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Madrid, June 7.

THe Comte de Lion is arrived here from his most Christian Majesty, with the Complement of Condolence upon the death of the Emperour, having received his eight days Entertainment at this Kings Expences, as Envoy Extraordinary. We hear from the *Groin*, that several English Prizes had been brought into that Port by the Dutch Privateers, From *Málaga* of the 9th past That a single *Argier* Ship had taken a Venetian that had 100 Spanish Souldiers, Women and Children aboard, and above 70 thousand pieces of Eight in Silver, with much rich Merchant life. 'Twas reported, that *Gulian* profers, and would probably make himself Master of *Fez* in a short time, and that then *Sally* promises to come under his Command, That the *Tiger* Frigate which was arrived in that Port, had Order to bring his Wives and Household from *Argier* to *Tangier*, for which place he professes great kindness. From the same place the 30th past, That by the *Concord* arrived there from *Alicant*, they had news of the French having taken a rich *Genouefe* Convoy, because that Republick had permitted the Dutch to *Assa* in *Genoua*, contrary to their Engagement to his most Christian Majesty. From *Cadix* the 7th past, That Monsieur d'Almeras with six men of War, and two 14 ships, arrived in that Bay two days before. He captured the Town with 11 Guns, and was answered with 7, but the Royal Armada gave him none, in return of the same number which he gave them as to the Town, pretending that he ought to have lower'd his Flag, in fight of the Standard Royal of *Spain*. That about the same time arrived there three *Mayorch* Ships with 700 Neapolitan Souldiers, which were to pass for *Flanders* in a few days in two *Ostend* Frigats. From the same place the 14th past, That the Royal Armada thought it at length convenient to make a return of 7 Guns to the French Squadron, which they did the next day, after Monsieur d'Almeras arrival; That those French men of War are to remain cruising on that Coast. From the same place the 23rd past, That there was in that River, a French man of War, who came in to get a new main Top Mast, and reported, that Monsieur *Chasternaut* was cruising on that Coast, with a Squadron of 7 Ships, of which that Vessel was one.

Rome, June 3. On Monday last was held a Consistory, where his Holiness was present, appearing very strong and vigorous, to the great wonderment of all the Congregation, considering his great age, and the continual indisposition he hath of late had upon him; some were of opinion, that the Pope would in his Consistory, have proceeded to a nomination of Cardinals, but it seems that is still deferred, contrary to the expectation of many; the 200000 Crowns which his Holiness so lately sent to the King of *Poland*, to be employed for the defence of that Kingdom against the Turks, remains still, as we are told, in the hands of our Nuncio at that Court, on what account we know not; but this week we are told of Letters arrived from that King to the Pope, in which, he desires his Holiness to compleat his good intentions to that Crown and to give order for the payment of this Money. The Cardinal *Branucci* continues still very

ill, insomuch that his recovery is despaired of by many. The Bishop of *Marseilles*, who lately arrived here from *Florence*, whither he was sent by the most Christian King to compose some misunderstandings at that Court, is gone hence again on his way home. It is said, that the Duke de *Gravina* hath, for some particular reasons, desired to be excused from performing the Ceremony of doing homage on *St. Peters* day, on the part of the Crown of *Spain*; and that Father *Nithard*, the Spanish Ambassador, very much resents this refusal.

Genoua, June 7. The two French men of War, continue to take all such *Genouefe* Vessels as they can meet withal; and we hear of two that have some days since fallen into their hands. This Senate hath not as yet as we can hear of, taken any resolution for the composing the differences, which has occasioned this Seizure of our Ships by the French. This States Admiral Ship is careening here, and so soon as ready, will sail for *Spain*, to meet our Convoy which is coming from thence, so that they may be the better able to make their defence, in case of any accident. The French Gallies are at present at *Monaco*, and some tell us, will come hither. This State seems at present disposed to give his Holiness satisfaction in the matter of Precedency, between the Duke and the Archbishop of this place.

Cole ne, June 16. The 13 instant Sir *Lionel Jenkins* and Sir *Joseph Williamson*, the English Plenipotentiaries arrived here; the Earl of *Sutherland*, being a week or more, still detained by his indisposition at *Paris*. The same evening the Dutch Plenipotentiaries likewise arrived.

Antwerp, June 20. You may easily imagine what news we have here from *Holland*, concerning the late Engagement, the advices we receive from thence on such occasions, always agreeing in the main point, viz. That they have obtained a great Victory, as they do at this time, though it appears no other proof of it, then that they are pleased to tell us so; The French carry on the Siege of *Maestricht* with a great deal of earnestness; they have, its said, finished their Batteries, and this day they intended to begin to make use of their Cannon. The Count de *Montroy* has lately received, as we are told 600000 Crowns by Bills of Exchange from *Madrid*, part of which he will employ towards payment of the Militia. The States of *Holland* have sent his Excellency an account of the late Engagements, which we do not see made publick, and therefore may well conclude, it is not the same that is published in *Holland*. Our Letters from *Lipsstadt* of the 13 instant, tell us, That Monsieur de *Turenne* was broken up with the Forces under his Command, from his Quarters in the County of *Mark*, and that he took his march down the *Rhine* towards *Maestricht*, to assist at the Siege of that place. The Dutch continue to write of the coming down of the Imperialists, but our last Letters from *Vienna*, said, they lay then in their Quarters near *Egra* in *Bohemiz*.

Hague, June 19. The States General are at present Asssembled, their chief debate being about raising of Money, towards the payment of the extraordinary charge this State is at both by Sea and Land; this Morning

morning the Prince of *Orange* received a Letter from Monsieur *Fario*, Governor of *Maeſtricht*, in which he gives his Highneſs an account of ſeveral Sallies he has of late made upon the Enemy, though without doing any conſiderable execution, and concludes this Letter with a promiſe to his Highneſs, that he will defend the place, as became a good and faithful Soldier. The Duke of *Bournoville* writes, as is ſaid, from *Vienna*, That he had Orders to march with the Imperial Army, which, as the Imperial Miniſters here aſſure us, ſhall conſiſt of 30000 Men. We talk here much of a Treaty of Alliance being concluded between this State and the Crown of *Denmark*. I know you will be curious to know what we ſay of the laſt Engagement, I therefore ſend you this following Copy of what is publiſhed here.

On *Friday* laſt, after the departure of the Poſt, by Letters, as well from Lieutenant-Admiral *de Ruyter*, as others, we had advice of the ſecond Engagement the 14 inſtant. That the 12, the Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyter* held a Council of War on board his Ship, where it was conſulted, our Ships being now reſited again, how they ſhould farther act, and finding that they were as ſtrong as they could expect to be, and that the Enemy might with the next westerly Wind receive a reinforcement from home, it was reſolved, That in caſe no Orders came to the contrary, they ſhould engage the Enemy the fourteenth; That morning the States Deputies, the Heer *Bosvelt*, the Heer *Vander Meyden*, the Heer *Maregnault*, and the Heer *Vander Viereſen*, came on board the Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyter*, and having approved of the ſaid reſolution, and had ſome farther debate together, went aſhoar again; immediately after which, they weighed Anchor, and having put our Fleet in order, ſailed to the Enemy, who were likewiſe got under ſail; About 4 in the afternoon the Fight began, and ſo continued till the night parted them, when we Tacked and ſtood again for our Coaſt, and the next day arrived again in *Schonevelt*; The Engliſh have loſt ſix Men of War, as well burnt as ſunk; we have not loſt one, and all our Head-Commanders are well, ſo that we have again obtained a conſiderable victory; the farther particulars we have not as yet had time to learn.

Vice-Admiral *de Liefde* writes that his Ship is very much torn, and that he wants 125 Men of his Roll, which he deſires may be forthwith ſupplied him, for till then his Ship is unſerviceable; and that he had a ſlight wound in the Head by a Splinter. The 15 the States Deputies came on board again.

I do not doubt but you are ſo well acquainted with the Stile of theſe People, that you will not wonder they have the confidence to ſpeak of a victory, and of the Engliſh having loſt ſix Men of War, which is ſo notoriously falſe.

Amſterdam, *June* 20. We have not as yet any particular Account of the Engagement on *Wednesday* the 14 inſtant, but in general they tell us, that we have obtained an other Victory, though hitherto we ſee no great ſigns of it; certain it is, that many of our Capital Ships are diſabled, and abundance of Men killed and wounded; divers of the moſt conſiderable Ships have loſt a fourth part, and ſome a third of their Men, beſides thoſe wounded; Captain *Braekell* having in his Ship alone, had 130 Men killed outright; what other loſs we have had, we are kept ignorant of, though ſome of the wounded Men that are come aſhoar ſay, that we have loſt three Men of War, two of *North-Holland*; and one of *Zealand*, but this is not certain; Our Fleet lies at preſent at *Schonevelt*, where they are reſitting themſelves, which we uſe all poſſible endeavors to do forthwith. We do not yet know of one Officer killed, which ſufficiently argues, that they con-

ceal from us who are ſlain, for certainly ſome are. The French continue to ply *Muyden* hard, and will it is thought, at laſt make themſelves Maſters of the Place. The Countrey hereabouts lies all ſounder water, that the French at *Utrecht* have not as yet been able to attempt any thing upon us.

From the Camp before *Maeſtricht*, *June* 20.

On *Saturday* laſt it was reſolved to open the Trenches, which was accordingly done, and about ſeven a Clock in the Evening, part of the Army Marched in two Bodies towards the Town, the Horſe carrying Fagots, and the Foot Shovels and Axes, they advanced within Muſket ſhot of the Walls, the Enemy all the while firing upon us with great and ſmall ſhot, but not with that violence as was expected, ſo that very few of our Men were killed or wounded; the night was very favourable to us; for there fell a great deal of Rain about that time, and it was very dark; it was expected the Enemy would have made a Sally, but they did not, ſo that the next Morning by break of day, we had without any oppoſition finiſhed three Batteries, and had 26 great Guns planted on them, which have played inceſſantly ever ſince, and by 11 a Clock we had diſmounted all the Guns of the Town we could come to bear upon, excepting one or two the fartheſt diſtant from our Battery; They made all that while but a faint Fire from the Town, except that their Muſqueteers have ſhot pretty thick from their Palifadoes, but without doing any conſiderable hurt to our Men; In the mean time our Trenches advance continually.

From the Camp before *Maeſtricht*, *June* 21.

Since we broke ground, we have advanced extremely, with the loſs of very few Men, the Enemy ſcarce Shooting from the place, of which we cannot imagine the reaſon; Our Trenches are now within 30 Yards of the Counterſcarp; the night paſt, which was the fourth night ſince the opening of them, the Duke of *Stamouſh* (whoſe turn it was) Commanded in the Trenches, and the Service was very hot, the Enemy firing upon us more furiously than they had ever done before; our buſineſs now is to lodge our ſelves on the Counterſcarp, which we do not doubt but we ſhall do, being ſo near it as we are; We have three great Batteries, within leſs than Muſket ſhot of their Walls, from whence we are continually playing upon them; we have diſmounted all their Guns which our Cannon could bear upon, except two or three.

Whitehall, *June* 14. Yeſterday Morning His Maſtey and his Royal Highneſs returned from the Fleet, and this Morning his Highneſs Prince *Rupert* came up from thence, with intentions to return again in a day or two.

Advertisements.

There is Printed and Publiſhed Blank Certificates in Parchment, for taking of the Sacrament, according to the late Act of Parliament, together with the Oath to which two Witneſſes muſt ſwear, when the Certificate is delivered in Court, being of the exact form and method that is uſed in the Courts of Judicature at *Weſtmiſter* (Licenſed and Entred) and are to be ſold by *Ambroſe Iſted* at the Golden Anchor in *Fleetſtreet*, *John Bellinger* in *Cliffords-Inn-lane*, *William Jacob* at the Black Swan near *Bernards-lan* in *Holborn*, *Chayles Harper* at the Flower de *Lucé* in *Fleetſtreet*, over againſt *Cliffords-Inn-lane*, and *Charles Smith* at the Black Swan over againſt the Horn Tavern in *Fleetſtreet*, *Tho. Baſſet* at the Kings Head in *Weſtmiſter Hall*, and *Robert Horne* at the Entry of the *Royal Exchange*, Bookſellers.

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