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Cadix, August 5. N. S.

THE 21th of the last month arrived here the *Martha Galley*, Capt. *Joseph Bays* from the Island of *St. Thomas* on the Coast of *Guinea*; and the *Revenge Galley*, Capt. *Andrew Haux* from the *Sreights*. Yesterday arrived in this Port the *Plimouth*, *Seton*, and *Anglesey*, Men of War, in 8 days from *Finisib*, having left the *Medway* (who came out with them) 3 days ago in chase of a French Ship of the *Burlinger*; and this day the *Medway* is likewise arrived, and has brought in two small Prizes. Capt. *Warren* in the *Windsor* went a cruising the 1st Instant, and on the 3d took off Cape *Spartell* a French Ship of 20 Guns, bound from *Lisbon* to *Malaga*, laden with Sugar and Tobacco, and carried her to *Gibraltar*.

MADRID, August 7. On the 31th of the last month *Don Juan de Larea* was removed from his Office of Secretary of State for the Universal Dispatch, and *Don Lopez de Carrate Marquis de Villa Lera* was appointed his Successor; and other Changes are shortly expected at this Court; where the Cardinal of *Toledo* has at present the greatest share in the dispatch of the publick Affairs. Count *Harach*, the Emperor's Ambassador, made his publick Entry here on the 2d Instant; and has since had Audience of their Catholick Majesties. Letters from *Barcelona* of the 2d Instant tell us, the Enemy had fortified themselves on the Bastions of the *New-Gate*, and that of *St. Peter*; and that the Spaniards still maintained themselves on part of the said Bastions; Since the beginning of the Siege the French have fired above 10000 Bombs into the Town; 'Tis confirmed by the last Letters, that the Enemy had 4000 Men killed and wounded in the several Attacks they made between the 22d and 25th of the last month, and that they have lost at least one half of the Army they brought before that place at first; but they have received several Reinforcements from *Provence* and *Rouffillon*. We are told an Express was dispatched from this Court some days ago to the Governor of *Barcelona*, with Orders to capitulate, since the place in all likelihood will be soon restored, a Peace being very much talked of here.

CORONA, Aug. 23. N. S. This week arrived here an Express from *Madrid* with the News, that the Town of *Barcelona*, after a brave defence, had capitulated, and was surrendered to the French upon very Honourable Conditions. Yesterday came in the *Spanish-Expedition* Packet Boat from *Falmouth* with a Prize, laden with Sugar and Tobacco from the *West-Indies*, which the said Packet Boat took off Cape *Ortega*. The Letters from *O-Porto* of the 10th Instant say, 6 Portuguese Ships were arrived there from *Brasil*, who reported that a Ship of about 40 Guns coming with a Prize they had taken, into the Port of *Rarnami*, was seized there for Pyrates.

DUBLIN, Aug. 17. On the 12th the House of Commons gave Leave to bring in Heads of a Bill to prevent the Irregularities in Sheriffs executing Executions, and to ascertain what Fees shall be paid them. A Committee was appointed to prepare and bring in Heads of a Supplemental Bill for saving and reserving to all Protestants, who were Protestants on the 10th day of April 89, and their Protestant Heirs (not guilty of Treason against His Majesty and the late Queen, or either of them) such Rights and Interests in Law or Equity as they had at or before the said day of April 1688, which may any wise be affected by a Bill intituled, *An Act for Confirming several Outlawries and Attainders, and also for Restoring in His Majesty the Estates of those that are dead in Rebellion here; or in Foreign Parts*; Provided the same be not in Trust for the Use or Benefit of any Papist; and that it be an Instruction to the said Committee to insert a Clause to impose a Penalty on any Protestant or others, who shall cover a Papists Estate from forfeiture; and that no Plea or Demurrer be allowed to any Bill that shall be presented against any Person to make Discovery, but they shall Answer upon Oath directly to every such Bill.

The 13th the House resolved unanimously, that an Address be made to the Lord-Justices, That no Protestant may receive prejudice in his Estate, Interest, or Property, by a Bill intituled, *An Act for Confirming several Outlawries, &c* and that a Bill be drawn, and transmitted on the Heads of a Bill presented to their Lordships for that purpose, and that they will effectually Recommend to His Majesty that the same may pass. The *Act for Confirming several Outlawries, Attainders, &c* was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be carried to the Lords for their Concurrence. The House went into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the Supply, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the said Committee is to sit again to morrow.

The 14th Leave was given to bring in Heads of Bills to settle the Interest of Money at 8 per Cent. and for Encouragement and Increase of Protestant Seamen in this Kingdom, and for Regulating Butter Cask. The House went into a Committee of the whole House to Consider further of Ways and Means for raising the Supply, and resolved on a Poll Tax of Two Shillings a Head towards the said Supply; The said Committee is appointed to sit again on Tuesday next.

The 16th Report was made from the Committee appointed to consider of the Abuses in Coyning, Counterfeiting, and Importing Half-pence, that they had come to a Resolution, which was read and recommitted. An Engross Bill to prevent Protestants from Intermarrying with Papists, was read a third time, and passed, and ordered to be sent up to the Lords. Report was made from the Committee of Laws, that they had prepared Heads of a Bill to prevent Charge and Expence in Election of Members to serve in Parliament, and for Regulating Elections, and to prevent Irregular Proceedings of Sheriffs and other Officers in Electing

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