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Castle Cornet in Guernsey, August 27.

VVE have here a report of the arrival of the French Fleet at Rochelle, but as yet know nothing of their design: if it should lead them this way, our people having ended their harvest, will want neither leisure nor courage to entertain them; the affairs of these Islands by the care and vigilancy of the Governor, being put into a very good posture.

Plymouth, August 28. On Sunday last a small Privateer of nine Guns belonging to *Fersey*, was upon the Coasts of France engaged by a Dutch Caper of twenty Guns, who killed seven of her men, and hurt some others, but being a good sailer, she escaped, and by the benefit of the night, lost her purser; but off of *Dartmouth*, she was again discovered by another Caper of thirty Guns, who chased her into this Port, the Caper going off Westwards.

Lyme, August 29. Yesterday arrived two Vessels from *Fersey* and *Guernsey*, under the Convoy of the *Paradox* Frigate, and *Nonfuch* Ketch, who spake the good condition of these Islands, and that several prizes have of late been brought in there.

Norwich, Aug. 29. The Account of the Bill of Mortality for this last week runs thus, Buried of all Diseases 190. of the Plague 180. whereof at the Pesthouse 12.

Madrid, Aug. 12. Letters from *Bilboa* tell us, the Lady *Fanshaw*, with her family, are safely arrived there; and that she intends with her children, and some of her servants to pass with her Lords Corps through France into England.

Letters of the first instant from *Cadix* tell us, That the Duke de *Veraguas* in the *Capitana*, with five Men of War more, are expected in that Bay on the eighth, to join with the rest of the *Armada*, which attend his coming off of *Ayamonte*, who is to take possession of the *Generalate* of the Spanish *Armada*.

'Tis confidently reported, that the Queen of Portugal is safely arrived at *Lisbon*, having been long tost at Sea by tempests, and kept off by contrary winds.

Tangier, July 20. *Taffleta* continues still victorious, *Salley*, *Tishuan*, and several other places being revolted to him. However *Gayland* despair's not of seeing better days, though at present confined to *Asvilla*, and scarcely secure there. 'Tis very probable *Taffletas* provisions growing short, he will be obliged suddenly to withdraw from these parts, to look after his more considerable conquests in *South-Barbary*, which is not yet so settled as to persuade him to run the hazard of that better, for this more inconsiderable part of the Country. The Governors of *Couta* and *Larracke* foreseeing the inconvenience of the others power, afford *Gayland* all the assistance and success they are able.

Two hundred Yards of our Mole are now as good as finished; and we doubt not, but that all the difficulties of that great and useful Work will be conquered before the end of this Summer.

Genova, August 18. The Empress departed *Barcellona* the 10 instant, and was the 13 at *Palamos*, and is by this certainly arrived at *Finale*: This States Convoy with two good Merchant ships were dispatched hence the last night, well manned for *Finale*, to give the Empress a *Salva Reale*, and to show themselves there to the *Miltese* Gallies, two other Merchants well manned are to follow them for the same service, and are afterwards to return again hither; and then to part immediately for *Spain*, and will suddenly be followed by three or four Italian ships for *Lisbon*.

This States Ambassadors goe for *Millan*, and not for *Fi-*

nale, to complement the Empress, but they have some hope she will visit the *Madonna: Savona*, where they have made preparations for her entertainment upon their charge.

Paris, Aug. 27. It was strongly reported, that instead of repealing the Interdiction of the Importation of all Manufactures out of the *Low-Countryes*, a general Proclamation is framing for the prohibiting the bringing in of any kindes of Commodities into France out of the Spanish Provinces; and that the Carts and Waggones which already were before the Gates of *Peronne*, and other Towns of *Picardy*, were turned back and forced to march to *Cambray*; and the reason east upon the heat of the Contagion in the Spanish Netherlands: But 'tis generally believed also, that if this Interdiction be not speedily called in, the Governor of the Spanish Netherlands will likewise forbid the entry of any French Wares upon the Flemish Territories, and hinder their passage into the Netherlands.

Mr. *De Bellefonds* having lately endeavored to open the way for the Conjunction of both Fleets, his Majesty has accordingly been prest to send speedy and convenient Orders to the Duke de *Beaufort*, about saluting and resaluting with the Flags, in case of a Conjunction: But this business continues yet in suspense, the great question being not yet decided, Whether his Majesties Flag born by his Admiral in chief, is to salute any other ways then onely with Cannon; which the French Officers plead to have been their late practise in the Mediterranean; but the Holland Minister approves it not as a fit instance, what passed between an Admiral in chief, and the Commander of a Squadron.

Monsieur *de Guay*, one of the Intendants of Justice in *Lionnois*, is by an order from the Court gone to the Post-Office of *Lyons*, where he has arrested the Commissary *Bontemps*; who, it seems, had the confidence to open several Pacquets of consequence, touching about Manuscripts and Gazettes at a main into other Countryes.

It is said the Swedes Ambassador has received his last Audience.

The 26 instant his Royal Highness and Madam returned to *Vincennes*, where his Majesty had a review of the Companies of his own Guards, *Gens d'Armes*, and Light-Horse, with the *Dauphins*, and the Regiments of Guards, both French and Swede; to the great satisfaction of all the Court.

From *Tripoly* we have lately advice of the return of five of their ships with prizes, to which place his Majesty has ordered his Agent at *Tunis* to repair, to sound their inclination to a Peace with this Crown.

On the 24 instant, the Fleet under the Command of the Duke de *Beaufort* arrived at *Rochelle*, where all possible care is taking for re-victualling and fitting out again to Sea; which they hope to do in a weeks space, or little more, if the weather prove seasonable.

Pienna, August 21. The Archbishop of *Saltsbourg* having got leave of the Emperor to entertain the Empress in her passage, has given order to all the Nobility of his Country, to put themselves in the best equipage imaginable for her Reception; and has given command for the speedy making of several Chains of Gold, Medalls, and curiosities of several kinds, to present the Gentlemen and Officers of the Empresses Train.

Monsieur *Greciffenklow*, Envoyé from his Highness the Elector of *Mentz*, has so effectually performed his negotiation in this Court, that he has prevailed with his Imperial Majesty to accept the Umpireship in the difference concerning the *Wilsang*, on condition that all parties concerned in that Compromis, will beforehand declare their submission, and

that things may remain in *statu quo*, till the affairs be decided.

Hamburgh, Aug. 26. The Mediators between Sweden and the City of *Bremen*, labor hard to finde some expedients for an Accommodation. The City stands stiffly for their Liberties, and will not accept of any conditions that may in the least inringe them: But insists, that there is lately some misunderstanding risen between the Citizens and the Magistrates, inso much, as a Faction is begun amongst them, which, if true, will soon put an end to the affair.

We are informed from *Gluckstadt*, that the Cannon there made for the King of France, prove ill in theoyal; all that have been yet put to proof, breaking in the trials, which the Founders would excuse, by pretending the Metal was not such as they at first required. They write likewise, that the young Prince of Saxe is sud enly expected there, and is to consummate his marriage with the Princess of *Danemark*.

Hague, Sept. 8. Our troubles are still in the encrease, nor can we yet prophesy what end they are like to have. Several Troops of Horse are ordered to quarter near this place, for the security of the States, who tis thought design the executions of some persons of quality, many of the States themselves, and indeed the greater part of them being accused of receiving pension from foreign Princes, of which they are now charging one another: The next Wednesday is to be held a Council Provincial of *Holland, Zealand, and Friesland* only, who are to consiver of this great business, which infinitely perplexes us in this juncture of affairs. Several of the Captains in the Fleet, as well as Soldiers and Seamen continue highly offended at the late affront done to *Trump*, for whom they shew themselves very passionate, what the issue of our dissensions may be, we fear to think. Several of our Provinces are very earnest for a Peace, especially *Zealand* and *North-Holland*, who refuse any longer to contribute to the War.

The Plague is grown very violent at *Flushing, Middlebourg*, and several Towns of *Zealand* and *Holland*, and tis not a little suspected in the Fleet, where they die in great numbers. They set out from *Zealand* on Sunday the fifth Instant with 72 Men of War, and near twenty friships, many of them distill'd like Men of War of 38 or 40 Guns, some other ships they expect to joyn from the *Texel*, those that remain being ordered to follow as soon as they can get ready: but never did their Fleet goe our worse furnished with Seamen, and indeed a third part of their Men and Soldiers never before in Sea service.

The Burgomaster *Vander Horst* being cited to appear before the States, sent his father-in-law to excuse him; but this satisfied not the States, who have proceeded criminally both against his person and goods, as like wise against *Kievit*; and are sending Soldiers to secure *Vander Horst's* house at *Kosterlam*, and *Kievit's* in this Town.

His Highness the Prince of *Orange*, with the Princess *Dowager*, and the rest of the Court, continue still at *Cleves* in good health, but the Nuptials are deferred for a longer time. The Princess *Dowager* on the 28, completed her 64 year, and according to custom, kept her Anniversary Feast for her Children, Allies and Friends, who each of them presented her with a piece of Massive Gold Plate. Her Daughter the Princess of *Anhalt*, was on the Tuesday before brought to Bed of a young Prince.

Hamburgh, Aug. 25. This day about seven in the Evening, the two *Holland* men of War that lay at *Gluckstadt* with two Convoyers of ten Guns apiece, came suddenly upon the English ships that lay in this River near the Town, contrary to the privilege of the Elbe stream; and after a short opposition made by the Merchants, burnt three English Merchant men, with one *Hamburgher* bound for *Portugal*, and took three others, and one *Swede*, the other eleven retiring for safety under the Cannon of the Town. The *Holland* Men of War ran afterwards on ground between this and *Altenab*, and might have easily been taken or fired, if the Town could have been persuaded to have lent the English any assistance.

The Account of the Motion of the Dutch Fleet since weighed Anchor; from several Letters runs thus,

On Saturday the 25 in the afternoon, the Dutch Fleet came out to *Blankenberg*, and were then counted to be about 66 Men of War and 20 Friships; Ten Men of War more they expected to joyn with them from the *Texel*.

On the 26 they were again discovered four leagues off *Hulshing*, standing as was thought Westwards.

On the 28 they were again seen near the *Lord-Sand* and *Kentish Knock*, to the Eastwards of *Margate*, where they continued till the 32.

Southwold, Sept. 1. The thirtieth His Majesties Fleet full of Men and Courage, weighed out of this Bay, and stood off two leagues or more; but little wind stirring, they came to an Anchor again, and having culled out some numbers of able Seamen out of the Coal Fleet of 300 sail, which parted by here that day and the day following, the wind coming up at North East a fresh Gale, the Fleet weighed yesterday morning and stood to the South East, until they were out of sight, in search of the enemy, who we hear by some Officers were seen off the coast of *Flanders*.

Harwich, Sept. 1. Yesterday was brought in here a fair Dutch Privateer taken off of *Newcastle*; and a Vessel that came in last night, says, she saw our Fleet half seas over towards the Coast of *Flanders*, and thought she saw a signal made to the rest of the Fleet by the Generals Flag, but the content thereof knows not.

An Express just now arrived, says our Fleet, and the Enemies, had yesterday fight one of another, both in overgrown Seas, blowing Northerly and laboring for the wind: The Dutch were reckoned about 70 or 80. Last night were many Guns fired on our side, so as we judge by this time they have slain in with the enemy.

Dover, Sept. 1. This morning by six of the clock we discovered a great Fleet at Sea of near 100 sail, which we suppose to be the Dutch, whom we likewise discovered yesterday from hence; and just now appears to the North East of them about three or four leagues from the back of the *Goodwins*, in view 60 sail and upwards, which we believe to be our Fleet, making all the sail they can, the wind blowing hard at East, that the Dutch cannot carry their Top-sails out, who are within a league or two of the French shore: Within two or three hours, we suppose our Fleet may reach them.

Several other Letters from the same and other places, confirm to us the news of the near approach of our Fleet to the Dutch; and that about eight or nine of the clock this morning, one of their Flag-ships was seen on fire, and afterwards to blow up, but by what accident they know not; another of their greatest ships of 70 Guns was also seen to have spent her Main-Mast, steering before the Wind, two Gallies attending her. They say farther, that upon the approach of our Fleet, the Dutch made away with all the sail they could, getting as near the French Coast as possibly they might, and keeping in a round body. That our Fleet came up to them with full sail, the Front of them, towards the Evening, engaging the Rear of the Enemy off the Point of Land beyond *Bulkogne*, and that several broad-sides were given, the wind then blowing hard at East, so that a gale that would not suffer them to bear out their Lower Tiers; but that the Body of the Fleet were then come up, and the night approaching, would not permit much execution. The next day in all probability we may hear of their Engagement. God Almighty prosper our Fleet.

London, Sept. 2. About two a clock this morning a sudden and violent Fire broke out in this City, beginning not far from *Thames Street*, near *London-Bridge*, which continues still with great violence, and hath already burnt down to the ground many houses thereabouts, which had accidently affected His Majesty with that tenderness, and compassion, that he was pleased to go himself in Person with his Royal Highness, to give order that all possible means should be used for quenching the fire, or stopping its further spreading. In which care, the Right Honorable the Earl of *Craven* was sent by His Majesty, to be more particularly assisting to the Lord Major and Magistrates; and several Companies of His Guards sent into the City, to be helpful by what ways they could in so great a calamity.