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Deale, May 11.

THis morning arrived here the Ship called the *Blossom* from the *Barbadoes*, Mr *Martin* Commander, who reports, that a little before he came from thence, News was brought thither of a sharp Engagement between the *French* and the *Dutch* at *Tobago*; that the design of the former was to have taken the Island, and to that purpose landed 1500 men, who attacked the Fort the *Dutch* had made there, while at the same time the *French* Men of War entered into the Road, and attacked the *Dutch* ships that lay at Anchor there, being about 15 in all, and the *French* having likewise about that number: the Fight was very obstinate, and lasted about 15 hours; that of the *Dutch* ships 10 were burnt, or otherwise destroyed; and that of the *French*, their Admiral, with 3 or 4 of their Men of War more were burnt and sunk; that the *French* on shore had been repulsed with considerable loss; and that the Count *d'Estrees* was preparing to depart from *Tobago*, as was believed, on his return home. In the said ship the *Blossom*, are come as Passengers two *Dutch* Seamen, taken Prisoners by the *French* in that action, who confirm what is above related.

Vienna, May 2. The Prince of *Lobcowitz*, formerly first Minister of State to the Emperor, but fallen into disgrace, is lately dead. The Rebels in *Hungary* have, as we understand, attempted to surprize *Podock*, but were repulsed with considerable loss.

Copenhagen, May 10. We are informed, that two or three days since the King of *Sweden* was with 1000 Horse within a mile of *Landskroon*, where, it's believed, he will form a Camp, to hinder the relieving of *Christiansstadt*, which is now so closely shut up, that nothing can stir in or out; he never our last advices from thence said, that they had Provisions yet for four months. Here are brought up by our Capers, four *Dutch* Merchant Ships, being laden with Contraband Goods. By a Vessel arrived from *Gottenburg* we have an account, that the *Suedes* are fitting out these 11 Men of War, which would be ready very suddenly to put to Sea. Yesterday 2000 men were sent over to *Landskroon*, which will be followed to morrow by several Troops of Horse; and, we are told, that before the end of this month, the King himself will pass over into *Schonen*, being resolved to lose no time to attempt the relief of *Christiansstadt*, from whence, it's said, Letters are arrived this afternoon, which say, that things there were in a very good posture.

Hamburg, May 14. The *Munster* Troops are arrived in the *Danish* Territories, where they commit great disorders, and give occasion of great complaints against them. From *Berlin* our Letters of the 12 instant tell us, that some *Brandenburgh* Troops had had a lucky encounter with a party of *Suedes* near *Gripwaldt*, which they had defeated, having killed about 60, and taken 100 Prisoners.

Trier, May 7. The Duke of *Lorraine* is encamped with the Imperial Troops under his command between *Luxemburg* and *Arlon*, having been very much hindered in his march by the badness of the ways. In the mean

time the Duke of *Lorraine* has set all the Country as far as *Metz* and *Verdun* under Contribution, threatening the Inhabitants in case they do not pay the same, to treat them in the same manner as the *French* have used several Villages on the *Saar*.

Strasburgh, May 10. The *Sieur de Monclar* continues to assemble his Troops near *Schlestadt*, and has already there 42 Troops of Horse, and 69 Companies of Foot. He is sending four Regiments to the assistance of the *Mareschal de Crequi* in *Lorraine*.

Philipsburgh, May 11. The Imperial Troops which have wintered in *Suabia*, and the Neighbouring Countries, having Rendezvoused in our Neighborhood, passed the *Rhine* over our Bridge, and are marched with all diligence towards *Treves*. They have with them 20 Mortar-pieces, and 24 pieces of Cannon, with great quantities of all sort of Ammunition. We have advice that the *Sieur Monclar*, Lieutenant General of the Most Christian King in *Alsace*, has detached four Battalions of Foot to the assistance of the *Mareschal de Crequi*.

Frankfort, May 12. General *Cappara* is at present in this Neighborhood with 12000 Men, and 36 pieces of Cannon, with which he will march towards the *Moselle*. The Duke of *Lorraine*, when his whole Army is together, will have above 40000 Men. The Troops of the Duke of *Wurtzburg* began to leave their quarters the 3d instant, as we expect the *Munster* and *Lunenburgh* Troops will do in few dayes.

Cologne, May 11. The Duke of *Neuburg* has commanded his Forces to be drawn together, and in two or three dayes they will hold a general Rendezvous, which done, they will march towards *Ruremond*, to join there with the Troops of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, and the other Confederates.

Ditto, May 14. The 12 instant arrived here the Count *Walstein*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Emperor to His Majesty of *Great Britain*, in his way for *England*. This day the Troops of the Duke of *Neuburg* begin to march towards the *Meuse*. The Imperial Troops, according to the advices we receive from above, which passed the *Rhine* some dayes since, encamped the 10 instant at *Nider-Ulm* between *Creutznach* and *Vaudrefange*, from whence they would continue their march towards the *Moselle* to join the Duke of *Lorraine*.

Roermonds, May 12. This morning arrived here four Regiments of Horse of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, and 1300 Foot, being part of those Troops which are to assemble here. We expect some Regiments from the Duke of *Neuburg*, Bishop of *Osnabrug*, and Bishop of *Munster*.

Liege, May 14. The Confederate Troops begin to assemble at *Ruremond*, where are already arrived several Regiments of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, and those of *Neuburg* and the other Confederates are on their march thither. We are told that the Bishop of *Munster* will be there in person on the 25 of this month, and in the mean time much is said here of the Confederates resolving to besiege *Masfricht*. The Duke of *Lorraine* is encamped with his Troops not far from *Diedenbunen*,

in expectation of the rest of the Forces that are on their march towards him.

Hague, May 18 On Sunday his Highness the Prince of Orange came hither from *soestdijce*, and having had a long Conference with the States returned thither again, and is this day gone back to the Army. The Drums are Beat daily for the raising of Recruits, which we doubt not but will be quickly compleat. It is all the discourie here, that the Consequer's Troops which were at first only designed to block up *Maestricht*, will formally besiege it. We have nothing new from our Army, which is quartered in the Countrey of *Dendermond*.

Brussels, May 18. The Prince of Orange, who we told you in our last was gone to the *Hague*, is expected back this night or to morrow morning, at his quarters at *Locrum*, in the Countrey of *Dendermond*. For these four or five day past several Dutch Regiments have been on their march from *Bedi*, *Bolduc*, and those parts, to join the Pri. of *Orange*. This day the Most Christian King held a general review of his Troops in the Plains of *Conde*. The Duke of *Lorraine* continues posted with his Forces near *Arlon* in the Dutchy of *Luxemburg*, in expectation of the conjunction of the rest of the Imperial Forces, which we hear have passed the *Rhine* at *Oppenheim*.

Paris, May 19. In our last we acquainted you with the account we had received of a Victory obtained by the Kings Ships under the command of the Count *d'Estree*, Vice-admiral of *France* at the Isle of *Tobago* in the *West Indies*. Since we have seen a particular Narrative of that Action, which is too long to be inserted here, and therefore can only tell you the substance, viz. That on the 11 of *February* the Count *d'Estree* parted from *Martinico* with ten Men of War, two Barks, and one Fireship, and on the 28 following arrived at *Tobago*, where he understood that there were 14 Dutch Ships in the Road under the command of the Sieur *Banber*, viz. Nine great Men of War, one Frigate of 30 Guns, another of 15, two Fluyts, and one Fireship, as also a *Fortuguese* Ship. That the next day the Count *d'Estree* caused 750 men, under the command of the Sieur *Grand Fontaine*, to be landed, who met with no opposition and advancing about a mile, posted themselves upon a Hill. The next day the Count *d'Estree* went himself ashore, and ordered the Sieur *Grand Fontaine* to attack the Fort the night following and at the same time the Sieur *Gabaret* should give the Enemy a diversion by water with their Chaloups; but by reason of some difficulty that intervened, this resolution was not executed by Land. Whereupon a Council of War having been held the next day, it was resolved vigorously to attack the Enemy both by Water and Land at the same time, and more Soldiers having been sent ashore, the Attack of the Fort, in which were 300 Dutch, was committed to the conduct of the Sieur *Heronard*. And the necessary Orders having been accordingly given, on the 3d of *March* the King's Ships entered into the Road, where the Dutch lay at an Anchor in a Line under the protection of 30 pieces of Cannon which they had planted on the shore, the fight began at seven in the morning, and continued with great obstinacy till five in the evening, during which time the Ship called the *Martinez*, laying a Dutch Man of War on Board, which took Fire, they were both burnt, and only one Officer belonging to the *Martinez* escaped, who reported that they were Master of the Dutch-man before the Ship took Fire, which was followed by another ill accident, for the Dutch Rear-Admiral, a Ship of 60 Guns, being likewise set on Fire, and not long after blowing up by her own Powder, the Ship the *Glorieux*, where was the Count *d'Estree*, which hapned to be very near the said Rear-Admiral, was all covered with Fire, which soon put her in a flame that could not be quenched, the Count *d'Estree* with two or three principal Officers saved themselves in a small Boat, which being pierced by one of the many shot the Dutch made at it, they with much difficulty got within 100 paces of the Land before it sunk, and so the Count *d'Estree* and the rest got ashore, where they continued about an hour and half, when a Chaloup of one of our Ships fell off. By this time we had destroyed the Enemies whole Squadron, for 11 of their Ships were burnt and sunk, and three driven ashore; and on our side, besides those two accidentally burnt, two more were sunk. The Count *d'Estree* being come on Board, stood a little off to Sea, and anchored in the entrance of the Road, as accor-

ding to the Sign given by him the rest likewise did, to repair the damages they had received; and there the Count *d'Estree* understood that the Attack at Land had not succeeded, and that most of the Officers were killed or wounded; and the next day the Soldiers that had been employed therein, came on Board again.

ON OUR SIDE,

The Sieur *Gabaret*
De La Borde
De L'Arme
Heronard } Captains of Ships killed.

Four Captains more wounded.
Four Lieutenants of Ships killed.
Four Lieutenants wounded.

The Sieur *Biancourt*, the Kings Lieutenant at *St Christophers* killed, and several other Officers killed and wounded.

We reckon that besides the killed, 500 of our Men as well Seamen as Soldiers are wounded and Prisoners. The Enemies loss is very great, for all the Captains of their Ships save one are killed or wounded. The Count *d'Estree* intended to continue at *Tobago* till the 11 of *March*, when he would sail from thence.

Advertisements.

WE are Comanded to give Notice, That His Majesty will not Touch any more for the EVIL will Michaelmas.

WHEREAS the Roads have of late been much infested with Robbers, to the great disturbance of His Majesties Subjects, and there being now taken and in custody of Capt. *William Richardson*, Keeper of His Majesties Gaol of *Newgate*, London, *Robert Gadsden*, *John Shephard*, (who came lately from *Dublin* in *Ireland*) and *Jam. Moore*, who, together with *William King*, *Henry Clayton*, *Bruckard*, *Edward Madox*, *John Hodges*, *George Kenon*, *Thomas Chabonot*, *Richard Jones*, and others not yet taken, are vehemently suspected to be the Persons so offending. These are therefore to give Notice to all Persons that have been Robbed, that if they please to repair to the said Keeper, they may have a view of the Persons already taken, and their Riding Habits, to the end they may be proceeded against according to Law. They may likewise have an account of the several Horses they Rode, and directions where to see them, viz. A gray Gelding with a shorn Mane about 14 hands, 8 or 9 years old, trots all. A brown bay Gelding, with a shorn Mane, mealy mouth'd, a star on his forehead, some knobs on his nose, 'twixt 14 and 15 hands. A bay Gelding with a little star on his forehead, 'twixt 14 and 15 hands, one white spot, some saddle spots, and a white spot on his near side. A dark old Chestnut-coloured Stoned Horse, with a shorn Mane, about 14 hands. A whitish grey Gelding, much flea-bitten about the head, and black on his further eye, betwixt 14 and 15 hands. There is likewise found with one of the persons in custody, a small Coutrau walking Sword with an iron Turnisht Hilt, a Copper, Silver, and Gold Jamble, a Purple Scabbard, and False Scabbard, a hollow back blade, which he will not own to be his, and supposed to be stolen. They were at *Newmarket*, *Winchester*, and those parts, about three weeks since. There is likewise found with one of them a Key of a Park of the Earl of *Norhamptons*.

ON Thursday *May 10.* in the afternoon, departed from a School near *Chusingtoss*, without the knowledge of any Relations, a *Widow* Woman about 18 years old, very slender, indifferently tall, with a fresh colour, black eyes, dark brown hair, with a loose mixt colour worsted morning Coat faced with Green, who inticed with her a Girl of about 12 years of age, very well favored light brown hair, indifferent stature. Whoever shall give notice of these persons, or either of them, to Mr *Humphrey Wyck* a Gilder next the *Globe Tavern* near *Chusingtoss*, or to Mr *Garraway* in *Exchange-alley*, shall have 5 l. for a Reward, and all charges defray'd.

STolen from Mr *Caryes* Stables in *Stamwell* in the County of *Middlesex*, the 8th instant, a bright bay Gelding with a long head and neck, a great swelling as big as an Apple about that part of his back call'd the Navil, all his legs much scratch and torn with bushes, above 14 hands, no foretop, eight years old. Likewise an iron gray Gelding about 14 hands, six years old, a little laxe eared, a broad forehead, with small and thin legs, neither of them do pace. Whoever gives notice of both or either of them, to Mr *Udall* at the *Swan* and *Two-Necks* Inn in *Turtle Street*, *Westminster*, or to Mr *John Selwin* at the *Key-stone-wheel* in *Colebrook*, or to Mr *Cary* at *Stamwell* aforesaid, shall have Five pounds Reward.