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Barnstable, 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 Lisbon, three of them laden with Deales, and Spars, the other unladen here.

Madrid, June 3. After a tedious Journey from the Groyn in Galicia, 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 Houle, 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 Valladolid 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 Lisbon; 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 St 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 advantagiously 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 ingenuously resolved upon the question, That there should be no Bonfire made.

The Marquels 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 Dancs. 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	Wisnar.	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-Sluys, 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 Rete-Admiral de Swaers that had brought in the Swiftsure.

They are now wholly intent upon the setting out again to