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Barnstable, June 8.

**T**He Irish Fleet is lately returned without any accident by the way: The Dutch Caper and a French Merchant now lately taken on the French Coasts, and brought into Milford, were from thence ordered for Bristol, but by contrary winds were forced to put into Milford Cove.

Milford, June 8. The Fleet from Ireland of 38 Vessels laden with Cattle, passed lately by the mouth of this Harbour, and two ships with Virginia Whimsie touched here, and went off again, purchasing their courses.

Bridlington, June 11. On Sunday night last there appeared on this Coast, a Holland Man of War, of about twenty Guns, but we heard not of any thing he has done, only yesterday a Hoy belonging to *Whitby* was taken by him, who still continues riding to the Northwards of *Flamborough* head.

Plymouth, June 12. This day the *Elizabeth*, and the *Oliver* Keich, set sail for the *Guan-Fleet*, having under their Convoy two Tinn ships, two *Vishwallers* for the Fleet; and several Merchantmen: four *Swedes* ships went off this day for *Lisbone*, three of them laden with Deales, and Spars, the other unladen here.

Madrid, June 3. After a tedious Journey from the *Groyne* in *Gallicia*, the Lord Ambassador, the Earl of *Sandwich*, with his Train, are all safe arrived at *Madrid* the 28 of *May*, being met at *El Pardo* one of the Kings Houses, within two Leagues of *Madrid*, by the Master of the Ceremonies, with three of the Queens Coaches; and the same night brought into a very good House, provided and well furnished for the Ambassador himself; and another close by for the Gentlemen of his Retinue, wanting for no accommodations: being nobly treated by the way, especially at *Ashburg* in *Leon*; and at *Valladolid* in *Castilia*, where he was diverted by a Comedy provided purposely for him: He is now entertained upon the Queens charge, the Council allowing 70000 *Rials* for 10 daies expence, which is about 87 *l. Sterling*.

Letters from *Cadix* of *May* 23. Tell us that the Duke de *Beaufort* arrived there on the Tuesday before, with his Fleet, and put again to Sea on the 23, and in said, were bound for *Lisbone*: That before their departure, there arose a quarrel between some of the French, and the *Cadix* Boat-men, about the price of *Mackrell*, which the French would have had at their own rates; both parties growing high upon the dispute, they fell afterwards to blows, and above 2000 *Swedes* drawn upon the shore; but in the end, the French were beaten off, and forced into the Sea, leaving 100 or twelve of their company dead behind them; the *Spaniards* looting only two. This, and several other stories frequently brought thence of the French insolencies, extremely disgust the people of this place; who are not a little troubled also at a report of fresh Men and Provisions sent to the assistance of *Portugal*.

Bruges, June 19. The follys and falsehoods dispersed concerning the late Engagement at *Sea*, are pretty well vanished; and now we have every way true light given from all hands, that the Victory was on the English side; it being generally confessed, that of all the great body of ships that were engaged against the English, there are returned upon the *Wey* before *Flushing* but 51, before *Kamperius* 9, and 7 to the *Meuse*; so that upon the most modest account, they want at least 30 of their ships; which being observed to the *Royalty* at his return, he said he wondered much at it, for that he knew but of four or five sunk and burnt. An Express sent aboard their Fleet from hence to view them at their return, found them extremely torn and shattered, above forty

dead in the ship, on which he went aboard: In passing by *Stags* they shot not off a Gun, and he observed but one Flag amongst them all, their custom, it seems, being for every ship that has lost her Captain, to take down her Flag at her coming in.

The last Letters from *Zeland* confess their retreat, for so they would have it called, which they are willing not to attribute to the English but to a Fogg; and that *Kuyperen*, the Admiral of *Zeland* is sunk with his ship, and that *Tromp* lost three ships one after another, and that they yet miss above 90 of their Fleet.

The *Ruyters* Letter to the States, after the two first days Engagement, confesses their great odds in number, and speaks very advantageously of the English courage and bravery; and all mens mouths are full of the two English Generals praises, whom they extremely admire in all that action, and acknowledge that the *Princes* coming in so opportunely, wholly changed the fortune of the battle.

In fine, when they had cast up their accounts at the *Hague*, and after their own Arithmetics, it was yet ingenuously resolved upon the question, That there should be no *Bonifac* made.

The Marquis de *la Fayette*, a French Reformed in this Engagement, confesses he was three days in the cruellest fight that ever was; that a new Squadron of the English coming in, they gave all for lost, and so, he with some few Mariners got off in a Sloop, with very great hazard, and some toll, which he confesses was yet very well bestowed.

In fine, this Victory has much weakened the Dutch, but infinitely wrought upon their mindes, and taught them, that no advantage of number or circumstances can secure them a Victory in the issue.

*Stockholm*, May 6. We continue here to pursue our Naval preparations with all diligence imaginable; and towards the latter end of this month, a considerable Fleet will be ready to go to the *Sound*, there to watch the motion of the *Danes*. Of this Fleet see the Ships following.

Ships.	Guns.	Ships.	Guns.
The Sword, a new Ship.	99	The Swedish Lyon.	30
The Crown.	92	The Sun.	30
The Scepter.	52	The Moon.	30
The Appell.	78	Jupiter.	32
The Key of the Crowne.	76	Admirant.	32
Victoria.	66	The Hate.	33
The Drake.	64	Phoenix.	35
Saturnus.	64	Gottenburgh.	46
Mercurius.	62	Welterwick.	38
Carolus.	58	Wilsmar.	38
Herculis.	62	Andromeda.	28
Caesar.	62	The Hunter.	26

These are besides these, yet five other great Ships to be made ready to go in company with some nine or ten smaller ones towards the *Sound*, as there shall hereafter be occasion.

*Hague*, June 15. The States reflecting upon the several passages in the late Engagement, attribute the want of their desired success, amongst other things, to divers Captains of great ships, that under several pretences quitted the *Sea*, before the end of the fight; and have written a Letter to the Deputies at *Melvoer-stays*, seeming much to wonder the contrary to an express command, the greatest ships left that fight to being home prizes, leaving the weaker engaged, when it was before ordered to sink all that should be taken, meaning *Reto-Admiral de Swaver* that had blockt in the *Wisse-fare*.

They are now wholly intent upon the setting out again to