

Life for me to attempt them, till I had informed my self of the Road, they being hawl'd into *Shoal-water*; I immediately took my Boats, and founded within Gun-shot of them, which they endeavoured to prevent by firing at us; and that no time might be lost, I went immediately on board the *S. Albans*, where, for the encouragement of the Seamen, I hoisted my Flag, and having ordered the *Ruby*, with two Fireships, to attend me, I stood in with them, leaving the great Ships without, as drawing too much water: but after coming very near, they gall'd us so extremely, and finding the Fireships could not get in, I judged it best to retreat without shot, and there anchored. and immediately called all the Captains, where it was resolv'd to attempt them on the morning, with all the Third and Fourth Rates, and Fireships: but after having drawn them into four Fathom and a half water, I found we could not do our business, the Water being Shoal; upon which I ordered three Fireships to prepare themselves to attempt the burning of them, going my self with all the Barges and Tenders to take them up, if by the Enemies Shot they should miscarry. Indeed, I may say, and I hope without vanity, the Service was warm, yet, God be praised, so effectually performed, that, notwithstanding all their Shot both from their Ships and Fort, two of our Fireships had good Success, by burning two of them; the other by an unfortunate Shot was set on fire, being just going on board the Enemy. Indeed, so brave was the Attempt, that I think they can hardly be sufficiently rewarded, and doubt not but Their Majesties will do them right. The third French Ship being run ashore, and observing the People on board to go ashore by Boats full, I ordered the *St. Albans*, the *Reserve*, and others, to fire upon her, judging it might cause them to quit her; and, after having battered her some time, I observed she made no Resistance. I took all the Boats armed, and went on board her: I found abundance of Men on board, and several wounded, but no Officers; and having caused all the People, as well those that were wounded as others, to be taken out, I set her on fire; and had I not had notice by my Scouts that 30 Sail of Ships were standing with me, had sent all the French on shore, who are now very troublesome to me: The Ships we saw, proved to be Sir *John Abby* and the Dutch coming from the Westward; we are proceeding together to the Eastward to *la Hogue*, where I am informed three or four of the Enemies Ships are; and if so, I hope God will give us good Success. I expect to find the Admiral to-morrow, where I hope to hear he has destroyed some of the Enemies Ships, having left him in chase of them last night, standing to the Eastward, and pretty near them as I judged. My Lord, I hope you will excuse me, if I presume to pray you will use your Interest with the Queen, that a Reward may be given to the three Captains of the Fireships, and several of the others; for greater Zeal and greater Bravery I never saw. I pray you to excuse me for being thus tedious, and thus particular. Pray God preserve Their Majesties, and that their Arms may be ever crown'd with Success by Sea and Land, shall be the Prayers and Endeavours of, &c.

Captain *Heath* burnt *Tourville's* Ship, the *Royal Sun*, which was the most difficult.

Captain *Greenway* burnt the other, called, the *Conquerant*.

The *Admirable* was burnt by our Boats.

Captain *Fowles* attempted the *Royal Sun*, but was set on fire by the Enemies Shot; yet deserves as well as the others.

Captain *Mees* says, That the Captain of a French Fire-ship, whom we took, declared, That they lost in the Battle five Ships, one of them being Monsieur *Gabaret's* Ship, Admiral of their Blue, of 90 Guns; Four of these were burnt, and the other sunk: That Admiral *Ruffel* lies with the Fleet before *la Hogue*, having penn'd up in that Bay 15 Capital Ships, 10 whereof are of 3 Decks, and that none of them could escape being burnt or taken: That about 20 of their smaller Ships were got away through the *Race of Alderney*; and that of the Ships which were burnt, about 300 French perished; the rest got ashore, or were made Prisoners. Besides the 3 great Ships, there were 3 or 4 small Vessels burnt.

From *Portsmouth* we have an Account, That 4 French Ships of three Decks lay on the back of the *Ile of Wight*, very much disabled: and that 2 English Men of War who were refitted, with 2 Dutch Frigates, and a Fireship, were going out to Take or Destroy them.

Whitehall, May 24. The Parliament met this day at *Westminster*, and was Prorogued by Commission to the 14th of June next ensuing.

THE Gentlemen concerned in the Patent for Improving of English Manufactures made of Woolen and Linen, &c. so as to make them hold out Water, and preserve them from Moths and Mildew, having now fully perfected and settled the same, to the Satisfaction of several Persons of Quality, and others who have experienced it, do hereby give Notice, That all Persons having occasion to make use of the said Improvement, may send their Goods or other things to their Office in *Drury-Lane* over-against *Great Queen-street*, and *Broad-street*, London, near the *Excise-Office*, where they shall be carefully done at the Rates now agreed upon and published, which are to be had at each of the said Offices.

Advertisements.

[*] A Confutation of Atheism from the Structure and Origin of Human Bodies, Part I. A Sermon Preached at *St. Martins in the Fields*, May 2. 1692. being the third of the Lecture founded by the H. Robert Boyle Esq; By Richard Bentley, M.A. Chaplain to the Right Reverend Father in God, Edward Lord Bishop of Worcester. Printed for T. Parkhurst at the Bible and Three Crowns in *Cheapside*, and H. Mortlock at the Phoenix in *St. Pauls Church-Yard*.

Historical Collections the Third Part, in Two Volumes, never before Printed: containing the Principal Matters which happened from the Meeting of the Parliament, November 3. 1640. to the end of the Year 1644. wherein is a particular Account of the Rise and Progress of the Civil War to that Period, impartially related. Setting forth only Matter of Fact in Order of Time, without Observation or Reflection. By John Rushworth, late of *Lincolns-Inn*, Esq; Fitted for the Press in his Lifetime. Printed for R. Chiswell and T. Cockerill, at the Rose and Crown in *St. Pauls Church-Yard*, and at the Three Legs over-against the *Stocks-Market*.

Mrs. Mary Burrow's, an Heiress, 11 years old, not Tall of her Age, well-shaped, with dark brown Hair, a clear Complexion, taken by Force out of a Calash, the 21st Instant, in the Forrest of *Sherwood*, *Nottinghamshire*, by three Persons upon bay Horses, Armed, one of a middle Stature, bow-legged, with his own Hair, dark brown, with a blue Coat, Laced or Embroidered on the Sleeves: Whosoever can give notice of the said Child, to Mr. Tho. Rawson, of *East-Retford*, *Nottinghamshire*; or to Mr. Rich. Hoare, a Goldsmith, at the *Golden-Boyle* in *Fleet-street*, shall have Ten Pounds Reward and Charges.

At Will's (lately Roll's) Coffee-house, on the North-side of *St. Pauls Church* in *St. Pauls Church-yard*, on Monday May 30. 1692. will begin the Sale by Auction of a curious Collection of Greek, Latin, and English Books. Catalogues are distributed by Mr. Partridge near *Charing-Cross*, Mr. Jay on the back-side the *Royal Exchange*, and at the place of Sale. The Greek and Latin will be finished on Tuesday night, and the English Folios begin on Wednesday.

At *Batsons* Coffee-house near *Popes-head-Alley* over-against the *Royal Exchange*, does continue the Sale by Auction of a curious Collection of Pictures; beginning each day at 4 afternoon. Catalogues may be had at the place of Sale, and seen at most Coffee-houses, and the Pictures viewed daily: this being the last Sale there for this Season.

The Commissioners named in a Commission of Bankrupts against Peter Coape of *St. John-street* in *Middlesex*, Sales-man, intend to meet at the *Irish Chamber* in *Guildhall*, London, on the 10 of June next, at 10 in the morning, to make a Dividend of the said Coape's Estate, and his Creditors are required to come prepared to prove their Debts, and pay their Contributions, otherwise they will be excluded.

A Blue Italian Greyhound Dog, with 4 white Feet, and a long Tail, was lost from *Arlington-House*, about 10 or 12 days ago: Whoever gives notice to the Porter at *Arlington-House*, aforesaid, shall have a Guinea Reward.

Lost the 13th Instant at Night out of the grounds of *John Richardson* of *East-Barnet* in *Hartfordshire*, Esq; a bright bay Gelding, full aged, 14 hands, full eyed, with a black List down the Back, a black Mane half shorn, and a short bob Tail, a Nock on his near Ear, lame on the near Foot behind. Whoever gives notice of him to Mr. Rose a Farrier in *Pole-Alley* at the corner of *Drury-lane* near *St. Giles's*, or to Mr. Kingman at the *Red-Lion* in *High-Barnet*, shall have 40s. Reward, and reasonable Charges.