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Turin, May 10.

THE Duke of *Schonberg*, who marched lately with a Body of Horse and Foot towards the Valleys, upon Advice that the French were moving that way, returned hither the 7 instant It seems the Enemy were not so strong as was at first reported; and that the design of their drawing so near the *Vandois* was not to attack them, but to cover the Convoys they had sent to *Pigrerol*; and they are since retired towards *Cluson*. Our Duke has ordered 1000 Men to be posted at *Briqueras*, to observe the Enemies Motions towards the Valleys.

Lemberg in Poland, May 11. On the 10th a Detachment of our Garrison in *Szoczow* surpris'd *Orkyovia*, a place belonging to the Tartars on the frontiers of *Budziack*, put the whole Garrison to the Sword, and brought away a great deal of Booty. About the same time, the *Sieur Galewski* pass'd the *Niester* with 2500 Horse, and made an Incurſion into the Country of *Budziack*, where he plundered and burnt divers Villages, and afterwards defeated a strong Party of *Moldavians*. These Successes have put the *Hospodar of Moldavia* upon sending to the Crown-Generall, to desire a Cessation of Arms, which is not yet consented to on our side. The *Cham of Tartary* marches with the greatest part of his Forces to joyn the Turkish Army in *Hungary*. Our Preparations for the War are carry'd on with great diligence, the King resolving to go in Person into the Field, and to open the Campaigne about the middle of the next month.

Minhead, May 20. Last night was brought into our Harbour the Ship *Nightingale* of *London*, *Edward Benson* Master, of about 150 Tunn, navigated with Fifteen English Men and Boys, bound for *Newfound-Land*. The 4th instant she was taken by the *Aaron*, a French Privateer off *Cape-Clear*, who took the Master and 10 of his Men on Board him, and put nine of his Men into the *Nightingale*, leaving the Mate and three Englishmen in her: but seven of the nine they put on board were Foreigners, and only two Frenchmen. The Mate and the other English Sailors confederated together to stand by each other; and having gained one *Peter de Dicker*, a Fleming, to their Parry, on the 17th instant, 8 Leagues off of *Sicily*, the Wind S. W. they fell upon them, and seized each his Man, whom they could have killed or thrown over-board: but they yielding themselves Prisoners, obliged their Comrades to submit also; and yesterday they brought the said Ship and Prisoners safe into this Harbour.

Harwich, May 23. The Pacquet-Boat, *Robert Winnet* Commander, that came from *Holland* with the last Friday's Letters, being attack'd by a French Privateer of 22 Guns and 6 Privateers; and, after an Engagement of two hours, being boarded for above half an hour, the Commander of the Pacquet-boat threw the Mail over-board, lest it should be taken: but at last, they beat off the French; and getting clear of them, came in here this afternoon, having 3 or 4 Men killed, and 6 wounded.

Bristol, May 23. This day arrived here the Lord Viscount *Galway*, with five Regiments from *Ireland*.

Whitehall, May 25. Yesterday morning by an Express from *Portsmouth*, came Letters from the Fleet; with this following Account:

THar on the 19th Their Majesties and the Dutch Fleet, being about 6 Leagues from *Cape Barfleur*, got fight

of the French Fleet, who came down upon us with the Wind at S. W. and about 11 they were engag'd, which continued till about 4 in the afternoon, when the French bore away. It was Calm the best part of the day: but a fresh Gale springing up about 6, the Blue Squadron renewed the Fight, and continued it till 10 at night. During the Engagement we heard 3 Ships blow up, which we concluded to be French, since we did not miss one on our side. All night it was very Calm, and Foggy the next morning. About 8 a Clock it began to clear up, the Wind at E. N. E. when we saw the French about 2 Leagues to the Leeward of us, being much lessened in their number since the day before, for they were now but 38 Men of War. We endeavour'd all we could to get up with them, and they to retire from us. About 10 it grew Calm again, and about 3 both Fleets came to an Anchor; the Dutch, who had the Van, being within a League of the Enemy, the Wind then Westwardly. At 11 at night we weighed, and anchored about 6 the next morning. The 21st about 9 in the morning we set sail again, as did likewise the Enemy: Admiral *Ruffel* took his Course towards *Barfleur*, having got fight of several French Ships under the Shoar, and Admiral *Allemond* and the Admiral of the Blue sail'd to the Westward. Admiral *Allemond* endeavour'd to get up with 16 French Ships, which he discovered, and suppos'd were coming from *France* to joyn their Fleet; and Sir *John Ashby* pursued the rest of the Enemies Fleet, who endeavour'd in great Confusion to get into the *Race of Alderney*. Admiral *Allemond* lost sight of the said 16 French Ships in the night, they having, as he believed, got in among the Rocks; and because it was not advisible to follow them there he sail'd Eastward again, to rejoyne Admiral *Ruffel*.

On the 22d in the forenoon Vice-Admiral *Delaval* burnt under *Cape de Wyke*, near the Shoar, *The Royal Sun*, being the Ship of the Count *de Tourville*, Admiral of the French Fleet, carrying 104 Guns, as also the *Admirable*, commanded by his Second, *Montieur Beaujeu*, of 102 Guns; and the *Conquerant*, of 80 Guns; with two Frigats, and three of lesser Rank; and Admiral *Ruffel* was in close pursuit of 15 more. The Prisoners of the said burnt Ships declared, That during the Battle 4 or 5 of their biggest Ships were destroyed.

Rear-Admiral *Carter*, and Colonel *Hastings* Commander of the *Sandwich*, were killed in the Battle.

The *Sandwich*, the *Mountague*, the *Hampton-Court*, and a Dutch Man of War called *the Seven Provinces*, are come into *Portsmouth* disabled; where the Body of Coll. *Hastings* is brought ashore, and Captain *Graddon*, Commander of the *Hampton-Court*, is wounded.

Yesterday in the Evening arrived here Captain *Mees*, Commander of the *Ruby*, with Letters from Sir *Ralph Delaval*, giving an Account that he had burnt the Count *de Tourville's* Ship, *the Royal Sun*, with his two Seconds, *the Conquerant*, and *the Admirable*.

Sir Ralph Delaval's Letter to the Earl of Nottingham.

On board the Royal Sovereign, near Cherburg, May 22.

I Believe it my Duty to acquaint you, That on the 21st instant Admiral *Ruffel* having made the Signal for the Fleet to cut their Cables, I observed the French to be forced from the *Race of Alderney* (where they anchored) to the Eastward; and finding that some of them endeavour'd for the Bay of *Cherburg*, I stood in for that place, where I found 3 three-deck'd Ships of the Enemies, but so close to the Shoar, and within some Rocks, that it was not