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West-Coves, July 11.

ON the eighth instant, the *Paradox* Fregat brought in hither 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 Fisher-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 *Lincolshire*, 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 *Anguish*, 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 *Flinshire* 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 *Broxtun 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 encrease 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.