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Portsmouth, May 20.

**B**Y a Vessel arrived here from *Waymouth*, we have advice, that several Dutch Privateers, have lately appeared upon the Western coasts, that there is one which rows with 40 Oars, and hath done some mischief to several small Vessels that came from *Wales* with Coals.

*Falmouth*, May 15. By a Vessel arrived from *Brest* we are told of several men of War that lie ready here to sail with the first Orders.

*Truro*, May 16. We have advice of a Privateer of *Flushing*, that lies off of the Lands end, having lately taken a small vessel laden with Cheese from *Westchester*, and another belonging to *Dover*.

*Whitby*, May 16. Upon the advice we had here of three Vessels belonging to this place, having been taken by a Dutch Sloop of two Guns on these coasts, we manned out a small Vessel with 50 men. Inhabitants of this place, and mounted two small Guns in her; and they immediately going out, after about 4 hours sail came up with the Privateer, who received them with his two Guns, and all the small shot he could, which was soon returned on our part, and after some skirmish the Dutch were forced to quit their Prizes, which the English having taken possession of, gave chase to the said Sloop for three hours, and would as is thought have certainly taken her, had they not been prevented by the wind calming, and the approaching night, by favor of which, as well as the help of her Oars, she escaped; in which action we had not one man killed, though our men speak of several of the enemy they saw fall down dead upon their Deck. We hear of several of these small pickarons that appear upon these coasts.

*Plimouth*, May 17. The *Newcastle* is now coming in here with three or four other Vessels with her, which are thought to be prizes; we hear of several Dutch Privateers that are on these Coasts, and that they have taken some small Colliers coming from *Wales* with Coales.

*Boston*, May 18. Three Colliers that went hence for *Sunderland*, have been lately chased by a Dutch Sloop of 6 Guns, two of them escaped, and the third was forced ashore, but may be got off again without any great dammage.

*Leghorn*, May 9. The French Gallies have lately taken a Dutch ship about *Monaco*, laden with Salt and other Commodities for *Genoua*. Here are several Vessels lading Corn for *Naples*.

*Hambrough*, May 10. Here hath lately happened a great Fire, which accidentally beginning in a Merchants House, soon grew to that height, that it had in some hours consumed above 40 considerable Houses, and in them several Commodities to a great value. The 3000 Men which Embarked here for the Spanish Netherlands, are still in this River, but intend to sayl with the first opportunity of wind and weather.

*Madrid*, May 11. The third instant dyed here the Cardinal de *Moncada*, Duke of *Montalto*. leaving behind him a very large Estate to his Son the *Conde*

de *Cartanagetta*, at present in *Flanders*. Yesterday his Excellency the Earl of *Sunderland* Extraordinary Ambassador from His Majesty of *Great Britaine*, had his Audience of leave of their Majesties, in order to his return from hence. On Monday last parted hence the Prince of *Arembergh* towards *Flanders*. From *Cadix* they write of the 24 past, that they had advice there by a French Tartan arrived from *Tesuan*, that *Tassileta* had lately Married a Daughter of the late King of *Morocco*, having established a perfect peace and quietness in all his Dominions; That the Corsairs of *Sally* have near 20 small men of War, most of which are at present at Sea, and have taken lately several Vessels; That there were in Port several Dutch Merchant men, who were unlading, in order to their being fitted up for men of War, they having to that purpose received Commissions from the States of their respective Provinces. From *Seville* of the 26 past we are told, that the week before a Dutch man of War, with some Merchant Ships under his Convoy, sailed on their way homewards, with intention to take their course round by *Scotland*. From *Lisbon* we have advice of the 19 past, that the 14 of that Month came in there a Merchant man from *London*, with two Dutch Advice Boats, which they had taken in the Mouth of the Channel: The Elector of *Cologne's* Envoy is preparing for his return home.

*Liege*, May 20. It is now reported here that *Maeſſtricht* will not be Besieged, though blocked up on all sides, but that his most Christian Majesty will march towards the *Rhine*; the French having put a Garrison into *Maseyck*, they are about fortifying it, being a place of great importance, by reason of its nearness to *Maeſſtricht*. Yesterday the Prince of *Conde* arrived with his Army within a League of this place, which is at present filled with French Officers. The Order and Discipline in the French Armies is very exact, so that all persons pass to and fro without the least disturbance.

*Antwerp*, May 24. From *Holland* they tell us of great disorders that have lately happened and still continue amongst the Inhabitants of *Kempen-Land*, and the *Meyery* of the *Bojch*, occasioned by the States going about to compel them to plow up all their Lands, which they have refused to do, and are drawn together in great numbers to oppose it. The like disturbance is said to be at *Tilborch* near *Breda*, upon the States obliging every tenth man to come into their service; They farther complain of the great difficulty they meet with in the raising of men, and that their Levies advance very slowly.

*Hague*, May 24. The States of *Holland* have upon conference with the Deputies of the Admiralties, resolved that they will revoke their former orders, by which they forbid all Privateers to go out, so that now they will have liberty to sail when and whither they please. Here are at present divers Prisoners, all accused of Crimes relating to the War, amongst others is a French Gentleman, who being in the Service of this State as Captain of Horse, had desired because of the present War, leave to return home, upon