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At the Court at Windsor, August 13. 1705.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**H**ER Majesty is Graciously pleased this Day to Order, That all Ships belonging to the Subjects of the States General of the United Provinces, which have been taken by any of Her Majesty's Ships of War or Privateers, or which are now under Arrest in any of Her Majesty's Ports, together with their Loadings, be forthwith released; and that for the future no Ships, having Passes from the said States General to Trade with France, be taken or molested in their Voyage by any of Her Majesty's said Ships of War or Privateers; Her Majesty having already opened the Trade with the Dominions of Spain for the Advantage of Her Own Subjects. And Her Majesty is pleased further to Declare and Order, That Instructions be now given for the future to the Commanders of Her Majesty's Ships of War and Privateers, not to bring up or molest either the Ships of Her Own Subjects, or those of the Subjects of the States General, furnished with proper Passes from Her Majesty or the said States General respectively, so as they do not carry any Goods or Merchandise which are Contraband. And all Commanders of Her Majesty's Ships of War, as well as Privateers, or Merchant Ships having Letters of Marque, are to conform themselves herunto, notwithstanding any Commissions or Instructions heretofore given them to the contrary. And for their more particular Direction for the future, his Royal Highness, Lord High Admiral, is forthwith to Order such Instructions to be prepared, as may be proper for the Commanders of Ships of War and Privateers in this behalf, to be delivered to them as soon as may be.

Chris. Musgrave.

*Moscow, July 15. N. S.* Here are Letters from Cronshlofs in the Bay of Finland of the 18th of last Month with Advice, That on the 4th the Swedish Fleet, consisting of 20 Sail of Ships, came before that Castle, and on the 6th began to fire upon it, and upon the Czar's Ships which lay there, both with great and small Shot, and threw several Bombs, but with little effect. The Swedes likewise endeavoured to land some Men on the Island Refardet, but were beaten back with the Loss of 50 or 60 Men killed, and 35 taken Prisoners, two of them Captains. They renewed their

Attack the 10th with great Vigour, but were again repulsed; and the 14th they went off to Sea. These Advices add, That several of the Swedish Ships were said to be very much damaged by the Fire from the Castle, and the Russian Ships; so that it was believed the Swedes would hardly make a third Attempt.

*Falmouth, August 9.* On the 7th Instant came in here Her Majesty's Ship the Penzance from cruising in the North Chanel, having under her Convoy the Mary Brigantine of London, laden with Sugar from Nevis, but last from Milford, with the Reformation of Topsham, and the Elizabeth of Liverpool, both laden with Rock-Salt from Liverpool. Yesterday the Wolfembourg and the Young Heer, two Privateers of Flushing, came in from cruising, and brought with them as Prize the Santa Maria of and from Bilboa, laden with Wooll and Iron. The Commanders report, That on the 6th Instant, in the Latitude of Ushant, they saw two of Her Majesty's Ships, belonging to Sir George Byng's Squadron, engaged with two French Men of War; and that the remainder of that Squadron being near them, they doubt not but the French Ships are taken; And that the 7th, about 6 Leagues South-East from this Place, they saw 3 of our Frigats give Chase to a single Ship, and one of them came up with her, and gave her several Broadfides: They suppose her to be also a French Cruiser, and believe she could not escape.

*Plimouth, August 12.* On the 8th Instant came in here Her Majesty's Ships the Chatham and Medway, with a French Prize, being a Man of War of 54 Guns; as did also Her Majesty's Ship the Triton, which brought in upon Suspicion the St. Anthony of Genoa, laden with Wool from Bilboa. The 9th came in one of Her Majesty's Ships, and under her Convoy 38 Sail of Merchant-men from Barbadoes; and the Sidney Galley and Hart Prize from the Canaries. The 10th came in the Concord of Biddeford from Lisbon. That night and the next morning we had a terrible Storm, in which some Merchant Ships were cast away, and others driven on Shore. The Men of War are all safe, but some were forced to cut their

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