

The London Gazette.

Published by Authority.

From Thursday June 28: to Monday July 2. 1666.

Pembroke, June 22.

THE *Martin* Galley arrived here lately from *Plimouth*, bringing under his Convoy a Vessel laden with *Malaga* Wines and Fruit. A French Pickaroon of 3 or 4 Guns, plying about the *Severne*, with good store of Musquets on Board, causes our small Vessels to lie close: One Vessel from *Bristol*, bound for *Ireland*, with many Passengers, was chased by him, but happily escaped. The People are generally much enraged against the French for their Cruelty, which a late Action, besides some former ones, has too much convinced them of; a small French Privateer, having, about *Swansey*, seized on a South Coast Vessel bound for this Port, that had but 2 Men on Board, the French threw both of them overboard; one of them swam within hearing of some People upon shore, who advised to try the Humanity of the Enemy, since it was impossible for him to land at that shore; the poor Man returning, begg'd their Mercy, but in vain, the French, with their Oars, keeping him under Water till they had drown'd him.

Sunderland, June 24. On Friday last several Dutch Prisoners, kept on Board a Ship belonging to *Ipswich*, by a Confederacy with some others aboard several Ships in the same Harbor, had, it seems, plotted to kill the Master, and secure the rest in their Cabbins, and so to escape with the Vessel; but the Design being timely discovered by a Scotch-man, whom they had debauched into their Party, they were seized, and remain secured in *Tinmouth* Castle.

Weymouth, June 26. Yesterday passed by to the Westward 13 Sail of small Barks, bound for our own Ports, under the Convoy of the *Hawk* Ketch.

Hull, June 26. Yesterday arrived a small Suedes Vessel, with Iron from *Stockholm*; he came about 14 days since through the *Sound*, and reports the Dane has 30 Ships of all sorts ready fitted for Sea, and the Suede about 40, which he supposes by this time may be ready and mann'd. About four days since he met with *Adelaer*, the Danes Admiral, coming from *Holland* with 9 Men of War, and 2 Galliots; he was commanded aboard the Admiral, and after some few Questions dismiss'd: His Ships were all of them old, and neither Mann'd nor Gunn'd; the Admiral had 36 Ports, and but 12 Guns, and about 36 Men; the rest not above 6 or 7 Guns, and 20 Men apiece.

Plymouth, June 26. Yesterday came in an *Hamburger*, laden with Pipe-staves, bound for *Spain*, and reports the Channel very clear from any Ships, he meeting none in his passage. The Soldiers and Seamen, both from this and other places, go with much alacrity and cheerfulness to serve his Majesty in the fleet.

Norwich, June 27. The Account of our Bill of Mortality from *June 20* to *June 27* is thus, Buried in all 35, of the Plague 22, at the Pest-house 5.

West-Corn, Isle of Wight, June 27. Yesterday his Majesties Frigate the *Paradox*, *Leonard Say* Commander, brought in hither 2 Prizes, the one laden with Salt coming from *Criswick* in *France*, the other from *Bourdeaux* laden with Wine; they say there are remaining at *Bourdeaux* 30 Sail of Dutch, who are lading Wines and Brandy, and intend by the North to *Holland* without Convoy.

Bruges, July 2. Several French Gentlemen that

were in the Dutch Fleet, the last Engagement, cannot but commend the English Behavior, openly and frankly avowing, That had their number been equal, the Dutch could not have stood the first day: That *de Ruyter* depends not upon the Courage of many of his Captains, and presses much the displacing of them, though *de Wisse* thinks it not so safe, by so doing, to displease some Grandees to whom they are allied. And confirms to us, That notwithstanding all their forwardness, the Dutch had not put so suddenly to Sea, had they not received a third and peremptory Message from *France* the day before to do it.

We are assured from *Zealand*, that they are in great apprehension of the consequences of a fresh Engagement; either the loss of a Battle, or of the *East-India* Fleet, cannot but make a great revolution, considering the great deadness of Trade throughout all the Provinces: In *Amsterdam* we are confidently told, That upon this account above 3000 Houses are now to be let, at one half of the usual value. The coming in of a Ship of Lemmons the last week made as much noise amongst them, as formerly the arrival of a Merchant Fleet. The Shops generally so ill furnish'd, and the Men (contrary to their temper,) grown so humble, that both City and Men seem to be changed. Their Naval Provisions are grown very short, as may be guess, since they were forced to take the Masts out of 3 *East-India* Ships that were designed to go out this year; and from 2 new built Ships at *Rotterdam*, which were sent away for *Zealand*, to make up the repairs of their Fleet.

Flushing, July 4. We are now grown much more moderate in our accounts of Gains and Losses by the late Fight; our great brags of 14 Ships taken, we are now content shall fall to 6, and 4000 Prisoners to 1500: And we begin publickly to own the loss of 7 Ships, though we want a far greater number, of which we can give no satisfactory account. The Merchants generally, and 6 of the Provinces, wish a Separation from *France*, and a Peace with *England*; but *de Wisse* out-does them by his Arts, who now persuades them they fight for their Prince, as well as the State; and has, by his large extension of their Victory, set abroad two new heavy Imposts, one of ten Guilders an Head upon every Servant, and another (said to be) an additional Tax upon Chimnies.

Newport, July 5. The last night a Pleasure Boat, belonging to the Duke of *Lenox*, after 10 hours chase, put on shore near the Harbor a Dutch Advice Yacht, whose Sails and Rigging, &c. were immediately plundered by the Soldiery, and the Boat so spoil'd, that she was unfit for present Service, and the Master forced to sell her off. They gave the Governor this account, That they were sent out by *de Ruyter* to make some discovery of the condition of the English, and the place where they lay, and to bring word to him Northwards.

Dublin, June 20. On Monday last his Grace the Lord Lieutenant went to the House of Lords, whither the Speaker of the House of Commons, accompanied by the Members of the House (upon a Message delivered to them by the Black Rod, that his Grace was sitting,) forthwith repaired. The Speaker in a short Speech opened the heads of several Bills; to which the Royal Assent was prayed, and accordingly given by his