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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 Country 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 Country. 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 these 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;