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Whitehal, June 4.

The Seamen of the *Royal Charles* put on shore the last night by a Catch at *Harwich*, came hither this afternoon, who tell us, That in the Engagement on Friday and Saturday, we both days had the Enemy in chace, and had certainly given a very good account of them; but that on Saturday in the Evening they were re-inforced with the Succors of 16 fresh Ships. That on Sunday our Fleet began to stand over towards our own Coasts, finding themselves so much over-powred in number, and tired out with continual service, and their tackle much torn; but more especially hoping for the arrival of the Prince, of whose approach, His Grace, the Lord General, was informed by a Packet, dispatched by him from *Harwich*, by the same Vessel that brought on board the Earl of *Ossory*, with Sir *Thomas Clifford*; who to testifie to the world their great zeal for the service of their Prince and Countrey, in so eminent an occasion, arrived on board the Admiral on Saturday Evening.

In this retreat, which was managed with all imaginable care and prudence, the Lord General commanded the men out of the *St. Paul*, and two other Slug Ships, that seemed unserviceable, and might probably have otherwise fallen into the Enemies power, and for prevention set them on fire. Towards the Evening of that day, appeared the Princes Squadron; upon whose approach, the enemy leaving 50 Sail to make good against the General, sent out 30 other to intercept the Princes fleet; but the Prince waving them, made up to the General, at which time these two Seamen came away; but affirm, that we had then taken and fired fourteen of the enemies Ships: They say likewise, that they left the General well, having onely received a slight bruise on the Hand by a Splinter, and his Breeches shot through by another shot. That amongst other rencontres, he was attacked by a Vice-Admiral of the Enemy, who boldly attempted to board him, coming up so near, as that the Yard-Arms touched; but the General received him with so full a broad side, besides a volley of small shot, that the Enemy immediately fell to the Stern, and appeared no more, nor any other afterwards to take his place; yet so, as the General had between 30 and 40 men knocked down and killed in that salve. They say also, That on Saturday they saw four or five of the Enemies Ships on fire, whether by accident or otherwise, they could not tell; and that our men behaved themselves with infinite courage and resolution, they telling of near a dozen, who themselves were seen to bind up their shattered members, and presently to fall again to work upon the Decks.

The greatest part of this relation is confirmed by a Letter from Captain *Clark* of the *Glocester*, who arrived the last night at the *Gunfleet*, much endamaged by the fight, where he found the *Anne*, the *Bristol*, and *Antelope*: Capt. *Bacon* of the *Bristol* being killed, and Capt. *Holts* of the *Antelope* having lost an arm.

In another Letter from the *Lilly*, at the *North-Forland* of the same date, the Captain tells us, He saw Prince *Rupert* with his Fleet yesterday coming up to the General, and then all the *Hollanders* tackt to the Northward, and our ships after them; that Prince *Rupert* was within shot of the weathermost Yard of the Enemies Fleet, the wind being then S. S. East, and he heard Chace Guns all the forepart of the night, and saw one Ship on fire.

Pembroke, May 28. Two *Virginia* ships touched here, staying only one tide, and went away for *Bristol*: Several provision ships with a Fleet of Colliers about 40 sail, are under the Convoy of the *Martin* and a small Catch, bound

for *Portsmouth*; we are just now informed of the arrival of a Vessel of 200 Tuns, and eight Guns belonging to *Plymouth*, bound for *Bristol*. She formerly carried out from *Plymouth* to *Tangier*, thirty soldiers with Provisions; in her return she met with an *Hollands* Man of War of 24 Guns, whom she fought very bravely, and at last brought by the Lee, but had not Men enough to board her; she received many hundred shot, but no hurt save only in her Rigging and Sails.

Falmouth, May 30. The 26 instant, 24 or 26 sail were discovered off of *Fowey*, the Country people suspecting them Enemies, took some little alarm for their own security, but it presently passed over.

Plymouth, June 1. A private Man of War belonging to *London*, took out of this Harbor a pretended *Hamburger*, and two *Offenders* laden with French Wines, and carried them into *Fowey* as prizes, but they are there secured from further injury, till better proof be made what they are.

Yesterday we had a very violent storm, the wind at South East, which notwithstanding did no hurt to any of his Majesties Fregats, whereof there are now several at Anchor here, and in Harbor; but a *Portugal* ship of 200 Tuns laden with 400 Chests of white Sugar, and other rich goods, bound for *London*, was by its violence driven ashore upon the Rocks, and presently broken in peices, the goods all lost, and five of the Men, the rest saved.

Harwich, June 4. We have this farther account of the Fleet, from a maymed Ship brought in hither: That on Friday the first instant the Fleet engaged about one of the Clock, and the contest was hot till ten at night; The Duke had all his Tackle taken off by Chain-shot, and his Breeches to his Skin were shot off, but he Rigged again with Jewry Masts, and fell into the whole body of the Dutch Fleet; where he attacked *de Ruiter*. Four of their great Ships were sunk, and one fired of seventy six Guns, being a Vice-Admiral, whose Men we took up. The *Henry* was assailed by 3 Fire-ships, but he got them off, with the loss of 100 of his Men, and was so shattered that he was sent off to Harbor: The Dutch Fleet were reckoned seventy six Sail, and ten Fire-ships. On Saturday the Fight was again renewed with greater violence then before, they loosing three Sail more, and we wanting four, the *Swiftsure*, the *Spread-Eagle*, the *Loyal-George*, and small *Katharine*; the two last Merchant Ships, but all the men saved; We here not of any more lost in the whole Fight. On Saturday Morning, the Duke sent off the wounded Men, and the disabled Ships, whereby he had about forty Sail left, with which His Grace made good his Retreat with infinite prudence and gallantry towards our own Coast, in expectation of joyning the Prince; The wind was then very slack, when it increased the Dutch came up in two Bodies, one to the North of our Fleet, and the other to the Southward; but there were not many shot exchanged, there wanting wind; and at the last to our comfort, a fresh gale brought up the Prince with our other Fleet, who joyning us, the Dutch haled close upon the wind, one part Northwards, and the other Southwards, our Fleet standing after the greater Body, which took to the Northwards.

Bristol, June 2. On Thursday last arrived here the *Peter* of *Cork*, laden with Skins and Beef from *Cork*, who tell us, that the Caper of six Guns, taken ten days since by the *Saphire*, yielded upon the firing of one Gun; the bullet, which is observable, lighting upon an English Man aboard him, he being the onely one, took off his arm, without further harm to the ship or company. The *Forrester* has likewise taken two Dutch Merchants of 300 Tuns a piece well laden, and another Fregate upon their Coasts has seized a Dutch Vessel with Wine, Salt,

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and Brandy. The *Milford* has likewise lighted on a Dutch Hoy of 60 Tuns laden with Copper-Kettles, Frying-pans, Hemp, Pepper, and other Spices, and brought her into *Touz-hall*.

From aboard the *Raynbow* at the North Foreland, June 4. On the first instant we discovered the Dutch Fleet being at Anchor, seven or eight Leagues from *Ostend* to the S. W. of it, our General made sign to the Fleet to stand in amongst them, which was readily performed. Rere-Admiral *Harman* of the *White*, being head most of the Fleet, and our ship second, bore into the *Zeland* Squadron as we supposed, who rid in the head of the Fleet, so that great part of the Fleet was presently engaged; they immediately slipping and making ready to receive us: In which Engagement this ship was so disabled in her Masts, Sayls, Rigging, and Rudder, that she could neither stay nor bear up as the rest of the Fleet did, but was forced to receive what 22 sayl would bestow upon us: whereupon we had 25 Men killed and wounded: but before they tackt, we saw the Admiral made a Hull, and three of the Enemy were fired, and six or seven maynied. About seven at night they tackt and stood to the rest of the Fleet, which ours had engaged, onely one fireship which thought to have laid us aboard, but it pleased God she did not stay so well as to take the wind of us, but came a little to Leeward and left us, but not without some damage: our ship being in ill condition, we were forc'd to stand towards *Ostend*; and came to an Anchor five Leagues short of it, about nine or ten of the Clock in the night, mending our Rigging as well as we could, but by break of day discovering 12 sail near us, we presently cut, and with some danger stood for the Harbor; and at last came to Anchor, where we put hard hands on Jury masts and Fishes, and having mended our Sails and Rigging, yesterday morning weighed Anchor, and stood to our own Coast to secure the ship, and at nine of the Clock arrived in this place.

Vienna, May 19. Several Courtiers have brought in hither, the long expected news of the marriage of the *Infanta*, and that she has began her journey, which gives no small satisfaction to this Court, where all things are in preparation for a very splendid reception, and to express his joy, the Emperor hath caused a Hymn to be solemnly sung in *St. Stephens Church*, and the Guns to be discharged round the City. The Empress Dowager has invited the Emperor to a magnificent Feast in her Palace in the Suburbs: The Duke of *Longueville* came lately hither in his way towards *Poland*, in a Visit (as pretended) to the Queen.

A Post arriving this day from *Tirna*, informs us, That some hundreds of the *Turks* were discovered near *Nirra*, plundering the Countrey, and driving away their Cattle.

Dublin, May 30. By the last came an Express from the Earl of *Donegal*, Governor of *Karickfergus*, advertising His Grace, that the Common Soldiers of that Garrison, had fallen into a mutiny, upon pretence, that certain publick moneys then remaining in a Receivers hands in that Town, and designed as they would have it for their Pay, was diverting to other uses, and to be carried from among them to *Dublin*, which they would by no means suffer; protesting in all other things, as they did by a loose headless Declaration in writing under their hands, All duty and allegiance imaginable to His Majesty, and His Government there.

Upon this, the Horse of that Garrison appeared to repress the Tumult, but that it seems encreased it the more; so that several shot passed between them, but without harm, onely Cornet *Meredith* had his Horse killed under him in the dispute; but the next day, the mutiny rose higher, the whole Foot joining, which were in all five Companies, but none of the Officers engaged with them; they immediately possist themselves of the Castle, turning the Officers out of Town, with the small number of the Troop there quartering: But upon the second news of their mutinous proceeding, on Friday last the Earl of *Arran*, with four Companies of the Royal Regiment, was sent from *Dublin* in the *Dartmouth* Fregat to reduce them; who landing in the Harbor, having summoned the Mutineers, and they refusing to yield, presently assaulted the Town, and forced them from the Walls, with the loss of seven or eight of their Company: Upon which, they betook themselves into the Castle (a place of great strength) where

they stood it out all Sunday night; but on Munday morning, His Grace, the Lord Lieutenant himself arriving with some of his Horse Guards, immediately yielded upon discretion, and are now at His Graces mercy, and will certainly receive exemplary punishment.

Since this Mutiny, people have raised a report of an Irish Rebellion, affirming, That about the County of *Longford*, 4 or 500 Horse were got together: But of the vanity of this report, we are fully satisfied, there having been, in truth, nothing of that nature, the noise being occasioned onely by a kinde of a mad man, one *Nangle*, who sometimes has appeared in those parts with five or six Horse, but without attempting any thing.

Lyme, June 2. On Wednesday last came the *Eagle* Ketch from *Waymouth*, to convoy several ships out of our *Cobb*, but after his coming the wind blowing rudely from the South East, he was exposed to much danger in this wild Road, but the next day got safe off to Sea.

Plymouth, June 3. The *Portugal* ship cast away in this Harbor this last week, was valued worth 10000 l. This Morning the *Resolution* with three Fourth Rate Fregats, and five of the Fifth Rate set sail for *Torbay*.

Portsmouth, June 5. Yesterday morning sailed from hence the *Mary*, *Mountague*, and *Guiny*, well fitted and manned, and are since past through the *Downs*.

Whitchal, June 6. About one a clock this Afternoon arrived here from the Fleet Sir *Daniel Harvey*, with the confirmation of the Blessed News come to hand by Letters from *Harwich* some hours before, of a Happy Victory obtained against the Dutch, by His Majesties Fleet under his Highness Prince *Robert*, and his Grace the Lord General; the particulars are not yet distinctly known: Onely that after a sharp Engagement of three days, in two of which, His Grace the Lord General with Fifty Ships, had maintained with advantage, a fight against Eighty or more of the Enemy; which at last he saw encreased to more then double his number; his Highness joyned him so happily with the Squadron under his command, that the third day after a very close and bloody fight, the Dutch Fleet were forced to run; ours pursuing them so far as our Powder lasted, which though at first furnished in greater proportion, then any former Fleet ever had; yet it was no wonder to finde now spent after three such days of hot and continual service. That onely Five and thirty of the Enemy were seen then together, what are become of the rest is not yet known. Many of them were certainly burnt and sunk by ours, and some by accidents from their own. Of ours was onely burnt the Prince, having by misfortune first run aground on the *Goleper-Sand*, and so Sir *George Ayscough* the Commander taken; the *Essex* onely taken, and that by a very cross fortune, having entangled her self with one of the Enemies Ships which she was grappling with, and had most undoubtedly taken her; and the *Swiftsure*, yet missing, though with hopes that she is well, having been parted at that time, when the *Rainbow* was.

Some private Captains, and other Officers are killed, some wounded, all of them having done wonders in this eminent occasion. Of the Enemies were many ships fired and sunk, one a Vice-Admiral, and one a Reer-Admiral, and great slaughter among their men, as hath been known by some of those saved by our ships. Particularly *Tromp* having received a full broad-side from the *Royal-Katherine*, immediately disappeared, and hath not been since heard of. All the rest of our ships, besides the heavy flugs expressly burned by order of his Grace the Lord General, are come in to the *Gunfleet*, where they now ride under the Generals, though not without honorable marks of this Glorious Action. An Exact Account of which we may expect hereafter, when the particulars are perfectly known.

This Evening the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of the City of *London*, attended by the Officers of the City, came and Congratulated His Majesty upon this happy Victory, as a mark of their particular Duty and Affection, and of the part the City takes in all His Majesties Glorious successes.

The Account of this Weeks Bill runs thus. The Total 191. Of the Plague 27. Decreased in all 10. Increased of the Plague 7.