

considerable, the most moderate Account amounting to
4000 Kill'd, 2000 Wounded.

Of which number;
In *De Ruyters* ship 250. In *Tromps* Viceadmiral 140.
Van Gents 154. *Meppel* of *N. Holland* 100.
Officers kill'd,

- *Jan Everfson*, Admiral of *Zealand*.
- *Tirick Hiddes*, Admiral of *Friesland*.
- *Fonker Coenders*, Vice-Admiral of *Friesland*.
- Rear-Admiral *Van Saen*, as we are told.
- *Ruel Maximilian*, of the *Wassenaar*.
- *Jurrien Poel*, of the *Urede*.
- *'t Hoen*, of the *Foshus*.
- *Hendrick Vroom*, of the *Wackenboey*.
- *Hugo Van Niew Hoff*, of the *Stadt en Landt*.
- *Cornelis Van Hoogen hooe*, of the *Zuyder huys*.

With several other Captains and Officers, whose Names we yet know not.

And indeed, we are so very ingenious in concealing our losses, that 'tis very hard to persuade us we are beaten, but that the English before our doors, over-perswade us to it: And though we have but 88 sail returned of all our Fleet, whereof 17 are Fire-ships, yet some there are that would persuade us we have lost only two ships; others seem to acknowledge four; but scarce any will confess more than five; but give it out the English loss was much greater, though as yet we cannot hear of any besides the *Resolution* wanting.

Our ships that are returned, sufficiently Proclaim to us the sharpness of the service they fled from, many of them so shattered, that they cannot easily be refitted for this Summers service, *De Ruyters* ship is said to have received no less than 17 shot under water, and 37 in her Hull above; and his second *Van Gents*, and Lieutenant Admiral *Van Meppel*, in very bad plight, and are with several other Capital ships floating upon our waters, hardly worth repairing; but to supply their places, the Admiralties are every where hastning out fresh ships, and repairing the torne ones. In *Zealand* lies one ready of 54 Guns, at *Campveer* one of 60 Guns, and another from *Zuricksea* of 66. and to set a good face upon a bad bargain, we give out that we shall be again at Sea in eight daies, which requires a strong Faith to believe. The people generally talk high against the French for disappointing us so long, in the vain expectation of their Fleet, and an Express is dispatcht to *France*, to hasten *De Beaufort* to our assistance.

The 8th instant *Pensionaire de Witte* hastning with some other Deputies from the *Hague*, in his pleasure boat to *Flushing*; to order the speedy refitting of the Fleet, mist narrowly an opportunity of visiting *England*, being within less than Miquet shot of an English Ketch, by whom he was forc'd to run on land at a place called the *Alb*, a little below *Campveer*.

Hamburg, August 6. Yesterday arrived at *Gluckstet*, the King of *Denmark*, who is drawing 3000 Horse, and 2000 Foot towards the *Elbe*, to give a jealousy as is supposed to the *Swede*, in case they should proceed to force *Bremen*.

Madrid, July 21. From *Denis* our last Letters, tell us, That several considerable persons of the *Empresses* Train, having died there, and those parts continuing very sickly, the *Empress* had resolved to set sail, and accordingly was embarked thence the sixteenth, intending to touch at *Barcelona*, where she intends to refresh herself three or four days, and so proceed in her voyage to *Finale*, under the Convoy of 23 or 24 Gallies; to which will be added the *Maltha* Squadron, now on their way to meet her.

From *Tangier*, Letters say *Gaylands* affaires were yet in the same condition, he himself continuing still in *Arzilla*. That some of the King of *Taffalettes* Army had appeared in the parts near *Tangier*, and that the Garrison had defeated a considerable Ambuicado of them, without any loss on their part.

The 5 instant, *Beaufort* with his Fleet left the River of *Lisbon*, bearing up towards the *Cape*, and the 10 appeared upon the Coast of *Gallicia*, before *Vigo*, where one of his Ships was already come in; and it was expected the whole Fleet might follow.

Hague, Aug. 10. Some account of the Success of our late Engagement we may collect out of *De Ruyter's* own Letter to the States from the *Wielings*, of the Sixth instant, Importing,

That the fight was begun by *Everfson*, who commanded the *Van* against the English *White Flag*, himself undertook the Red; but to his wonder, *Tromp* and his whole Squadron, with full Sails, lay as much 200 far behinde, as the *Vanguard* was 100 forward; so that he saw him not in any action till the Evening, with a few of the *Blew* Squadron, that by this means he was left alone to oppose the greatest force of the English; and though he made many shot to call them in to his assistance, yet they understood it not; by which means the English came violently upon him, and the few ships with him, in vain expecting *Meppel* or *Tromp* to second him; that his ship being much disordered, and many men kill'd and wounded, he was forced with the small sail he could make to follow the gross of the Fleet, and sic for it. That *Tromp* was windward of him, and might have helped, if he would, nor can he imagine the reason why he did not. In this retiring posture he continued till night. The next morning he was hotly pursued and fired on by the Fore-guns of the English; and a Fire-ship sent to him, which was beaten off by some Volunteers in Shallops, and burnt in vain: That *Everfson*, *Tirick Hiddes*, *Coenders*, *Rur Maximilian*, *Jurrien Poel*, *Uroom*, *Van Niew Hoff*, and *Hoenhoe*, were killed. *Tirick Hiddes* ship got from him in the night, *Bankers* sunk: He promises them an account of all their damages, but can give none of the English loss, but only that he saw some of them much damaged.

Tarmonth, August 1. This day came in two Ketches from the Fleet, the one from the *Lyon* with 14 wounded Men, the other from the *Generals* for *Proviens*; they tell us that some Scouts sent from the Fleet to the Northward, in their return brought word, that they saw 400 Busses fishing with eight men of Warr guarding them, upon which news the Fleet went to the Northwards, and if their report be true, we may suddenly expect some account of them.

Southwold, August 3. This day His Majesties ship the *Princes* came into this Bay, who came from the Fleet the second instant about four in the afternoon, which he left *N. West* of *Gravesend*, plying to Windward, the Wind at *N. E.* and by *N.*

Harwich, Aug. 4. This afternoon arrived here the *Peul* with an Express from His Majesties Fleet, dated off of *Sheveling*, in their way towards the *Texel*: She brings up with her a Prize, pretended to be of *Hamburg*: Among other particulars, she relates of the late Misfortunes they are now bewailing in *Holland*; one is, that *Bankert* is not yet heard of, whether killed, or remaining obscured among the Prisoners, is not known: Those taken in his ship, are most brought up hither; and among them one of his Quarter-masters, who gives out, that as *Bankert* was going over the side of the ship to escape, he the Quarter-master having a Hand-spike in his hand; after he had long argued against his quitting the ship, but all in vain, gave him with his Hand-spike over the shoulder to home, that *Bankert* tumbled down, whether into the Boat or the Sea, he could not discover.

A Swedish ship passing by here from *Gottenberg* in ten days, tells us, That the Swedish Fleet of 44 good Men of War, lay ready to put to Sea at *Stockholm*, having embarked 8000 Land-men for some private expedition.

Whitehall, August 3. His Majesty hath been pleased in Council, to Order a Solemn day of Thanksgiving shall be kept in the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, &c. on the 14 instant, and throughout *England*, &c. on the 23 of August, for the late happy Victory it hath pleased God to give His Majesties Fleet against the Dutch.

He is likewise Graciously pleased out of His Princely care, of the good of His Subjects, to Order in His Council, that *Bartholomew* Fair, and *Sturbridge* Fair be put off for this year, to prevent the spreading of the *Infection*, which might otherwise be occasioned by them.