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*Yarmouth, Aug. 18.*

**T**He 14 instant His Majesties Fleet under the Command of his Highness Prince Rupert, were about 20 Leagues off of this place, R. and by S. and as is said; would continue there two or three days.

Here are come ashore a Master of a small Vessel with his Ships Company, who were lately taken by a Dutch Frigate of 30 Guns, they were carried into the Enemies Fleet, and were on Board Lieutenant Admiral de Ruyter since the Fight; they report, that several of their Ships are extremely torn, and that they themselves confess, they lost in the last Engagement three Men of War.

*Warsaw, Aug. 5.* We continue to live here in the greatest uncertainty imaginable, as to the posture of affairs abroad, the advices we receive from the Port varying every week in that manner, that we know not what we are to believe; one while they assure us that the Grand Signior is peremptorily resolved to employ his Arms against this Kingdom, to oblige us, as he pretends, to make good the Treaty concluded the last Summer, and particularly that Article, which stipulates a yearly sum of Money to be paid him by way of Tribute, and that accordingly he is ready to march at the head of a powerful Army; another while it is said, that the Grand Vizier will have the Care and Conduct of the War left to him, which will not be prosecuted with any great vigor, his intention being to come only with 40 or 50000 Men to Allarm us, and keep us from attempting any thing on *Caminicc*, or those other places which the Turks gained the last year; but now we have Letters which tell us, that the Grand Signior has changed his resolution, and will be willing to continue the Peace with this Crown, if we give him not farther occasion to break it; and to confirm this, they write from the Frontiers, that the Grand Vizier, who we said in our last, was passed the *Danube*, is marched back again, having only sent two thousand Men to *Chocim*, to joyn with the Forces that are already there, for the security of those parts. In the mean time we continue our preparations, and intend to muster 30000 Men on the Frontiers of *Russia*, about the latter end of this month. The 15 instant the King intends to begin his journey thither. Here is arrived another Envoye from the Czar of *Moscovy*, with offers of assistance against the Port.

*Hambrough, Aug. 11.* From *Copenhagen* they write, that the Treaty which was not long since concluded between that Crown and the States General of the *United Provinces*, hath met of late with some difficulty, insomuch, that the Ratification of it hath been hitherto deferred; the Dutch did formerly speak much of this Treaty, and of the great assistance they were by vertue of it, to receive from that Crown; But our Letters from that Court mention no such thing, and say that this Treaty is no way contrary to any that Crown had with his most Christian Majesty, or any other Prince Engaged in the present War against the Dutch. From *Sweden* they write, that his Majesty had begun his progresses, in which he intended to spend two Months or six weeks, and that the 12 of this Month he was expected at *Lunden* in the Province of *Schonen*. The Grand

Constable *Wrangel* remains very much indisposed at *Stockholme*, his intention being to pass over into *Pomerania*, (of which Country he is Governour) so soon as his health will permit him. The Sieur d' *Amerongen* having been to confer with the Duke of *Holftein-Gottorp*, on the part of the States General, is returned hither on his way home. The Dutch are raising Men in all these parts, though we do not hear that their Leavies advance very fast. The *Swedes* being about Building a Town on the *Weser*, a little below *Bremen*, by the name of *Carolstadt*; The City of *Bremen* have taken such a jealousy thereat, that they have sent their Deputies to the Court of *Sweden*, to endeavor to divert this design, though it is thought they may labor in vain, for that the *Swedes* pretend to have all the Out-works of this new City finished before Winter, and the Cannon placed upon the Bastions; there are now constantly at work 1200 Souldiers, and 300 Pioncers.

*Francfort, Aug. 12.* We hear that the Abbe de *Gravelle*, who hath resided at the Court of the Elector of *Mentz*, in quality of Envoye Extraordinary on the part of the most Christian King, has Orders to pass to *Mulhausen* to be present there under the same Character, at an Assembly of several Circles of the Empire. Monsieur de *Turenne* continues still with his Forces on the *Main*, ready to advance farther up into the Empire, according to the advice he receives of the march of the Imperialists, who we cannot yet hear, are broken up from *Egra*.

*Ratisbonne, Aug 13.* The 31<sup>st</sup> of Don *Pedro Ronquillo*, Envoy from the Court of *Spain*, arrived here; There were three things proposed in the last Assembly of the Dyet, concerning the publick good, viz. whether the Generals should be immediately called; whether the Troops of the respective Circles, ought to be forthwith brought together, and what they should farther do in the present Conjunction; but there was nothing resolved more, than the calling the Generals, which passed the Electoral Circle, after having been long debated in the Colledge of the Princes. In the mean time some who judge it impossible, to bring the Army together, by reason of the diversity of opinions among so many Members, have proposed, for a present Remedy, to secure the publick Peace; That those Circles whose Troops are already raised, should joyn them, and put them under the Command of a General, to be chosen by the Dyet, but this was left undetermined; on the other side, the Elector of *Bavaria* hath caused a Memorial to be presented to the States, shewing the inconveniences that will arise, unless they persuade the Emperor to stop the marching of his Army, his most Christian Majesty having promised to recall his Forces out of the Empire, as soon as he shall be assured that the Emperors Troops are to remain in *Bohemia*.

*Strasbourg, Aug. 18.* The 8 instant, the Deputies which had been to compliment his most Christian Majesty at *Nancy*, returned hither, extremely satisfied with the kind reception they had had of his Majesty. The same day those of the ten Cities of *Alsacia* parted hence to go and pay their Respects to his Majesty. The ninth, very early in the morning, the Marquis de *Vaubrun*, who came all along the *Sar*; arrived here to meet

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meet the Marquis de Louvois, who likewise arrived about 9 a clock; this Minister was met a mile out of Town by several persons of quality, deputed to that purpose by the Magistracy, and received by them with Extraordinary kindness and respect. Being come to Town, he had a Lodging prepared for him and was presented with several refreshments. About five in the evening he parted again on his way to Philipsbourg, being conducted out of Town, with the same Ceremony they had received him; it is reported here, that his most Christian Majesty has intentions to visit Brisac, and some other places in those parts.

*Tourney, Aug. 19.* The Prince of Conde having parted from Charleroy, Encamped the fifteenth instant within a mile of Mons, which put that place into such an Alarm, that the Garrison were the whole night in Arms, apprehending, though without any ground, that some attempt would have been made upon the place; the next day the Prince passed near this place and Encamped at *Nostre Dame de Tongres*, within a League of Aeth, and the 17 he arrived here, having posted his Troops in our neighborhood, from whence it is thought they will march into their Quarters in the County of Artois. The Prince we hear will in a day or two, have a considerable Body together, as well of Horse as Foot, which obliges the Spaniards to recall the Forces they had in the service of the States-General.

*Paris, Aug. 26.* From Nancy we have advice, that the Fortifications of that place advance apace, insomuch that they will be now very suddenly finished; The 26 instant his most Christian Majesty intends to go to *Alsacia*, though with intentions to be back again in some days. That they were there in continual expectation to hear of the march of the Imperialists, for that all the Letters they had received from *Vienna* assured them, that the Emperor would certainly be at *Egra* the 16 of this Month; that the next day was to be the general Rendezvous of the Forces, and that then they would in a day or two break up from thence. From *Brussels* we have advice, that the Marshal d' *Humieres* having brought a Body of Men together near *Aeth*, had put them into a great fright over all those Countries, but that they were pretty well eased, when they heard of those Troops being sent back into their several Quarters; and that at present they are not without some jealousy at the Neighborhood of the Prince of Conde, who they say will very suddenly have a considerable Body of Men under his Command in the French Conquests, and therefore are in pain that something is intended against them, though they have no other ground for it, but their own fears.

*Hague, Aug. 23.* By the following Letters from Lieutenant Admiral de Ruyter, and Lieutenant Admiral Tromp, you will see what we have as yet published here concerning the Engagement on Monday last; but withal, you must take notice that the *Henrietta* Yacht which the *English* lost, is here called a great Man of War; and as for their putting the *English* to flight, when they appear a day or two upon our Coast again, we shall doubtless believe the contrary.

*A Letter from Lieutenant Admiral de Ruyter, dated the 22 of August, on Board the Seven Provinces, sailing cross, in sight of the Texel.*

My Lords,

IN my last of the 20 instant I gave you an account that we that day got sight of the Enemies Fleet, they having the wind of us; we sailed together that night E. S. E. and when we supposed our selves near enough to the coast of *Holland*, we Tacked and stood W. N. W. when the wind wored to the E. next morning by the break of day, we found our selves within sight of the coast of *Holland*, and to Leeward of the Enemy, upon which, we gave the signe to draw out into a

Line, in order to Attack the Enemy, who expected us, and did not fall, so that between 8 and 9 we Engaged: We against Prince Rupert, the Heer Benters against the Count de Sins, and the Heer Tromp against Sir Edward Spagg. We Engaged through one another, so that sometimes the one, and sometimes the other had the wind; the Enemy endeavoured to do much with 20 Eieships, of which they had 28, and whereof they have spent 9 or 10, several of which our Shalps took, or forced to set themselves on fire; we likewise spent 4 or 5. A Captain of an English Firship caught on board the reports; that 5 or 6 days since, the Enemy took a forerunner of our East India Ships, who was separated from the rest; the Fight lasted till after Sun-set, when the Enemy left us, and stood for their own Coasts, being very much disabled, Sir Edward Spagg's Ship had lost all her Masts, and was towed off by several other Frigats. We lost of one great English Man of War that is sunk; on the other side, we have not lost one Ship; of our Commanders, are slain, Lieutenant Admiral de *Leisle*, Vice-Admiral *Swarts*, Capt *Van Oeder*, and Capt *Lorens*, and others wounded. I shall hereafter give your Lordships a more particular account. We thank Almighty God, that we can still keep at Sea.

MICHAEL de RUYTER.

*A Letter from Lieutenant Admiral Tromp, Dated 22 August, on Board the Comet Star, Sailing as the West end of the Ulj, S. E. and by E.*

My Lords,

THE Royal Fleets of *England*, and *France*, having the 20 instant had the Wind of us, the 21 by break of day we found them to Leeward of us, the Wind E. S. E. a fine Gale, and good weather, we being about a mile from *Flatten*, we sailed together Northwards; About eight the Enemy Tacked, and stood to the Southwards, and we did the like, their Fleet consisting of 150 Sails great and small; Lieutenant Admiral *Laxhorst* had the Vanguard against the French, the Heer de *Wier* attacked the Squadron of Prince Rupert, and we that of Sir Edward Spagg: About nine our whole Fleet was Engaged, keeping our course S. and by W. and S. S. W. We being come up with Sir Edward Spagg, did so fast with them with our Cannon, that we shot down his Main and Mast, when we intended to have boarded him, or to have burnt him by one of our Eieships. But found so great opposition from his Seconds, and other Ships of his Squadron, that we were wholly disabled, as well in our Sails as in our Rigging and Masts; whereupon we went over into the *Comet Star*, and there put up the Admirals Flag, which was about two in the afternoon; In the meantime the Enemy had got the Wind of us, however, our Ships did not do the less their duty, so that the Enemy have hardly five Ships but are so disabled, that they will long remember it; The Fight lasted till seven at night, when we put them to flight; Lieutenant Admiral *Swarts* being killed, I intend this day to go on board his Ship the *Leopard*. We have not lost one Ship that I know of, what part in de *Ruyter* and *Bancker*s Squadrons, I refer you to them for an account, I am, &c.

FAN TROMP.

We are wanting our Letters from *Flanders* and *Holland*.

*Advertisements.*

HIS Majesty reflecting on the great inconveniences by carrying the Species of Money from the Country to *London*, and desiring to prevent it for the future, and to give what possible accommodation may be, to His Subjects in Trade and Commerce, hath been Graciously pleased to cause an Office of Exchange to be erected in *London*, situate in the *Exchange Alley*, under the Management of Sir Richard Mafson Knight, Richard Sherwin, William Webb, Bartholomew Fillingham, and Philip Wood Esquires, for return of all Moneys arising from the present 18 Months Tax, the Hearth Duty, and other Arrears of former Taxes, where any Person that will deposit his Money, to have the like sum in any County of *England* or *Wales*, may have a Bill of Exchange charged upon the Receiver there, for his satisfaction, but if any failure should happen, the Money shall be paid back upon the first notice.

Thomas Tollend, servant to Mr John Ryby, aged about 19 years, light thin hair, not curled, in a sad coly pred cloth sute and coat, gray hat, upon a gray Mare, and William Tibb, servant to Mr Henry Figg, aged about 23 years, brown hair, a scar on one of his cheeks, thin faced and clear, in a sad coloured coat and sute, black hat, upon a Bay Mare, each of them with a Portmanteau, departed their Masters Service the 10 present, with a considerable Sum of Money; If any Person or Persons shall make Top of the said Persons, with their Mares and Portmantles, and give Notice thereot to the said Mr Ryby, or Mr Figg at *London* home, they shall have five pounds for their pains.