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Mifina, Aug. 1.

The two French Men of War, called the *Content* and *Tri-dent*, that were taken some time ago by the English, are now retreating here, the first Commanded by Captain *Grant-ham*, and the other by Captain *Griffin*, and may be in a readines to sail in a Fortnight, together with the *Essex*, Captain *Wright* Commander, and the *Majovia Merchant*, Storeship.

Leg'horne, Aug. 22. On the 10th instant arrived here a Tartane in 6 days from *Barcelona*; The Maister whereof says, That when he came away, the Fleet under the Command of Admiral *Ruffel* was ready to Sail, in order to return to the Coast of *Provence*; And the *Turkey* Convoy, being strengthened with some Men of War from the Fleet, was proceeded on their Voyage homeward. The 14th returned hitber 3 of the Great Dukes Gallies, having been abroad two Months to Cruise, for securing these Coasts against the Corsairs of *Barbary*. The *Ref. Galley* will sail in few days for *Alexandria*.

Turin, Aug. 26. The Duke of *Savoy* was taken ill some days ago; and his Distemper proved a Tertian Ague, which afterwards turned to a double Tertian, but we hope 'tis gone off again, and his Royal Highness was this day abroad. A great Council of War was held here the last week; and the General Officers that were present at it are since returned to their several Stations; The Marquis de *Leganez*, Governor of *Milan*, went hence the 22th; And my Lord *Galway* is returned to *Casal*, to hasten the demolishing of that place; in which the French make all the delays they can, but if they have not finished this work by the end of this month, 'tis believed a Time will be set them to do it in. In the mean time the Forces of the Allies continue in their former Camps; The Imperial Troops, with those in the Service of his Royal Highness at *Riviera* and *Oguzera*, and the Spanish at *la Veillane*; But 'tis said they will suddenly join together at *Pisajque*, and that 3000 Bombs and Carcasses will be sent thither from *Milan*. The French, under the Command of the Marschal de *Catruat*, remain all this while in their Camp at *Dobler*, with ut attempting any thing, seeming to have no other design than to defend themselves, for which purpose they have built several new Forts and Redoubts.

Venice, Aug. 26. The Senate have appointed 3 Commissioners to examine the late Captain General *Zeno*, the Proveditore *Pisani*, and others, who are accused of not having performed their Duty in the Battle of *Scio*, and are therefore put under Arrest since their return from the Levant. There are Letters come from the Captain General *Molino*, dated the 18th of the last month, which give an account, that he was then in the Port of *Andres* with the Fleet of this State, consisting in 25 Men of War, (whereof 6 are hired Ships) 22 Gallies, 6 Gallies-afke, 4 Bomb Vessels, and divers Tendies, having on board 8500 Soldiers; That he had received Advice, That the Turkish Fleet was come out of the *Dardanelles*, taking their Course towards *Scio*, and having thereupon held a Council of War, it was resolved to go and meet them: The Enemies Fleet was composed of 20 Men of War, 13 Ships of *Bombard*, 18 Gallies, and 13 Gallies, Commanded by *Mazzonotto*, who is made Captain *Basha*, and under him by one *Sinwarath*, a Relegate. Two Men of War, of about 60 Guns each, are sitting here, and will be ready to sail, with the Convoy, about the end of this month; and with the same opportunity will be sent a great Supply of Money for the Service of our Forces in the Levant.

Vienna, August 27. The Letters from the Imperial Army in *Hungary* inform us, That on the 11th instant they received Advice, that the Grand Signior was come to *Belgrade*, the Vicer a rivine there some days before last; which was confirmed the 12th; The 13th the Army marched from *Estacke*, and encamped over against *Peter Waradin*, on the other side of the *Danube*; The Elector of *Saxony* and General *Caprara* went to view the Fortifications of that place, and ordered 1500 men to be employed in consolidating the Retrenchments of the Enemies Camp which they made there the last year, and a Body of Horse was appointed to cover them. The 14th, the Saxon Infantry, being 7 Battalions, came down the *Danube*, and joined the Army; and the Generals received an account, that the Turks were laying a Bridge over the *Save*, and that the Grand

Signior and Vicer had been to view the Camp at *Semlin*. The 15th General *Gronsfeld* was detached with several Battalions and Squadrons, and 12 pieces of Cannon, to secure the Fortress of *Titul*, upon information that the Turks were coming by Water to attack it; But he sent word on the 17th, that the Enemies Vessels were retired again towards *Belgrade*. The 18th they had Advice, That the Turks were laying two Bridges over the *Danube*, between *Esforza* and *Banzova*, and that some of their Troops had already passed that River, which looking as if they designed to march towards *Transilvania*, two Expresses were sent to General *Veterani*, who Commanded there, to give him notice thereof; On the 20th a strong Body of Horse and Dragoons was sent towards *Batsch*, to observe the Enemies Motions; it being yet uncertain what their design is. They write from *Transilvania*, That the Tartar Han was marching with a small Body of his Troops to join the Ottoman Army.

Frankfort, Sept. 4. Prince *Louis* of *Baden* was by our last Advice still encamped at *Ramshberg* near *Wiesloch*, but all the Forage thereabouts being consumed, the Army was going to remove from thence. The Forces of *Munster*, and the Command of Lieutenant General *Sauvot*, are in the Neighborhood of *Munster*; And the French Army has got *Bruck* and *Leiningen*, commanded by the Marschal de *Jouy*. They are raising Men in these Parts for the Service of the Republic of *Venice*.

Cologne, Sept. 5. All these Parts are full of Joy, on the taking of *Namur*, the News whereof has been sent by Expresses to the several Courts of *Germany*; The Count de *Sturck*, who on this occasion has been dispatched to the Emperor, passed through this City two days ago.

Paris, Sept. 5. An Express arrived here yesterday with the News that the Castle of *Namur* had capitulated, which was very unexpected, after what we had heard of the numerous Garrison they had there, and the great preparations made to relieve it. 'Tis said, this Court has received an account from the Duke of *Vendosme*, That the Spaniards, who were come before *Palamos* to Besiege that place, were drawn off again upon the approach of the French Forces, but many People suspend giving Credit to it till the next Letters arrive from those Parts, or else believe, the Marquis de *Gastinaga* was only marched to join the 4000 men that were newly arrived at *Barcelona* from *Flanders*. The last Letters from *Thoulon* tell us, That the place where they Baked the Bisket for the Fleet, was accidentally burnt with a great quantity of Bisket and Meal, which would very much retard the going out of the Men of War that are sitting there.

From His Majesty's Camp at Soissons, Sep. 8. N. S. On Monday the 29th of August, the French Army Commanded by the Marschal de *Villroy*, (who came the day before to *Gamblois*) advanced towards us then encamped near *Mazy*, with a design as it was thought to attack us; whereupon His Majesty drew out his Forces in Battalia; and we continued in this posture the whole day to observe them; But the Enemy, and their Army consisted of 10000 men, thought fit to retire in the night without noise: The 30th, after it was day, three Drums beat, and they moved along the *Mehaigne*, extending their Right to *Perroy*, and their Left to the Abbey of *Bonoff*; His Majesty likewise caused our Army to move towards *Cyffre* and *Longchamps* to observe them: Some of the Enemies Squadrons had a Skirmish with some of our Outguards, but were soon repulsed, with little loss on either side. The same day a great Attack was made at *Namur*, by the Lord *Curtis* with 3000 English, the Count de *Rivory* with 300 Spaniards and *Burgundians*, Major General *Le Carre* with 2000 *Brandenburgers*, and Major General *Sworin* with 2000 *Dutch*, who all behaved themselves with the greatest Bravery that can be imagined, and made several Lodgments; which very much discouraged the Enemy. The

The 31th preparations were made for another Assault; The French Army appeared again in the Front of our Line, and then retired to their Camp at *Gemblours*. The first instant in the afternoon His Majesty returned to the Camp before *Namur*, in order to give Directions for the further attack of the Castle, and in his way was informed, that the Besieged had desired to Capitulate: Hostages were accordingly exchanged; And the Articles of Surrender were concluded early the next morning, and part of the Outworks given up presently after; For which we made a treble discharge of all our Artillery, and 3 Salvoes in a running Fire along the Lines: The same evening the *Marschal de Villeroy* retired from his Camp at *Gemblours*, and continued his march all Friday night, and on Saturday passed the *Sambre* near *Charleroy* in great disorder. The 5th, according to the Capitulation, the Garrison marched out of the Castle at the Breach of the *Terra Nova*, being 4190 Foot and 1205 Dragoons, (whereof only 160 were mounted) most of them in a very ill Condition, with the *Marschal de Boufflers* and the *Count de Guiscard*, at the Head of them. The King was *incognito* in a Coach, and the Elector of *Bavaria* on Horseback to see them; They had not gone far, when Brigadier *l'Espang* advanced towards *Marschal de Boufflers*, and told him, he had Orders from His Majesty to Arrest him, by way of Reprisal for the Garisons of *Dixmuyde* and *Deyuse*, which were detained and ill treated by the French, contrary to their Capitulation and the Cartel, at which he seem'd much concerned, but being forced to submit, was brought away Prisoner to the Town, having first had the offer of his Liberty upon his Parole and promise to return in 14 days, or to procure the Liberty of our Men within that time. We found in the Castle of *Namur*, upon a Survey taken of the Artillery and Ammunition, 69 pieces of Cannon, *viz.* 7 twenty four Pounders, 3 sixteen Pounders, 2 twelve Pounders, 9 ten Pounders, 4 eight Pounders, 12 six Pounders, 18 five Pounders, 10 four Pounders, 3 three Pounders, and 1 two Pounder; as also 4 Mortars and 4 *Hautwizers* with the Arms of *France*; Powder about 281 thousand weight in several places, 50 great Bombs of 500 pound weight each, 2000 ordinary Bombs, 1000 lesser Bombs, 750 Granades of 24 pound weight, 4000 ordinary Granades *fixt*; 150 Barrels of Cannon Ball; Salt Pire and Brimstone 15 Tun, and 800 spare Muskets. And his said, the French after the Capitulation was sign'd, threw several pieces of Cannon into the *Sambre*, (which have not yet been found) together with a great quantity of Powder. The *Marschal de Boufflers* continued in the mean time at *Namur*, His Majesty having ordered his Guard to be taken off upon his giving his Parole to remain a Prisoner; And he is now removed to *Mastricht*, under the care of Monsieur *l'Espang*. The Hostages for performance of the Capitulation of the Castle of *Namur*, are returned on both sides. Last night we received Advice, That the *Marschal de Villeroy* had sent 2000 men to reinforce the Garrison of *Dinant*, and was marched with the French Army towards their Lines near *Ams*. This day (the 8th) we marched to *Sombref*, being about 4 Leagues, and to morrow we shall continue our march 4 Leagues farther, to *Bois-Seigneur-Isaac*, beyond *Nivelles*; His Majesty having ordered the *Brandenburg*, *Hesse*, and *Lunenburg* Troops, to assist the Garrison that is left at *Namur*, in levelling the Trenches, and other Works, and in repairing the Breaches; who are afterwards to march farther to observe the Enemy, between the *Sambre* and the *Meuse*, and towards the *Condraz*; His Majesty intending to march himself towards *Flanders*, to secure those Parts, and to dispose his Troops within their Winter Quarters.

Hague, Sept. 9 N.S. There appears an Universal Joy in these Provinces for the taking of *Namur*, which is so glorious for the Arms of His Majesty and His Allies, and of so great advantage to their Common Interests: The States have ordered that this good News be notified to all the Foreign Ministers here; and have appointed a General Rejoycing and publick Thanksgiving on this occasion. They write from *Flanders*, That the *Marschal de Villeroy* was retired towards *Mons*, having lost a great many Men who deserted in their long and disorderly marches; and that there had happened a warm dispute between some of our Troops and a detachment of French in the Wood of *Argenton*, where there is a very strong Pass which the latter would have made themselves Masters of, but were beaten off with considerable loss, insomuch that they had sent several Wagons with wounded Men to *Charleroy*. The Lord Viscount *Villers*, His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary, and Plenipotentiary at the Congress here, had this day his publick Audience of the States General, to which he was conducted with the usual Ceremonies.

Two days ago arrived in the *Maese* about 60 Merchant Ships, with 3 Dutch Men of War from *Scotland*. A Convoy of two Frigats and divers Merchant Ships bound to *London* will sail from the *Brill* with the first fair Wind.

Tarmouth, Sept. 6. On the 3d instant happened a most violent Storm at N. E. which continued all day with great Rains; during which, several light Colliers that were bound to *Newcastle* were forced ash re between *Cromer* and *Blackny*; and some laden Colliers that were coming from thence, are likewise lost; but all the Men of War that were their Convoys, are come safe into several Ports, though not without having received some damage in their Sails and Rigging.

Deale, Sept. 6. Yesterday came into the Downs His Majesty's Ship the *Prince of Orange*, and the *Roebuck* Ketch, being forced from the *Maese* by the bad weather.

London, Sept. 7. The *Mitchel* and *Eagle* Packet Boats came from *Holland* together on the 2d instant, but were separated in a violent Storm the next day. The *Eagle* arrived at *Dover* the 4th in the morning with one Mail, and the *Mitchel* some hours after with the other two that were due.

Advertisements.

†† Ode de Mr. Boileau Despreaux sur la Prise de Namur, avec une Parodie de la mesme Ode par le Sieur P. Moutaux; et une Parodie d'une Scene du Cid sur ce sujet par Messieurs d'A & M. Chez K. Bentley Libraire a la Poste au Covent Garden, P. Parker a la Licorne sous la Bourfe Royale, & tous les Libraires Francois a Londres.

†† The General History of England, as well Ecclesiastical as Civil, from the earliest Accounts of Time, to the Reign of His present Majesty King William, &c. By James Tyrrell Esq; Being in several Presses, and a great part of it Printed. Those that expect the Benefit of Subscribing, must send in their first Payment, *viz.* 15 s. by the first day of the next Term, being the 23th of October, to any of the Undertakers, H. Rhodes in Fleetstreet, J. Dunton in Jewen Street, J. Salubury in Cornhill, and J. Harris in the Poultry.

†† The 17th Volume of the Athenian Mercury is now published, Resolving all the most nice and curious Questions proposed by Ladies and Gentlemen, relating to Divinity, Philosophy, Love, Marriage, History, Physick, Law, Mathematicks and Trade, &c. from Tuesday, April 2. to Saturday July 13. Printed for John Dunton at the Raven in Jewen Street.

Taken from a Gentleman's side, on Friday at 7 at night, in Bartholomew Fair, a small French Rapier, the Hilt Steel inlaid with Gold, the handle silver double gilt, the upper part of the Blade next the Shell being Graved. Whoever restores it to the Owner Mr. Champney, at Mr. S. Creary Trumbals Office in Whitehall, shall have 10 s. more than what any Goldsmith or Sword Cutler will give for it.

✻ The Life of the Famous John Baptist Colbert, late Minister and Secretary of State to Lewis XIV. the present French King. Done into English from a French Copy Printed at Cologne this present year 1695. Printed for R. Bentley in Covent-Garden, J. Tonson at the Judge-head in Fleetstreet, H. Bonwick at the Red Lion in St Pauls Church yard, W. Freeman at the Bible against the Middle-Temple gate in Fleetstreet. and S. Manship at the Ship in Cornhill.

†† The Exact Prices of Merchandizes in London; together with a Weekly Collection of most Staple Commodities Imported and Exported, with the Customs Inwards, and what is drawn back on Exporation; exactly drawn up to the twentieth part of one Penny: Also the price of the Bank of England, Blank and Benefit Tickets of the Million Lottery, East-India Stock, Orphans Fund and Credit in the Chamber of London, &c. Published every Friday by S. Proctor in Mark-lane near Tower street; where any Person may be accommodated with it at 20 s. per Annum, or 6 d. a piece; its likewise Printed in French.

R Un away the 19th past from Col. Holt at Salisbury, with their new Clothing, William Ball, black swarthy Complexion, black Hair something curling, aged about 30, born at Norton Stiz-Worin; John Winter, with a light bob Wig, a scar on the right Cheek from the Eye to the Mouth, aged 26, born at Norton near Taunton; John Nicholas, aged 25, a thin man, with brown Hair, pale faced; Richard Paris, a tall thin man, with black Hair something curling, a cut on the left upper Eye-lid, aged 28, both living at Beer Crookham, all of Somersetshire. If they return to their Colours at Salisbury by the 20th instant they shall be kindly received: Or whoever gives notice of them to Col. Holt, or the Commander in Chief at Salisbury, or to Mr. Peter Gery at the Crown in Fleetstreet, London, shall have 4 Guineas for each.

L Ose the 7th past between the Fleets Tavern in Fleetstreet and Temple-chais, a Gold out Case of a Biking Watch, with holes in the side and cover pierced and filed in Branches, engraved all over, it was lined, the bottom with Cherry coloured Satin, the side and cover Cherry coloured Lutekring. Who ever brings it to Jonathan Peller, Clockmaker in Red-Lion-Court in Fleetstreet, shall have two Guineas Reward.