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Malaga, July 20.

ON the 17th instant in the Evening came in here Captain *Bankes* in the *Carlisse* Frigate, with 4 Ketches to fetch fresh Provisions for the Fleet, under the Command of Admiral *Ruffel*, which he left the same day off this Place; And the 18th, Captain *Bankes* sailed again with the Vessels before-mentioned, to rejoin Admiral *Ruffel*, who took his Course towards *Barcelona*. On the 13th of this month six French Men of War appeared off *Almeria*, where they would have had Provisions for their Money, but 'twas refused them; These are supposed to be Scouts sent out by the *Mareschal de Tourville*, who is retired with the French Fleet to *Thoulon*. The Gallies of *Naples*, *Sicily*, and *Sardinia*, are come to *Cartagena*, where they lie ready to joyn our Fleet as they pass by. The Turkey Ships, with 5 Men of War their Convoy, are now in sight of this place plying to the Eastward.

Madrid, July 28. This Court is extremely pleased with the news they have received of Admiral *Ruffel's* being come into the *Mediterranean*; He passed by *Malaga* with the whole Fleet on the 17th of this month, keeping out of sight of that place towards the *Barbary Coast*, but sent in the *Carlisse* with several Ketches for fresh Provisions. On the 20th appeared off *Malaga*, the English and Dutch Merchant Ships bound to *Turkey* and *Italy*, under the Convoy of 5 Men of War. The Spanish Bark, which was lately seized by some French Passengers on board her, as she was going with Goods to a considerable value from *Cadix* to *Seville*, and carried by them to *Lagos*, is by Order of the King of *Portugal*, together with the lading, restored to the Owners, and the Persons that took her are prosecuted for Pyrates. We hear from *Catalonia*, That the French have taken two Castles, *Fellu* and *Ostalic*, the latter being within two Leagues of *Barcelona*.

Venice, July 24. The last Advices from the *Levant* inform us, That the Earthquake which lately happened at *Negrepont* had thrown down one of the Bastions, with part of the Wall of the Town, and that the Turks did very much apprehend the Venetians would make use of this accident to attack that place, for which reason

they have sent a strong Reinforcement thither, and work night and day to repair the Fortifications.

Warsaw, July 23. The King of *Poland* is expected here with the whole Court about the 6th of the next month, and about the 15th will be celebrated in this City the Marriage of the Elector of *Bavaria*, with the Princess of *Poland*, at which all the Senators, and the other great Men of this Kingdom are invited to be present. The Forces of this Crown are drawing together on the Frontiers of *Podolia*, and a Train of Artillery is going to them from *Lemberg*. The Tartars, who lately conducted a great Convoy of Provisions to *Caminiac*, (by which that Garrison is supplied till Winter) are returned to *Budziac*; and none of their Parties have since appeared near our Frontiers, being probably called home, in order to march with the Han to *Hungary*.

From on Board Their Majesties Ship Soldadoes Prize, Captain *Allen* Commander, in Jersey Road, July 27. On the 23th cruising off Cape de *Diague*, in Company of the *Hind* Pink, we espied in the morning 6 Sail, which proved to be French Ships, one a Frigate of 26 or 30 Guns, three of them Privateers from 16 Guns downwards, and the other two Merchant Ships of 100 and 80 Tuns each. They all stood into *Granton Bay*, where one of the Merchant Ships run ashore about 3 miles short of the rest, but she was fetched off, and carried away by two Privateers of *Guernsey*, while we engaged the Enemy, which we did for 6 or 7 hours: At last they all put their Ships aground and left them; We sent in our Boats in hopes to have burnt them, but the Shore was so lined with Horse and Foot that we could not effect it; The 24th in the morning we espied 5 Sail and stood after them; They proved to be English, under Convoy of the *Swallow* Prize, upon which we returned into the Bay, and found that 4 of the above-mentioned French Ships were got off again, and were sailing close under the Shore, we gave them Chace till night, and the next morning went back to the Bay, where with our Boats we burnt the other Merchant Ship, notwithstanding they fired very warmly from the Shore to defend her.

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