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Scarborough, May 27.

THe Colliers adventuring too rashly without Convoy, this day met with an adventure, which will hereafter make them take more care for their own security: A *Holland Man of War* of 16 Guns, manned by Frenchmen, all but the Master, who is of *Middleburgh*, was observed from hence to come a long very near some laden Colliers from *Cloughton Wyke*, with English Colours; and about a League, North off the Castle, suddenly tackt about, and gave fire at a large light ship, (many other light ships being then going Northwards) and presently took her, the rest taking the Alarm, got under the *Cliffe*, and were secured by a brags *Sacre* we brought thither for that purpose. The Man of War taking his prize with him, put off again to Sea, and made after 9 other laden *Londoners*, and *Ipswich Men*, who had some of them six and four Guns a piece, and fought very stoutly for two houres, but in conclusion, lost one of their number; another being a great *Ipswich* ship, was pursued near the Cattle, a little out of shot, where they fought an hour longer, and about half the time grappled, but the Collier having blown his Decks and Forecastle, in the end got off, though much weakened, with the loss only of one Man.

Pembrok, May 28. The *Martin* Fregat, Captain *Young* Commander, has Convoyed several Colliers safe into the *Severn*, plying between *Milford-Haven*, and the Lands-End for the security of those parts: Here is at present the *Robert* of *London*, laden with *Ogles* and *Sugas* from *Porto Port*, and another with *Wines*, both bound for *London*.

Truroe, May 28. A Vessel is lately secured in *Scilly*, laden with *French-wines*, who pretends to be an *Hamburger*, but ('tis supposed) may prove prize.

Alicante, May 9. Yesterday the *French Navy*, 32 Men of War, 8 *Hollanders*, and 10 *Fineships*, with 18 *Merchants*, appeared before this road, and are (as they give out) bound for *Rochelle*, where they expect to joyn with the *Dutch Fleet*, who are to come about by the North of *Scotland*. The *Reyna*, one of their best ships (of 60 Guns) proves so very leaky, that they are forced to send her into *Cartagena* to be refitted.

Brito, 18. An Extraordinary from the *Marquess de Bayona*, General of the *Spanish Gallies*, informs us, That seven *Spanish Gallies* lately met with twelve *French Gallies* on the Coasts of *Spain*; the *French* very confidently sent to them to strike Sail, they on the other side commanded the *French* to vail, urging their agreement; That in indifferent Seas, the lesser number should strike to the greater, but upon the *Spanish Seas*, the *French*, though more in number, should strike sail to the *Spaniard*, as they upon the *French Coasts* to them. The *French* upon that answer finding withal, that the *Marquess* was preparing rather to fight then vail, enquired only further, whither they were bound, and being answered to *Denia* to conduct the *Empress*, they complementally offered likewise to return with them to wait on her; but this being as gravely refused, they parted from each other without any salute.

Rome, May 15. The last Courier from *Spain*, besides the News of the departure of the *Infanta*, has brought from the Council of *Madrid*, an Express charge to *D. Pedro*, Viceroy of *Naples*, and *D. Juan Baptista Nicolaldo*, (who manages in this Court all affairs of the Court Catholique, in absence of their Ambassadors) to let the Pope and Cardinal *Chisy* know, how much they resent his Holiness dealing with the *Spanish Crown*, in that contrary to his word given (as *Don Pedro* advised them) he took neither the Archbishop of *Saltsborg*, nor *Don Antonio de Bona-*

vides into the promotion: *Nicolaldo* being expressly ordered to declare to his Holiness, that unless those two persons be suddenly promoted, their Council will be forced to some more violent resolutions against the Court of *Rome*: *Monsieur de Bourlemont* is to make the same complaint in relation to the Duke of *Vendosm*; hoping by this means to induce the Pope to fill up the four vacancies reserved *In Petto*, to the satisfaction of *Spain* and *France*; though 'tis thought their menaces will not at all advantage them, the Pope not being easily forced; and is now grown so valiant, as more then ever, to refuse the Execution of the first Article of the Treaty of *Pise*, touching the restitution of *Casiro* to the Duke of *Parma*, to which he says openly, he should never have consented, but upon a misapprehension of the State of *France*.

The Deputies from *Milan* labor hard the reconciliation of the two Dowagers of *Mantua* and *Molena*, which they are in greater probability of effecting, in regard of the jealousy both of them have entertained of the *Venetians*, whose silence in their disturbances they expound for design, rather to embroyl them farther: They are now in Treaty with the *Turk*, and 'tis thought in a fair probability of concluding a Peace, both parties contenting themselves with such places they are already possess off in *Candia*; so that they will have greater leisure to minde their concernment and interest at home.

Genova, May 17. The Princess Mother of *Monaco*, who for the most part hath her residence in this City, has after many endeavors at the last prevailed with her Son, to decline the Treaty long managed at *Paris*, for the exchange of the Port and Sovereignty of *Monaco*, for larger revenues in *France*, which has been so long desired by his Lady, Daughter to the Marshal de *Grammont*: This long Negotiation being upon a sudden frustrated, to the great satisfaction of the Duke of *Savoy*, and the Republicque of *Genova*.

Madrid, May 20. The Earl of *Sandwich*, Ambassador Extraordinary for the King of *England*, has lately been detained in his way by a distemper, for which he hath been twice let blood, and upon recovery, and is hastning hither, where he is expected the 26 current, all things being in readyness for his reception, which is intended to be in a very splendid manner to his person and employment. Nothing is to be done in any English business till his arrival, and Sir *Robert Southwell*'s audience that was appointed on *Munday* last, is upon that account deferred.

The *Empress* is now at *Gandia*, about four leagues on this side *Denia*, where, for the healthiness of the place, she is to stay till the Gallies come together to *Denia*; which 'tis thought will hardly be before the middle of *June*.

Don John of Austria who came hither to take his leave of the *Empress*, hath continued here, though in private, ever since, and hath frequently private Conferences with the *Queen*, which gives much occasion for discourse in this Town.

Letters from *Cadix* inform us, that *Gayland* has been lately much worsted by the young King of *Fez*, and besren out of a great part of those Countreys he formerly possess, of which particulars we expect a further account; *Titan* declaring to be *Neutral*.

Middleburg, June 4. The Ships are at length parted from this Island to go forwards to the Rendezvous; one of them is left behinde for want of men, those that were in it being taken out to supply *Admiral Exerisen*. We are now assured, that the *Holland Fleet* is gone out to Sea, and as they give out, about 80 sail.

The Prince's Dowager went the first instant from the *Hague* with all her train for *Cleve*; the Prince of *Orange* accompanying her to the Port of *Delft*, where she took Boat, with the Electress *d'Anhalt*, and the Prince's *Maria*, with other Ladies: The Prince taking his leave of her, returned again to the *Hague*, where he intends some stay, and afterwards for *Cleve*, to be present at the solemnity of the marriage.

The *Zealanders* are again *de novo*, passing the Prince's admittance into the Council.

The *French* were to march out of *Zwyl* the second instant, well furnished with all necessary Provisions, and were the next day to meet with the Garrison of *Daventers*, and to march together towards *Aerakem*, and so onwards to the Rendezvous at *Boxmeer*.

From *Antwerp* 't is said, that Prince *Torquino* that so accidentally escaped execution, has since obtained his pardon from his excellency the Marquis *de Castel Rodrigo*.

Two Companies having been ordered to pass for *Nimegen* to *Wesel*, they of *Wesel* have sent to excuse the not receiving them, the sickness being so violent at *Nimegen* whence they are to remove.

Paris, June 5. The King has put off his Voyage to *Rochelle*, intending to pass the Summer at *Fountainbleau*, where the Council and Chamber of Justice is to attend him. The Prince *de Morgues* is gone suddenly from hence, without taking his leave of any one, which much surprises the Court, who cannot yet find which way he has taken, whither for *Provence* or *Holland*. The command of the forces designed for the assistance of the King of *Poland*, is committed to the Count *de la Fucillade*, in case the affairs of that Kingdom end not in a friendly composition. The *Swedish* Ambassador is much suspected not to favor the interest of this Kingdom, having been of late observed to carry himself with more reservedness than formerly; but the King has declared, that he shall always take part with the *Danes* and *Hollanders*, against all others whatsoever.

Monsieur de Vivonne with 14 Gallies is gone towards the Coasts of *Italy*, to secure those Seas against the *Corস্যres*, and we are told of several Lords about the Court, that have offered themselves to set out Vessels, and to command them in the Wars against *England*.

On Tuesday last *Monsieur de Ruvoigni* received his last instructions from his Majesty, in order to his Ambassie into *Portugal*, and the next day took post to overtake *Madamoiselle d'Aumale*, who parted some days since for *Rochelle*; accompanied by *Madamoiselle de Vendosme*, the Marquis *de Cocuvre*, *Monsieur de la Route*, and the Bishop of *Laon*, with others; the two former intending a speedy return to *Paris*, so soon as the Ceremonies of the Nuptials are over, which are to be performed at *Rochelle*.

The King has been much troubled, that the *Hollanders* made no greater halt to Sea with their fleet, especially since the *French* were come about intending to have met them, and has sent a second Courier away to the *Hague*, to sollicite the speedy sending away, at least, a Squadron to joyn with the Duke *de Beaufort* for his better security.

Southwold, May 28. A *Dover* Vessel was yesterday morning pursued hither by a *French* Shallop, who upon the firing of a Gun from hence, stood off again to Sea, and was presently chased by the *Blackamore* Pinck, but with her Oars got away.

Plymouth, May 29. The *Surlings* and *Nightingale* are returned hither, having been Cruising several daies before *Morlaix*; in their return they gave chase to a *Caper* at least 40 Leagues, but the *Caper* being clean, escaped them. Three *Swedes* are this day arrived here with Deales, and Tars, &c.

Downs, June 1. The last night came in the *Kent* with a Pink, a pretended *Offender*, but is believed prize.

Harwich, June 2.

The last day of *May*, our Fleet under the command of His Grace, the Duke of *Albemarle*, set sail from the *Downs*, and being on the first of *June*, in the morning, four Leagues off the *Northforeland*, the *Bristol* plying about a League from the Fleet, discovered several Sails; and there upon fired three Guns, one after another for information. About eight of the

clock, from the Top-Mast of the Admiral, were discovered about 11 or 12 Sails; others at the same time, discerning about 20 or 30 towards the Coast of *Flanders*, and presently more, which they concluded to be the *Dutch* Fleet, and accordingly made up towards them, preparing to engage them; in consequence of which, the *Lilly* putting in here from the Fleet, yesterday in the evening, gives us this account; That he saw about one of the clock that day, a Fourth Rate Frigate of ours give fire upon one of the enemy, and immediately 5 or 6 *Dutch* came up, which were presently opposed by 5 more of our Frigates: That about that time, the Duke had backt his Top Sails for about half an hour, and then he saw him ply them again, and so stand towards them. A further account we have received from Captain *Aylett* of the *Portland*, who arriving here from the Fleet with his Frigate, which was disabled by another Frigate's running foul upon him, informs us, That the fight began off of *Dunkirke* towards the Mid-Sea on Friday between twelve and one, the wind being to high, that the lower Tyres became useless; and consequently, the *Dutch* being on the Leewards, their Guns mounted so high, that they could not see our Rigging, but did little execution on the Men or Hulls: That they had much holed and torn the Admirals Rigging, and by accident shot down his standard; at which they made a great shout, but that being presently set up, the shout was returned by our men with advantage; Sir *Robert Holmes* had likewise his Flag shot down, which was also replaced: That some time after, our Admiral and the *Defiance* went to an Anchor, and put on new Sails, and then stood in again: That in this afternoon's engagement few men were observed to be killed; this Captain who had been from the beginning of the fight, still eight at night engaged, having lost but one man.

The Captain confidently affirms, That he saw one of the *Dutch* Ships blown up; whether a Flag or not, he knows not; and that another of their great Ships was fired in the Cabbin, which was at first quenched, but afterwards broke out again and burnt down: This he says he is sure of. He affirms moreover, that he saw two others on fire, which he believed were also *Dutch*.

The Captains report is confirmed by two Merchants that since came in hither.

The *Pembroke* passing by *Harwich*, says, he spake with six *Hamburgers* that had passed the Fleets about Friday at 11 of the clock, who counted the *Dutch* to be 70 or upwards in number.

The Earl of *Ossory* and Sir *Thomas Clifford* went off from *Harwich* to the Fleet on Friday night.

Dover, June 2. This Evening his Highness Prince *Robert*, with the Squadron under his command, passed by from the Westward towards the *Gunfleet*, where he thought to have found the rest of the Fleet; but having advice here that they were gone to finde out the *Dutch*, and meeting with two *Hamburgers*, who report they had passed by the two Fleets yesterday, ten leagues off of the *Flanders* Coast, between *Newport* and *Dunkirke*, within four leagues one of the other, his Highness is making all sail possible to joyn them.

Alborough, June 2. This day is come in hither the *Henry*, Captain *Harman* Commander, who parted from the Fleet, much disabled, at 9 a Clock last night, having had the luck it seems to have a great part of the *Dutch* Fleet upon her single, which she supported bravely, and forced her way quite thorough them, though not without much damage; which the Enemy finding, endeavored to clap a Fireship upon her, but she nimbly brook him off; after which comes up one of their Admirals, and fastned a second Fireship, with which she grappled long, but at last took fire in one of her quarters, which yet she happily quenched; after this a third Fireship was laid on her, which disabled as she was she to maule with her chace peeces, that she cut short her Main-Yard, and so escaped him: she had several of her Men killed and wounded, amongst these later is the Captain himself, but 'tis hoped without danger; she left the Fleet in a very good condition, not one Vessel of ours having been taken, burnt, or sunck. Two of the Enemies biggest ships she saw certainly fired, what other mischief done them she cannot distinctly say.