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Essexburgh, July 7.

Two more Prizes are brought up to *Leith*, laden with Wine and Bandy: the people of this place a very hearty and zealous for the service of His Majesty in this War with the Dutch and French. And a general Rendezvous is appointed in this City, for the putting it into a posture, as may be most for the publique good.

Falouth, July 8. A private Man of Warr, called the *Swallow*. Captain *Manning* Commander, came this day into *Hilford*, bringing with him a French Prize with Ballast, and some small quantity of Billet-wood: she was bound from some part of *Britaigne* for *Rochelle* to load there with Salt: since his going from this Port about fourteen daies agoe, he hath taken three other prizes, whereof two are put in at *Saltcombe*, one of 50 Tuns bound for the *Bank* with Salt, the other of 30 Tuns with Iron, and a Shallop now at *Fowey*: Captain *Hall* has likewise taken a prize laden with Salt, which he has sent into *Dartmouth*. Here is likewise come in a great Vessel of 250 Tuns from *Ostend*, called the *Three Kings* with Ballast, bound for *Rochelle*.

Swansey, July 9. On Thursday last arrived here the *Hope of Jersey*, from that Island, with two other Vessels in his Company, who speak the good condition and posture of the place; which is daily improved in its strength and readines, by the great care and industry of the Governor: who with some other Gentlemen of the Island, have set out two or three private Men of War, and thrive very well in that Trade, having at several times taken eleven prizes from the French: they tell us that a small boat went lately thence into the River of *Brebach* in *Britany*, and brought away in despite of the Country, that took the Alarm very warmly, a small French Vessel that lay there at Anchor.

Southwold, July 10. On Saturday we discovered three or four Dutch ships East of this Town. Yesterday one more who came out of the North-East, and stood near into this Bay, and two others plying to the Southwards with their low sails. This day came a great ship out of the North-East, standing close into this Bay, judged to carry sixty Guns, what she is we know not.

Boston, July 10. Several Privateers have lately appeared upon these Coasts, but we heare not of much hurt they have done, onely out of *Wynfleet-haven*, within a mile or two of the Town, they took a small Vessel bound for the Northwards; and another Vessel a Collier, both of them empty, and fired a third that was not worth the taking away.

Margate, July 10. The last night two French Shallops came into this Bay, but finding no purchase, stood off again to Sea. A small Merchant bound for *Ireland*, was boarded by a boat from an *Holland* Man of Warr, off the *Northforeland*, the Master of it was English, but all the Men being *Spaniards*, concealed the Master, and secured the Ship, the Dutch only enquiring of them the posture and readines of our Fleet, and so dismissed them.

Norwich, July 11. The Account of our Bill for this last Week is thus. Buried of all diseases 80. Of the Plague 56, and at the Pest-house 7.

This is the State of our Health, which yet in divers other parts of our Neighbouring Counties, especially those of *Sussex* and *Essex* is much worse, the Infection spreading extremely of late, and with that violence, as to leave many of those places fit objects for the charitable relief of other parts of the Kingdom, which God is pleased to spare in this Visitation. Several good examples of this Charity have been already given, in particular, Mr. *Nicholas Isaacs*, Mayor of

Exeter, has collected in that City 59*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* towards the relief of *Colchester*, which is a seasonable charity worthy imitation.

Albrough, July 11. Since Monday last we have seen only three Dutch men of War, and a French Sloop, which latter on Monday night rode within a mile of the Town, the other came not within a League, but stood off again to Sea, and are now riding within two Leagues of us to the South-East. We can hence discover the Dutch Fleet about eighty sail, near five Leagues distant from us to the South East: and in the *Gulf* five sail more, their Fleet being observed to ly now much closer then formerly they did: apprehending, as is supposed the coming out of our Fleet, which we are told will give them their long-looked for welcome in few daies. In which they are attended with the Players and Vows of all good men.

Portsmouth, July 12. On Tuesday the *Paradox* came into the Bay, having taken a prize, which the Captain sent into *Cowes*, the particular of her lading and value not yet said.

Madrid, June 30. Our last advices from *Seville*, *Cadix*, and other places on that Coast, confirm to us the news, That about the twentieth instant, Monsieur *de Beaufort* with his Fleet, meeting with part of the first Squadron of the Spanish Armada, under the command of the Admiral *Sr. Diasto*, sent to him to strike his Flag, and to salute him, which the *Spaniard* but slowly answering, was immediately surrounded by some of the best French Men of War and Fire-ships, who threatened either to burn or sink him, if he refused. The Spanish Admiral considering the countenance they made, but more the inequality of his number, having but four ships, and none near to second him, thought it his safest way to obey, and fairly touck to him: And 'twas observed, that saluting the French Admiral with 13 guns, they did not vouchsafe him one gun back in return. To this point the French Gallies formerly endeavored to have brought *Centurioni*, and the *Marquess de Bayonne*, but they thought themselves too strong to suffer that affront. After this the French fleet passed on to the entrance of the River of *Lisbon*, whither they sent in eight ships with Provisions, dispatching their Merchants to *Rochelle*, under the convoy, as is said, of some of the Dutch Men of War, he himself with the rest of his fleet, cruising about the Rock of *Lisbon*, and *Cape Saint Vincent*. The same Letters tell us of an English ship of 200 Tuns, safely arrived from the *Barbadoes* at *Tangier*, with Sugar, Indigos, and Cottons; and that the *Spaniards* have taken and sent to *Cadix*, a *Genouese* ship coming from *Lisbon* with 450 Chells of Sugar, Brasils, Tobacco, and some Negroes, upon pretence the Goods belong to enemies. Seizing likewise upon a *Caravelle*, under a Castle belonging to *Portugal*, with great hazard to their own ship, which was almost sunk by the Guns from the place.

The Empress is not yet gone from *Denia*, being stopt some time by reason of her distemper, which proved a fit or two of an ague; and 'tis thought by some, will not embarque till *November*.

The young King is perfectly recovered from his indisposition, and the Queen Mother in good health, though lately twice let blood in ten hours for a swelling in her face.

This day his Excellency the Earl of *Sandwich* is to have his publick Audience, which has hitherto been deferred, by reason of the Queens distemper. Sir *Robert Southwell* is gone for *Lisbon*.

The 26 instant died here Sir *Richard Fanshawe* Knight, Ambassador for the King of England, after a violent Feavor of 10 or 12 days, much regretted by his Court, in which he