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Barnstaple, June 8.

THe Irish Fleet is safely returned without any accident by the way: The Dutch Caper and a French Merchant now lately taken on the French Coasts, and brought into *Milford*, were from thence ordered for *Bristol*, but by contrary winds were forced to put into *Ilford Combe*.

Milford, June 8. The Fleet from *Ireland* of 38 Vessels laden with Cattle, passed lately by the mouth of this Harbor, and two ships with *Virginia Wheate* touched here, and went off again, pursuing their courses.

Bridlington, June 11. On Saturday night last there appeared on this Coast, a *Holland Man of War*, of about twenty Guns, but we heard not of any thing he has done, only yesterday a *Hoy* belonging to *Whirby* was taken by him, who still continues riding to the Northwards of *Flamborough* head.

Plymouth, June 12. This day the *Elizabeth*, and the *Giles Ketch*, set sail for the *Gun-Fleet*, having under their Convoy two *Tinn* ships, two *Victuallers* for the Fleet; and several Merchantmen: four *Swedes* ships went off this day for *Lisbone*, three of them laden with *Deales*, and *Spars*, the other unladen here.

Madrid, June 3. After a tedious Journey from the *Groyn* in *Gallicia*, the Lord Ambassador, the Earl of *Sandwich*, with his Train, are all safe arrived at *Madrid* the 28 of *May*, being met at *El Pardo* one of the Kings Houses within two Leagues of *Madrid*, by the Master of the Ceremonies, with three of the Queens Coaches; and the same night brought into a very good House, provided and well furnished for the Ambassador himself; and another close by for the Gentlemen of his Retinue, wanting for no accommodations: being nobly treated by the way, especially at *Asturgas* in *Leon*; and at *Valladotid* in *Castilia*, where he was diverted by a Comedy provided purposely for him: He is now entertained upon the Queens charge, the Council allowing 70000 *Rials* for 10 daies expence, which is about 87 l. sterling.

Letters from *Cadiz* of *May 23*. Tell us that the Duke de *Beaufort* arrived there on the Tuesday before, with his Fleet, and put again to Sea on the 23, and its said, were bound for *Lisbone*; That before their departure, there arose a quarrel between some of the French, and the *Cadiz* Boat-men, about the price of *Mackarell*, which the French would have had at their own rates; both parties growing high upon the dispute, they fell afterwards to blows, and above 2000 swords drawn upon the shore; but in the end, the French were bearen off, and forced into the Sea, leaving ten or twelve of their company dead behind them, the *Spaniards* loosing only two. This, and several other stories frequently brought hither of the French intolencies, extremely disgust the people of this place; who are not a little troubled also at a report of fresh Men and Provisions sent to the assistance of *Portugal*.

Brages, June 19. The follis and falsehoods dispersed concerning the late Engagement at Sea, are pretty well vanished; and now we have every way true light given from all hands, that the Victory was on the English side; it being generally confessed, that of all the great body of ships that were engaged against the English, there are returned upon the 15 before *Flushing* but 51, before *Rammekius* 9, and 7 to the *Meuse*, so that upon the most modest account, they want at least 30 of their ships; which being observed to *Ruyter* at his return, he said he wvondred much at it, for that he knew but of four or five sunk and burnt. An Express sent aboard their Fleet from hence to view them at their return, found them extremely torn and shattered, above forty

dead in the ship, on which he went aboard: In passing by *Sluys* they shot not off a Gun, and he observed but one Flag amongst them all, their custom, it seems, being for every ship that has lost her Captain, to take down her Flag at her coming in.

The last Letters from *Zealand* confess their retreat, for so they would have it called, which they are willing not to attribute to the English but to a Fogg; and that *Evertson*, the Admiral of *Zealand* is sunk with his ship, and that *Trump* lost three ships one after another, and that they yet miss above 30 of their Fleet.

De Ruyters Letter to the States, after the two first days Engagement, confesses their great odds in number, and speaks very advantageously of the English courage and bravery; and all mens mouths are full of the two English Generals praises, whom they extremely admire in all that action, and acknowledge that the Princes coming in so opportunely, wholly changed the fortune of the battle.

In fine, when they had cast up their accounts at the *Hague*, and after their own Arithmetick, it was yet ingeniously resolved upon the question, That there should be no Bonfire made.

The Marquess de la *Frette*, a French Reformado in this Engagement, confesses he was three days in the cruellest fight that ever was; that a new Squadron of the English coming in, they gave all for lost, and so, he with some few Marriners got off in a Sloop, with very great hazard, and some cost, which he confesses was yet very well bestowed.

In fine, this Victory has much weakened the Dutch, but infinitely wrought upon their mindes, and taught them, that no advantage of number or circumstances can secure them a Victory in the issue.

Stockholm, May 6. We continue here to pursue our Naval preparations with all diligence imaginable; and towards the latter end of this month, a considerable Fleet will be ready to go to the *Sound*, there to watch the motion of the *Danes*. Of this Fleet are the Ships following.

Ships.	Guns.	Ships.	Guns.
The Sword, a new Ship.	99	The Swedish Lyon.	30
The Crown.	92	The Sun.	30
The Scepter.	92	The Moon.	30
The Appell.	78	Jupiter.	32
The Key of the Crown.	76	Admirant.	32
Victoria.	66	The Hake.	33
The Drake.	64	Phoenix.	35
Saturnus.	64	Gottenburgh.	46
Mercurius.	62	Westerwick.	38
Carolus.	58	Wismar.	38
Hercules.	62	Andromeda.	28
Cesar.	62	The Hunter.	26

There are besides these, yet five other great Ships to be made ready to go in company with some nine or ten smaller ones towards the *Sound*, as there shall hereafter be occasion.

Hague, June 15. The States reflecting upon the several passages in the late Engagements, attribute the want of their desired success, amongst other things, to divers Captains of great ships, that under several pretences quitted the Sea, before the end of the fight; and have written a Letter to the Deputies at *Helvoet-Sluis*, seeming much to wonder the contrary to an express command, the greatest ships left that fight to bring home prizes, leaving the weaker engaged, when it was before ordered to sink all that should be taken, meaning *Rene-Admiral de Swaers* that had brought in the *Swiftsure*.

They are now wholly intent upon the setting out again to

Sea, the *Here Waennen* being ordered to repair to the Fleet, and report to them the true state and condition of it. *De Witte* and *Amerongen* ordered to use their endeavors with the Danish Envoyé; that the eight ships equipped for his Master, maybe now employed for the necessity of the States, and be added to the Fleet, about which, they are likewise to consult with Admiral *Adelaar*; as also, that the five remaining ships of the 13 to be furnished to *Denmark*, be manded and sent out to the Fleet, if it be still at Sea, and that Drums be beaten up for men, and the Admiralty to use their endeavor in this conjuncture.

The Admiralties are likewise ordered to send their Deputies to *Wielingen*, where *de Witte* and others are to appear, in case the Fleet come in thither, to give all necessary orders upon all emergencies: And *Amerongen* to go to the *Texel* to hasten out all the ships that lie there.

The States have also ordered a Letter to be written to *de Ruyter*, giving him thanks for his conduct in the late Engagements, signifying their pleasure, that for security of their Countreys, the most part of the Fleet keep the Sea, promising their care to send them new Ships and Men, with Sails, Masts, and all other necessaries for the reparations of their Ships.

Vicenna, June 5. His Imperial Majesty is preparing for the Reception of the Empress, who is expected about the 10 of July, and the Duke *Dietrichstein* ordered speedily for *Milan* to attend her as her chief Marshal; and several Regiments ordered to attend her, for the security of her Voyage.

From *Hungary* we are informed of a great controversy risen between *Ragotski* and *Abassi*, the latter erecting a Sconce in upper *Hungary*, which *Ragotski* endeavors to oppose; and tis feared will occasion great disturbances in those parts. Great complaints are made of *Balassi Imbre*, in the *Hungarian* Palatinate, by reason of the insufferable insolency of his Soldiers.

Several designs are here on foot for the advancing of trade, by the setting up a Company of Merchants to trade by the *Danubius*, to *Constantinople* and *Asia*, &c. as likewise for the making of all sorts of Commodities as are usually brought hither from *France*, whereby great sums of money are carried out of this Country.

The Elector of *Brandenbourg* hath put a Garrison of 1500 Men into *Magdenburg*, the City Keys being delivered up to Colonel *Smidtz*; and all the Town soldiers discharged, and the neighbourhood full of soldiers, which are to continue till they have sworn fidelity to the Elector, who is expected there in 14 daies with 2000 horse.

Legorn, June 7. By a Vessel arrived in nine days from *Algiers*, we have a second confirmation of the Peace said to be concluded by the French, with those of *Algiers*, exempting their ships from visiting and search, and determining the price of the French Slaves, viz. those taken at *Gigery* to be redeemable at 215 pieces of Eight each, the rest at the price first paid in the Market. The rest of the points of this Peace, are said to be mostly the same with that made with the English. To which, they of *Algiers* are said to have been necessitated by the unprosperousness of their Armes against the Inland Moors, who it seems at present give them much trouble. A fuller account of this you may expect by the next.

Norwich, June 13. This City still continues visited with the Plague; The Bill of Mortality running thus. The Total of all the Burials 28. Of the Plague 18. At the Pesthouse 4.

An Advertisement.

Being daily prest to the Publication of Books, Medicines, and other things, not properly the business of a Paper of Intelligence. This is to notify once for all, that we will not charge the Gazette with Advertisements, unless they be matter of State; but that a Paper of Advertisements will be forthwith Printed apart, and recommended to the Publick by another hand.

Hague, June 22. We have hitherto talked of 14 ships taken, and eighteen sunk and burnt; but upon the last calcu-

lation, we finde but six or seven in all taken: And for those that are sunk, we have no other proofs then a bare report for it.

The Danes insist now to have rather money then ships, and therefore some of us think it were better the 13 ships were sent them as they are, and other swift made to recruit our own Fleet.

Great debate hath been about the manner of our intended Thanksgiving, most were for only ringing the Bells, and no Bonfires; but *Holland* said plainly they would have Bonfires, though they were single in the thing: So as we hope we shall have Bonfires when all is done.

Upon debate of the Letter to be writ to *Isbrandts*, and the Minute brought in by those of *Holland*, 'twas flat and plain to refuse the Rescission of the Treaty of *Elbing*; but *Zealand* hath laid it aside.

We are yet embroiled in the matter of *Oostfrieze*, and we are thinking how to get out of it, without bringing things to too desperate an issue. The Envoyé of *Emdden* hath had Audience upon it, and concludes in our sense, to have the *Luncenburgs* forces summoned to quit the Countrey.

The French Troops under *Pradel*, passed by *Maastricht* on Whitsunday, and in order good enough.

No perfect resolution as yet taken, concerning the eight ships prepared for *Denmark*.

Sir *George Ayscough* was at last ordered to the Castle of *Louvesstein*, and accordingly is transported thither, under the Guard of a party of Horse.

Upon second thoughts, *de Ruyter* talks much more calmly of our Victory, and indeed leaves the matter but doubtful, confessing in a manner, they left the English last at Sea.

An English Gentleman, one Mr. *Bromcley*, belonging to the Prince of *Orange*, hath been lately secure, under pretence of holding correspondence with the enemies of the State; and is said, is ordered to quit the States Territories in three days.

Since my last, we finde among our losses, that of the Rere-Admiral *Stackhoven*, Rere-Admiral of *North Holland*, his ship being the Arms of *Enckhuysen* of 72 Guns. In Vice-Admiral *Swacers* ship of 46 men left alive, were only six found sound, the rest dangerously wounded: And some other new discoveries of this kind, allay much our first belief of the Victory, and we begin to doubt what it will at last end in.

Legorn, June 8. It is here reported, that an *Hamburger* is sighted at *Marseilles*, and is to bring with him the moneys that are to be paid for the French Slaves at *Tunis*, and has orders to carry them to their Fleet, which is in great want of men.

Letters likewise from *Messina* advise us, that eight of our English Merchants are departed homewards; one of them from *Scanderoon*, the rest laden with Oyl, Currants, and Bimstone.

Deal, June 16. On Thursday last, the *Norwich*, Cap. *Robert Worden* Commander, brought in a Vessel of 50 Tuns, laden with Hides and Tallow; and another Vessel yesterday of 100 Tuns, laden with White wine and Brandy, both in the Hold, between Decks, and in the great Cabin; which are sent up to the Commissioners for prizes at *London*.

Whitchal, June 16. The 14 infant arrived *Comte Philibert de Piozisque*, Envoyé from the Duke of *Savoie*, to complement their Majesties, and Royal Highnesses, upon the Birth of the young Son of that Duke; and the next day was admitted to Audience by their Majesties accordingly, having been introduced by the Master of the Ceremonies in the usual manner.

This Morning His Majesty accompanied with his Royal Highness; and attended by several of his Ministers of State, and other principal persons of Quality, is gone towards the Fleet at the Buoy in the *Nore*, to hasten their speedy putting to Sea, in prosecution of their late happy Victory, which it is not doubted but they will be in a condition in a few daies, to improve much more considerably upon our Enemies, who tell us, they will in ten daies give us the opportunity, having given order for a Fleet of fifty sail, forthwith to put out to Sea, composed of the thirteen intended for *Denmark*, the rest to be made up out of the soundest of those that returned from the last Engagement.