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Castle Cornet in Guernsey, July 3.

ON Thursday last a fleet of 30 sail being discovered Westwards of this Isle, we immediately drew into Arms; but a Loo-man arriving in the Evening, reported them Traders; amongst whom, he could discover onely one Convoy, which had given him chase 3 or 4 hours. Upon this intelligence, the *Orange* Fregat, and another Vessel, a Privateer called the *Have-at-all*, were commanded out to make further discovery of them, but the wind and tide favoring them, the fleet stood Northwards, and got out of sight. Whereupon the *Orange*, with his companion, quitted their pursuit; and in cruising towards the Channel, discovered two sail: The lesser of them was pursued by the *Have-at-all*, whose success we yet know not; but the greater was undertaken by Captain *Gunman* in the *Orange*, who coming up with her, hailed her, and found her a French ship of 300 Tuns, and 22 Guns, belonging to the French Royal Company, and bound homewards from *Madagascar*: After which, he gave her a Gun, she in answer striking her top-sail, but having been (as the Captain afterwards said) twenty two months at Sea, knew not of any War, till it was presently proclaimed by a broad-side given by the Fregat: Upon which they fell to it, and fought for five hours with much resolution; but the night coming on, the English pressed them more vigorously, and made ready to board them, but the French unable to make further resistance, called for quarter, which the Captain granted them; and commanded the French out of their ship, sending his Carpenters on board with many Soldiers to stop her Leaks, which it seems were many, and to bring her in, being not a league from the shore. But whether by their covetousness, more intent upon the richness of the ship, than the repair of her breaches, or what other accident, we know not, she unexpectedly sunk to the bottom, above 30 of the English perishing with her, who had so much over-laden themselves with Treasure, that they were unable to swim. Thirty three of the French remained prisoners aboard the *Orange*, the rest, about forty, kill'd in the fight and drowned. Of the English, onely two men killed, besides those that unfortunately were lost with the ship. The lading of it was very rich, consisting of Cloth of Gold, Silk, Ambergreece, Ebony, Dyers Wood, with some quantity of Gold, Precious Stones, Coral, Hides, and several other rich commodities of the Red Sea; the whole Cargo valued at 100000l. sterling. It is said to be the first ship set out by that Company, and the first return of their new Trade.

Falmouth, July 4. Yesterday the *Panther*, Luke Hall Captain, came into *Helford*, and reports, that the nineteenth past, they chased three French men on shore, betwixt the Isle of *Baze*, and the firm Rocks, which alarm'd the Countrey upon those Coasts, who immediately fired their Beacons, and man'd out several Shallops, to give notice along the shore, and shot off several Guns they had planted for that purpose upon Land.

The twenty fourth past, they met with a *Spaniard* from *Bilbao*, bound with Wood and Iron for *Ostend*, who informed them of fourteen French Men of War that were under sail with the new Queen of *Portugal* for *Lisbon*.

The twenty eighth in the morning, they fell in amongst a French fleet of 14 Merchants, and one Convoy of 16 Guns, bound for *New-Haven*, and took one of them, a Vessel of 70 Tuns, laden with Salt, and aboard her the Master, and five more belonging to the Man of War. Upon their boarding, the Man of War gave them chase, which continued from three in the morning to three in the Afternoon; by which

means the prize was brought off, and they suppose is arrived at some Port of *England*.

The Master belongs to *Maren*, who confirms the news of the Queens going to *Portugal* with 14 sail, and likewise says, that there are in the River of *seure*, onely the *Vendosm*, and four Men of War more, and that the opinion there is, the Duke de *Beaufort* hath not yet been to the Northwards of *Lisbon*. Three or four small Pickaroons are kept about *Robelle*, to give intelligence of what Vessels pass by these Coasts.

Dublin, July 5. Our Militia's are generally in a very good posture, and very zealous for the defence of their Countrey. The Province of *Munster* (especially, (by the endeavors and vigilancy of the Earl of *Orrery*, Lord President of that Province) appeared at their General Rendezvous in full numbers both of Horse and Foot, stout persons, and compleatly armed, expressing a very unanimous zeal against any Foreign enemy.

At *Galloway* are arrived lately four ships (belonging to the Royal Company) from *Suranam*; they came out five, but by the way, one of them falling in with a Dutch Man of War, received an unfortunate shot in to her Hull, which as is conjectured, set fire to a bag of Cotton, and so about three hours after the fight, brake out and burnt the whole ship, but the men were all preserved by a Vessel fortunately then passing by for one of the Plantations. The Cargo of these is for the most part Sugar, Tobacco, and Cotton Wool.

A Vessel is likewise arrived from *New-York*, what account she brings of affairs in those parts, is not yet said.

The Earl of *Kingston* who has taken much pains in the settling the Militia, is on the sudden fallen very ill, but 'tis hoped without much danger.

Newcastle, July 6. On Tuesday last a Caper lying lurking to the North of *Tynmouth* Castle, gave Chase to two small Vessels laden with Coin from *Scotland*, who immediately made in to the shore, one of them getting into a Creek called *Bliiths Nooke*, the other not able to recover the place, ran upon a Rock without it, to whom the Caper manning out his Long-boat, made up with intention either to get her off, or set fire to her: but some commanded Soldiers from *Berwick*, being then near the shore, with some others sent to their rescue by Sir *Ralph Delaval*, the boat was forced off to Sea, and the Vessels secured by them that night, the next day got both safe off: On Wednesday came into this Harbor fifty or sixty sail, most of them small Vessels, with four French ships (that having transported the Scotch Regiment, are permitted to lade home, with any goods that are not counterband) and two Fregats the *Pembroke*, and *Fountain*; a large *Swede* of near 400 Tuns, is likewise arrived with Deales, and is to unlade in this Harbor.

Hull, July 7. Another *Swedes* ship is arrived here from *Stockholme*, from whence he came about a month since, and left near 30 men of War belonging to that Crown, ready to put to Sea, and the rest (as was said) would be ready in less then twenty daies. He passing the *Sound* nine daies since, reports that sixteen or seventeen ships lay still before *Copenhagen*, and two small ships of sixteen guns at *Elseneur*, but heard no news of *Adelaer*.

Lyme, July 7. On Thursday last the Train-bands of this Town appeared in Arms, and to show their affection to their King and Country, an Hundred persons freely offered their service as Volunteers in the occasion, and upon their desire received armes from the Magazine of this Town, which is very well stored with Ammunition and other necessary Provisions;

and strong watch kept in all convenient places for the security of those parts. The same Evening arrived five Vessels from *Guernsey* and *Fersey*, that spoke the good conclusion of those Islands, and confirm the sinking of the French ship from *Madagascar*, by the *Orange* after a hot dispute of several hours.

Rome, June 29. We are now assured of the Death of the Prince *Charles*, Cardinal *de Medicis*, Uncle to the Great Duke of *Florence*, Deane of the Sacred Colledge, and Protector of the *States of Spain*, who died the 17 instant near *Florence*, in the 71 year of his Age, having been 50 years Cardinal. Cardinal *Francisco Barbarini* is to succeed him in his Deanery, and tis thought the Cardinal *Landgrave of Hessen*, in his Protectorship, and the Vacant Abbeys in *Sicily*. Cardinal *Chisy* and Prince *Leopold* taking their Shares of the other preferments vacated by his Death.

The pretension of his Holiness to the Government of *Naples*, during the Minority of the Kings of *Spain*, being lately started by *Camillo* a *Neapolitan*, was eagerly pursued by several of the Cardinals, who so wrought with the Pope upon the plea of preserving the Rights and Privileges of the Church, that his Holiness ordered the Council of *Spain* to be informed, That he would not grant the Investiture, or receive the accustomed Tribute of an Horse upon *St Peters day*, till they had taken care for the Reception of his Legate, for the clearing of the Interest of that See: Whereupon, after severall Disputes and Offers, the business was on both sides referred to the Discussion of three Cardinals, the Chiefs of their several Orders; who making their Report to the Consistory, the business was at last concluded in favor of the Spanish Faction, and the Investiture accordingly granted, and the Tribute to be received in the usual Form.

Hague, July 16. *Lunenburgh* seems to presume on the advantage they have us at in this conjuncture, and asks us with *Sweden*, in case we either refuse him the Quarters in *East-Friesland*, or the punctual compliance with our Treaty in the point of Subsidies; both which points are a little uneasy to us.

The States of *Holland* are met, but very cold in the great matters now in debate, the continuance of the War, and the methods by which to do it: All our expectations are upon the success of a new battel: For in fine, we begin to see much is not to be expected from *France*, their business indeed being to see us ruined, as well, and it may be rather, then our enemies.

The thirteenth instant, sailed towards our Fleet, from the *Helder*, the ship *Gouda*. Rear-Admiral *Schreers* Commander; together with the *Oosterwiche*, and the *Urtheit*, Lieut. Col. *Patro*, and *Van Amstel*, Captains; as also one Fire-ship, and a Victualler, leaving behinde them the *Province of Utrecht*, and the *Sun*, which are to follow in a day or two. Those that were at the *Texel* are all gone, *Swacerts* was the last, which sailed thence yesterday.

From *Munster* side they tell us, the Bishop is observed to gather some men together again, towards the *Pafs* upon the *Rhine*, near *Santen*, and from thence is marched further up in the Countrey; what the meaning is we yet know not.

We have no great news from our Fleet, we are told, they will be now in all, with those sent after them, 86 Men of War, and 9 Fire-ships. In the mean time, we hear the English are preparing to come out with 100 sail; so as order is given to all the Admirals to fit out all the ships they can more, for the support of our Fleet in case of an Engagement.

Legora, June 29. It's written from good hands at *Genoa*, That the French King hath given Order, that a ship of War of 60 Guns, and 300 Men, be sent to bring back his Ambassador, whom he hath Recalled from *Constantinople*, intimating to his Subjects the same, That they should be very wary how they Trade for the future in the *Levant*, seeing he should not warrant them a Protection in it. The further Account and Reasons of this unexpected Accident, if it proves true, must be looked for hereafter.

On Sunday last a strange and unusual Accident hapned here: For while the Governor of this place, and the principal persons of the Town were in a solemn Religious Procession, several shots were made by unknown hands, supposed to be intended at the Governor; however they missed him, and

wounded two of those that held up the Canopy over the Hoste: *Weymouth, July 7.* We expect here the beginning of the next week 500 of our Militia Foot, and 500 more are designed for *Lorchester*, for the security of those places against any sudden change.

West-Comes, July 7. On the 5th instant a supposed prize was sent in hither by the *Non-sch Ketch*, the *S. Nicholas of Lubbeck*, of 170 Tuns laden with Wines, Brandy, and Vinegar: His Journall informes us that they left *Burdeaux* the 17 past: They tell us of two lusty Capains of considerable force that ly Cruising about *Bloigne*. That the report there was the Duke *de Beaufort* was arrived at *Lisbon*, with 60 sail great and small, men of War and Merchants; but they heard nothing of his nearer approach: He saies farther that 50 *Hamburgers* and *Dutch* came in his company from *Bourdeaux*, who went about by the North home, to avoid the danger of the Channel, and that he left about 60 more behind in the River lading Wines and other Commodities, and intend the same way; and that a great ship of *Gottenburg* laden with Coales is stopt at *Burdeaux*, upon no other reason, but only that she is English built. He met eight great Frenchmen of War, and a great Dutch ship laden with Corn, about the Isle of *Ushing*, bound to *Lisbon* with the Queen of *Portugal*, who are ordered afterwards to joyn with the French Fleet.

On the 6. instant arrived here the *Orange*, who gives us the account of his Encounter with the French ship from *Madagascar*, which was lost by the carelessness of his men, who fell to plundering, and neglected the Leakes, till she sank down with 36 of his men. He has brought under his conduct five Prizes formerly taken by the *Richmond*, one of them of *Bridges*, two small French, and two *Djonders*; and tells us of three French Vessels laden with Wines from thirty to 45 Tuns, brought in lately at *Guernsey*, and two other small Prizes brought in hither by Captain *Carew* in the *Fave-a-az*, with Deales and Tea from *Middlebourg*, and as he says ransom'd for 80 l. A considerable body of our trained bands are marching to the South East part, to secure it against any attempt.

Alborough, July 9. Since Tuesday last, twelve Dutch men of War have been plying to and fro in this Bay, and have been observed to sound the Sands called the *Napes*, one of them is a Rere Admiral, but what their Design is we yet know not.

Southwold, July 8. Yesterday we discovered in the morning five Dutch men of War, one of them a Flag-ship, who came to an Anchor within two Leagues of this Town. In the Afternoon appeared six more, all of them towards the Evening making to the South-west. This day, only one Galliot Hoy, and one great Ship are in view, both sailing from the North-east.

Harwich, July 10. The Dutch Fleet are now under Sail, and we suppose will stand for their own Coasts, being, as it seems, sufficiently informed of the readiness of the English Fleet to take the Sea, who are daily expected at the *Gunfleet*, in a good posture to meet the Enemy.

On Saturday, twenty English, taken in the late Engagement, were put on shore by a Dutch Ketch about *Palsley*, sent from *Holland* upon exchange, and 100 more expected; they speak much of their hard usage in their close prisons, and the extravagant insultings and affronts of the Dutch, which has not a little provoked them to take the first opportunity of seeking a fair revenge at Sea.

Tover, July 10. Capt. *Lucy* commanding a private man of War, has sent in a Danish ship of 80 Tuns, laden with Wines and Brandy, who pretends a Protection from *Sweden*, but tis supposed may prove Prize. The News brought in hither is, That the Dutch Fleet have removed their station, and are gone nearer home.

Whitchel, July 10. Yesterday Her Majesty, attended with the principal Ladies, and Persons of her Court, parted hence for the Wells at *Tunbridge*, with intentions to continue there some Weeks to take the Waters.

The Account of this Weeks Bill runs thus. The Total 247. Of the Plague 33. Increased in all 25. Decreased of the Plague 2.