

Portsmouth, Febr. 27. This day came in from cruising on the Coast of France Their Majesties Ship the *St. Alban*, Captain *Fitz-Patrick* Commander, who gives this account. On the 7th of this Month we stood in with *St. Vallery*, and ranged along that shore, where we took up two Fisher-boats with 30 Men. On the 8th we spoke with 4 Dutch Capers, who gave us intelligence of 14 Sail of Ships that lay at Anchor under *Cherbourg* Castle. The next day we stood in, but found the French Vessels were all got into the Haven, except their Convoy of about 24 Guns, which we soon after forced ashore, and attempted to go in with our Boats, but could do nothing; We fired some Guns at the Castle, and then stood to Sea. On the 22d, off of *Cape Barfleur*, we met with 22 Sail of French light Ships, (who the day before came from *Havre de Grace*, bound to *Rochele*, *Nantes*, and *Bourdeaux*); and after having put their Convoy a Ship of 30 Guns ashore on the Shoals of *Cape de Hague*, took two of this Fleet, the *Happy Return* two others, the 4 Dutch Capers took each of them as many, and a *Guernsey* Privateer two more; it blew hard Easterly, which gave the rest an opportunity to escape. On the 13th, we went into *Guernsey* with three of our Prizes, and in going in one of them struck on a Rock, where she was lost. On the 15th we went to Sea again, and on the 18th took a small Vessel from *Lisbon*, bound to *Havre de Grace* with Oranges. And on the 25th we took a French Privateer of 22 Guns, but laden on Merchants account with Salt, and serving as Convoy to about 15 Sail bound to *Dunkirk*, which the Prisoners believe are all taken. The *St. Alban* has brought in the said Privateer, with the rest of their Prizes.

Plymouth, February 24. Yesterday came into this Port Their Majesties Ships the *Advice* and the *Crown*, commanded by Captain *Boys* and Captain *Wilmot*, the first bringing in two French Prizes, and the other three; of the latter, one is a Flyboat of 12 Guns and 8 Patereroes, another is a Ship of about 120 Tuns and 10 Guns, and the third a small Vessel of about 30 or 40 Tuns, as are likewise the other two taken by the *Advice*. These Prizes are laden with Wine, Brandy, and Salt, and belonged to a Fleet of about 26 sail that were going to *Calais* and *Dunkirk*.

Weymouth, February 25. Yesterday came into *Portland Road* a Dutch Privateer of 16 Guns and 8 Patereroes, with two Prizes, the one a Flyboat of 300 Tuns, laden with Salt, and the other a Vessel of 40 Tuns, laden with Wine from *Bourdeaux*; They were taken yesterday, having been separated in bad weather from a small Fleet of French Merchant Men bound to *Leop*, *Calais*, and *Dunkirk*.

Whitehall, February 23. This day an humble Address from the General Council and Assembly of the Leeward Islands in *America*, was Presented to Her Majesty by *Colonel Buxton*, and others, the Commissioners deputed for the Affairs of those Colonies, being introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord President, wherein they humbly Congratulate His Majesties happy Success in *Ireland*. And as, with all true English Men, they do with the deepest Sentiments of Gratitude acknowledge Their Majesties the happy Restorers and Preservers of our Civil and Religious Rights; so in particular they think themselves obliged to return their most dutiful Thanks to Their Majesties for their Royal Care and Favour towards those Colonies, not only sending thither a considerable Force for their Preservation, but also in committing the Government thereof to his Excellency their present Captain-General, of whose Merit, Conduct, and great Interest in those Parts, they express a high Value and Esteem, concluding with the warmest Demonstrations of their sincere Duty and Loyalty to Their Majesties and Their Government. Which Address was very Graciously received by Her Majesty.

Whitehall, March 1. By a Letter from Captain *Foules*, Commander of Their Majesties Ship the *Montague*, dated at *Kingsale* the 7th of the last Month, we have the following account. On the 4th instant, at 3 in the morning,

we saw two Sail to Windward, and one of them bore down, which happened to be a Privateer; the *Dover* and I being together gave her chase, and at 4 in the afternoon the *Dover* came up with her, to whom she strook; she fired several Guns in her chase, in which she killed the *Dover* one Man, and wounded another; I having no Main-topmast, could not keep within serviceable distance, but kept them company all the chase; The *Dover* did outbear her with Sail, by which means her Fore-topmast came by the Board. She is a very fine Sailer, and the best of *St. Marks*, but 2 Months old, and a pretty well rigged Ship of 24 Guns, her Complement of Men is 140, but she had but 90 on Board, and about 16 Prisoners. She had been but 3 days from *Brest*.

The *Montague* and *Dover*, with the said Prize, arrived at *Plymouth* the 26th of *February*; and this is the Ninth French Privateer that has been taken within these six Weeks last past.

The late Act of Parliament, Entituled, An Act for Granting to Their Majesties several Additional Duties of Excise upon Beer, Ale, and other Liquors, for Four Years, from the time that an Act for Doubling the Duty of Excise upon Beer, Ale, and other Liquors, during the space of One Year, doth Expire; Directing the Building and Equipping of Twenty seven Ships of War for Their Majesties, Seventeen of the Third, and Ten of the Fourth Rate, and appropriating the Sum of Five hundred and Seventy thousand Pounds for that Use, out of the Moneys to be Collected, Levied, and Paid, by Virtue of the said Act; And the Season of the Year for Felling of Timber drawing on, to the end, all Persons concerned as Owners of any Woods convertible to Straight, Compass, or Knee Timber or Plank, fit for the Service of Their Majesties Navy, may have opportunity of Improving the same, by their timely applying themselves to the Felling and Converting their said Woods; It is hereby notified, That the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Their Majesties Navy sitting at the Office of the Navy in Crutched-Friers, are and will upon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the Morning in every Week, betwixt to receive any Tenders in Writing that shall be made them of any of the said Provisions, and to Treat and Contract with the Tenderers thereof at reasonable Rates upon Terms of Payment, to be punctually made in course out of the Moneys appropriated as aforesaid for that Service. It is also hereby notified to all Persons, Owners or Traders for any Naval Commodities, whether of English or Foreign Growth, employed in the Building, Repairing, and Equipping of Ships of War, such as Pitch, Tar, Rozen, Hemp, Masts, Fir Timber, Deals, Sail-Cloth, Oak Timber, Plank, Iron-work, &c. that the said Principal Officers and Commissioners will be ready at the same times to receive any Proposals that shall be offered them of any such Goods and Materials, and to Agree for, and Buy the same, (if to be had at moderate Prices) either for the said New Ships, or for the Ordinary Services of the Navy.

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