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Whitehall, May 26.

Yesterday in the Evening arrived a Messenger, dispatched by the Right Honourable the Lord Harrington Principal Secretary of State attending his Majesty, with a Letter dated from Helvoetsluys Saturday the 24th Instant, at Nine a-Clock in the Morning, giving an Account, that his Majesty being arrived there in perfect Health (God be praised) was going on shore, in order to proceed on his Journey to Hanover. His Majesty had a very fine Passage, the Wind having come to the South-West on Friday Morning at Break of Day, when the Yachts and Convoy were at Anchor below the Nore.

This Morning the Lords Justices met at the Cockpit, and opened their Commission. Their Excellencies have been pleased to appoint John Couraud and Andrew Stone, Esqrs. to be their Secretaries.

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On the 24th Instant came in Letters from Vice-Admiral Vernon, dated the 25th of February, giving an Account, that the Burford (which was the Admiral-Ship at the taking of Porto Bello) having, in returning from a Cruize on the Spanish Coast, run upon a Rock off Point Canoa, two Leagues from the Shore, was found when she came into Port Royal to be so very leaky, that there was an absolute Necessity for her being careen'd before she can put to Sea again. The Admiral therefore hoisted his Flag in the Strafford, for the Expedition he has now in Hand; and having caused the rest of the Squadron he takes with him to be repaired, victualled, and stored, with all the Diligence that could be used, he put out of Port Royal with the Strafford, Princess Louisa, Windsor, Greenwich, and Norwich: The Falmouth had been sent away with the London Convoy, but was ordered to join the Admiral at a certain Station. The Admiral has also with him all the Fireships, Bomb-Vessels, and Tenders;

and being got out of the Harbour of Port Royal, dates his said Letters of the 25th of February from on board the Strafford at Sea. He had ordered the Burford to follow him as soon as she could be got ready, according to Directions left sealed up with her Commander Captain Watson. The Torrington was likewise getting ready in order to follow the Admiral. Commodore Brown with several of his Majesty's Ships was left at Port Royal. On the 21st of February, Captain Wyndham in the Greenwich returned to Port Royal from a Cruize, in which he had chased ashore and destroyed, just to the Leeward of the Port of St. Jago, the Spanish Brigantine Privateer that was the South-Sea Company's, commanded by Captain Willis, and seized in that Port, and fitted out for a Privateer, and might have been very pernicious to our Trade if she had not been timely destroyed; she was towing in an English Brigantine that had left Company with the Convoy, but was brought safe into Port Royal by the Greenwich.

On the 25th arrived Letters from Rear-Admiral Haddock, dated from on board the Ipswich at Port Mahon the 7th of May, advising, that on the 5th he dispatched his Majesty's Ships the Prince of Orange, Sunderland and Jersey to joyn Sir Chaloner Ogle at Gibraltar, whose Squadron, when these have joyned him, will consist of twelve stout Ships of War. Rear Admiral Haddock remains at Port Mahon with the rest of his Squadron, some of his Ships being employed to cruize on the Coast of Catalonia, and on that of Italy.

Florence, May 15, N. S. Letters from Rome of the 7th Instant advise, that Sig. Bolognetti was returned from Civita Vecchia, where, on the 29th past, he had caused the Sea-Horse, an English Ship, Captain Read Master, to be restored to him by Virtue of an Instrument drawn up by Order of the Government of Rome. That Ship had been chased and seized by a Spanish Privateer within Reach of the Cannon of the Fort at Civita Vecchia,