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Port-Royal in Jamaica, April 18.

Commodore *Whetstone* returned hither the 8th Instant, having been out ever since the 14th of February; He had cruized about 5 weeks on both sides of *Hispaniola*, in hopes of meeting with a considerable Fleet of Merchant Ships, which, as he had been informed, was expected in these Parts under a Convoy from France; but not being able to get any Account of them, he failed to *Petit-Guavas* and *Leogane*, in the Gulph of *Hispaniola*; and for the better preventing any Ships escaping out of that Bay, he divided his Squadron, and sent Captain *Vincent* with one half to the South side, and himself steered with the rest to the Northward; and as he had conjectured three French Privateers, upon the appearance of Captain *Vincent* and the Ships with him, immediately stood to the Northward, and so came in the Commodore's view, whereof one of 12 and another of 14 Guns were chased ashore and burnt, and the third of 10 Guns was taken. In the mean time Captain *Vincent* with his Boats rowed in the night undiscovered into the Gulph, where there lay 4 Ships, whereof the biggest was formerly taken from us, and was called the *Selwin*; She had her full Cargo, and was richly laden, but all her Sails were on Shore: Our Boats burnt one, sunk another, and towed out a third, which was a Consort of the other Privateers; the fourth was boarded by one of our Boats, but by accident blew up: This alarmed the Enemy in those Parts, and it put them under great Consternation to see the Ships burning thus on both sides of their Bay. The Squadron looked into *Port a Pee*, a Harbour on the North side, to see if there were any Ships there, but found none. These 4 Privateers which have been taken and burnt were all they had, and were designed to sail with 500 Men to the North side of *Jamaica*, to make a Descent, and to plunder and destroy the Country. The French compute the Loss they have sustained by the taking and destroying the said Ships and their Cargo to be about 18000 £ . Sterling, and we have taken 120 Prisoners.

Ratisbome, June 25. The Elector of *Bavaria* being advanced towards *Kueffstain*, a Post on the Borders of the Country of *Tirol*, made himself Master of that Town on the 19th Instant by a very unlucky Accident. The Garrison on his Approach set fire to two Houses near one of their Bastions, which might have given shelter to the Enemy; the Wind was then favourable for them, but it turned on a sudden, and drove the Flames with such violence against the Castle, that they set fire to two Powder Towers, which blew up and carried with them the best part of the Bastion; whereupon the Elector ordered the Assault to be immediately made, and in this Confusion his Men spread into the Place. General *Walkenslein*, the Commander, found means to escape to *Rosenburgh*, another Town on the *Inn*, with 400 of his Men, but the rest were taken Prisoners. The Elector is marched wide of *Rosenburgh* towards *Innsbruck*, an open Place, and of no Defence. General *Geschnwind*, who commands the Imperial Forces in the Country of *Tirol*, is getting together what Troops he can to oppose him; and the Counts *de Schlick* and *de Solari*, who, according to our last Accounts, were at *Riedhaus*, on the Frontiers of the *Upper Austria*, will, it's hoped, be able to reinforce him time enough to prevent any further Success. It is said the Elector expects to be joined by a Detachment of French Forces from *Italy*; but we have no account of what is doing in that Country, our Letters from thence having been intercepted by the *Bavarians*. The *Bavarian* Forces commanded by the Count *de Monasterode* are separated, and having provided the Towns of *Rothenberg* and *Amberg* with good Garrisons, the rest of them retired the last week with great Precipitation to *Kelheim*, from whence they are to march towards *Tirol*. Thus they have left the whole Country of the *Upper Palatinate* at the Discretion of the Imperial Forces under the Margrave of *Bareith*, who is now at *Newmark*; and last night one of his Parties of 500 Men came into this Neighbourhood, and alarmed the *Bavarian* Forces which are in possession of our Gate and Bridge on the *Danube*, that they did not come near the Town. The Marshal *de Villars* was still on the 21st Instant with his head Quarters at *Gaudefingen*, but his Army had made a small Motion, having itched out their Right as far as *Hochstet*; where they are re-

pairing their Bridge on the *Danube*, which River it is probable they may pass when the Imperial Army approaches nearer to them: In the mean time they have put the Towns of *Gettingen*, *Papenhain*, *Rosenhain*, and all the Country thereabouts, under Contribution. We have no further Advices from the Imperial Army under Prince *Lewis* of *Baden*; since his putting himself at the head of it on the 16th, when he reviewed the Troops, and found them about 30000 strong, and in a very good Condition.

Cologne, June 29. Letters from the Upper Rhine of the 25th Instant say, the French Army under the Duke of Burgundy was still encamped between *Lauterbourg* and *Croonweilsembourg*; but not being in a Condition to attempt any thing, it was believed they would soon retire towards *Strasbourg*.

From the Camp at *Moll* and *Balen*, July 2. The 29th part the Army commanded by his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough* continued their March from *Borchloen*, made only a little halt that night near *Hasselt*, and having the next day passed over the Rivers *Herch* and *Demer*, on several Bridges made for that purpose, encamped between *Coursell* on the Right, and *Beringen* on the Left, where the Artillery and Bagage, which had been sent away from *Borchloen* by *Tongerren*, and passed within a League of *Mastricht*, for the better conveniency of their March, joined us again that night. A French Party of 28 Men, some of them Horse, and the rest Foot, fell in with our advanced Guards on the first days March, whereof a Lieutenant and two of his Men were killed, and the Commanding Officer, with the rest of the Party, were taken Prisoners. As the Duke of *Marlborough* marched by the Town of *Hasselt*, the chief Magistrates came out of the Gates to wait on his Grace, and presented him with Refreshments of Wine and Sweetmeats. Yesterday the Army reited at *Coursell*, and this day marched again about 4 Leagues, and we are now encamped with our Right at *Moll*, and our Left at *Balen*, from whence we are to march to-morrow to *Herrnhals*. The Marshal *de Boufflers* was detached the 29th part from the French Camp, which was then near *Dieff*, with all the Dragoons; and several Squadrons of their Cavalry, each Horseman having a Foot-Soldier behind him, making by Computation about 15000 Men. They marched the next day through *Leer*, and went directly to *Antwerp*. The Marshal *de Villeroi*, with the rest of their Army, is marching the same way, and encamped yesterday at *Westerloe*. The Rt. Hon. the Lord *Curtis*, Lieutenant-General, joined the Army while we were yet at *Borchloen*, as did also about 80 Recruits for the Lord *Trevor's* Regiment of Dragoons, and some for the Foot. We just now receive an Account from *Breda*, That Monsieur *d'Obdam* was escaped thither, the Body under his Command, which is reckoned to be between 7 and 8000 strong, having been entirely defeated by the French near *Antwerp*; but we hope the Advantage which the Enemy has got over them is not so great as these Advices make it.

Hague, July 3. N. S. The first Instant in the evening a Courier arrived here, sent by Monsieur *d'Obdam* from *Breda* with an Account, That the French near *Antwerp* having received a considerable Reinforcement from their main Army, came out of their Lines the 30th part, and surrounded the Body of our Forces under his Command, and had entirely routed them; That he had escaped to *Breda* with only 30 Horse, and could give no further Account of those Troops. This put all Men here under great Consternation, and the States General met immediately, and sat in Consultation till one in the morning, and then dispatched Monsieur *Geldern* and two other Deputies towards the Frontiers, with Money and Instructions, to prevent as much as could be the evil Consequences of this supposed Disaster; but in their way thither they met with a Courier dispatched by Monsieur *Hop*, Treasurer General to the States and their Deputy in that Army, with a Letter to the States, which they opened, and finding in it a quite contrary Account, they returned hither. The Letter is as follows.

High and Mighty Lords,
 Upon my Arrival 2 days ago at the Camp at *Ekeren*, an Express arrived there with Letters from the Duke of *Marlborough* and Monsieur *d'Auverquerque*, giving an Account of their March, and that the Enemy decamped at the same time, and advanced towards the *Demer*, from whence