof, went out immediately and gave chase to the biggest of the said Privateers, took her, and brought her into this Bay.

Plimouth, Aug. 10. This day came in His Majesty's Ship the *Chester*, with several Vessels under her Convoy from *Milford*; as also the *Presida* of *London* from *Scanderoon*.

Yarmouth, Aug. 11. Yesterday appeared off this Port 3 Dutch Men of War with a Fleet of Merchant Ships from *Holland*; and about 100 Sail of Laden Colliers passed by for the River.

Dorset, Aug. 14. On the 11th came into the Downs 11 British Ships the *Pendennis* and *Prince of Orange*; with about 40 Sail of Vessels under their Convoy from the Westward.

The Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are pleased to give notice to the Contractors upon a Second Contract or Agreement made for advancing Money for Exchange of Exchequer Bills. That they pay unto *Francis Eyles* Esq; *Sir Theodore Jassien*, *Mordecai Abbott*, *Gilbert Heathcote*, *William Sedgewick*, *George Daddington*, *Bartho. Burton* Esq; *Sir William Ashurst*, *James Bateman*, *John Knight* Esq; *Sir Henry Furness*, and *Sir Joseph Herne*, Trustees appointed for Management of the said Affair, or to Seven or more of them, or to their Cashiers, at their Office near the Exchequer, the first Payment, that is to say, one full fourth Part of the Money by them respectively Subscribed, on the 20th day of the Instant August, or within Fourteen days then next ensuing, pursuant to the said Contract.

Advertisement.

A Sale of Jewels by Auction at *Batson's Coffee-House*, near the Royal Exchange in *Cornhill*, on Tuesday the 24th Instant, begins at 3 in the Afternoon precisely: The Jewels, &c. are to be seen at the Golden Cock in *Stocks-Market*, from Monday the 16th to the time of Sale. Catalogues may be had at *Richards Coffee-House* near *Temple-Bar*, and at *Batson's* in *Cornhill*.

ON Thursday night last one *William Cooke*, a Clock-maker, made his Escape out of the Gatehouse, Westminster, he is a middle-sized Man, smooth Complexion'd, in a light Drab Cloth Coat, aged about 40. Whoever gives notice of him to the Keeper of the Gatehouse aforesaid, shall have 5 Guineas Reward.

Lost two Orders one for 300 l. the other for 200 l. N^o 1379. and N^o 1272, on Births and Marriages, payable to *George Dodington* Esq; and Assigned to *George Forde* Esq; Whoever gives notice of them to *George Mertins*, Goldsmith, at the *Pack* in *Cornhill*, shall have two Guineas Reward.

Lost the 13th Instant between the Maypole in the Strand and *Exeter Exchange*, a Talley of Pro, N^o 164. struck in the Name of *Edw. Nicholas* Esq; August 6. 1697. for 70 l. in opt. of 35000 l. lent the 2d of July, 1696. upon the *Mered* and *Temp* Excise. Whoever brings it to Mr. Jones at the Bird in Hand near the Maypole in the Strand, shall have 10 s. Reward.

Taken from Mr. *James Brooke*, Stationer at the Anchor and Crown on *London-Bridge*, a Silver Tankard, which held about 3 Pints, marked R W K. If it should be offered to be Sold, Pawned or Valued, you are desired to secure the Person and Tankard, and give notice as aforesaid; or to Mr. *John Brooke*, Stationer at the Ship near the May-Pole in the Strand, and you shall have a Guineas Reward.

On the 7th or 8th Instant, out of some Ground belonging to *Henry Starkey*, at *Morton* in *Essex*, a bright bay Mare with a bob Tail, full aged, 14 hands high, Trous well, white Hairs on her Forehead, a white Slip on her Nose, a white ring of Hair on one of her hind Legs. Whoever brings her to the Crown Inn at *Whitechappel*, *London*, or to *Robert Barnes* at the *Welch-Warp* at *Eppin*, in *Essex*, shall have a Guineas Reward and reasonable Charges.