

the Expences which would be required for the pay of so many Officers.

Rye, August 17. This day past by the Blackmore-Pinks and with her two larger Vessels, one a great Fly-Boat the other a Broad Stern'd ship, both supposed to be Privateers.

Plymouth, Aug. 18. Since the late fruitless and unsuccessful attempt made by some of the Dutch ships upon the Harbour off Foy, they were so ill pleased with the liberal entertainment that was there prepared for them, that they have since thought fit to give over that design, and accordingly set sail yesterday, without making the least offer at any farther attempt, and stood off to Sea: This evening the *Drake* Frigate that was sent out to take an account of their motion, returning hither, informs us, That they set sail from before Foy yesterday about twelve of the Clock, standing to the South, the Wind at South-West, and at four in the afternoon tacked in with the wind at West; but the Wind veering about to the North-North West, they made another Tack, and at night the body of their Fleet were sail'd as far as *Falmouth*, three of their ships lying at Stern, somewhat distant from the rest of their Fleet, hoping to intercept the *Drake*, by getting between her and the shore; but the Fire at timely tacking prevented their design, by standing for the land, and before night lost the sight of them: Notwithstanding the going off of the Enemy, great care is taken at Foy to secure the Harbour, and perfect the Fortifications; in which the extraordinary zeal and diligence of the Officers, Soldiers and Seamen, and generally of the whole County, has been evidently manifest, nothing having been omitted that could be done for the defence of that place, and the annoyance of the Enemy, as often as he appeared near the Coasts.

By some of our Letters brought us by a Vessel from the *Barbadoes*, we are inform'd that *Sir John Harman* was safely arriv'd there the 8th of June, and was immediately dispatch'd by my Lord *Willoughby* for the Leeward Islands, which were then in a good posture, and 'twas believed those Seas would in few days be cleared of the Enemy.

There were also in safety arriv'd at the *Barbadoes* four ships from *Guinea* lately laden: two of them upon the account of the Company, and the other private Adventurers, but their Voyage had proved fatal to the Negroes and the rest of the company in those ships by reason of a great sickness that was amongst them.

Foy, Aug. 18. Since the Dutch fail'd in their attempt upon this Harbor, they have not thought it convenient to make a second experiment upon us, where by the great zeal and exemplary diligence of *Sir Johnathan Trelawney* and other Officers all things are in so good a posture that we are inclin'd rather to wish so, than fear the force of the Dutch Fleet. They are now gone off from us to the Westwards, having not adventur'd upon any thing more considerable, than the private putting their boats sometimes to shore to steal sheep. On Friday last *De Ruyster* and *De Witt* put to shore at *Pentuan* on this side *Meragistey*, but did not adventure from the best side, making very little stay. This Morning a Galliot, which we suppose to be an attendant to *De Ruysters* own Ship, came up with English Colours within shot of this Harbor, but is now beating away to follow the rest of their Fleet to the Westwards.

Weymouth, August 19. This morning arriv'd here the *Paradox* Frigate, by whom we are inform'd that the *Deptford* Keel hath lately taken a Prize, viz. a Dutch ship bound for their Fleet, laden with water and Billets, and carry'd her in to *Guernsey*.

Hull August 19. Yesterday came up hither the *Greenland* ship, taken by the *Oxford*, call'd the *S. Peter* of *Bayonne*, of two hundred and fifty Tuns, being a new Vessel not yet perfectly finish'd; to morrow we expect the arrival of the Dutch Man of War.

Margate, Aug. 19. The 4 Dutch Men of War continue still as formerly riding in the *North-foreland*, having for 4

or 5. days together received much disturbance by foul weather, but have given none to these Coasts.

Bristol, Aug. 19. On Thursday last the Regiment newly rais'd by the Right Honourable the Marquis of *Worcester* were drawn up in order to their disbanding; his Lordship having shewn extraordinary diligence and readiness in the raising them, having mustred and compleated and march'd his whole Regiment in 10 days after the receipt of his Commissions, and by his own and his Officers care so well trained and disciplin'd them, that they were thought fit to be employ'd in those places from whence the greatest danger could be expected from the Enemy.

By Letters of the 17th of May last, from *Nevis* we have this more exact account of the late actions happening in those parts.

Before the arrival of our ten English Men of War from the *Barbadoes*, the French had entertain'd a Design of Attacking *Nevis* with a body of 4000 men, which they intend'd to have drawn out of *Martenico*, *Guadaloup* and *S. Christophers*, and 1500 *Indians*, whom they had engag'd to serve them in this Service, and were to have fallen upon the English to the windward; and to this purpose they had gotten together a considerable number of ships, which were to have been employ'd for the carrying on of their Design, which was already so far advanced, that they had distributed their Provisions and Ammunition into the several Ships, and had begun to embarke their Men; but one of their small Vessels having by accident intercept'd a Schooner, sent by Lieutenant General *Willoughby* to the Governour of *Nevis*, who in intelligence, that within ten days the ten ships promis'd him should be sent him, with all the necessary supplies of Provision: The French, by a mistake, apprehending the Ships were to arrive the next day, hastily desist'd from the further prosecution of their intended design, and began to take other Counsells for the security of their own Ships.

The ten Ships arriv'd at *Nevis*; the Commander in chief having taken order for the security of the Island, sent away six of his ships to *Guadaloup*, where they took and brought away with them 8. of the French ships. By this time the French having received an additional strength from France of six Men of War, besides 4 Dutch Men of War newly arriv'd from *Sudiam*, they revived their old designe of attacking *Nevis*, and fitted up a Fleet of 32 Sails, whereof 20 were ships of considerable force, of which the English Commander of the ships at *Nevis* being advertis'd, he presently resolv'd with the addition of some men drawn out of the Island, which he put aboard his ships, to engage them; as he accordingly did with that success, that after a sharp fight he chas'd them home to *S. Christophers*: which done, he returned again to *Nevis*, where after three days stay to rest, by the arrival of the *Jarveys* the East India Merchant, and a small Victualler, he receiv'd a recruit of six hundred fresh men sent to him by Lieutenant General *Willoughby*, which put him upon the Resolution to find out the Enemy, and to engage them in their own Harbours, but they having Intelligence of his Design, consult'd their own safety and prevent'd him by getting away; the English being now in their pursuit.

By later advice from *Barbadoes*, we are told that the Lord *Willoughby* had the fourth of June sent Captain *Morris* and Captain *Godolphin* with more men and provisions to assist the other of our ships about the Leeward Islands, and had dispatch'd away *Sir John Harman* with his Squadron for the same service, of which they hope to hear a good account in few days.

Harwich, Aug. 20. The Dutch Ships keep still their Station in the *Sledway* and behind *Bardsley* Sands, two or three only appearing in the Gunfleet; but we have not heard of any hurt lately done upon any of our Coasts.

By reason of the cross winds, or some miscarriage at sea we have not this week the Intelligence which we expected from *Flanders* or the Neighbouring Countries.