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Pembroke, May 8.

Four Colliers, coming from *Ireland*, met by the way with two Turks Men of War, who conveyed them safe into the Mouth of *Milford*, and then returned back again to Sea, in search after French and Dutch Vessels: Five of them, victualled lately in *Ireland*, whereof these were two, who say there are seventeen of them about the Coasts of *England* and *Ireland*.

Margate, May 13. Yesterday the *Lilly* brought into the Road a Dutch Galliot, with Ballast, bound for *Bordeaux*, which is sent as Prize to *London*. And this day the *Fox* brought in a Dutch Prize of 100 Tun, laden at *Nantes*, and sent her to *London* as Prize.

Newcastle, May 15. Several Ships belonging to *Lynne*, went on *Saturday* last from this Port, where there still remain with us about twenty Sail. Here are two Vessels come into this Haven, one of them an *Hamburgher*, the other an *Hulmer*, with Deal and Tar from *Bergen in Norway*.

Barnstable, May 15. A small Dutch Man of War, of six Guns, lying upon the Coast, doth much interrupt the Trade of these parts, and has lately taken 3 Vessels of this Harbor, about 12 Leagues West of the Isle of *Lundy*, all of them laden with Cattel and Sheep for *Ireland*.

Raab, April 22. Incurfions are still continued by each Party on the Frontiers, which though begun by the *Turks*, they are the first that require Satisfaction, being very importunate for Reparation of Damages done them upon the last Irruption of the *Hussars*. We have little hopes of the ceasing of these Hostilities, which rather every day grow higher, since the Death of the *Bassa d'Offen*, who labored much for the peace of these Countries. For our Defence, Order is given to repair to *Leopold*, (the new Fort so call'd, upon the River *Waagh*), and to put all our Frontier Towns into a posture of Defence.

Offen, May 23. S. N. We are advised from *St. Sebastians*, That a Spanish Ship of that place, bound for *Ireland*, was met by a French Caper from *Bayonne*, in the Bay, who took her and carried her into the Port; of which, notice being immediately given to *St. Sebastians*, they seized upon all the French Vessels in their Port, and took away their Sails from their Yards, securing them till they were informed of the release of their Ship; which, upon the News, was presently done, and the French likewise received again their Sails.

On *Friday* last some French Capers at *Flushing*, insulting over the *Flemish* Masters lately carried up, commanded 'em under Hatches; which the Masters refused, pleading, that they were Freemen, and in a free Country, some of the Inhabitants making the same Plea for them: But the French, by their insolent Replies, so exasperated the Townsmen, that they began to throw Stones; whereupon the French taking up their Muskets and Carabins, fired amongst them, and mortally hurt a *Burgher*, wounding another in the Arm: Upon which the Tumult grew very high, but was, in the end, appeased by 3 Companies of Soldiers, who apprehended and secured about a dozen of the French.

Middleburgh, May 18. We are certainly informed, that 12 Men of War, from 36, to 54, Guns, are ordered to take the first opportunity of a fair Wind, and to set sail for the *Sound*, to put some stop, as they report, to the English trading in those parts, but 'tis believed to be rather a device to draw in Seamen, who appear so unwilling to the War, that 'tis generally said, the Fleet are little more than half mann'd. The Prince of *Orange*, Elector of *Brandenburgh*, and Prince *Maurice*, have been lately at the *Texel*, to take a view of the Fleet, where they were received with great Expressions of Joy; and in their return were treated very splendidly at *Amsterdam*: by the Magistrates of that City. Extraordinary diligence is now used in hastening out the Ships to Sea from all places. Several Brass Guns are taken from the Walls of this Town for the Service of Admiral *Everfson*, as they have been formerly from the Walls of *Cambray*

for Vice-Admiral *Banker*. All the Mariners from this Island were with the Soldiers brought from the Garrison in *Flanders*, shipped upon *Friday* and *Saturday* last, and the Ships are preparing for a Rendezvous, being about 15, besides Fire-ships, and so to set sail for the *Texel*. The States have conferred the Charge of Master of the Horse to the Prince of *Orange*, upon Monsieur *de Ouwerkerk*; that of Steward upon Captain *Bay*; that of Chamberlain upon Monsieur *de Villers* the Younger.

Paris, May 26. Orders are sent from the Court to *Amiens* for the burning all the Hides, Serges, and other Woollen Manufactures, Silk-Stockings, &c. which come from *England* by *Offend*, *Bruges*, *Newport*, &c. As well by reason of the Difference heretofore concerning the Trade with *England*; as for that the Contagion is said to be in those three places: And that all Commodities which come from *England* for *Paris*, are unladen at *Amiens*. We continue the Provision of all sorts of Habillments for War, which are sent to the Frontier Towns. Four hundred flat bottom'd Boats are order'd to be built in several Towns, whereof many are already furnished.

Hague, May 21. Van *Beuninghen*'s last Letters are likewise made secret, and suppressed; but we say here, that King stands arm to his Declaration, that he will warrant *Denmark* in the Treaty, it hath with us, though he refuse to make any formal Act of it. We press hard the departure of the French Troops, the day appointed for their march being to-morrow: The way is still in contest, they of *Gauldre* contesting much, that they may not touch their Territories in their passage. In a particular Complement to the French, the *Sieur de Candale* is allowed to raise a Troop of Horse in *Maestricht*; at which that Town is much alarmed, being a matter without all example. We are sifted here by the French Ambassador, how far we could be willing *Sueden* should refuse the Mediation *France* failed in between us and *England*. And, it's supposed, this is part of Van *Beuninghen*'s last dispatch, but what Answer will be given in it, is not yet said; only we seem, in the general, to suspect *Sueden* as too partial for *England* in this Quarrel, remembering the account they themselves have to clear with us, much of the same nature with that *England* pretends to in this War. The Deputies of the Admiralty of *Zealand* being here, we are now upon the great Council, what, and how, we shall act with our Fleet this Summer; which is a matter few will be received into the secret of; and in order to which, a meeting of the States is appointed. The *Sieur Appelboom* hath put in a sharp Complaint upon the restraint of several *Suedish* Ships; in which, we say, he shall have Satisfaction, if the Admiralty of *Amsterdam*, whose Deputies are now here, own the Fact. The Town of *Enbden* taking the Alarm at our resolution of sending 13 Companies into *Oostfriez*, hath writ-hittier to prevent it, alledging, it is against the Agreement made between us: But are not like to work any Alteration in the matter. Being freed from the Bishop, we begin now to reckon with our Neighbors of *Flanders*, and in order to it a particular Deduction is framing (with intent to make it publick) of all the Complaints we have against the *Marques Castel Rodrigo*, during the late War with the *Bishop*. No complement having been made to the *Sieur Ulloa*, Minister here from the King of *Portugal*, upon the death of the Queen-Mother of *Portugal*, though he notified it many weeks since, it hath been thought fit, upon his Complaint of the Omission, to order the *Sieur de Heyde* to make it in the usual Form, which serves but to make the neglect hitherto the more observed. At last it's resolved the French Troops shall begin their march the fourth of *June*; and that a Bridge shall be made at *Maestricht* for their passage. The dispatch of the Forces to *Holstein* is at a stand a while, till the mind of the Provinces be expressly taken in it, which the *Danes* are impatient to know, betraying a strange Fret and Apprehension of their Neighbors.

We are told daily from the *Texel*, that our Fleet is ready to sail, but we find indeed Men and Money wanting; the first occasion'd more particularly by the number of Merchant-men licenced, or at least permitted to go to Sea of late; the second, from Reasons that we all see, the monstrous Expence of this War: So as tho' *Holland* yet keep up its Credit, the rest of the Provinces have wholly worn out theirs. And yet for all this, we suspect we shall be awed out of our Inclinations, and advances towards a good Accommodation, by the prevalency of the French Interest among us, who will drive us to Sea, how ill provided soever with Men or Hearts.

Dublin, May 2. The Archbishop of *Dublin*, with the Dean and Chapter of *St. Patrick's*, having granted to the French Protestants of this City *St. Maries Chapel*, for their Church Assembly, a place depending upon this Cathedral; His Grace the Duke of *Ormond*, Lord-Lieutenant of *Ireland*, who had by his Bounty contributed very largely to its Reparation, was pleas'd to countenance their first Assembly with his presence, whither he came *Sunday April 29.* his Guard and Gentlemen preceding him, with the Maces and Sword carried before him; accompanied by the Lord Primate of *Ireland*; the Lord Archbishop of *Dublin*; Lord High Chancellor of *Ireland*; the Council of State, and several great Lords, and other Persons of Quality, of both Persuasions, followed by the Lord Mayor, with the Sheriffs and Officers of the City, who had the Sword and Mace likewise carried before him: There was also present at the Solemnity her Grace the Duchess of *Ormond*, accompanied by the Countess of *Arran*, and followed by a great Train of Ladies of Quality: All of them having taken the Places designed for them, Monsieur *Hierosme*, his Grace's Chaplain, and now Minister of this new Church, read the Service of the Church of *Ireland* in French, which was heard with much devotion: After which, being conducted by the Verger to the Pulpit, he made them an excellent Sermon upon the Occasion; which ended, the Archbishop of *Dublin*, giving the Benediction likewise in French, dismissed the Assembly, his Grace, the Lord-Lieutenant and his Lady, being reconducted to the Castle with the same Ceremony as they came.

Ostend, May 27. We have even now received certain intelligence, that the *Zealand* Fleet of 15 Ships of War, and Fire-ships, set sail on *Sunday* morning last, to join with the *Hollanders* Fleet at the *Texel*; which they report to be ready to put to Sea, having 5 Ships in their Company, for *East-India*, outwards bound.

Poole, May 17. On the 14th instant here arrived the *Anthony*, a Privateer, with 3 Prizes, tho' one of them be in dispute, the other 2 are apparent Enemies. We have not heard of late of any Disturbance upon our Coasts.

Isle of Wight, May 16. The Easterly Winds have driven many Vessels into our Seas; particularly the *Guiny* Frigate and *Serlings*, with 24 more in her company, came in yesterday morning by *St. Helens* to the *Spithead*, passing into *Cowes-Road*; among them was a small Spanish Man of War, with several Ostenders under his Convoy, the rest English. In the evening came in 24 more small English; who came in by *St. Helens*, and pass'd through towards *H.rst*, in order to pass the *Needles*: Late in the Evening 2 more adventur'd in, one of them the *Eagle*, the other a Dutch bottom of 400 Tuns, who both ran a ground, upon a place call'd *No-Man-Land*; and had run some hazard, had they not been presently assist'd by other Ships near them. The 14th instant another *Dover* Packet-Boat, homewards bound from *Newport*, was taken and carried into *Dunkirk*, the Master, his Men, and all the Passengers imprisoned.

Beale, May 17. Capt. *Legate*, Commander of the *Fountain*, took lately a French Hoy to the Westward

of *Blackness*, and on *Sunday* night last put 4 of his Men aboard her, and stood after 3 Frenchmen, ordering the Hoy to follow him, which fell upon 2 French Sloops, and was by them retaken; the Men escaping in the Boat; but the *Fountain* continuing his Chase near *Bologne*, ran the Frenchmen a ground, and returned again towards *Blackness*, where he again recovered his Prize, beating off the Sloops with his great Guns, and yesterday brought her into the *Downs*, with another French Vessel laden with Wine, whose Men made their escape in their Boat.

From aboard the *Resolution* before *Plimouth*, May 15. His Excellency the Earl of *Sandwich* being landed at the *Groyne*, order was given to the *Oxford* and *Fore-sight* Frigats to put out again to Sea, who in little time brought in 2 Prizes, the one laden with Salt, the other with Ballast: Four Dutch Men of War in the mean time keeping close in their Harbors, one of them of 26 Guns, the other of 8 and 12. On *Monday April 30.* having a fair Gale, we put out from the *Groyne*, intending homewards; in the way we got sight of the *Victory*, a French Frigate of 26 Guns, and 207 Men, commanded by a Knight of *Malta*, with several other Ships under his Convoy; after 3 days and Nights Chase, we at last came up with her, and she fairly yielded upon the first shot; what the Company are she had on Board we yet know not, but the Seamen that first boarded her in their Long-boat, returned rich in their plunder of Velvet Coats, Feathers, and other Gallantry: We recovered likewise one of the Vessels under her Charge, the rest got off: The Frigate is a very firm Ship, and when cleansed, will prove an excellent Sailer; the *Fore-sight* lost us in the Chase, but found a French Prize of 60 Tuns; and the *Oxford* and *Hollander* from *Bordeaux* with Wine and Brandy, all of them brought into *Plimouth*.

Portsmouth, May 17. The *Guiny* Frigate arrived here, who give us this account, That when she was at *Lisbon*, the French Man of War (which Major *Halls* formerly gave chase to, off the Rock of *Lisbon*, but lost in the night) being there, the Capt. thereof much bragg'd what he would do, when the *Guiny* should once dare to put out to Sea, making no question of taking her, but taking much Care what he should do with her, and the Prisoners, concluding them already in his Power: Notice hereof being given to Captain *Coyte*, who was very willing and desirous to accept the Challenge, all things were agreed upon, and great Wagers laid on both sides: At the time appointed, the *Guiny* looses her top Sails, weighs, and goes out, (leaving his Convoys behind him,) the Sea-side was immediately covered with numbers of people, expecting the French Champion would have, at least, been so valiant, as to follow; but Monsieur made no haste, but consulting rather his own security, than his Friends Wagers (which were some Thousands of pounds) or his own Honor, was content to let the *Guiny* tyre her self out in Attendance; so that Capt. *Coyte*, having in vain expected him 3 days together, hovering all that time within sight of the Town, returned again into Harbor, from whence bringing out his Convoys, he took leave of his modest Enemy, and set sail homewards, meeting in his return with two Dutch Vessels, the one of between 4 and 500 Tuns, and 14 Guns; the other of 400 Tuns, laden with Salt, which he burnt and destroyed, being unwilling to disable his own Ship to Man them home, expecting in his way some more considerable Enemy.

Whitehall, May 19. Thursday last the Lord *Bellair*, His Majesties Governor of His City of *Tangier*, in *Africa*, arrived here from *Plimouth*, where he had landed, and was very Graciously received by his Majesty, bringing with him a particular account of the good Condition of that Garrison; and of the Peace now concluded by his Lordship with *Guyland*; by which that place will receive very considerable Advantages. The particular Articles you will see elsewhere.