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Rome, May 27.

THe Courier which lately arrived here from France, is sent back with ample Instructions to Signior *Nerli*, the Popes Nuncio at Paris, for the accomplishing the most Christian Kings intentions, concerning the re-establishment of the Equestrian Order of St. *Lazarus*; it is said, that the said Courier carries Orders to Signior *Nerli* to return home, his friends here having desired it of the Pope; that they might the better procure him a Cap at the next Promotion of Cardinals. The Duke of *Gravina* hath at length yielded to the earnest instance of the Cardinal *Nissard*, the Spanish Ambassadour here, concerning his performing the Ceremony of Homage, on the part of the Crown of Spain, for the Kingdom of *Naples* on St. *Peter's* day, which the said Duke will do with the greatest splendor and solemnity the short time he has to make his preparations in will give him leave. An Extraordinary Courier coming from Spain, with Dispatches for the Vice-Roy of *Naples*, was assaulted near this place by four persons, his Letters taken away, and the Courier killed; of which Cardinal *Nissard* having complained, strict Orders have been given for the discovery of these Assassins.

From the Camp before Maestricht, June 12.

The King with most of the Cavalry, and about 4 or 5000 Foot, arrived before this place on Saturday last, about Noon, having marched 7 Leagues that morning: In the afternoon his Majesty traced the Line of Circumvallation on this side the River, and gave the Cavalry their several grounds, and left Intervals for the Foot: His Majesty was upon that they call the By-watch all the night, all the Squadrons being on horseback: yesterday early in the morning, the Infantry and the Artillery joyned the Camp: The Bridge of Communication was made yesterday, and a Camp formed on the other side of the River, which the Duke of *Orleans* commands. The King has given the Duke of *Monmouth* the Command of half the Great Line on this side, which contains 8000 Horse and Foot; and is a Post of very great consequence. We told you in our last, that the Enemy had made a Sally with six Squadrons of Horse, but that they were beaten back, without any great loss, there having not been above 20 men killed on both sides: some we took prisoners, who tell us, that there is 5000 Foot, and 1400 Horse in the place; That Provisions begin to grow dear already, and that their Horse are very bad. The report we had here of Monsieur *Turenne's* being coming down the *Rhine*, is now contradicted again.

Cologne, June 13. Yesterday morning the Dutch Plenipotentiaries parted from *Aix la Chapelle*, and this evening they are expected here: the Swedish Ambassadours are likewise here; several Visits have passed between them and the French Ambassadours. Count *Conningsmark* is arrived here; his Troops which have for some time lodged in the Counties of *Nassau*, *Dillenburgh*, *Siegen*, &c. are now on their march, intending to pass the *Rhyn* at *Bon*, and so to pass on to *Maestricht*. Monsieur de *Turenne* continues still at *Soest*.

Amsterdam, June 15. We still continue to talk of the great Victory we have obtained at Sea, though we begin to abate very much of the Enemies losses; for

instead of 22 Men of War, which according to our first advice, they had burnt, sunk, and stranded, we now can onely speak of 10, which we fear will at last come to none, and that it will be found, that as the Victory, so the greatest loss is on the side of this State: but it is no wonder, if all this while we talk at random, considering the great care that is taken to conceal all matters that are any way to our disadvantage. A certain person arrived here, informs us, that the 13 instant he was in our Fleet, then lying at Anchor in *Schonevelt*, the English Fleet lying within sight of them, behind the *Sweenbank* and *Osterbank*; that our Fleet consisted of 65 Men of War; 5 or 6 of our Ships which were very much disabled, being gone into Port to refit; that near *West Cappel* lay three great Vessels, having on board vast numbers of wounded men, for the carrying of which to shore, 8 or 10 small Vessels were to be employed; that it was the general report in the Fleet, that we have lost three Men of War besides the *Deventer*, and a great many Fireships: This person farther adds, That the Captain of the Ship he was on Board (being one of the first Rank) told him for truth, that he had had 90 men killed out-right, besides almost as many more wounded; That it is forbid, on very severe penalties, That no Officer or Seaman shall write any news concerning the posture or condition of their respective ships, to their friends ashore; but as for the Enemies losses, they have leave to make them as great as they please. We have now an account of these Officers killed, Vice-admiral *Schram*, Rear-admiral *Ulugh* of North-Holland, Capt. *Backer*, Capt. *Bergen*, Capt. *Cuylenburg*, Capt. *Nassau*, Capt. *Port*, and Capt. *de Haes*; we are assured that our Fleet has positive Orders not to come in, but that still upon all occasions they retreat to the *Weilings*, where they may refit their Ships, and have all things necessary sent them from hence; and that for such Ships which shall be so disabled, that there is a necessity for their coming into port, that they send them to *Uissing* and *Middleburg*: By such stratagems as these, we endeavour to keep up the hearts of the people, who, should they see the truth of things, would be as much dejected as they seem now animated with the false reports that are spread abroad. We have just now advices, that the Fleets are Engaged again, but have not any of the particulars.

Hague, June 16. Our last Letters from our Fleet was of the 13 instant, when they lay in *Schonevelt*, repairing the damages they had sustained in the late Engagement. The French are still at *Muderbergh*, many fear, that *Muyden* will at last fall into their hands. We report here with much confidence, that the Imperial Army is on their March, to give the French a diversion; We continue to talk here very extravagantly, concerning the last Fight. Since my last, I have got a sight of the true Letter, written by Lieutenant-Admiral *de Ruyter*, the day after the Fight, to the Prince of *Orange*, in which I find this clause in the latter end of it (which was not published with the rest) — Five Ships, which were quite disabled, I have sent to *Uissing* to be refitted; Three of our Men of War are missing, and I fear lost: We have lost most of our Fireships, and a great many men. I beseech your
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Highness to send the remaining Ships to us, with all the speed you can; for the Enemy, which lies not far from us, is much stronger than we.

Flushing, June 26. Cannot give you any further particulars of the Engagement, which was the seventh instant, then that we are certain, that the Ship *Devenier*, having besides her own complement of men, which was 350, a great number of wounded men aboard, was cast away coming in, and all her men, except 25, was lost; another Vessel coming up with 100 wounded men, was likewise lost near *Flushing*, and all that were in her were drowned; but this was not till four or five days after the Fight, for all that while they kept their wounded men, and disabled Ships in the Fleet, so that the people believe, they had not any, and so engage them to come into the Service. But six or seven days after the Fight, the Hospitals at *Middelburgh*, *Flushing*, and *Tervoren* were crowded with wounded men, and their Ships came in, and were quite disabled. In the mean time the Enemy has continued upon our Coast. The 14. instant we saw our Fleet under Sail, and all that afternoon we heard violent shootings, during which time they Engaged the Enemy, about ten Leagues off at Sea: The next day, which was yesterday, we saw our Fleet at Anchor again in *Schonevelt*; and though they lay very near the shore, yet as yet we have not had any account of the Fight; which Silence very much discourages us here.

Disco, 18. Here are come in four great Ships wholly disabled in the last Fight, which it seems could not be rescued in *Schonevelt*, where the rest of our Fleet now lies, as near the shore as possibly they can, repairing their damages: Some persons come from thence assure us, that we have sustained far greater damage in this Fight, then we did in the former, in loss of men, that under water, in Masts and in Tackling; that they saw 30 of our Ships haled on their sides, to have their Leaks stoppt; That several of them had lost their Top-Masts, and otherwise much damaged; That two of their Admirals had lost their Fore-Masts, and another Vice-Admiral his Main-Top-Mast; That Lieutenant-Admiral *Crump* and Captain *Braket* had been hotly Engaged, that the former had above 100 men killed out-right, and the other not many left: The number of wounded men is so great, that we know not where to put them, and to *Holland* we will not send them, because we will not discourage the people.

Answer, June 16. All the Forces which our Governour the Count de *Monterey* had drawn together about *Dendermond*, *Ghent*, &c. whilst the French were in our Neighbourhood, are now marched again to their several Quarters. The French we hear, carry on the Siege of *Maestricht* with much vigour, and many are of opinion that the place will not hold out so long as some expect it will, Monsieur de *Turenne* according to our last advices from the *Rhyn*, does not as yet begin to move with the Army under his command, his intentions being as is thought to watch the motions of the Imperial Army in case they should come towards the *Rhyn*.

Offset, June 18. The Dutch Fleet lies now on *Schonevelt*, so near the shoar, that we can plainly see them from a small place called *Blankenhurgh*, three Leagues to the Eastward of this place. Yesterday we saw above twenty of their ships laying on their sides, stopping their Leaks; so that without question their loss is very considerable. *Zeland* is as full of wounded Sea men as it can hold: and though the Dutch do not brag of this Engagement as they did of the former, yet it is not to be doubted, but that the Victory is still on their side: And the reason that they do not make Bonfires, is, they tell us in Private, the great modesty of their Governours, who in the mean time permit such notorious falsehoods to be published, and sent abroad, that

all sober men do blush at them: They tell us in their Gazetts, That a Messenger was come from *Dunkirk* to tell them, that Twenty Men of War of the French Squadron, being extremely torn and disabled, were come into *Dunkirk*; and that from their Fleet they had advice, that four or five of the Masts of great English Ships, that were sunk, were still remaining above water, and their collors to be seen by them, &c: But certainly they will at last be ashamed of their own extravagancy, and in the interim give the world occasion, rather to pity their fond credulity, then to take any notice of their boasted advantages.

Brussels, June 17. Our Letters from *Liege* tell us, that the French before *Maestricht* have finished their Lines and that the 14 instant they intended to open their Trenches; the Salleys that have as yet been made, have done little execution, the Governour it is said, intending to spare his men, till he have greater occasion of them. It is said here, that the Governour finding in good earnest, that the French meant the Siege, had written to the most Christian King, to acquaint him, That the place did not now belong to the States-General, but to the King of *Spain*, for whom he held it; To which his Majesty, as we are told, made answer, That if it was so, that they should have let him know it before he was advanced so far; and that the Governour puts out the Spanish Colours upon the Walls: But whilst our Letters from the Camp makes not any mention of this particular, we do not know what credit to give to it. From *Aix la Chapelle* we have advice, that the 14 instant Sir *Lionel Jenkins* and Sir *Joseph Williamson*, His Majesty of Great Britain's Extraordinary Ambassadors for the Treaty of Peace, passed through that place, on their way to *Cologne*.

Whitehall, June 10. We have advice, that two of His Majesties Frigats, the *Crown* and the *Nightingale*, having been sent out by his Highness Prince *Rupert* to cruise, in their return from the Coast of *Zeland*, met the 8. instant, to the Eastward of the *Galloper*, about 3 in the Morning, with Three Dutch men of War, which were to Windward of them, the biggest of 44 Guns and the other two of 30 Guns apiece: About 5 in the Morning our Frigats Engaged them, and fought them as briskly as a Leeward-Wind would give them leave. They fought 3 hours; but the Dutch finding our Ships too hot for them, and having received some damage, made all the Sail they could towards their own Coasts, ours chasing them seven hours: but finding they could not come up with them, gave over the chase, and are come in.

Disco, June 11. This morning His Majesty and his Royal Highness, being attended by several of the chiefest of the Nobility, and other persons of quality, went hence for the *Buoy in the Nore*, to hasten the Fleet out again; which, considering the great diligence that is used, is not doubted but will be very suddenly.

Advertisements.

THE Right Honourable, the Lord High Chancellor of England hath given some directions for the Quarter Sessions, Pursuant to the late Act against Popish Recusants, which will be convenient for the Under-Sheriffs and Clerks of the Peace of all Counties, and the Recorders and Town-Clerks of all Corporations to take notice of, and call at his Lordships house for the same.

WHEREAS the Right Honourable, the Lord High Treasurer of England, hath been pleased to direct the Commissioners for granting Wine-Licenses, to let Licenses for the future, at more easie and moderate Rates then formerly; these are therefore to give notice, That all persons desiring to take Licenses for selling of Wines by Retail, at moderate Rates, may by themselves or friends, resort to the Office of the said Commissioners for granting Wine-Licenses, situate in *Dunbrow-yard, London*, where the said Commissioners will agree with them thereupon. And for the ease of such who live in *Exon, Plymouth, Bistol*, or places adjacent thereto, the said Lord High Treasurer hath been pleased to direct the Commissioners to go thither, before the end of *July* next, and unto *York* and parts adjacent about the middle of *August* next; which the said Commissioners will accordingly perform.