

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. I cannot give you any farther 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 *Tervuren* 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 stopp'd; 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 *Dunbom-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.