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Plymouth, Aug. 23.

THis day arrived here from the *Streights* severall English Merchant ships, which came in company with the *Holland* and *Smirna* Fleet homewards bound, amongst others a ship of this Town formerly taken by the *Sally* Corsairs, and turned into a man of war, and since retaken.

From on board the *Revenge* off the *North Cape*, Aug. 13. On the 19th past *Sir Edward Spragge* with his division, having at *Lisbonne* taken in his provisions and cleaned, went out to sea, having under his Convoy severall Merchant ships bound for *England*; the next day early in the morning hearing severall Guns to the Westwards, he made all the sail he could towards the noise, and in less then an hour time discovered Two Turks men of war attacking a *Swede*, to whose timely rescue he came, the Turks immediately making away with all the sail they were able; after some time spent in a fruitless chase, *Sir Edward* returned to his Convoys, leaving the *Swede* to her liberty, who had Three men only killed. The 27th standing in with the shoar under *Cap Mount*, he discovered another Turk close under the shoar, but no wind then stirring, the Turk had time to recover his boat which had been sent to shoar, but returned with so much hulk, that Twelve of their men were left behind to the mercy of the Portugueses, who killed Three of them and took the rest prisoners; about Four of the clock the wind blowing Northerly, the Turk kept his course to the Southwest, right with the *Burlings*, towards which place the *Warwick* with some other vessels in vain pursued him, leaving the farther chace of him to *Van Ghent* with his Dutch Squadron, who then was riding under the *Burlings*.

The 5th instant *Sir Edward* came to an Anchor off *Oporto*, whither came to him five Merchant ships from that Port bound for *England*, who put themselves under his protection, who being the 18th instant again under sayl, he met with the *Lisbonne Merchant* an old Collier in 14 dayes from *London* bound for *Lisbonne*, mostly laden with Coals, but had the fortune the 6th instant near the shoar in the Latitude of 42 degrees and an half, to be set upon by the Admiral, of *Argier* of 60. Guns, and 700. men, with his consort of 40. Guns and 500. men, (supposed to have been the same, which a little before had attempted the *Swede*) The Admiral immediately boarded the poor Merchant, who had only 25 men and 16 Guns, clapping on as many men as they thought sufficient to have mastered her, and went off again, but the English entertained them with so much courage, that they in little time cleared the ship, forcing all the Turks overboard, with little loss, besides that of the Master of the ship, one *Newman*, a young man who was knockt on the head; The Turks Admiral perceiving the ill success of his men, came up again and boarded the Merchant with a great number of men, who continued the dispute for about three Glasses,

in which time they lost many men, the rest being forced to throw themselves overboard, amongst whom was one *Browne* a Renegado, but now Lieutenant to the Admiral, and a leading man in this encounter: After this the Admiral came up the third time; but his men were so terrified, that only seven of them durst adventure on board, whereof six were immediately killed, and the other taken prisoner; This done the Turks left her to pursue her Course, wearing very eminent marks of that Encounter. *Sir Edward Spragge* gave her all the assistance he could, and left her on her way for *Lisbonne*, himself going on to secure the ships under his Convoy.

Cadix, July 30. Here is newly arrived a French Tartan which left *Tetuan* the 26th instant, informing that *Tassillette* having intelligence that the people of *Suz* had united their forces with those of *Santa Cruz*, marched towards the farther part of *Suz*, with an Army of One hundred and forty thousand men, which so terrify'd those people, that they presented him with their Leaders head, and with great submission begged his pardon; in confidence whereof, *Tassillette* marched towards *Santa Cruz*, with whose Governour, the people of *Suz* repenting of what they had done, underhand renewed their League, and unexpectedly setting upon his Army, wholly routed it, killing a Brother of *Tassillette* who led the Van, himself hardly escaping, by night went to *Morocco* only with four Horse; his great Army dispersed and wholly broken in pieces: He has since sent to *Fez*, *Tetuan*, and other places for recruits, but was refused, which is taken as a certain Omen of his approaching destruction.

Cadix, Aug. 10. *Sir Thomas Allen* with a Squadron of Six Fregats touched lately at this Port from whence he departed the 6th instant, having not met with any considerable adventure upon the coasts of *Barbary*, more then the taking of an excellent Breagantine of 28 Oars, and well equipped, belonging to the Duan of *Argiers*, which he forced on shoar, and afterwards fetched off with his Pinnaces without any loss, and designed her for the service of the Garrison of *Tangier*.

Nadrid, Aug. 20. The 7th instant *Sir William Godolphin* had an Audience from the Queen Regent upon the death of Madam, to whom he delivered Letters from His Majesty of Great Britain his Master upon that subject which the Queen received with many expressions of sorrow; the Court hath since put on mourning upon that occasion, and the Nobility, Councillors, and forreign Ministers made their compliments of condolence to the said *Sir William Godolphin*.

On the 8th dyed in this Court *Limosnera*, Mayor to the Queen and Patriarch of the Indies in the 85th year of his age, the Queen has been pleased to confer that dignity upon his Nephew Don *Anonso Maurique*.

The Presidentship of *Flanders* which has been long vacant, is conferred on the Marquis de *Casal Rodrigo*, who is also to retain his Charge of Master of the Horse.

The 13th instant, the Conde de *Molina* began his journey towards *England*,

Dantzic.

Dantzic, Aug. 20. The General Land-day for *Prussia*, is broken up without any Resolution, by reason of a quarrel between *Bonkousky* the Uay-uode or Palatin of *Pomerella*, and *Inliasky* Uay-uode of *Marienberg*, the former appearing with a Company of Foot, a Company of Dragoons, and a Troop of horse, the latter having only with him 30. Horse, thought it necessary to call in several of the Gentry, to ballance the number of his Adversary; during the Assembly so much opposition was made on either side, that the Deputies of the Cities fearing they might proceed with so much violence as to hazard the Peace of the Country; resolved to depart and put an end to that Assembly; some other of the lesser Diets in *Poland* have been also broken up with as little success, which gives us some reason to fear the issue of the General Assembly.

The Polish Letters farther tell us, that the Cossacks of *Dorofensko's* party have taken and burnt the Town of *Bialacierkieu*, and were besieging the Castle, which was feared might run much danger for want of Ammunition, but that General *Sobiesky* had sent away a Convoy of all necessaries for its relief, with 2000 men, under the Command of the Sieur *Chelmsky*.

Venice, Aug. 23. Our Letters from *Constantinople* inform us, that Chevalier *Bayly Molino* arrived there the 27th of *June*, having left the Visier at *Galipoli*, intending from thence to pass to *Adriano-ple* to consult with the Grand Segnior what measures to take in relation to the present state of affairs in *Constantinople*, where the Emperors brother has much gained upon the affections of the Janisaries, who seem resolved to protect him: the Visier still continues careful for the re-peopling of *Candia*, to erect there Magazines, and to establish a Trade.

On Saturday last went hence the Gally called *La Braevians*, bound for *Dalmatia*, having on board Two Companies of Foot, which are to be disposed of for the reinforcement of some of our *Gariso's*: the next day sailed the *Sampson* and the *Golden Cross*, two of our men of war for *Zante*, with many Gentlemen on board them, carrying also the sum of 40 thousand Ducats, consigned to Proveditor General *Bernardo*, and 60 thousand *Cecchines* for General *Molino*.

The same day arrived here the Gally *Barbarigo* from *Zante*: telling us, that Ten ships are lately come in there with many Horses and Soldiers aboard them, bound for *Liesna*; and that the Proveditor *Bernardo* intended in person to undertake their Convoy, and to return again by the 25th instant, to take order for the exchange of several prisoners with the Turks.

A Petach arriving from *Alessandria* tells us, that the Plague rages much at *Tripoli* in *Syria*, and *Cyprus*, whereof the English Consul is dead; but that in all those places they are in great expectation of Consuls from this Republick, and the return of our Trade to those parts: this Petach met with the Captain of our Galeasses upon his way towards the Cape *Santa Maria*, having had intelligence of Four Pyrats who had much infested those seas, and had made some attempts upon an English ship, and one other belonging to *Legorn*, but were forced off without success: at *Zante* he met with Segnior *Battaglia*, late Governor of *Suda*, who had delivered up his charge to his successor *Pesaro*, who was well received by the Garrison, which he found in great order and good discipline.

The Senate have now given out their dispatches to Segnior *Giou: Marofini*, who will in little time set forwards to enter upon his charge of Proveditor to the Armata; several ships of great bulk are fitting

up to attend him, and amongst others, the great *Alexander*.

Segnior *Michaeli*, the Ambassador from this Republick in the Court of *Savoy*, being at his Audience, one of his Pages upon an affront received from a Page belonging to the French Ambassador, happened to draw his sword, at which the Duke being offended, sent afterwards to the Ambassador to demand his Page, whom he refusing to deliver, the Duke sent his Guards to beset the Ambassadors house, who then was forced to deliver up his Page, who was immediately restored to him again by the Duke. This Republick ill resenting this procedure of the Duke, have recalled their Ambassador, and sent to *Rome* to the person designed by the Duke of *Savoy* for his Ambassador to this place, to let him know that they cannot (upon what has happened) entertain him with that welcome which otherwise he might have expected.

Hague, Sept. 5. The news of the sudden march of the French forces put the States upon their Guard, who immediately ordered forces to be sent to strengthen the frontiers, but upon better information, that those forces were designed upon *Lorraine*, all jealousies are vanished, but it is still thought fit to reinforce *Maestricht* with Six Companies of Foot, and Two Troops of Horse: the *Rittingrave*, the Governor of that place is also endeavouring to put the Townsmen into Arms, and to form them into Twenty Companies of Foot, who are to be exercised and instructed in the war for the better defence of the place; he is likewise taking care that the Corn in *Outremcuse* and *Vroonhoeve* may be thrashed out and brought into the Magazine at *Maestricht*.

The Government of *Boisleduc*, lately void by the resignation of the Prince de *Tarente*, is conferred on Colonel *Kilpatrick* a Scotch Officer, who has long served the States.

The *East-India Company* have lately resolved to set out 28 ships, and to send with them 8000 soldiers into the *East-Indies*, and to encourage such persons as are willing to go over to inhabit their Plantations in those parts, have promised them a free passage thither.

The Commahder *Schay* is lately returned with his Convoy into the *Texel*, only one of his number was cast away at the entry into the *Texel*, but most of the Goods saved.

Paris Sept. 6. The Army designed for *Lorraine*, on Thursday last Encamped near *Reims*, from whence they intended to march to *Menebou*. The Chevalier *de Fourille* who possessed himself of *Nancy*, sent lately a Summons to the Governour of *Chassel* upon the *Moiffelle*, and to know whether he kept that place for his most Christian Majesty, or for the Duke of *Lorraine*, but he answering for neither, but for his Sovereign Prince *Charles* of *Lorraine*; he has not yet resolved in what method to proceed with him.

The Prince of *Tarente* having quitted his Employment in *Holland* with his Religion, on the third instant made a solemn profession of the Roman Catholic Religion at *St Angers*, in the presence of the Bishop of that place.

Monseigneur *Offave de Perigny* President of the third Chamber of Enquests, and Tutor to the Dauphin, dyed the first instant at *St Germaines* of a continued Feavor. The Dauphin has been ill of a Tertian Ague, which after two dayes changed into a double Tierce, but the fits less violent then before; Little Madam has been also ill, but upon change of the Air (she being now at *Ruel*) is sensibly upon Recovery.

The Marechal *de Creguy* lay the 30th past at *Mets*, and was expected at *Nancy* the first instant.