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Naples, June 2.

BY several Felucca's arrived here we have advice, that the French Fleet of Men of War, and Gallies is at Sea, and that 4 days since they took their course towards *Palermo*. We apprehend they will make some attempt upon our Fleet that lies at Anchor there. The three Spanish Men of War that have been so long in this Port are now ready to sail.

Marseilles, June 16. Three French Men of War are arrived at *Thouon* from *Messina*, who bring an account of the great Victory obtained by our Fleet at *Palermo*: the Particulars are, That our Fleet, commanded by the Duke de *Vivonne*, came upon the Dutch and Spanish as they lay at Anchor there, with so much surprize to them, that before they could put themselves into any posture of defence, our Fireships laid several of their chiefest Ships on board, and burnt the Admirals, and Vice-Admiral of *Spain*, and Rear-Admiral of *Holland*, and seven others, and six Gallies. Several Fireships are fitting out here for the service of our Fleet, and we are preparing a new supply of Provisions for our Fleet.

Copenhagen, June 16. This morning about six a Clock the Sieur *Griffenfelt* was brought to the place appointed for his execution, where he behaved himself with great courage and resolution, and with protestations of his innocency; and having kneeled down, and ready to suffer, he received the Kings pardon as to life. Several Regiments are already marched to the Leaguer near *Essenore*, and the rest will follow, so that the whole Army will be there in few days. We have not any News from Sea since my last, by reason of the contrary winds, though we all believe there has been an Engagement between the two Fleets; for the last Letters from Admiral *Tromp*, lest them so near each other, that the foremost ships begun already to engage.

Strasbourg, June 15. You have already known how the eleventh instant, the Imperial Army passed the *Rhine* over our Bridge their Artillery (to which was added out of the Magazine of this City, three great Cannon for Battery, with a considerable quantity of Ammunition) and Infantry passing down the *Rhine* by water, while the Cavalry marched by land. The French, who were so advantageously posted with their right Wing under the Counterescarp of *Saverne*, and their left reaching to *St Jean*, having the River *Sorr* before them, are since marched into the Plains, and the 13 and 14 encamped between *Hochfeld* and *Wiltzon*; since which time, the French Officers as well as the Commissaries have come hither in great numbers, to buy provisions, and other necessaries; and according to their report, the Duke of *Luxemburg* intended to decamp as this day, and to march to *Hagenaw*. The 13 instant arrived in the French Camp a great Convoy, with provisions from *Lorraine*.

Spire, June 16. The Imperial Army having passed the *Rhine* at *Strasbourg*, encamped the 14 instant at *Schebenfort*, and yesterday repassed the *Rhine* at *Lauterburg*, upon the advice the Duke of *Lorraine* received, that the Enemy came down this way. It is said that his Highness will again advance towards *Hagenaw*, and

offer the Duke of *Luxemburg* Battle, or as others believe, that he will Post himself at *Weissburg*. Four great pieces of Cannon, and two Mortar pieces, have been sent from *Frausfort*, to the Camp before *Philipsburg*, from whence they write, that they will now very suddenly begin the Siege in form, and that the Governor of the place, hath put some of the principal Burg-hers out of the Town.

Cologne, June 19. The French continue to make frequent incursions into this Diocess, and the Dutchy of *Fuliers*. Some days since a party appeared between this place and *Bonne*. On Tuesday last the Sieur de *Louwigny* arrived here from *Flanders*. The Troops of *Osnaburg* are now on their march towards us; the 14 and 15 instant they encamped at *Banninghausen*, the 16 at *Werle*, in this Diocess, and in four or five days we expect them in this Neighborhood.

Hamb 19, June, 19. The Suedish ships that came to succor *tae*, are still in the *Elbe*, expecting, as is said, some other Men of War to come and join them. Hitherto *tae* continues free from a Siege, as does *Stetin* in *P m ren*. We have not any other advice concerning *Wlg st*. From *Berlin* they write, That the Treaty of Marriage between the Electoral Prince of *Brandenburg*, and the Princess of *Hesse*, sister to the present Queen of *Denmark*, was wholly concluded, and signed by his Electoral Highness. The Letters add, That the Elector was parted from thence to *Possdam*, from whence he would go into the Field, his Troops being already on their march under the command of the Duke of *Holstein*.

Brussels, June 19 Yesterday morning early the Most Christian King decamped from *Ninoven*, in the Country of *Aost*, and marched towards *Acsh*, having before sent a small detachment to join the Marechal d' *Humieres*, who is at present in the Neighborhood of *Cambrai*, and has sent to the Country people to bring in a great number of Cares and Wagons. This morning our Army likewise decamped, and came and lodged at *Lon bee Nostre Dame*, two Leagues from this City. From *Cologne* of the 16 instant they write, that the 13, the *Osnaburg* Troops, consisting in four Regiments of Horse, two Squadrons of Dragoons, and three Regiments of Foot, marched through *Lipstadt*, towards the *Rhine*. We are assured, that 18 Squadrons of Horse are some days since marched from *Charleroy*, towards *Germany*. From *Liege* they write, That it is the general opinion there, that the French are going to quit *Limburg*.

Dinn, June 23. On Thursday last, as we have already told you, the Most Christian King decamped from *Ninoven*; the next day his Majesty had his quarters at *Cambren* Abbey; on Saturday marched to *Perwers*, between *St Guislain* and *Conde*, part of the Army passing the River that day at *Pont a Haine*, as the rest did on Sunday at old *Conde*, near which place his Majesty encamped; the Troops that had passed at *Pont a Haine* advancing to *Kierwain*, which they are fortifying; whether it is believed the King will in a day or two march with the whole Army; this gives us a great apprehension that his design may be upon *Valenciennes*, and the rather, for that we hear the Marechal d' *Humieres* is fortifying *Hafse*, between *Valenciennes* and *Cambrai*. Our Army continues at *Lambic Nostre Dame*, and will decamp on Thursday, and take its march towards *Mons*, to observe the Enemy. We expect with much impatience the coming up of the *Osnaburg* Troops, when we are assured some Siege will be taken in hand by the Prince of *Orange*, who, to that end, has sent for a great many Cannon for Battery from *Holland*. We have Letters from *Valenciennes*, which give us an account, That the Governor having on Friday last been informed, that three Squadrons of French Horse were abroad, and that they designed to pass near *Valenciennes*, sent out Colonel

not *Mars* with his and Baron *Turris*, who were not marched half a League from the Town, before Baron *Quincy*, who had posted himself behind a Hill, with a great Body of Horse, fell upon Colonel *Maffius*, and after some dispute put him to flight. So of his Men were killed upon the place, the rest got thro' the Town, except thosethat were taken Prisoners, among whom was Colonel *Maffius*, who endeavouring to make his escape, received several wounds of which he died. From *Cambay* they write, That the French have destroyed all the Forage within two Leagues of that City.

Hague, June 23. All the discourse here is, That the Prince of *Orange* will go and besiege some considerable place; we continue to send Cannon and great quantities of Ammunition from hence. The French Ambassadors are arrived at *Nimeguen*. We have Letters from *Nieclans*, that the *Sieur Baskin* was passed by there with the Ships under his command, taking his course towards the *Ebe*, to meet with the *Suedes* Ships that are there.

June 24. Here are arrived the *Marquis de Langron*, and the Chevalier de *Chamont*, Major of the Fleet, sent by the Duke de *Vivonne*, to give the King an Account of the great Victory he had obtained over the Spanish and Dutch Fleets at *Pallema*, viz That on the 28 of *May* the Duke de *Vivonne* having left the *Marquis de Valavoir* to take care of things at *Messina*, sailed from thence with his Majesties Fleet:

The Van being commanded by the *Sieur de Ducasse*, Lieutenant-General, was composed of

SHIPS

The *Partridge*
The *Amiable*
The *Foly*
The *Estanz*
The *Holy Ghost*
The *Mignon*

The *Perfick*
The *North-wind*
The *Vaillant*

FIRESHIPS

Our *Lady of Lights*
The *Fish-hook*
The *Dangerous*

The main Body, where was the Duke de *Vivonne*, bearing the Flag of Admiral.

The *Agreeable*
The *Rash*
The *Mermaid*
The *Pomps*

The *Scepter*

The *St. Michael*

The *Confidant*
The *Bible*
The *Fierce*
The *Wife*

FIRESHIPS

The *Ardant*
The *Journois*
The *Storm*

The Rear Commanded by the *Sieur Gabaret*, Commander of a Squadron,

The *Happy*
The *Apollo*
The *Tridant*
The *Wishnot-dawyer*
The *Lower-de-luce*

The *Magnificent*
The *Vernandois*
The *Prudent*
The *Faithful*

FIRESHIPS

The *Impudent*
The *Unquiet*
Our *Lady of Good Voyage*.

CAPTAINS

The *Marquis Damfreville*.
The *Sieur de la Barre*.
The *Sieur de B. l. le*.
The *Sieur de Cortlogon*.
The *Sieur de Queyhe*, bearing the Flag of Vice-admiral.
The *Sieur Derlingue*.
The *Sieur du Montreuil jun*.
The *Sieur de Moutreuil-Eppeville*.
The *Sieur de Septemes*.

Hornorant.

Verrin.

Durruan.

The main Body, where was the Duke de *Vivonne*, bearing the Flag of Admiral.

The Chevalier de *Hally*.
The Chevalier de *Lbery*.
The Chevalier de *Betbune*.
The Chevalier de *Valbelle*, Commander of a Squadron.

In which was the Duke de *Vivonne*, Commanded under him by the Chevalier de *Tourville*, Commander of a Squadron.

The *Marquis de Prully d'Humieres*, Commander of a Squadron.

The *Sieur de Villet-Mercay*.
The Chevalier de *la Moine*.
The *Sieur Chabert*.
The *Marquis de Langeron*.

Dagre
Serpent.
Sion.

Chabouffau.

Tortean.

Tosceas.

Twenty five Gallies Commanded by the *Sieurs de la Hoff* *Hydr* and *Demaife* Commanders of Squadrons.

The Fleet having passed the *Fare*, and dou' led the *Care* or *Melago*, *Orlando*, *Cefalea*, and *Zafra*, arrived the 31 of *May* within sight of *Palermo*, and the next day, the Enemies appeared without the Mole. The Duke de *Vivonne*, that he might be well informed of the posture of the Enemies, sent out the *Sieur de Gabaret*, the Chevalier de *Fouville*, the *Marquis de Langron*, and the Chevalier de *Chamont*, who putting themselves into a Felucca, under protection of the Gallies, approached within half Cannon shot of the Enemies Fleet; and being returned, gave an account, That the Spanish and Dutch Fleet, composed of 27 Men of War, 19 Gallies, and 4 Fireships, lay in a Line, having the Mole on their left, the Fort of *Castellare* behind the middle of their Line, and the great Tower and the Bastions of the Town on their right: Upon which, a Council of War was held; and it was resolv'd to attack the Van of the Enemy, with nine Men of War, seven Gallies, and five Fireships, while the rest of our Fleet fell upon their main Body, and their Rear. The *Marquis de Prully* is made choice of to command this detachment, and accordingly, on the second of *June*, he put himself with the Ships commanded by the *Marquis d'Anseville*, the *Marquis de Langron*, the Chevaliers de *Hally*, de *Lbery*, de *la Musse*, de *Cuclogon*, the *Sieurs de Beaudieu*, and de *Coteaumeuf*, with five Fireships, and seven Gallies, at the head of our Fleet, and being favoured with a Wind at N. E. approached the Enemies Van within a Cables length, and coming there to an anchor, prepared to send on the Fireships upon them. The Enemies in the mean time, fire very furiously; but not being able to bear our shot, fearing our Fireships, astonish'd at the boldness of our Men, and vainly trusting to the Forts and Bastions of *Palermo*, at length cut their Cables, and some endeavoured to save themselves by running ashore. In this disorder, three Fireships of the detachment boarded three Men of War, and burnt them; and at the same time, our Fleet fell upon the Enemies Rear and main Body, where were the Admirals of *Spain* and *Holland*; the Cannon played furiously on both sides, and the Fight was for some time very obstinate; but the Duke de *Vivonne* making use of the advantage of the Wind, and the terror the Enemies were in, pressed upon them, and put them into great disorder; whereupon two of our Fireships boarded the Admiral of *Spain*, and burnt him; the Vice-Admiral of *Spain* and the Rear-Admiral of *Holland* in the mean time cut their Cables, and the rest followed their example, some run on shore, and the rest got into the Port, while the Captains of the four Dutch Fireships set themselves on fire, to prevent their falling into our hands. Seven of the Enemies Men of War run ashore together, and four of our Fireships set fire to them, and they were all burnt in a short time, the wind that blew pretty stiff very much contributing thereunto. The burning the Admiral and Vice-Admiral of *Spain*, and Rear-Admiral of *Holland*, with nine other Capital Men of War, and four Fireships, and the firing by that means so many Barrels of Powder, which blew up into the air, pieces of Iron, of Cannon, and whole parts of Ships, either sunk or burnt the *Reale*, the *Payrone* of *Naples*, and four other Gallies; killed and maimed a great number of Men; did great damage to the Ships that were in the Port, and even ruined several houses in *Palermo*, and caused among the Enemies unexpressible terror, and confusion; the Slaves which the Enemy had unchained to put out the fire in their Gallies threw themselves into the Sea, and saved themselves on board our Ships, and our Gallies took up a great many Seamen and Soldiers, and afterwards put them on shore. In sum, the Enemy in this action have lost 12 of their best Men of War, 6 Gallies, 5000 Men, and 700 pieces of Cannon. On our side the *Sieur de Valbelle*, and the Chevalier de *St. Sybrien* were wounded, and the *Sieurs Goudalin* and *Neufville* Ensigns, killed.

Advertisements.

A Defence of the Discourse concerning the Idolatry practis'd in the Church of *Rome*, in answer to a Book, intituled, *Catholicicks no Idolaters*. By *Ed. Stridling*, D. D. Chaplain in Ordinary to His Majesty. Sold by *Henry Mortlock*, at the *Phoenix* in *St Pauls* Church-yard, and at the *White-Hart* in *Westminster-Hall*.

A Discourse of *Bathe*, and the Hot Waters there. Also some Inquiries into the Nature of the Water of *St Vincents* Rock, near *Bristol*; and that of *Astle-cary*. By *Tho. Guidott* M. B. Physician there.

The Compleat Angler: Being Instructions how to Angle for a Trout or Grayling in a clear stream. Both sold by *H. Broms*, at the *Gun* at the West-end of *St. Pauls*.