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*Pennennis, July 23.*

**T**His last Evening appeared in sight of our Castle 24 or 25 sail of Ships, 2 or 3 we made to be Fregats, and suppose them the *Virginia* Fleet. On Saturday last the *Swallow* brought in a Prize into this Harbor, who pretends to be of *Lubeck*; who landed at *St. Martins* with Salt, and, as she says, was bound for *Danzick* and *Coninsbergh*. By this Prize we are informed, that *De Beaufort* is still at *Lisbon*, expecting the arrival of the Queen, and says, That all ships, whether *Swedes*, *Offenders* or *Hollanders*, are prest to carry Salt for the French King; but she has nothing to shew for her self, only a Pass from the French General for her safe passage.

*Swansey, July 23.* On Thursday last came into this Road a small Vessel laden with Tobacco and Sugars from the *Barbadoes*, belonging to this place, but bound for *Bristol*: She came alone from the *Barbadoes*, till within 80 Leagues of *Cape Cleere*, where she met with four of His Majesties Fregats; the *Saphire* one, who in her passage gave a Broad-side, and a Volley of Small shot to a *Flushing* Caper of 38 Guns (a nimble Sailer; that bore up with them) with that success, that the Captain, and near thirty Dutch fell, as they were afterward informed by a Sloop that came from the *Flushing*, and came afterwards into their hands. The Fregat took likewise two Prizes, Merchants belonging to *Holland*, and brought them, with their Convoy, safe to *Kingsale*, where they found the rest of the Fleet, which since they have convoyed to their several Ports.

*Plymouth, July 24.* Yesterday arrived 22 sail of the *Barbadoes* and *Virginia* Fleet, under the Convoy of the *Saphire*, *Ferrester*, *Milford*, *Success*, and *Mermaid* Fregats; a *Dartmouth* ship they fear has miscarried by foul weather, which was grown Leaky. Six Fregats are gone hence Westwards for the security of our other Merchants. One Fregat more is bound to the Eastward, commanded by Captain *Watson*, who hath two *Malaga* ships, and some of the *Barbadoes* men under her Convoy. Here is at present another Fregat commanded by Capt. *Bell*, whose main Mast is defective, and is besides grown Leaky (and 'tis supposed) will speedily for *Portsmouth*, to repair.

*Nerwich, July 25.* The Account of our Bill this last week is thus. Of all Diseases, 147. Plague, 130. And at the Pesthouse, 7.

*West-Coves, Isle of Wight, July 25.* The *Orange* has brought in hither the *Hunter* of *Colmer*, from *Brouage* in *France*, laden with Salt, of 280 Tuns burthen, who relates, That the *Grand Partie* of *France* have 120 ships and Vessels with Salt, most of them ready laden at *Rochelle*, *Brouage*, and other parts adjacent, bound for *Haurt de Grace*; and that 42 of them are great Dutch Fly-boats, having only two men of War for Convoy: 26 French Barks are taken up at *St. Martins*, and parts adjacent, to meet *Monsieur de Beaufort* with provisions for his Fleet about the *Isle of Boulogne*, in his way from *Lisbon*.

*Boston, July 25.* The *True-Love* Fregat, by reason of a North-East wind, came yesterday into *Boston Diepes* with 150 prest men; at his appearing, a French shallop that had lain some time upon the shore, and taken some Prizes, came up to him in a mistake, he having his Guns drawn in; but upon clearer discovery, immediately bore off; and upon the firing of a Gun or 2 from the Fregat, struck sail; but upon a Tack got away, bearing over the *Long-sund*, where the Fregat durst not follow him, fearing want of water.

*Whitehal, July 28.* By several Letters from *Harwich*, *Alberough*, and other places upon the Sea Coasts, as also from a particular relation from Capt. *Talbot* of the *Elizabeth*, that came in maimed into *Harwich*, the 26 instant, we have

this account, That the two Fleets engaged on Wednesday between ten and eleven in the forenoon (ours having the Weather gage) about 12 or 14 Leagues S. E. and by E. off *Orforanests*. That both Fleets divided themselves into three Squadrons, ours being led on by the White Squadron, who so effectually plied the Dutch Van, that they were in little time (some Letters say three hours) forced to bear away; the Red following on the same Line, forcing likewise off the second Squadron of the Dutch: But the Blew which was our weakest Squadron, falling in with the *Zealand*, which was the strongest of the Enemies, kept them to Leeward, where they maintained the fight very hotly with the headmost of our ships, the rest of them being long before they could fall into their line, being heavy Sailers, and much a Stern.

In this days fight the *Resolution* was unhappily burnt, some Letters saying, that she generously threw her self between a Fireship and the Rere-Admiral of the Blew, and was fired by a Dutch and English Fireship, they being engaged together, and little wind stirring, fell aboard of her; others saying, that the Admiral of *Zealand* finding her disabled, set a Fireship upon her, the Vice-Admiral of the Blew tacking about in her defence, but not able to save her. After which the *Zealand* Admiral kept his wind, the Admiral of the Blew, with eight or ten more standing after him, the rest of his Squadron engaging with the Rear of the Enemy, but could not make the *Bear up*; so that they weathered the Red and White, who stood to the Southwards: But at six at night the wind coming to the West, the Blew and *Zealand* stood towards the North, the rest of the Fleets to the South, and kept firing so late at night, till they could see no longer.

The *Pelham* Ketch arriving the 26 at *Southwold*, with thirty wounded men from the Fleet, affirms, That at nine of the clock that morning, he left the Blew Squadron 26 sail together, and the Dutch 24, who were at first to the Windward of ours; but the wind that was then North East chopping about to South East, we chased after them, assuring us That he left the Capital Officers of that Squadron of our with their ships very well, save onely the *Resolution*; that about ten at night, he saw of the enemies one ship blown up, and another about one in the morning, and that the Admiral of *Zealand* by the striking of the Flag he thinks is killed; that about ten of the clock he saw four Ships and three Ketches going to the Fleet, and were within a league of them, which 'tis believed are those that carried near a thousand men out of *Yarmouth* Roads; reporting also, that about 80 men were killed and wounded in the *Victory*, and near as many in the *Vauntguard*: The enemies losses he knows not.

By other hands, besides the confirmation of the former, we have only this farther account, that the Blew Squadron is in pursuit of the *Zealand*, and were much encouraged by the addition of four Fifth Rate Fregats; and the Seamen from three Ketches from *Yarmouth* Roads: that the *Sovereign* was most dreadful to the Dutch, and made them every where give way, our Seamen exceeding cheerful, concluding by all their observations, that the Dutch were overcome.

That Captain *Kempthorne* in the *Defiance* had like to have been burnt by his own fireship: The *Henry* and *Raybow* much disabled, but stood in again.

The *Revenge* had like to have been fired by her own fire-ship, the *Land of Promise*.

The *Elizabeth* is much disabled, and left the Fleet the 25 instant at ten at night, the Captain affirming, he saw five or six Dutch ships on fire before he came away; other Letters speak only of four.

*Hague, Aug. 4.* Our last from *de Ruyter* were of the 29.

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