

been already so well supplied, that the people, being unaccustomed to that kind of Bread, declined it, and so it was returned in great part to his Majesties Stores again, without any use made of it.

And we cannot but observe, to the confutation of all his Majesties enemies, who endeavour to perswade the world abroad of great parties and disaffection at home against his Majesties Government; That a greater instance of the affections of this City could never be given then hath been now given in this sad and deplorable Accident, when if at any time disorder might have been expected from the losses, distraction, and almost desperation of some persons in their private fortunes, thousands of people not having had habitations to cover them. And yet in all this time it hath been so far from any appearance of designs or attempts against his Majesties Government, that his Majesty and his Royal Brother, out of their care to stop and prevent the fire, frequently exposing their persons with very small attendance in all parts of the Town, sometimes even to be intermixed with those who laboured in the business, yet nevertheless there hath not been observed so much as a murmuring word to fall from any, but on the contrary, even those persons whose losses rendred their conditions moit desperate, and to be fit objects of others prayers, beholding those frequent instances of his Majesties care of his people, forgot their own misery, and filled the streets with their prayers for his Majesty, whose trouble they seemed to compassionate before their own.

*Edenburg, Aug. 19.* Scarce a day passes where in some Prizes are not brought in by our Privateers, amongst the rest, one of them of six Guns has lately seized on a very rich Prize laden with Spices, bound for Denmark, and in her (as 'tis said) a Natural Son of the King of Denmark.

*Southwold, Sept. 2.* A French Vessel called the *Hope* of *Quelleboesf* laden with 1750 skins of Butter, and 400. Pigs of Lead, was put ashore about a league to the southward of this Town, and split in pieces, but the Goods are most of them saved and preserved for the Owners, it being one of those Vessels that brought over the Lord *Douglas's* Regiment, and was permitted to lade home.

*Plymouth, Sept. 2.* Yesterday arrived here 7. Offenders laden with Salt, &c. from *Rochelle*, from whence they came the 16 of August last, and report the *D. de Beaufort* was then there with his Fleet of about 40 sayls, great and small, Men of war, and Fireships, whereof 3. Dutch; and were making all the preparations they could for the Sea, but their going out was uncertain.

*Pendennis, Sept. 3.* On Friday morning arrived here *La Sigmoria de la Gratia*, a Venetian Vessel, hired by Mr *Abraham Walwyn* Merchant, who laded Currants and Oyle at *Santo and Gallipoli*, and were bound for London; by the way the Venetians, Malicians, and other Italians, with whom she was mann'd, design'd the destruction of the Merchant and those belonging to them, intending afterwards to carry off the Ship with its freight; and in execution of their purpose had fallen upon the Merchant, whom they wounded in several places, and had undoubtedly kill'd him, but that Captain *Lucy* in the *Victory*, a Privateer came by providence to its rescue, and seizing their principals, secured them from further attempts.

*Wynmouth Sep. 3.* On the first instant a small French Vessel with Ballast, taken by one of our Frigots, was sent in hither, and by the way ran on ground in the storm, but by the assistance of several persons she got off, being robb'd whilst she lay there of all her Rigging, Sayles, and Tackle.

*Dublin, Aug. 18.* On the 25. instant his Grace the Lord Lieutenant came safe to *Kilkenny*, intending from thence to visit all the most considerable places in *Munster*. The Lord Chancellor is well recovered, and was yesterday abroad, and intends speedily to follow. All Countries are in very good order, the *Torys* no more heard of, and the Militiaes generally settled in a very good posture.

*Norwich, Septemb. 5.* The account of our Bil of Mortality for this last week runs thus; buried of all Diseases 162. Whereof of the Plague 147. Besides at the Pest-house 12.

*Portsmouth, Septemb. 7.* Yesterday his Grace the Lord General parted hence for London, leaving the Fleet retired after the late storm, and ready to put to Sea again with the first fair wind.

Notice is hereby given, That Sir Robert Viner is now settled in the African house near the middle of Broadstreet London, where he intends to manage his affairs (as formerly in *Lumbarstreet*) having by the good providence of God been entirely preserved by a timely and safe removal of all his concerns, almost twenty four hours before the furious Fire entered *Lumbarstreet*.

Also Alderman Meynell, and Alderman Backwell, with divers others of *Lumbarstreet*, being likewise preserved in their Estates, do intend to settle in a few daies in or near *Broadstreet*.

The general Post-office is for the present held at the two Black Pillars in *Bridges-street*, over against the *Fleeca-Tavern*, *Covent garden*, till a more convenient place can be found in London.

*Royal Charles* in *St Helens Road*, Sept. 2. On the 30th past, by six in the morning our Fleet weighed anchor, at *Sole Bay*, but it proving a calm, and the tide against us, we were forc'd to come again to an Anchor before we had made a league of way, and so rid that day without farther intelligence of the Enemy.

The 31. by 7. in the morning we were under sayl, and stood a Course towards the *Long Sand-head*, till about 11. at noon, when off *Balfey Cliffe* we discovered the Enemy bearing S. and by E. whereupon we steered S. E. being assured by our Pilots to be clear of the *Galleper*, but yet we past not so well, but that this Ship struck upon the sand, but was so fortunate as to get off again without prejudice: Which stop brought us into better order to steer after the Enemy, with the *White Squadron* in the Van, and the *Blew* in the Rear, till 12. at night, keeping the Wind, at which time we quest the Dutch were tacked, seeing them near us, and some of our sternmost ships and the Enemy fighting, which made us tack also and stand to the Northwards.

Sept. 1. We saw the Vice-Admiral of the *Blew* to the Leeward with some few ships, and finding the Dutch were gone away from us towards *Calais*, we stood a Course after them, and found some of them newly Anchored and others standing in, but at our approach, they got all under sayl and stood for *Ballogue Road*, haling in close to the shoar, being sure to weather us if we past the Point, the Wind then E. by N. and E. N. E. as much as we could carry our top sayls half mast high: Whereupon we lay by, short of the place, till all our Fleet came up; but then the storm growing greater, and having no hopes, by reason of the ill weather, of attempting farther upon the Enemy, who durst not adventure out of the shelter of the shoar, it was found best to lay by, and bring the Fleet together, and the next day to betake our selves to *St. Helens bay*, the place appointed for our Rendezvous, as the most proper Station to hinder the enemies conjunction with the French; we being ready with the first fair Wind to seek out the Enemy.

In the storm two of our ships struck upon the *Ripriffsands*, viz. the *Andrew* and the *Happy return*, but got well off again; The rest of our Fleet in good condition. What loss the Enemy sustaind by the storm we know not, only we are assured, they were forced to blow up one of their greatest ships; another a Flag ship, wholly disabled, was seen driving before the wind; and that several others of them were much daunnis'd and disabled; and of the rest four we could see run upon the Sands, and with great difficulty got off again.

*Dover, Sept. 5.* This afternoon the Dutch Fleet weighed from *Bullen-Road*, and are now standing towards their own Coast.