

vest of those parts, his Lieutenant, and a Marquess of great eminency, being likewise under examination, and in great trouble upon the same account.

The Duke of *Lorraine* is said desperately ill, insomuch as his Physicians despair of his recovery.

Mr. *de Courvin* is suddenly to be employed to *Rome* to desire the Pope to appoint Commissioners to forme Proceſs against the *Jansenist*-Bishops, whereof any seven may be a *Quorum* to pass a definitive Sentence.

The Cardinals *de Retz* and *Barberini*, taking notice of an abusive Farce frequently acted by their Comediens there, called *The Knights of the Review*, wherein they suspected the frequent reviews of the forces in *France*, were too abusively exposed, to the dishonor of this King, commanded their servants to chastise the Players; which was done with that violence and earnest, that turned the Farce into a Tragedy, Seven or eight persons being killed in the Quarrel. The Cardinals being the more incensed, because (as 'tis said) they had formerly prohibited that Comedy, and were not obeyed.

His Majesty is not a little troubled at the news lately brought him, that twenty Officers employed by him to *Strasbourg*, for the levying of Soldiers, have been there assassinated, and their Commissions found in their Pockets.

He is likewise extremely exasperated against some persons that have given about some satyrical verses, over severely lashing the frequent reviews of his forces before the Ladies; but the Authors have as yet kept themselves concealed.

The Parliament of *Bourdeaux* have made an Arrest, prohibiting several persons that are there arrived to levy moneys upon a second Roll sent out by the Chamber of Justice, from proceeding any farther therein, as not believing the Chamber would raise any other Taxes, but only on the first.

From *Havre de Grace* we are told, that whilst the Town was making their Bonfires on *St. Peters Eve*, two English Fregats made an attempt upon the Coast within four leagues of the Town, sending out a flat-bottom'd Boat towards Land; at which, the Country took the alarm very hotly, and were forced to come down in great numbers to make good the Shore against the Fregats, who at the first bestowed many shots amongst them, though without doing any considerable hurt.

*Ostend*, July 11. The Spanish Fleet of Merchants ships from *Cadix*, is this day at Ten a Clock arrived here, to the great contentment of this Town. They were 23 dayes in their passage, and say, They hear no News at all of the French or Spanish Fleet, only the former left *Cadix* ten dayes before them.

*Hague*, July 9. *Vin. Beuningen* tells us, That by an Express of the 9th of *June*, *Beaufort* had Orders sent him to make all haste with his Fleet this way, but yet appears no further News of him.

The Pensionarie *de Witt* and *Vander Hoek*, have made their Report in the Assembly, of the Fleets taking the Sea from *Zealand*, and that *Tromp* is since followed from *Gorce*. That we shall be in all 90 Sail Men of War, besides Fireships. That Colonel *Iversum* is likewise embarked, having the general Command of the Land-Soldiers that are gone with the Fleet, upon which 20 Companies more are ordered forthwith to repair to *Zealand*, being (as 'tis said) to relieve and recruit those already at Sea. All this is not without vast encrease of Expence to us, towards which a new Petition is framing for the raising two Millions more. *Brandenburgh* and *Denmark* clamor for their Subsidies, but all our money now goes one way.

*Harwich*, July 3. On Monday our *Spy* being sent out, made the Dutch fleet off the *Longsand Head*, and saith, they were about 80 sail; he saw four Flags, all Admirals, no Vice-Admirals or Rere-Admirals. About 7 or 8 of the clock he stood off fair, having the wind of them, and hovered there a good while: At last, they sent two small ships after him, and one of them chasing him, he bare away till slackning, he tack'd upon her and fired four of his Guns upon the Dutchman, and so she stood to her fleet, and our *Spy* into our Harbor. The Dutchman he supposed to be a Ketch. One of the men of the *Spy* saith positively, That they are about 80 sail, another a-

mong them reckoning the small Fry, with the other, judged them about 104 sail, of which he supposes 80 to be Men of War, the rest Ketches.

A Ketch or small Hoy went out hence this morning, and off of *Balfey Clifffes*, was taken by a small Vessel or Sloop of the enemies.

About five of the Clock in the Afternoon we saw the Dutch fleet very plainly, and from our Land, by the Beacens we discerned four Flaggs, and we judge them not so numerous as former reports have made them; they seemed then to stand in for the Land, but about 7 we saw them cast off further into the Sea, yet plainly to come to an Anchor.

This Evening betwixt 9 or 10 of the clock, our *Spy* being out about the *Rowling Grounds*, and off the *Cliff*, saw a Shallop of the enemies force a Hoy of ours a shore near the *Cliff*, but our *Spy* gave chase to the Dutch Shallop, fired on her some Guns, and forced her toward the Fort of *Land-guard Point*, who bestowed some Guns upon her also, and presently took her, she was man'd but with three men (a light nimble thing) and yet prizes were their trade. The Captain being examined, delivered his Commission and Papers, and saith, being brought in this morning, that about 14 dayes since he came out of *Horn*, and had six men belonging to his Shallop, and that three of his men deserted him at *Flushing*; that he had no more then three when he was taken; that *de Ruyter* promised 7 or 8 men, if he would go to the shore to make discovery; but he had them not.

That the Dutch Fleet have been our since Sunday last was Sennight, and stood first for the Coast of *Flanders*. There were none of the French among them as yet; that they reputed them to be beyond the *Sorlings*. That the Holland Fleet came 3 or 4 dayes before him our. That many Merchants ships set to Sea daily out of their Harbors. And the Two other Men examined apart, agree to all that the first hath said.

*Dover*, July 3. Two great *Hamburgh* ships sailed by the last night richly laden bound for *London*. Yesterday a French Shallop lay before the *Hithe*, and by a shot made into the Town, alarm'd the people into a posture of defence. On Sunday sail'd by three of the Kings ships, whereof the *Garland* was one, with about 1000 able Seamen for the service of the fleet.

*Whitehal*, July 4. On Monday last their Excellencies the Lord *Baron George Fleming*, and the Lord *Peter Julius Coyette* had private Audience from Her Majesty, to whom they made their Addresses of Condoleance, upon the Death of the Queen-Mother of *Portugal*; and yesterday the same Ambassadors had their private Audience likewise from His Royal Highness at *St. Jameses*.

*Edenburgh*, June 28. Yesterday Captain *Hamilton* brought in four Prizes with Wine, Brandy, and Fruit. Cap. *Weims* one with Salt, of Three hundred Tun; and Cap. *Browne* another, with French Wines.

*Whitehal*, July 4. By Letters of the 11 and 21 of *May* from *Sally*, we are certainly informed of a Peace concluded April the 29th 1665. by a deputation from Mr. *Thomas Warren*, employed Minister by his Majesty for that end, between his Majesty and the Lords and Governors of the Castle and Town of *Sally*, by order from their Prince *Cidi Amat El Hodser Ben Alli Guilzan*, for the securing all his Majesties Subjects a free Trade and Commerce with all parts upon that Coast, from *Mamra* to *Bumudafell*, the extent of that Government, with entire Safety and Protection to all our Merchants in their persons and goods that shall arrive in any place within their Territories.

*Ditto* 4. This afternoon her Royal Highness was happily deliver'd of a Son, at *St. James*.

From *Zealand*, they adde to us in their Letters of the 9th. that two Private Men of War were then coming in there with four English Prizes, being *Barbadocs* men, taken off of the *Cape of Ireland*, and they pretend two more bound from the same place were carryed into the *Texel*.

We are this day assured by Letters of the 27. *June* from *Cerke*, that our *Virginia* Fleet, consisting of 35 able Merchant-men, were well arrived the night before in *Kingstale*.

The Account of this Weeks Bill runs thus The Total 222. Of the Plague 35. Decreased in all 1. Increased of the Plague 2.