

War: But our men we thought to have been kill'd, are many of them found living; having onely hid themselves, during the fight, in their ships; and for some time continued lying upon their sides to make their escapes, till meet necessity brought them again to fight. Of this sort, we are not ashamed to reckon almost 800, a good part of which are said to have been in *de Ruyters* own ship, as *de Witte* is reported to have informed the States.

*Middelburgh, Aug. 21.* Our Captains much complain for want of able Seamen, and yet of those they have received a recruit of 1500 from *Holland*. All Seamen and Soldiers belonging to the fleet, are commanded aboard their ships within twenty four hours, under pain of loss of pay, and what other arbitrary penalty shall be inflicted. But this makes them not mend their pace, who call openly for their pay, professing not to fight without their arrears; and slight the States offer of four months present pay, since many of them are behind at least 12 or 14 months. This has caused the several Admirals to send their Deputies to confer with the States upon the point, which seems of great difficulty upon the sudden: The arrears of the Fleet being computed to be at least five millions.

*Brussels, Aug. 20.* On Wednesday last the Resident from His Majesty of *Great Britain* made his Bonfire over against his own Gate, in expression of his joy at the arrival of the happy news of the success of his Masters Fleet against the Dutch, where the people to shew the satisfaction they received by the English victory, came together in multitudes, and with great shouts and acclamations, drank His Majesty of *England's* health, which was began and continued with the sound of Drums and Trumpets; whilst persons of the greatest quality of both Sexes were splendidly treated in the Residents house; where from the Windows they received the Divertissements of excellent Fire-works, and spent the greatest part of that night in mirth and jollity.

*Lisbon, July 26.* On the sixth of *June S. N.* the Duke *de Beaufort* arrived in this Harbor with his whole fleet, consisting of 31 French Men of War, 3 Dutch, 10 Fire-ships, and 15 Merchant men, where he staid till the 28; when leaving the Merchants behind him, he went out to cruise, which he continued till *July 9.* At which time he returned and anchored in the Bay of *Castilles*, till on the 22 he set sail again with his Merchants intending for *Rochelle*, his want of Provisions not permitting him much longer to keep the Seas: Since that, Letters from the same place of *July 30.* affirm, that some Caravels and Fisher-Boats arriving, say, they saw him upon their Coasts about 30 leagues off the Rock of *Lisbon*, but give no further account of him.

*Helder, Aug. 16.* Upon the news of the approach of the English fleet, order was given for the taking up all the Buoys; but those that were employ'd in the service, were beaten off from it by two English Ketches.

The last night we received a great alarm in this Island, the English having forced on shore a Vessel of six Guns, belonging to the *East-India* Company, outward bound with Provisions, and burnt her before the *Texel*: After which, we discovered two English Vessels giving chase to a *Holland* Frigate, which could not in probability escape them.

*Rome, August 4.* This last week died here the Prince *Camillo Pamphilio*, after a Fever of ten daies, Nephew and Heir to the late Pope *Innocent* the Tenth, having left to Inherit the Estate of that Family, which is very considerable, the Duke *de Carpineto* his eldest Son, and besides him two Sons and three Daughters, born to him of the Princes *Rossano*, Heir to *Clement* the Eighth, and the rich House of *Albbrandeni*.

*Amsterdam, Aug. 20.* The wind that has so long kept off the English from reaching the *Texel*, has been no small advantage to our Merchants, who are from several parts got in the Sea, and at the *Myl*. Particularly, there are arrived in this last place the seventeenth instant, 5 *Gottenburg* ships, three of them laden with 500 Cannon, the two others with large Masts; two other French Men of War from *Greenland* with Whale-Oil; a rich Fleet from *Hamburg*, and several other *Estland*, *Norway*, and French ships, which remain in that Road; with divers ships well laden, and outward bound,

which the States have caused to be arrested there for their better security, amongst which are 27 *Russia* ships, the least of them of 300 Tuns, and all of considerable value: So that we account, that there has entered at that passage, within these twelve daies, not fewer than 150 ships.

Most of these, we suppose, may be reckoned among those Ships destroyed by *Sir Robert* *Hames*.

On Wednesday last, the body of *Tirick Heilder*, the Admiral of *Friesland*, was magnificently enter'd in the Choir of the Church at *Harlingen*; as likewise will that of his Vice-Admiral *Coenders* in few daies.

*Mayence, Aug. 15.* The Contagion continues still very hot in these parts, especially in this City; but rages not with that violence as formerly.

The Elector *Palatine's* Forces have been at *Mammerium*, where they have seized on all the Cattle they could meet with, and forcing all the *Wildfang* into Contribution; upon which News, our Elector has given order to the *Lorrainers* to make Reprisals, and to make use of the same methods; who have not lost any time, but marching up as far as *Frankendale*, have plundered the Subjects of the Elector *Palatine*, and brought away many Horses, and much Booty.

*Hague, Aug. 20.* Some daies since came a Letter from *Tromp* to the States, in which he justifies his own courage in the last Engagement, and throws the blame upon others, travelling into the errors of the *Battle* in *June*, saying plainly *de Ruyters* not sticking close to him, was the loss of Vice-Admiral *Vanderhulst*; that he might have saved him if he would, and that in all likelihood *John Everet* was lost in the same way, *De Ruyter* having alwaies looked upon him with an ill eye; and that for his part without a fair reparation of honor, he cannot return to Sea again, and all this so sharply, that it is found fit rather to suppress the Letter, and to endeavor to bury the dispute. In the mean time upon further enquiry into the Author of *Somerdikes* Relation (as it is called) its found the Copy was given to the Printer, by *Tromp's* Brother, and that his Brother in Law the *Sieur Kywydt* had distributed some quantities of them, which is referred to the Fiscal to take information of.

They of *Holland* have at last agreed to the Two hundredth penny, which they found a necessity to raise new credit upon; our *Treasurers* and *Solicitors* having plainly told them, That no money was to be had upon the Old ones.

The *Sieurs Hasselaer* and *Buert* are returned from the *Texel*, &c. with an Account that they had done their work, which was to stop by main force the going out of about 50 Merchant men; but to an ill purpose, it seems; for just now comes News, that the English have sent in some shallops into the *Vlie*, and have there burnt upwards of 100 Merchantmen, with their two Convoys, which hath strangely struck us here; but we are every hour looking for the further certainty and particulars of it.

*Southwold, Aug. 15.* This day our Fleet arrived in this Bay, the Generals (God be praised) in good health, and the whole Fleet in very good condition; the few sick men they have being ordered to be set on shore to morrow, which are a very inconsiderable number, in respect of the greatness of the Fleet, which has not been known in a better state of health. They have brought in with them about Twenty prizes taken off the *Holland* Coasts in several occasions, most of them well Laden, and particularly some with Naval Provisions of different sorts.

*Royal-James, August 16.* Yesterday about two in the Afternoon our Fleet arrived safe in *Southwold* Bay: the same Night and this Morning the *Victuallers* with their Convoy having been to seek the Fleet upon the *Holland* Coasts, came to an Anchor by us, only the *Breda* wanting, who unfortunately ran a ground on Tuesday, about two in the Morning in the dark, as likewise did four of the *Victuallers* that were next her, but they all got off again, though with some damage; one of them having her Rudder broken off, and the other three Bulged and Leaky, but the *Breda* striking fast and immovable, was by the *Little Mary* that came up to her assistance set on fire, to prevent the Enemy from making their advantages of her, who in Smacks and Long-boats from the *Texel* were hovering about her.