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Windsor, September 14.

THIS Day Captain Trevor, Commander of Her Majesty's Ship the *Triton*, arrived here; being sent Express by Sir George Rooke from the Fleet, with Letters to His Royal Highness, dated on board the *Royal Catherine* off of Cape St. Vincent, August 27. O. S. 1702. which contain the following Account.

ON the 9th Instant, returning from watering our Ships on the Coast of *Barbary* to *Gibraltar*, with little Wind Easterly, our Scouts to the Windward made the Signals of seeing the Enemy's Fleet, which, according to the Account they gave, consisted of 56 Sail, and were a bout 10 Leagues to Windward of us. A Council of Flag-Officers was called, wherein it was determined to go to the Eastward of *Gibraltar* to receive and engage them; But perceiving that Night, by the Report of their Signals, that they were not far from us, we followed them in the Morning with all the Sail we could make.

On the 11th we forced one of the Enemy's Ships ashore near *Algera*; the Crew quitted her, set her on Fire, and she blew up immediately. We continued still pursuing them; and the 12th, after hearing any of their Guns all Night, nor seeing any of their Sails in the Morning, our Admiral had a Jealousy they might be a Double, and by the help of their Gallies slip between us and the Shore to the Westward; so that a Council of War was called, wherein it was resolved, That in Case we did not see the Enemy before Night, we should make the best of our way to *Gibraltar*; but standing in to the Shore about Noon we discovered the Enemy's Fleet and Gallies to the Westward, near *Cape Malaga*, going away large. We immediately made all the Sail we could attain, and continued the Chase all Night.

On Sunday the 13th in the Morning, we were within 3 Leagues of the Enemy, who brought to with their Heads to the Southward, the Wind being Easterly, formed their Line, and lay to receive us. Their Line consisted of 52 Ships, and 24 Gallies; they were very strong in the Center, and weaker in the Van and Rear, to which which, most of the Gallies were divided into three Squadrons; the Center was Monsieur *de Boutouffe* with the White Squadron; the Van the White and Blue; and in the Rear the Blue; each Admiral had his Vice and Rear-Admirals. Our Line consisted of 33 Ships; the Admiral, and Rear Admirals Bings and Dilks being in the Center, Sir *Claudessy Spowall* and Sir *John Leake* led the Van, and the *Dutch* the Rear.

The Admiral ordered the *Swallow* and *Panther*, with the *Lark* and *Newport*, and a Frigate, to lie to the Windward of us, that while the Enemy's Van should push through our Line with their Gallies and Frigates, they might give them some Diversion. We bore down upon the Enemy in Order of Battle, a little after Tea a Clock, when being about half Gun-shot from them, they set all their Sails at once, and seemed to intend to stretch a-lead; and weather us, so that our Admiral, after firing a Chase Gun at the French Admiral to try for him, of which he took no notice, put the Signal out, and began the Battle, which fell very heavy on the *Royal Catherine*, the *St. George*, and the *Strenuous*. About two in the afternoon, the Enemy's Van gave way to ours, and the Battle ended with the Day; when the Enemy went away to the help of their Gallies to the Leeward. In the Night the Wind shifted to the Northward, and in the Morning to the Westward, which gave the Enemy the Wind of us: We lay by all Day within three Leagues of one another, repairing our Defects, and at Night they filed and stood to the Northward.

On the 15th in the Morning the Enemy was got four or five Leagues to the Windward of us; but a little before Noon we had a Breeze of Wind Easterly, with which we bore down on them till four a Clock Afternoon: It being too late to Engage, we brought to; and lay by with our Heads to the Northward all Night. On the 16th in the Morning, the Wind being still Easterly, hazy weather, and having no sight of the Enemy, or their Scouts, we filed and bore away to the Westward, supposing they would have gone away for *Cadix*; but being advised from *Gibraltar*, and the Coast of *Barbary*, that they did not pass the *Streights*, we concluded they had been so severely treated, as to oblige them to return to *Tarsh*.

The Admiral says, he must do the Officers the Justice to say, that every Man in the Line did his Duty without the least Umbrage of the Confusion or Reflection, and that he never observed the true English Spirit so apparent and prevalent in our Seamen, as on this Occasion.

The Battle is so much the more Glorious to Her Majesty's Arms, because the Enemy had a Superiority of 600 great Guns; and likewise the advantage of cleaner Ships; being lately come out of Port; nor to mention the great use of their Gallies in towing on or off their great Ships; and in supplying them with fresh Men as often as they had any killed or disabled; But all these Advantages were surmounted by the Bravery and good Conduct of our Officers; and the undaunted Courage of our

A LIST of Officers and Men, Slain and Wounded in the Battle, August 13. 1704.

SHIPS Names.	Officers.		Men.	
	Slain.	Wounded.	Slain.	Wounded.
<i>Royal Catherine</i>	Lieut. Jennings		27	94
<i>St. George</i>	Carpenter	Capt. Myrge	45	93
<i>Namure</i>	3d Lieut & Boatwain		13	44
<i>Strenuous</i>			31	73
<i>Nassau</i>			15	26
<i>Grafton</i>	Sir Anst. Leake Boatwain		31	66
<i>Mountbatten</i>	1st Lieutenant	Cap. Baker	27	62
<i>Monrague</i>			15	34
<i>Panther</i>			10	16
			219	508
<i>Barfleur</i>		3d & 5th Lieuts. & Chaplain.	6	24
<i>Engle</i>		3d Lieutenant	7	57
<i>Orford</i>			6	9
<i>Affurance</i>			6	14
<i>Warspite</i>			17	44
<i>Swifsure</i>			13	33
<i>Nottingham</i>			7	19
<i>Tilbury</i>		1st & 2d Lieuts. Capt. Jumper	20	25
<i>Lenox</i>	1st Lieutenant		23	78
			105	303
<i>Prince George</i>		2d Lieutenant	15	57
<i>Boyne</i>		Lieut. Edisbury. Mr. & Boatw.	14	52
<i>Newarke</i>			15	32
<i>Norfolk</i>		The Master	15	20
<i>Tyrmouth</i>			7	26
<i>Berwick</i>		The Master & Boatwain	23	24
			89	211
<i>Ranlagh</i>	Captain Com.		24	45
<i>Somerset</i>			31	62
<i>Tyrne</i>			25	48
<i>Tyton</i>		1st Lieutenant	5	21
<i>Dorsetshire</i>		3d Lieutenant	12	20
<i>Torbay</i>			21	50
<i>Essex</i>			13	36
<i>Kingsdon</i>		Boatwain, Gunner & Cook	14	46
<i>Centurion</i>			10	33
			155	361
<i>Kent</i>			15	26
<i>Royal Oake</i>			20	33
<i>Swallow</i>			1	3
<i>Cambridge</i>		Lieut. Leffock	11	27
<i>Beaford</i>		2d Lieutenant	12	51
<i>Monck</i>		Capt. Mijb. Br. 2d Lieutenant & Boatwain.	36	52
<i>Suffolk</i>		Capt. Kirkeron, 1st & 3d Lieut. dr. & Boatw.	13	38
<i>Burford</i>			11	19
			119	249
<i>Admiral's Div.</i>	6		219	508
<i>Sir Clo. Shovel's</i>	1		105	303
<i>Sir John Leake's</i>	1		89	211
<i>Rear Ad. Bings's</i>	7		155	361
<i>Rear Ad. Dilks's</i>	1		119	249
			687	1632
		Officers	8	31
			695	1663
				695
Total killed and wounded, English			2358	
Dutch			400	
Total			2758	

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