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Whitchall, August 17.

*Yesterday in the Evening Colonel Crofts arrived here, being sent Express by Lieutenant-General Stanhope, with the following Relation of the Victory obtained by her Majesty's Forces, and those of her Allies, on the 27th of the last Month, N. S. near Almanara in Catalonia.*

On the 25th of July his Catholick Majesty having received Advice that the Baron de Wetzel, a Lieutenant-General in the Service of his Imperial Majesty, was advanced as far as Camarasi, three Leagues distant from Balaguer, with Reinforcements drawn from the Lampourdan, and the Troops lately transported from Italy, sent him Orders to pursue his March the next Mornings, and to join the Army. On the 26th some of our Parties that were on the Patrouille sent us Intelligence, as soon as it was Light, that they observed a great Fire in the Enemy's Camp, and at Sun-rising we were informed that they were marching in three Columns towards Lerida; whereupon several Parties of Hussars and other Detachments were sent out to observe the Enemy, and disturb their March. The same Morning our Army decamp'd by the Dawn of the Day, pass'd the River Scio, and took Post in the new Camp that was marked out before Balaguer, near the Bridge of that City. General Wetzel join'd the Army before Noon, and all the Detachments returned to the Camp. After which his Catholick Majesty being advised by his Parties, by Prisoners, Deserters and Spies, that the Enemy had pitched their Tents in the Neighbouring Gardens of Lerida, immediately held a Council of War; and after all the Generals of the Allies had given their Opinions, he order'd the whole to strike their Tents at Sun-set, and be in a readiness to March; accordingly the Army decamp'd that Evening, pass'd over the Bridge of Balaguer, and took the Rout towards Alfaras, which is situated on the other side of the Noguera, five Leagues distant from Balaguer. For the Execution of the projected Design, Lieutenant-General Stanhope was command'd to advance with the utmost Expedition, having Orders to lay a Bridge over the Noguera, to secure the Passes near Alfaras, and prevent the March of the Enemy. For this Service he had under his Command Major-General Pepper, with four Regiments of Dragoons belonging to the Left Wing, two of which were English, and two Dutch, viz. one Regiment of Guards, and those of Pepper, Matthá and Schlippenbach; and also Count d'Eck, Major-General of the Infantry, in the Service of the Emperor, with twenty Companies of Grenadiers, six Pieces of Cannon, and the necessary Pontoons. This Disposition being made for our March, those Forces were immediately followed by the whole Army. The Foot march'd in Front, filing off from the Left, till both Lines had pass'd the River, who were followed by the Infantry on the Right; the remainder of the Horse of the Left moving after the Foot of the same Wing. The Artillery march'd after the Horse of the Left. The Cavalry of the Right Wing brought up the Rear. The whole Army was oblig'd to pass the River over the Stone Bridge of Balaguer, the Segra not being fordable, and the Pontoons being sent before; but these Difficulties were surmounted by the Diligence of the Officers, and the Ardour of the Troops; for before eight in the Morning of the 27th, the whole Army had pass'd that single Bridge. As we were to take the Rout through the Sarfana, we were oblig'd to march over another single Bridge, which was executed in the same Order, and with equal Expedition. On the other side of that Bridge we had two Hours on the Banks of the River, as well

to refresh the Troops, as to give the Horse time to come up, that they might March in the Front. The Cavalry having pass'd the Sarfana, advanced in two Columns towards Alfaras, being followed in two other Columns by the Infantry. Near Algeri, within a League of Alfaras, we received Advice from General Stanhope, that he had not only pass'd the Noguera with the Detachment under his Command, and possess'd himself of the most advantageous situation near Alfaras; but that he had also laid a Bridge over the River. At the same time he advis'd, that the Waters were so low that the Cavalry and Artillery might pass through the River it self; adding, that if it should be thought necessary, it was fordable even by the Infantry. General Stanhope also acquainted us, that he had then no Intelligence of the Enemy; but within half an Hour he dispatch'd an Officer to inform us, that his advanced Guards had discover'd nineteen of the Enemy's Squadrons, and some Infantry, marching towards Almanara, and a cloud of Dust rising behind them, upon which he had possess'd himself of the rising Ground on that side; and at the same time the Front of our Cavalry had pass'd the Noguera. While our Army was advancing, the Enemy began to form themselves near Almanara, being two Brigades of Foot, besides the nineteen Squadrons. According to the Account given by the Prisoners, those Troops were detach'd the Night before, to take Possession of these Passes, and to prevent our March; but that design being frustrated by the diligence of General Stanhope, they resolv'd to maintain themselves in the Posts they had taken near Almanara, until their whole Army came up, which was marching in two Columns to sustain them: They advanced with the greatest diligence; but our Forces having entirely pass'd the Noguera before six in the Evening, had the Advantage to prevent the Enemy; for although they had form'd the whole Body of their Horse in two Lines, and were supported by eight or ten Battalions, yet the rest of their Infantry was still on the March in two Lines. Notwithstanding our situation was such that we could not extend our Forces, but were oblig'd to form the two Wings of our Cavalry one behind another, and to divide each in two Lines, so that the whole consist'd of four, and the Left Wing made the advanced Guard, as being first come up, and that we could only draw up our Infantry in four Lines behind each other; yet his Catholick Majesty took a Resolution to attack the Enemy immediately for these Reasons; first, because it being then seven in the Evening, he suppos'd they would take the Advantage of the Night to remove to a stronger Camp, or retire; and secondly, he observ'd that the Enemy were discourag'd because of their ill situation; for which end, that he might take the Advantage of these happy Conjunctions, he command'd a Battery of fourteen Pieces of Cannon to be erect'd on an Eminence, which command'd that where the Enemy were post'd. The Majors-General Franquenbergh and Pepper began the Attack with such Resolution and Bravery, that the whole Cavalry of the Enemy was routed even before the Assaults could be join'd by our Right Wing: Though they push'd on with the highest warmth, and express'd an ardent Desire to join in the Battle, only a few Regiments of it command'd by the Count d'Araya were so fortunate as to share in the Glory of this Action. The first Line of the Enemy made very little Resistance, excepting some particular Regiments which behaved themselves with great Bravery. Our Infantry came on with great Intrepidity; but though they pursued the Enemy two Hours in the Night, till it was so dark that our Troops could not distinguish the Faces of each other, it was impossible to come up with them.

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Although this Action can properly be called an Engagement only of the Horse, yet it was so furious, that not only their whole Cavalry was overthrown and routed with the utmost Confusion, but all the Infantry fell with the same Precipitation: The Foot retired intermingled with their Horse, observing no Order of Retreat, but many throwing down their Arms in their Flight; the Army is felt leaving behind them their Cannon and loads of Ammunition, as well as abandoning their Baggage and Equipage to the Peasants: The Advantage obtained seems to be of the same Consequence as an entire Victory, which was prevented only by the Darkness of the Night. On our side about four hundred Men were killed and wounded; of whom the Regiment of Joergler lost fifteen; the English Regiments of Harvey, Rockfort, Pepper and Nassau about two hundred; the Dutch Regiments of Martha and Schlippenbach each fifteen; the Regiment of Ormiston thirty five; that of Spee, and two other Regiments of Palatines, one hundred. The Lord Rockfort and the Count de Nassau are among the slain, who being Officers of great Merit and Distinction, their Loss is universally lamented in the Army. On the Enemy's side the Duke de Sarno, a Lieutenant General, was found among the slain; what other considerable Officers were killed we have not yet an Account, but there must be a great Number, in regard that the Rout was general. We have taken Prisoners Lieutenant General Verboom, Don Vito Parisio Colonel of the Life-Guards, one Lieutenant-Colonel, four Captains, fifteen Lieutenants and Cornets, and three hundred private Men. The Number of the Prisoners had been greater, if our Men in the heat of the Action could have charged themselves with them. The Number of their killed and wounded cannot be less than fifteen hundred. We have also taken several Cannon, Standards and Kettle Drums with a great part of their Baggage, among which is some of the Duke of Anjou's Plate. The Regiments on our side that had the greatest Share in this Action, were the English Regiments above-mentioned, three Regiments of Palatines, three Dutch, one of Portuguese, and three Squadrons of the Regiment of Joergler; all which charged and fought with great Bravery, and Emulation of each other. His Catholick Majesty by his Presence animated the Troops during the Heat of the Action, and all the Generals in their respective Posts obeyed his Orders with great Address and Gallantry.

*Dartmouth, August 15.* Yesterday sailed from Torbay Admiral Aylmer, with a Squadron of Men of War under his Command, to the Westward; and this Morning sailed hence the Bernice-Galley, Capt. Dornford Commander, for Plymouth.

*Yarmouth, August 16.* Yesterday came into our Road her Majesty's Ships the Folklone and Advice's Prize, with a Fleet of Merchant-ships under their Convoy, from Holland. This Day came into our Road a Fleet of light Colliers from the Southward.

*Notice is hereby given by the Agent to the Captors, That the Officers and Company of her Majesty's Ship the Mary-Galley, may, on Friday the 1st of September next, at Mr. Masters's House on Tower-hill, London, receive their several Shares of the Prize St. Helena (according to her Majesty's most Gracious Proclamation of the 20th of May, 1708;) and that the Shares of such as shall not then be received, may, during the space of three Years, be received at the Place aforesaid.*

*Notice is hereby given by the Agent to the Captors, That the Officers and Company of her Majesty's Ship the York, may, on Friday the 1st of September next, on Board the said Ship at Plymouth, receive their several Shares of the Prize Peace of Marfilles (according to her Majesty's most gracious Proclamation of the 20th of May, 1708;) and that the Shares of such as shall not then be received, may, as soon the Prize List is returned from Plymouth, during the space of three Years, be received at Mr. Masters's House on Tower-hill.*

*Advertisements.*

There is now in the Press, and will be finished about Christmas next, The Life and Acts of N. Parker, Queen Elizabeth's first Archbishop of Canterbury, under whose Primacy and Influence the Reformation of Religion was happily effected, and the Church of England restored, and established upon the

Principles whereon it stands to this Day. By John Strype, M.A. With an Appendix of Original Papers, &c. There will be but few more printed than Subscribed for, therefore the Names of the Subscribers and the first Payment, which is 5 s. are speedily desired by John Wyat at the Rose in St. Paul's Church-yard, that he may act accordingly.

**N**otice is hereby given by the Agent to the Captors, That the Canvas, Woollen Stuffs and Lace, by the Notre Dame de Confolation, condemn'd as Prize to her Majesty's Ship the Southsea-Castle, Capt. John Roberts Commander, which were designed to be Sold on Wednesday last the 16th Instant, will certainly be exposed to Sale at Garraway's Coffee-house in Exchange-Alley, on Wednesday next the 23d Instant, at five in the Afternoon. The Goods may be view'd the Afternoon and Morning before the Sale.

**B**y Decree of the Court of Exchequer, six Messuges and two Gardens in New Sarum in the County of Wilts, late the Estate of William Barnes of Sarum Clothier, of about 33 l. per Annum, are to be sold to the best Bidder before John Morgan, Esq; Deputy of her Majesty's Remembrancer of the said Court. Particulars may be had at the said Remembrancer's Office in the Inner Temple, London.

**T**his is to give Notice, that Isaac Miner will pay the Dividend of the Wheat condemn'd out of the Concord of Danzick, taken and condemn'd to her Majesty's Ship the Lyme, Capt. James Gunman Commander, on the 25th, 26th and 28th Instant, at the Star Inn near the Monument, London, and afterward at his House in Dover.

**O**n the 19th of September next, a Plate of about 25 Guineas value will be run for upon Saltby Heath in Leicestershire, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, one Heat. Every Horse, &c. that was seven or more last Grass to carry 11 Stone. Every Horse, &c. that was but six to carry 10 Stone and a half. Every one that was but five, to carry 9 Stone 10 pounds. And any one that was but four to carry 8 Stone 2 pounds. They are to be entered on the 16th of the said Month, at the Stading-post, between the Hours of 2 and 5. All under 7 are to bring a Certificate of their Age from the Breeder, or give a Bond of 50 l. they exceed not the Age they are entered for.

**O**n Monday the 11th of September next, a Plate of 10 l. Value will be run for on Grantham Course by any Horse, &c. not exceeding 14 Hands, three Heats, carrying 10 Stone weight each, give and take. And the next Day a Plate of 40 l. Value will be run for on the same Course by any Horse, &c. carrying 10 Stone, three Heats, the winning Horse, &c. to be sold for 70 l. The Horses, &c. that run for the 40 l. Plate to be shewn and entered at Grantham with the Clerk of the Race on Monday the 4th of September next, and to be kept within the Borough of Grantham until the time of Running; and the Horses, &c. that run for the 10 l. Plate to be shewn and entered there on Saturday the 9th of September.

**W**hereas the following East-India Companies Bonds and Bank Notes, were feloniously taken out of a Trunk about the 10th Instant, the first No. 10932, dated September 30. 1708. for 110 l. The second No. 17423, dated November 24. 1708. for 45 l. The third, No. 14163, dated October 1. 1708. for 45 l. All payable to Mr. Richard Griffin. Two Bank Notes, one for 20 l. dated the 5th of July last, payable to Richard Booth, Esq; which Note was received by Anne Davenant, the other 15 l. dated as the other. If offered in Payment, Discount or otherwise, stop them, and give Notice to Mr. William Best's Coffee house, by the Royal-Exchange, shall have 5 l. Reward for the Bonds, and 20 s. for the 15 l. Bank Note. The aforesaid Bonds and Notes are suspected to be taken by John Blackham, Son of Sir Richard Blackham, a little, fair young Man, brown hollow Eyes, wears a fair Wig, with a large Scar on the right side of his Forehead. Whoever secures him, and gives Notice to the said Mr. Best, shall have 5 l. and whoever secures Ann Davenant, and gives Notices above, shall receive the Sum of 40 s. She is a tall luscious Woman, ruddy Complexion, dark colour'd Hair, very often in Company with the said John Blackham, since which both Parties are absconded.

**W**hereas Jane the Wife of Robert Saunders, of Bedfordbury in St. Martins in the Fields, hath Eloped from her said Husband; these are to give Notice, that her Husband will not pay any Debts she shall contract after the Publication hereof.

**W**hereas Elizabeth Giles, of London, Vintner, hath surrendered herself and been twice examined; these are to give Notice, that she will attend the Commissioners on the 31st of August Instant, at 3 in the Afternoon, at Mr. Woollaston's Chambers in Pump-Court, in the Middle Temple, to finish her Examination; when and where her Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-money, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of her Certificate.

**W**hereas Robert Chappman and John Lathbury of London, Cutlers and Partners have surrendered themselves (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; these are to give Notice, that they will attend the Commissioners on the 2d of September next, at 9 in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, to finish their Examination; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-money, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of their Certificate.

**W**hereas the said Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Ebenezer Cor, of St. Dunstons in the East, London, Merchant, have certified to the Rt. Hon. the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that he hath in all things conform'd himself according to the Directions of the late Act of Parliament made against Bankrupts: This is to give Notice, that his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Act direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 5th of September next.