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*West-Coves, July 11.*

**O**N the eighth instant, the *Paradox* Fregat brought in hitherto three prizes: One, the *St. John Evangelist* of *Ostend*, bound (as is pretended) to *Ostend*, with Salt, Wine, and Vinegar; another, the *St. Nicholas* of *St. Valery* in *France*, from the *Ile of Ree*, with Salt, of 40 Tuns, bound for *Calais*; the third, a small Fisherman-boat of ten Tuns.

On the ninth instant was brought in the *Diana* of *Wismar*, laden with Salt, bound to *Ostend* for a Market, who came from *St. Martins* the second instant, affirming, that near 20 Men of War and Fireships set sail from thence with the *Queen of Portugal*, six of them onely Capital ships of about 60 Guns apiece; and that two days before his departure, an Embargo was set upon all ships, who were to be employed to carry Salt for the *Grand Partie*, which he escaped by being before laden and dispatched.

*Swansey, July 12.* The Deputy Lieutenants are very active in this County of *Glamorgan*, for the settling the *Militia*: Some designs are on foot for the raising a Volunteer Troop to consist of Gentlemen onely, who are very forward for the service, and a company of Foot, in and about this Town.

A French Vessel of four Guns and 24 Oars, within a league of *St. Davids Point*, lately seized on a small Vessel of *Wexford*, bound thence for *Wales* to lade Coals, putting all the men on shore the same day, except the Master.

*Sunderland, July 13.* The last Evening the *Fountain* and *Pembroke* Fregats, gave chase to a French Man of War of 40 Guns; the *Fountain* getting so near as to fire at him, and had certainly given a good account of the chase, had not the night coming on hindered their further pursuit: A strong Southerly wind forced them afterwards into *Tynmouth Haven*.

*Whitby, July 12.* On Thursday last, came into this Road a Man of War of 16 Guns, with English colours, sailing very near the *Roch-head*, but was easily discovered to be an Enemy: Upon his approach, the Town took the alarm, and appeared in defence of three ships that rode under our Guns at Anchor, which caused him to edge off Northwards along the Coast, and then stood off again to Sea. But the next high water, came up again, and is now at three leagues distance off us, and is supposed to be a Scout of the *Doggers* fleet.

*Lyn, July 13.* A Dutch Galliot of six guns is daily plying upon the Coasts between *Norfolke* and *Lincolnshire*, but we heare not of any hurt he has done; several able and stout Seamen are gone hence for the Fleet, under the Conduct of Major *Anguishi*, with much cheerfulness and courage, expressing much earnestness to be present in the next Engagement.

*Weymouth, July 14.* The last Post brought Letters from several persons belonging to this Town, now Prisoners in *Holland*, who extremely complain of their cruel usage, having not an Allowance of Victuals to sustain nature, the wounded men very ill looked after, and all of them so crowded together in this heat of weather, that they have no room either to stand or sit for their ease, and without speedy course, must inevitably perish.

*Ile of Wight, July 14.* On Thursday was a general Muster of the Militia of this Isle, who appeared well armed, and in much readyness to defend the Isle against all attempts; the Governor the Lord *Cuipepper* being present at the Rendezvous, where appeared also Sir *Henry Jones* with his Troop very well equipped. The men heretofore said to have been thrown overboard by the French off of *Corwall*, be-

longed to this Island, and were some of them Tenants to Sir *R. Dillington*; the barbarousness of which action is very much resented in these parts, and hath sufficiently animated all people against the Cruelty of that Nation.

*Chester, July 11.* The generality in these parts are very zealous and active for the service of their Prince and Country; and the young men of this City in such earnest to be employed, that they presented a Petition to the Major, that they might have the honor and liberty to be in arms, according to the examples given in some other parts: Which forwardness of theirs, being encouraged by the Major, Application is since made to the Lord Lieutenant, the Earl of *Derby*, for a Commission and Arms, to make up a Company of Auxiliaries: Which, if granted, will in a few days be completed, and ready for His Majesties Commands.

*Ditto, July 14.* On Tuesday and Wednesday last the Militia of *Denbysire* met at *Denbigh*, and on Thursday and Friday the Militia of *Flinthire* at *Flint*, the Lord *Carbury* being present at both Musters, and well satisfied with the full appearances in each County; and the General Alacrity of all men for the service of their King and Country. Yesterday Capt. *Spencer* of *Broxtou hundred*, Mustered 120 very able stout men; and this day Capt. *Butler* having raised his full number, leaves this City and Embarques for *Ireland*.

*Hague, July 20.* All our men of War and Fireships are sent out of *Zealand* to the Fleet, some few more are expected from *Greec*, with Fire-ships, on whose Service we much rely: But upon the News of the English Preparations, *Van Benningen* is to pray the French King to order Mousieur *de Beauport* to join with our Fleet as soon as possible.

*Lunenburgh* has not yet taken his Forces out of *East-Friezeland*, and, in effect, plainly refuses it, requiring farther time to consult about it. In the mean time declaring, That their intention is only to secure the Peace.

Notwithstanding the late prohibition of Trading, our Merchants Ships are continually passing to and fro, which has put us upon a resolution to place a man of War upon every In-let to hinder their farther Trade, and to oblige the Seamen to the service of our Fleet.

*Bruges, July 21.* A Sloop of *Horn* in *North-Holland* with about thirty Men, with a French Commission, seized lately on a Ship of this Town laden for *Newcastle*, both ship and lading belonging to Freemen of this place, and carried her into *Horn*; which is the first ship that has been taken on this Account, and if not restored, we cannot but conclude it a breach of the Articles between *Spain*, and the *United Provinces*.

An Advice Yacht lately come into *Zealand*, brought Letters from several private Seamen to their Relations, affirming, That the Plague is gotten into their Fleet; and we are likewise informed of its increase at *Rotterdam*.

By reason of the great spreading of the Infection at *Ostend*, the Marquess hath ordered that no Vessels shall unlade there; but at *Plasfendal*, three miles farther towards *Bruges*.

*Dunkirk, July 22.* The Sicknes continues very hot both in this Town and Cittadel, and all Commerce with us forbidden, which makes our wants very considerable; inso much, That if we are not speedily supplied by our Neighbours, we shall again open our Sluces upon the land of *Berge*. The works of *Mardike* are at a stand, and we want Timber for the two ships that have been so long building here; and indeed all sorts of Provisions are grown scarce with us, and that which will make our wants the greater, Three hundred *Switzers* came yesterday hither to increase our Number.

*Paris, July 21.* The Duke de Beaufort is returned from Lisbon to the Fleet, very well pleased with his Reception at the Court: And 'tis said, the Duke de Veraguas, the Spanish Admiral, is now at Sea with a Fleet of 32 Gallions; and 'tis believed, if the two Admirals should meet, the Spaniard would hardly be persuaded again to strike Sail.

The Ambassador from Poland has not yet made his publick Entry, but is in the mean time highly Treated by the Officers of the Prince de Conde; and has received a private Audience from his Majesty, to which he was introduced by the Prince's *Palatine*, and the Prince de Conde.

The 30th past, the Queen of Portugal set Sail for Lisbon, but was forc'd in again by contrary Winds, and 3 dayes after went off with a fair Gale. The Ships that were her Convoy were extremely strained in Provisions, and could not have parted so suddenly, had they not been casually supplied by a Vessel that came in there very well stored.

The Duke de Gramont has lately received Letters from the Queen of Poland, dissenting with the journey intended thither by the Count de Gulches, whose presence she formerly much desired, telling him, That the Affairs of that Kingdom are at the last in a fair way of composition.

*Tangier July 8.* The posture of this place, as to our Neighbors, is much chang'd upon a late and unexpected success of the Keriff or King of Taffletta; who with an Army, as 'tis said, of near 40000 men fell suddenly upon Gayland's forces beyond *Alcafer*, and in his absence, routed and wholly broke them; whom Gayland (upon the news, getting on horse-back) endeavored to rally, but finding his enemy too powerful, and his men in too great disorder, he was forced with some few followers to retire himself to *Arzilla*, leaving the whole Countrey (as their fashion is) to follow the fortune of the Victorious, fearing the plunder of their Goods, and the burning of their Corn; whose future assistance Gayland doubts not of, as soon as they have secured their Corn and Goods under Ground.

Upon his arrival at *Arzilla*, he immediately dispatched a Messenger to the Lieutenant Governor of this place, acquainting him with his ill success in the War, sending him an excellent Horse which had saved him in his flight, and an English Slave for a present, with a promise to release what other Captives, he should desire of him; but withal, giving him a memorial of what necessaries he desired in his present exigency, to be furnished with from *Tangier*, for which he promised satisfaction; increasing that a Chirurgion might be speedily sent him, to take care of a Wound he had received in his face; with a Boat or some larger Vessel to attend him at *Arzilla* for his relief, in case of necessity, begging likewise, that care might be taken of such Subjects of his that should repair to our Garrison. Which requests, the Lieutenant-Governor according to the Articles of the Peace between them immediately granted, sending to him what things he wrote for, which he received with all the acknowledgments and expressions of thankfulness that could be imagined.

Our Garrison upon this occasion is put upon a Defensive posture; the Inhabitants near us having broken the Articles of Peace upon their quitting their obedience to Gayland: which we are a little sensible of, two Soldiers of this Garrison, who were carelessly and contrary to order given them, cutting Grass in our own Bounds, being killed by them, and several Ambuscadoes laid to entrap more.

The *Wincro* Ketch went the last week from hence to *Cadix* to take in Tyles for the use of this place, and in her return met with two French Vessels that had each of them 70 men on board, with whom she fought with that valor and success, that one of them was forced to seek his safety by flight; the other ran on shore near the Bay of *Bulls*, where the men got to Land, but the Vessel was by the Captains order fired; the Ketch returned thither on Monday last, and is since sent to attend at *Arzilla*.

*Dublin, July 12.* This City, as well as the whole Kingdom, is put into a good posture, our Militia consisting of 21 Companies of Foot, two Troops of Horse, and one of Dragoons. The Parliament is closed, and have pass'd the Bill for 4 Subsidies given to the King by the Temporality. Another for the Regulating of Wine-Licenses and Aquavinta. And the Addi-

tional Bill for improving His Majesties Revenue of Hearth-money. The Bill for waving the Priviledges of both Houses for two Years, after long debate, was rejected by the Lords.

Letters from *King's Isle* inform us, That Capt. *Grant* has brought in two *Pizes*, one laden with Deal, the other with *Stommacken*, and some Oyles from *Porto Porto*; and has taken a small Barbadoes man, and an *Hamburger*.

*Lyn, July 16.* Four laden Colliers that came on Friday out of *Scarborough*, bound for this place and *Boston*, were on Saturday chased by a French Sloop upon *Lincolnshire*, three of them for their security were forced to run on shore near *Wynfleets*, where the Countrey people coming together, preserved them from farther injury; the fourth made his escape and came safe into *Boston*.

*Alberough, July 16.* This morning came by this Bay, four great Dutch Men of War, two Hoves and a Dogger, which we suppose to be Recruits, they standing to the Southwards towards the great Body of the Fleet which still continues its station as formerly.

From aboard the *Pembrook*, July 14. Yesterday about five in the morning we weigh'd Anchor, and set sail from *Tynmouth* with the landmen sent thither from *Berwick*, and about ten of the Clock discovered a sail, to whom we bore up, and found to be a Dutch Privateer of 22 Guns; we first gave him our Chace Guns, but were presently answered by a Broad-side, which we again returned to effectually, that the Enemy began to grow weary of the Engagements, and after some little dispute began to run; we giving them Chace eight hours, when getting up with him, the fight was renewed very sharply, but our men immediately boarding, with the assistance of the Land-men, who did excellent service in the fight, we forced them to yell: the Vessel was a new ship of *Amsterdam*, excellently well fitted out, but received much hurt in her Rigging and Hull; he had 84 Men on Board, and 6 Boyes, whereof near 20 killed. We lost in the Engagement 4 Men, and about 15 wounded.

*Whitchal, July 18.* This morning *Sieur Marke Ogast*, Envoyé from the Marquis de *Cassel* Radrigo Governor of the Spanish Netherlands, concerning the security and freedom of the Trade of *Flanders*, in this juncture, took leave of His Majesty; being in few days, with the Deputies that came along with him, to return hence for *Flanders*, extremely satisfied with the good reception he bath on all occasions received from His Majesty and His Ministers here, in his Address upon this matter.

From *Fishing* the English prisoners write largely of the Barbarous usage they receive from their merciless enemies, under whose Cruelties many of them are already dead, divers of them sick, and all of them reduced to such leanness, that they have only skin left to cover their bones: their allowance for two daies being three sivers in Bread, two ounces of Butter, and three of Cheese, but their Prison so very strait, that they are forced constantly to lie one upon another, and about thirty that could not be crowded in amongst the rest, are put underground into the Dungeon, which their miserable condition, they have represented to his Majesty, who is graciously pleased to take care for their release, with as much speed as possibly can be used.

*Harwich, July 17.* On Saturday our *Spy* skirting along the line of the Dutch fleet, computed them above 100 sail, great and small; they lie where they did formerly. In the *Gunfleet* they fired many Guns which was guess't to be upon the receipt of some recruits from *Holland*. On the 15 a Ketch belonging to our fleet, made them about the same number. The 16, another Ketch belonging to the *Expert* went out in the night, and was up with the Dutch fleet by break of day, computing them to be 104, and discovered our four ships lying above them upon the Guard. This day we had a very great and unusual storm, the wind turning to all points of the Compass; which by its violence, over-set a Smack that lay near us: Upon its clearing up, we apprehended a Gun fired by the Dutch Admiral, but know not what hurt they received.

The Account of this Weeks Bill runs thus The Total 294. Of the Plague 51. Increased in all 47. Increased of the Plague 18.