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Alborough, Septemb. 7.

The *Adventure*, with the *Portland*, coming from *Harmwich* on Saturday last, came on Sunday last into *Ouseley Bay*, from whence going Westwards to seek our Fleet about four in the Afternoon; discovered the *Dutch Fleet* about 86. Sail of all sorts; at anchor, five Leagues off the North Furlong; Six of whom gave chase to them for about 3. leagues, when the two Frigots laying by to entertain them; the *Dutch* modestly gave over the chase; they discovered in their Fleet 5. Admirals, 5. Vice-Admirals, and 5. Rear-Admirals.

Margate, Septemb. 10. Yesterday morning the whole *Dutch Fleet* passed by this Island on the back of the *Goodwins*: being passed the North-land head, they seemed to tack as if they had a resolution to stand in with the Tyde, which posture of theirs drew us to our Arms; but they lay at distance most part of the day, and towards the Evening seemed to make some way, but before the Sun-set their Rear was scarce discernable; and the next morning were out of sight.

Seville, Aug. 17. The Duke de *Medina Cæli* hath removed his Quarters from *Palma* to *San Pedro de Leon*, a place of greater Strength, though lesser then the other, and three Leagues nearer the Frontiers of *Portugall*: Great store of Barly and Flower for Bisquet is carried in to the Head-Quarters, which gives occasion to believe they intend for Action this Autumne. The Duke de *Veraguas* is joynd with the rest of the Armada still on the Coasts of *Portugall*. The Vice-Admirall of the Flanders Squadron encountering with Five *Turks* on the Coast of *Portugall*, not far from the rest of the Armada, defended himself so very resolutely, that they thought fit to leave him; but being much shattered and worn in the Dispute with them, he was forc'd to bear up to the *Canary Islands*; not being able to return to the rest of the Armada.

Five dayes since arrived at *St. Lucar*, the *New Spain* Fleet, in all 14 Sayl, of which 2. Gallions, and 1. Patach, the rest Merchants; A Fleet very richly laden, and having besides Pieces of Eight 4. Millions, whereof 700 thousand on the Kings Account.

Paris, Septemb. 11. His Majesty has dispatch't a Courier to recall the *Chevaliers de Lorrain, de Biffes*, and several other Persons that were on their Journey to Embarque in the Fleet: the Duke de *Beaufort* being still at *Roshell*, expecting the return of the Count de *la Fucillade*, who (tis said) is gone for the *Hague*, to inform the States of the Intentions of this Court in order to the Conjunction of the Fleets. And now comes a Report; that our Fleet is arriv'd at *Brest*.

The Duke of *Longueville* has taken his leave of the Court, and is gone for *Dalmatia*, to serve the *Venitians* against the *Turks*, being by his Majesty excus'd from the Service of the Fleet.

The *Swisse* Officers having received the last Week a Pacquet from the 13 Cantons, under their Seal, have lately met together, and chosen their Deputies, to move the King to pay them their Arrears.

'Tis said, the *Marquis de Fuentes* is expected here Ambassador from *Spain* in the place of his Father who is recalled by that Crown.

The Kings Guards of all kinds lye Encamped about *Vincennes*, where they are to continue till Munday next in continual Exercise, and from thence to return to *Beauvais*.

Florence, Sept. 1. Upon the *Empresses* arrival at *Finale*, several pretensions have been made for precedency, amongst the rest, the Commissioners of *Malta* pretending place of the *Genouise*; in their passing by *Genouise*; forced one of their Captains to come aboard them, shaying him for not first saluting them, and afterwards obliging him to the formality. The *Genouise* fearing a fresh dispute might arise at *Finale*, sent four Men of War under the Command of *Signori Sauls*, a Gentleman of their Nobility, who, after the landing of the *Empresse*, having saluted her with a Broad-side, called away his Gallies, and immediately fired at the *Malta* Flag; and then standing out to Sea, invited them to a Combat; but the *Maltese* thought not fit to accept it. These Gallies of *Malta* it seems took their place, went to those of *Spain*, whereupon in their return, they kept at a distance from *Genouise* and *Agona*, but the State and the Great Duke might have relented what they could not at the present oppose, being over-powred.

Principe Matthias the Great Dukes Brother, sent a Gentleman to welcome *Dor Ponce de Leon* Governour of *Milan*, to *Finale*; but his Complement was not returned as he expected, by another Gentleman, the Governour it seems unwilling to give the Prince the Title of *Altezza*.

This Prince *Matthias* coming to complement the *Empresse*, was received at the Port by one of the Captains of the Horse, at the Stair-foot by the Master of the Horse, and on the top of the Stairs by one of the three *Maggior Domo Maggior*, who conducted him into the Chamber of Audience; where the *Empresse* sitting upon two Pillows, raised her self at the Princes entrance, but so little from them, that it was onely discernable she did not sit. After an Audience of three quarters of an hour, the Prince retiring, saluted the Ladies of Honour, who returned his Courtesie, and afterwards the Grandets of *Spain*, and particularly the Duke of *Albuquerque*, by pulling off his Hat.

Middleburg, Sept. 9. The business of *Swat* has caused much division and disturbance, and filled our parts with discourses, the two Pensionaries of *Zeland* and *Holland*, upon a Conference concerning it, could not refrain from expressing their passions in very bitter language; and parted not so good friends as they met. A considerable strength of Horse lies about the *Hague*, but what they design we yet imagin not. The Prince of *Orange* is on his return from *Swat*, the marriage being deferred for a longer time than was intended.

Hague, Sept. 10. The new design of a Quadruple Alliance between the States, *Denmark*, *Brandenburg*, and *Lunenborg*, moves on very slowly; *Brandenburg* requiring before any other preliminaries to be assured of the continuance of his Subsidies, which is not here thought reasonable, he having at present no War on foot, *Denmark* also calls loud for money; otherwise they can set out no Fleet. And *Lunenborg* joyns in the same consort, and pretends to arrears of Subsidies, which probably may be paid him, on condition he will march his Forces out of *East Frisland*, which they have some hopes to bring him to, he having already withdrawn some of his Cavalry; so as in fine, this fourfold Cord will not be well twisted together, unless the States pay more money for the working it, that it will be worth to them.

The *Sieur Isbrandts* writes of his work being near end-

ed in *Swedeland*, he has thoughts of a sudden return home.

Several Deputies are expected here from *Gulderland*, & *Over-Issel*, to confer upon their losses, and to inform the States of the poor condition of those Provinces, and the little assistance they are able to give towards the carrying on of the War.

Elfenor, Aug. 28. The 16. Men of War intended to assist the Dutch, cannot be fitted out in less than 10. or 14. dayes time, and will want Scamen at last. The King has been 8. days at *Fredericksbourg*, and is this day expected at *Copenhagen*. A great Dispute there hath been between Admiral *Adelaar* and Admiral *Helt*, concerning the carrying of the Flag, which *Adelaar* would not permit *Helt* to bear, who on the other side demands it as his Right, and if denied, threatens to throw up his Commission.

Hague, September 14. Orders have been given for the re-inforcing all our Garrisons and Ports from the *Texell* to these Parts, and a more particular Care is taken of this Place, 60 Companies of Foot, and as many Troops of Horse, being order'd to Quarter about it for its security.

Tromp has presented a Petition to the States General, to begg their leave to go to his Estate near *Amsterdam*, which as a Special favour they have granted him, upon Condition, that he daily advertise the States where he spends his time.

But was yesterday Examined by Six Persons of the Council of State of this Province, and to morrow the States General intend to pass an Order to the States of *Holland* for the forming his Process. More Persons of Quality are daily impeached amongst us. A Counsellor of the States of *Holland* call'd *de Grave*, is lately Arrested, for Visiting him without permission, and pretending to have leave for it.

Some Justice has been lately done in the Fleet upon several persons, for misdemeanors in the late Engagement. On the 8th Instant, two Captains of the *Zealand* Squadron were Executed, one of them, with severall other Sea-men, being hang'd, and the other shot to death.

Ditto, September 14. The Deputies sent to hasten out the Fleet, are returned from *Zealand*, and that Province in the name of the rest, hath sent in an account of the state of our Affairs there, taxing among other things, the want of good Commanders and Conduct in the Fleet, so as a Motion was made by the Deputies, That Plenipotentiaries might be sent upon it with the Supream Authority in the Expedition, which *Guldrer* openly opposed, and the other Provinces have sent to their Principalls for their Opinion in it.

Never were our hearts lower, nor our brags less. We are sensible how far our Fleet is inferior to that of our Enemies in number, and how much more so in Courage and Vigour. Since the Fleets going out, a Vessel hath been sent off with sick men.

The *Sieur Clingenburg*, Envoy Extraordinary from *Denmark*, gives us some hopes of Assistance from that King, but withall requires the payment of his Subsidies, and security for what Vessels may be lost in our Service; and we fear the Season of the year may be past for the safe passing of great Ships through their Seas.

The Grand Office for the Excise is now kept in *Southampton-Fields*, near the House of the Right Honourable the Lord High Treasurer of England, and is every day open at the usual hours, for receiving and performing all things relating to that Affair.

Alderman Backwell is at present plac'd in *Doctor Goddards* Lodging, in *Gresham Colledge*, where his Affairs are managed as formerly in *Lombard-street*.

Antwerp, September 15. Those Men of War designed from the *Texell* cannot possibly be set out for want of men, insomuch as they despair of joyning with the Fleet: but they are very busie in fitting out severall Merchants for the *East-Indies*, which they hope to get ready in a month.

Severall Companies of Foot and Horse are Commanded into *North-Holland* towards *Enchuyzen*, *Hicorn*, and *Alckmaer*, to oblige the People in those Parts, to keep Watch and Ward upon their Dykes and Coasts; to which they have been very backwards in the absence of the Prince. And indeed they are generally so full of Animosities, party against party, and Faction against Faction, that *De Witt*, and his Cabala have found much difficulty to buoy themselves up, and preserve and secure their Interests.

Venice, Sept. 3. The Grand Visier is in *Morea* with 60000. men, but with what design is not yet known; if for *Zante* and *Cephalonia*, he wants shipping; though in all the Turkish Ports they stop all Vessels of what Nation soever. *Dalmatia* is threatned with 20000. Turks now in body together, but their Garrisons being well provided, we little fear their attempts in those parts.

Rome, Aug. 21. Since the abatement of the heats of the Summer, his Holiness begins to find himself better than formerly, though not so well, as to give any hopes of his recovery. Yesterday Cardinal *Rospigliosi*, a Secretary of State, had an Audience, which is the first he has had these 2. moneths. But as yet no Ambassador, or any other Publick Minister, can get access. Only the Physicians are admitted, who continue to use all their arts to preserve him as long as is possible.

A Courier is arriv'd from *Paris* in 8. dayes, but his business not known. The Courier sent by Cardinal *Chi-si* to the Governour of *Milan*, to excuse his Legation to the Empire, is returned with this Answer, that they know not how to admit of his Eminencies Excuse, upon the Popes sickness; but think him obliged to keep his word with them, since he had engaged it, which notwithstanding 'tis not believed the Cardinal will be induced to leave the Pope his Uncle in the Condition he is in.

Lisbon Aug. 23. The Queen of *Portugal* arriving here the 2d. instant, his Majesty the same day accompanied her from her Ship, to the *Alcantra*, being about an English mile and halt distant from the Pallace, where they as yet continue. In the Monastery of *Franciscan Nuns*, near the Kings house, they received the Bishop of *Farga*'s benediction. Great preparations are making for her Reception at the Palace, where she is expected the 25th. The Bishop of *Lance*, who accompanied the Queen in her Voyage, is returned in the Fleet, which parted hence for *Rochelle* the 18. at his departure he received from the King a Jewel valued at 24000. Crowns.

Plymouth, Sept. 9. This day the *Constant Warwick* arriv'd here with 8. Merchant Ships from *Lisbon* laden with *Oyles*, &c. and 2. others from *Scanderon*, viz. the *Dispatch* and the *Virgin*. She brought in also 4. Prizes, 3. of them French from *Greenland*, laden with Fish and Whale Oyle; the other a Dutch Flyboat from *Burdeaux* laden with Wine and Brandy.

West-Cotes, Sept. 10. The *Paradox* this day brought in a Prize belonging to *Calice*, bound for *St. Maloes*, having in her four Guns mounted; Here is likewise arriv'd a small Catch from *Morlaix* laden with Dowlace and Lockrams, the men all French, and is secured till they can make out their pretences of being bound for *London*, and warrant'd by a *Passé*.

Whitehall, Sept. 12. His Majesty in a religious sence of Gods heavy hand upon this Kingdom, in the late dreadful fire happened in the City of *London*, hath been pleas'd to order that the 10th. of *October*. next be observ'd as a general and solemn Fast throughout *England* and *Wales*, &c. and that the distressed of those who have more particularly suffered in that calamity, be on that day most effectually recommended to the charity of all well disposed Christians in the respective Churches and Chappels of this Kingdom, to be afterwards by the hands of the Lord Mayor of the City of *London*, distributed for the relief of such as shall be found most to need it.