

Brother, which 'tis said he has accepted of; but is not yet satisfied with *de Witte*, whom he refused so much as to salute, though they were together at a Table in *Zealand*, when he came to receive the addresses of the principal persons of that Island; and it seems, some of us are as little pleased with him, many being partial for *Bankert* who was his competitor for the place, as foreseeing he will be apt to contest, upon occasion, the superior command with *Trump*.

The Troops intended for *Holstein*, have order to return to their several Garrisons, though the *Dane* still presses their march.

Flushing, June 25. Seven ships are gone out towards *Dunkirk*, but upon what design we yet know not. 'Tis given out, that our whole Fleet, near 80 ships, will be suddenly ready, and this day *de Ruyter* holds a Council on board to consult about their putting to Sea.

Ditto, June 28. 'Tis confidently said, that our Fleet shall be at Sea on Tuesday or Wednesday at the farthest, with about 60 sail; and we talk high (as our manner is) of seeking the English even at the *Thames* mouth. Sixteen ships more are expected to joyn with them from the *Texel*, and so to gather up the seven ships sent before towards *Dunkirk*; by which time we talk likewise of having the French Fleet meet us thereabouts, though we have no certain news where they are of late.

Yesterday in the afternoon *de Witte* parted from hence to go to the Assembly of the States, from whence he intends to return in a day or two; and then, as 'tis said, to follow the Fleet.

Cadix, June 6. The Duke *de Beaufort* has put Men and Ammunition on shore in *Algarves* in *Portugal*, who joyning with the *Portuguese*, have besieged *Ayamonte*, a considerable Town of strength, and are likely to carry it, being Masters of the Field, and no Army to oppose against them. They have likewise made an inroad into the *Condado de Niebla*, and *Estremadura*, advancing as far as *Trigueros* (within fourteen Leagues of *Seville*) which they have taken and sack'd, as they have done *Gebra de Leon*, and *St. Lucar de Guadiana*, plundering the Countrey, and driving away great numbers of Cattle: Their army consisting of 5000 foot, and 2000 horse.

Paris, June 25. Immediately upon the news of the Issue of the fight between the English and Dutch, an express was dispatch away to the Duke *de Beaufort*; but with what orders, or to what place is not known; here being of late no certain news where he is.

We have here great apprehensions of the Emperors sending forces into *Flanders*, which makes us something alter our Councils in the disposal of our forces, whereof a good part is ordered to joyn with the Auxiliaries returning from *Holland*, and to remain on those Frontiers.

The Deputies from *Lyons* have not by all their Addresses, prevented the sending of forces amongst them. The *Daulphins* and other Companies of Guards being ordered to march thither, to correct the insolence of that City, expressed in the late attempt to assassinate the *Sieur Lancaou*, and a Commissary sent to take an exact information of the fact.

Hague, June 29. Upon the desires of some of our Provinces for an accommodation, the French Ambassador is grown very jealous of the too general inclination of our people that way, and has made complaint that without communication had with him, a person was dispatch hence to *England*, with some Overtures of a Peace: and by a Memorial given in for that purpose, has pressed our vigorous pursuance of the War, and proposed the giving to the English a new diversion by some Decent at Land, which *Holland* is forward to, and we are accordingly to communicate with *France*; and in the mean time 6000 men are to be kept ready in *Zealand*, to joyn with 12000 or more French, which are to be drawn down towards *Calais*, and other places upon the Coast.

We are not well satisfied in distributing the rewards according to the *Placart*, those of *de Ruyters* ship complaining, that though their orders kept them off, by their service they ought to be admitted to a share; but *Trump* and *Swaers* are more highly concerned, being cut off from three fourths of what the *Placart* allowed them.

It is here confidently reported, that the French Fleet is come to *Rochelle*, and intends to meet us in the Channels; and as confidently believed, that *Prince Rupert* and the Duke of *Albemarle* are both dead; yet we cannot but admire the courage of the English, particularly of Capt. *Reeves* our prisoner, who though much wounded, when he saw his Vessel must inevitably fall into our hands, threw himself, as is said, twice over board, to avoid taking, but was recovered by our men.

Amerongen is ordered to *Denmark*, to try what assistance we can hope for from that Crown; we are at the last forced to dismiss the eight ships designed for that King, finding several difficulties arising in case we should have employed them, especially the Grand one of paying the Equivalent in money, and their Admiral *Adclacr* is set sail with them for *Denmark*. Ten fresh ships are ordered towards the *Weilings*; and five Merchant ships gone out from *Heider*; one of them for the *East-Indies*, and the rest for *France*. This Province is making great Preparations for the solemnity of to-morrow's Thanksgiving, in which *Zealand* has refused to joyn, though they agree for Bonfires, unwilling as they team it to mock Heaven, and dissemble a blessing they yet doubt of.

Cadiz, June 6. Yesterday arrived here a Boat from *Tangier*, with advice, That 5 ships, laden with Provisions, were well arrived there in 12 days, from *England*, having in their doubling the Cape, been in some danger of the French Fleet, who were then within sight; and that the Coast Frigate was gone up to *Tangier*, having Landed what she had at *Tangier*.

Deal, June 20. This day the *Giles Ketch*, Captain *Lock* Commande, brought in a supplee Prize, but pretended an Offender, of about fifty Tuns, with Wine and Brandy from *France*. Another Prize being also taken by the *Elizabeth*, and sent in with the same sort of lading.

Norwich, June 20. The Account of our Bill of Mortality from the 13th of June to the 20th, is thus: Buried in all 38. Of the Plague 19. And at the Pesthouse 4.

Southwold, June 20. Yesterday about six in the afternoon came y^e Fifth Rate Frigate (as we judge her) standing with all the sail she could make to the Southward, what she is, we know not, or whence. Several of Sir *Christopher Mings* his men that were wounded and placed here for their cure, are perfectly recovered, and express a great earnestness to be on board again; whether more then 20 of them will be going hence the beginning of next week.

From aboard the Fleet in the Buoy in the *Nore*, June 22.

The Body of the Fleet here being about sixty sail, is in a very great readiness: of those 18 sent into *Farwich*, 13 are refitted, and sent out again; and of the rest at *Shcerneffe* and *Chatham*, the greatest part are ready, and the rest will be so in few daies. This day pass'd up the River two prizes laden with Pitch, Tar, &c. taken by the Little *Mary* towards the Coast of *Flanders*, the one pretending himself a *Hamburger*, and bound for *Ostend*, though he had pass'd that Port, and was taken three Leagues to the Westward of it.

Whitehall, June 23. The 21. instant arrived here the Honourable *Henry Coventry* Esquire, His Majesties late Envoyé Extraordinary to *Sweden*, and was very graciously received by His Majesty, having imbarqued at *Gottenburgh* upon His Majesties Frigate the *Pearl*, appointed to serve him in his transportation.

The same day His Majesty having by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Treasurer, and other Lords of the Council, propos'd to the City, the furnishing him with a present sum of money by way of Loan, to answer some great occasions of this War that call for it; His Majesties desires were received by the Lord Major, Court of Aldermen, and Common Council, with great reverence; and immediately the Question being put, the sum desired, which was One hundred thousand pounds, was unanimously and cheerfully agreed to, and a considerable part of it subscribed upon the place, with expressions of an infinite zeal and affection to His Majesties Person and Honor, and to the good of the Kingdom, so much concerned in the success of this War; which having been that evening reported to His Majesty, He was pleas'd to declare a very gracious acceptance of it.