

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 admision into the Council.

The *French* were to march out of *Zwol* 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* it 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 *Ruvigni* received his last instructions from his Majesty, in order to his Ambassie into *Portugal*, and the next day took post to overtake *Malamoiselle d'Aumale*, who parted some days since for *Rochelle*; accompanied by *Malamoiselle 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 *Blackmore* 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 *Dunkirk* towards the Mid-Sea on Friday between twelve and one, the wind being to high, that the lower Tyes 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 afternoons 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 *Dunkirk*, 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.