

received a slight hurt in his hand. That night a Sally was made upon the enemy from the Half Moon at *Mocenigo*, and a sharp fight began with the Turks, who were got together for some private design; they continued fighting many hours, which ended with a great slaughter of the Turks by our Cannon and Mortar-pieces from the Works; ours lost only one Officer and a Soldier, and some few hurt.

*Elsenburg, Aug. 6.* Here are lately arrived five Ships belonging to the French Company, laden with Wines, Sals, and other commodities of that Country, two of them are sent upon the account of the Crown of *Denmark*, in exchange for a quantity of *Masts*, which sort of Trade is to be yearly observed between them. The *Danish* men of War begin now to look bigg, and shew themselves at Sea. The *Swedes* still continue to transport men for *Pomerania*.

*Genova, Aug. 16.* The 11 Instant Cardinal *Vendosme*, in his return from *Rome* towards the Court of *France*, passed by this place in his Galley, somewhat dissatisfied, that the Pope with his Consistory thinks it not fit to consent to dication of *Castro*.

These States have now given out their design of sending their Envoye Extraordinary for *France*; That King (seemingly at least) declining his Petences against this Republick, in relation to the *Levante Trade*.

The Marquis *di Spigna*, a small place in the passage from *Finale* to *Asthan*, is gone in a disgust for *Savoy* (his thought by divers) with an intention to sell this Marquisate to the French, but the Spaniards have at present a Garrison of 400 men in the Castle, which commands it, and will not willingly leave the possession.

*Lille, Aug. 28.* The 26th Instant the French Forces being Masters of the Counterescarp, a sharp dispute passed on both sides with much fire, in which the *Sieur Magalotti* who commanded the second Battalion of the French Guards, received a shot through the body, his Lieutenant killed, and the Marquis *de Bisceart* hurt; after which the B sieged made another Sally with their horse and foot, and after a short skirmish, retired; about Midnight the French attacked two Half Moons, which by the valour of the Counts *de Moubron* and *D' Auvergne*, they gained and secured; which done, Guns were planted upon the Counterescarp playing hard upon the *Fausse-bray* and the *Parapet* of the Courtaine, and began to pierce the walls, and saggons were preparing to fill up the Mote in order to a storm; but the next morning upon the impatience of the townsmen, the besieged began to bear for a Parley, and the Marquis *de Richebourg* with a Spanish and an English Captain were sent out, who in the Name of the Governour the Count *de Brounuy*, required four dayes time to give Count *Marsin* an account of the condition of the Town; to which the King replied, that he could not but wonder at the Proposal, since a very short time would make them all Prisoners of War; and immediately ordered the Marquis *D' Arsi* to repair to the trenches, and proceed to attack them: Whereupon consulting with the Governour they returned, desiring Honourable Terms for a Surrender, which his Majesty promised them, upon condition, that one of the Gates might immediately be put into his hands; after three hours time all was accordingly agreed to, the Capitulation Signed, and the Garrison Marched out, with 800 horse, and 2700 foot, and was conducted to *Ipres*.

*Paris, Sept. 3. St. N.* Letters of the 29. past from *Lille* assure us, that the Count *de Richbourg*, brother to the Prince *D' Espinoy*, on the 27 past, capitulated with his Majesty, in the Name of the Corporation and City of *Lille*; as also for the Governour and Souldiers, by which the Governour had Conditions to March out with his whole Garrison, with their Armes and Buggage, their Drums beating, Marches lighted, with three pieces of Canon, and two Mortar-Pieces, with Powder to make several Discharges, &c. and that the Garrison accordingly marched out to the number of 250 Spaniards, as many Italians, 500 Walloons, and 800 Horse; and that the 28th. past his Majesty entered the City, where he heard a Solemn Masse.

*Eruges, Sept. 4.* Since the taking of *Lille*, the Spanish Army which went to relieve it, retreated from *Ipres* to this place, intending to have marcht from hence to *Brussels*: but the French to prevent that design, sent a Flying Army of a-

bout 7000 horse, from *Tournay*, who passing the River a mile on this side *Ghent*, marched with such unexpected speed, that they fell upon the Spanish Army consisting of about 5000 horse in such a disadvantageous place and posture, that they cut off 2000 of them, and put the whole Army into a disorder, part of them retreated to this place, and part to *Damme*, whether they were pursued by the French within Canon shot. That night about ten of the clock, Count *Marsin*, who also put into *Damme*, came from thence to this place, but was stopp'd an hour at the Port before he could get admittance, the forces he had were for their security drawn under the Walls of the City on the North side of it, between the River and the Works, the Bridges drawn up and none suffered to pass.

In this defeat many principal Officers are missing, the Lieutenant General *Don Antonio de Cordoua* taken Prisoner, the Prince *de Ligny's* son, the Marquis *de Conflans* and some others killed, two Regiments of Germans wholly cut off, and the Duke of *Holstein* their Commander slain. On Thursday last a Trumpeter was sent to the French to know what Prisoners they had, who as yet is not returned.

On Friday the Spanish Army, upon newes that the French were retired from about *Ghent*, Marched towards that City, but after four Leagues March finding them still in their way, about ten at night they returned, and still continue under the Walls.

Yesterday General *Marsin*, with the Count *de Brounuy*, late Governour of *Lille*, went hence for *Brussels* by the way of *Sluis* and *Antwerp*. The whole Body of the French Army are advanced from *Lille* to *Deinse* and *Courtray*, and great Bodies of their Horse are round about *Ghent*, which gives us cause to apprehend they intend a Siege there.

This last night a considerable body of the French Horse broke into the North Contribution of this City, between *Ostend*, *Blanckenberg* and *Damme*; and even now a special Messenger brings us newes of a great body of their Horse and Foot that are Marcht as far as *Ichteghem*, a place four miles distant between this and *Dixmuid*, which gives us great apprehensions for this place as well as *Ghent*, and the rather, since we are credibly informed, that they have newly received a recruit of 15000 fresh Men.

*Fowey, Aug. 25.* This day appeared in our view a Squadron of 16 Sail, supposed to be a part of the Dutch Fleet, but by the great vigilancy and care of the Right Honourable the Earl of *Bath*, *Sir Thomas Allen*, and other persons of quality in these parts, we have little or no apprehensions of any hurt they are able to do us.

*Weymouth, Aug. 26.* The 24th Instant appeared a great Fleet of about 50 Sail, three leagues to the South-west of the Ill. of *Portland*, standing up the Channel to the East. This morning the *Paradox* arriving from *Guernsey* met the Fleet in the Channel, one of them endeavoured to tow after him, but to little purpose, the wind being little, he conceives them to be a Dutch Fleet of Merchants with their Convoy, homeward bound.

*West-Coves, Aug. 26.* Yesterday morning the *Tarmouth* Frigate came off from this road with the *Wild Boar* a Frigate, having taken and sent up to *Southampton* three Prizes, one an Hollander of 250 tons and 12 Guns, laden with Claspboards, bound for *Malaga*, and had been formerly a Privateer of 30 Guns; a second a Dutch Fly-boat with Ballast, bound for *St. Maloes*, and the third a small French Vessel with Ballast, bound to the West of *France*.

The last night appeared 45 sail at a great distance, standing to the East, but by reason of a calm, are in sight come to an Anchor.

*London, Aug. 28.* Letters from *Nantes* of the 27th Instant tell us, That two ships were arrived at *Rochel* from the *Leeward Islands*, which speake of some loss received by the English in an attempt upon *S. Christophers*, but that there has been since a sharp fight between 25 sail of the English, and 32 or 33 of the French ships, wherein the English having the advantage, chased them to the Ill. of *Martenico*, and intended to engage them again the next day, which the French feared would be very much to their disadvantage.

*Whitehall, Aug. 28.* This day an Envoy, lately arrived in this City from the Emperor of *Russia*, was with the usual Ceremonies attended to his Audience of both their Majesties.