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Edenburgh, August 14.

This day the Duke Hamilton mustered his Troop of 95 horse compleat; and Sir William Murrey his of 60. all able brave persons, for the most part old Officers, and few under the quality of Captains of horse.

This day another prize was brought into *Leith*, laden with Oyl and Salt.

Sunderland, Aug. 16. On the 13 Instant arrived in this Harbor, and at *Sheelds* 100 sail of light ships with their Convoys from the South, having not in all their Voyage discovered any Dutch Man of War upon the Coasts.

Hull, Aug. 17. Here came in this day a *Swedes* ship with Tar, &c. bound further, but being very Leaky, she durst not stand her course without mending: She came out of the *Sound* eight daies since, leaving the *Danes* Fleet in *Copenhagen* road, but heard nothing of their putting to Sea.

Barnstable, Aug. 17. We much fear least an *Holland* Privateer that lies about these Seas, may have taken a small *Irish* Vessel bound for this Port, but we hope the Coasts will be suddenly cleared from these Cypers, who take their advantage of the absence of the ships that were wont in their stations to guard these Seas.

Minchhead, Aug. 17. The last night the fresh Westery Winds forced in here the *Harp* Fregate, with a *Mevs* ship called the *Unicorne* of *Bristol*, intended for *Lundy*.

Zuric in Swisse, July 18. Of the difference risen between the King of *France*, and this Republick, we can give you this account. That some time since, the States General of *Switzerland*, in a Letter which they sent to the French Ambassador residing at *Solcure*, earnestly solicited the King of *France* for the payment of an Arrear due to them by way of Subsidy upon their old Alliance, desiring him to transmit the same to the King his Master; but the time being expired in which they expected an answer, it appeared that the Ambassador had not informed his Majesty of their affair, pretending he knew not that the Letter they gave him, should be sent to *Paris*: Which the States ill resenting, dispatcht an Envoyé Extraordinary to the King, who after a long and tiresome attendance, was at last admitted to his Audience, but received onely this answer, That the Ambassador at *Solcure* had full power and instruction to treat with the States upon that point, and that they should make their addresses to him. The States being ill satisfied in the Reception of their Envoyé, made no farther Application to the French Ambassador, but called an Assembly of the Deputies of all the Cantons, who met at *Baden* to advise about this affair. During which meeting, arrived an Ambassador from his Imperial Majesty, and another from the King of *Spain*: The Emperors Ambassador paid them two Penions due to them upon the Heirerary Alliance between the House of *Austria* and the *Saiffe*, making his Protestations, That it was impossible for the Emperor to pay them more at the present, by reason of several affairs that were of vast expence to him; but the Errand of both Ambassadors was to propose a stricter and closer Alliance, promising the States, if they pleased to send their Ambassadors about this business into their Masters Courts, they should be received with all the respect they could desire. To this the States returned this answer, That they should take the matter into their serious consideration, and send his Imperial Majesty a speedy answer. The Ambassadors then took their leaves with much satisfaction, presenting each of the Deputies with a Gold Chain.

Monsieur *Moulliere*, the French Envoyé, grown jealous upon the kinde Reception of these Ambassadors, desiring

to gain esteem from the Deputies of the Cantons, invited them all to a magnificent Feast, which he had provided for them; but this Treat was spoiled by an absolute prohibition, not one of the Deputies appearing: Besides which, 'twas agreed of in the Assembly, That no one should have any manner of Conference with the said Envoyé, either by word or writing, upon pain of death; and that he should not be admitted to Audience, till the States had received satisfaction from his Master about the Arrears, which he promised to pay them, upon the renewing the ancient Alliance; for which, they have given him time till *Christmas* next: And 'tis certainly believed, that upon default of payment, they will then declare the Alliance to be null.

Paris, Aug. 25. We are somewhat better satisfied, after the loss of our rich *Madagascar* ship, sunk lately by the *English*, to find, by some of the Seamen that escaped, that our four ships sent out the last year, are safely arrived at *Madagascar*; which has much encouraged those Islands, who with this addition, are in hopes to establish their Colonies: Yet we know not what to think of the Fleet under the command of the Marquess of *Mondevigne*, who parted from *Rochelle* in *March* last, thither bound, of whom these Seamen tell us no news.

His Majesty has deferred his meeting with the Parliament till after *Martinmas*. On Saturday he made a Visit to his Royal Highness his Brother at the Palace Royal, who has, during a late indisposition, received likewise the Visits of all the Princes and great Personages of the Court, being now very well recovered.

Order is given to hasten the compleating of the *Louvre*, whither his Majesty proposes to return by *Alhambra*.

Messieurs de Bezons and *Deffia* have order to enquire into the Accounts of the City of *Lyons* for Twenty years past, though that City hath already paid them every three years with the *Chambre des Courts*, according to their custom.

Monsieur *de Vivonne* is returned with his Gallies to *Marseilles* with above 600 sick men aboard him, having left by sickness about 200 in the time of his being at Sea, whither he intends suddenly; and accordingly is fitting his Gallies, and furnishing them with all sorts of Necessaries, and expects 300 Slaves from *Tunis* for a supply. A design is set on foot by Monsieur *de Merceur* to build an Arsenal at *Marseilles* for the Gallies.

The Chevaliers of *Lorraine*, *Cavoy*, *Coastin*, &c. that were aboard *de Ruyter* in the late Engagement, are returned hither, extremely applauding the Conduct of *de Ruyter*; but make themselves very merry with the general behavior of the ordinary Dutch men.

Monsieur *de Commarin* Master of Requests, is ordered into *Lorraine* to visit the Frontiers; and direction is given for the new fortifying the City of *Dole* in the *Franches Comté*.

The Marquess of *Bellefonds* went hence three days since, and is by the Kings order to go aboard the Duke *de Beauport*, to assist him as his Counsellor and Adviser, especially in matters of weight and importance.

Madrid, Aug. 4. This Court hath been a little alarmed of late, as some observe, at the news of an Ambassador Extraordinary designing hither from *Paris*, upon some pretensions of the French upon *Flanders*, which makes us look a little more about us. From *Alicant* of the 26 past, they confirm the report of an Embargo put for some time upon the French Gallies at Port *Mahon* in *Minorca*, they having refused it seems to salute the Town, according to Custom, besides a general resentment they have of the injuries that have been

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done by the French to their Spanish Ships and Gallies upost all occasions. But the report coming by a common hand, we suspen our further belief.

Mr. Anthony Mingaye Merchant, at the Sign of the Sun in the Paulrey, is appointed by the City of Norwich, to receive the Charity of all such persons as shall Contribute towards the Relief of the Infected poor of the said City, which is very much visited.

Mr. Thomas Warren an Apothecary, living at the Golden Anchor and Hart in Basing-lane near Bread-streets, is appointed by the University of Cambridge, to receive what the Charity of Well-disposed persons shall invite them to give for the Relief of the Poor of the place, much visited with the sickness.

Vienna, July 30. The Turks making complaints of the frequent Incurfions of those of Upper Hungary. The Emperor to satisfy them in their just desires, has dispatcht a Courier to them with his Imperial Command to desist from any farther attempts of this nature. In the mean time, whilst they complain of open hostility, they are dilly plotting and contriving their advantages, and particularly have a design on foot to get a pass upon *Dalmatia*, but the Counts *Serini* and *Budiani* keep so good an eye upon them, as to frustrate all their contrivances.

We are advised from *Dalmatia*, that they have gathered near 20000 men together, and are suspected they may attempt upon *Cattaro*; about which place, there have many Turks been observed to rob, but possibly may intend greater mischief.

The Swedes Envoy is still pressing his Imperial Majesty to interpose his Authority, for the execution of the Treaty of *Munster*, in order to his Masters pretensions upon the City of *Bremen*, which affair is referred to the consideration of the Council.

For the final composition of the differences between *Mantua* and *Modena*, the Emperor has sent the Signior *Comé de Vindisgratz*, who is to give his Majesty a full account of their whole business, and to take a view of the place in controversy; after which, his Imperial Majesty will proceed to a definitive Sentence, and settle a firm peace between them.

Rome, July 31. Prince *Pamphilio* having before his death made a liberal Will, and bountifully bestow'd on his Friends and Servants, his Lady, the Princess *de Rossano*, hath retrencht that folly, as they please to term it, pleading, That the estate being entailed, the Prince could not dispose of it by Will, which has defrauded them all of their hopes, and particularly the Jesuits, to whom he had assigned 30000 Ducats.

The French Ambassador is now content to entertain himself in visiting the Congregation of the Cardinals; his Lady likewise returning her visits to *Donna Berenice*, and other Princesses of note. The Popes inquisition still continues.

Venice, Aug. 6. The greater part of those ships that lay laden with Bisket and other Provisions for the service of our Army, went yesterday out of this Port; and this day, or to morrow will be under sail. Besides which, we are preparing more ships to go suddenly away to convey Succors and Supplies of Men, and all necessaries for the carrying on our designs in *Candia*; from whence we have not of late heard any thing, no ships being this week arrived from thence.

The Turks discouraged with their last defeat in the conquest of *Dalmatia*, have not since made any inroads; but the *Morlachs*, being as much encouraged on the other side, are in great parties gone into the enemies quarters, and we doubt not, but they will return with considerable booty.

Yesterday in the Evening arrived here Monsieur *Branaccio*, who is to appear in quality of Nuncio from his Holiness; he is at present entertained incognito, till he shall have ordered his affairs in a posture fit to make his publick Entry.

Genous, Aug. 11. This States Vice-Admirals ship with 4 or 5 Merchants, intend about the end of this week for

Spain, and with them a ship of this piece for *Ostend* with Rice and Lemmons: Another Vessel is going hence for *Gallipolis*, to lade Oyles for *Ostend*, upon the *Genouese* account.

The Governor of *Milan* continues at *Finale*, every day expecting the arrival of the Empress from *Barcelona*, who has made a longer stay there than was at first expected, to enjoy the benefit of the aire of that place, where she is well accommodated with all provisions and conveniencies. She has had there a six or two of her Agues, but her Train hath suffered much by the ill air of *Deniz*, about 42 persons dying out of it, among whom the Countess *de Benevento*, with other Ladies of quality, and the Major *Domo* to the Duke of *Albuquerque*; nor have the Gallies fared much better, who have lost above 200 persons aboard them, and a great number of those that remain sick. Don *Carlo Loria*, Brother to *St. Pagan*, who commands the Squadron of the Duke of *Tursi*, being likewise dead.

We have lately news brought us by a *Felica* from *Barcelona*, that the Empress was when he came thence, ready to Embark; and by the *Paris*, we are informed, she is arrived at *Finale*. But of this we expect further confirmation.

Edinburgh, August 16. Yesterday was Proclaimed a General day of Thanksgiving to be kept throughout this Kingdom on the 23 of this Month, for the Great Victory pleased God to give His Majesties Fleet against the Dutch. Yesterday a Prize was brought up to *Leith*, and this day three more, what their lading is, we yet know not. Captain *Hamilton*, who was reported to be dead, is likewise coming up with three prizes more. We are at present forbidden any further Commerce and Trade with *Ostend*, *Eruges*, and other Infected places, on pain of confiscation.

Tarmouth, Aug. 20. Here past by the back of our Sands two great Prizes, about 400 Tuns apiece from *Norway*, full freight, bound up for the Fleet, one or both taken by the *Antelope*; scarce a day past, but we see some prizes pass that way.

Plymouth, August 19. The *Victory* and *Constant Warwick* are gone out to Sea towards their Station, for the security of the Coasts: the *Guerresy* is here arrived with two Vessels of this Town, the *Arke*, and *Antego* Merchants from the *Caribee* Islands, what advice they bring we know not, none of the men being as yet come on shore.

Hull, August 20. This morning arrived a Swede laden with Flax, that came ten daies since from the Sound: The *Danes* and *Hollanders* had then received the News of the English Victory, and that our Fleet was riding before their Coasts, having beaten in the Dutch Fleet, which much changed and altered them in their humor and carriage, they appearing now much more reserved and humble than formerly.

Southwold, Aug. 21. Every day brings us in Prizes of good value. Yesterday passed by to the Southward two very great Ones, said to have been taken by the *Antelope*; and now comes in an Account, That a great Fleet of Dutch Merchant-men, having watched the opportunity of our Fleets, being stood over to our own Coasts, had set sail from the *Texel*, intending round *Scotland*, to several parts to the Westwards, with whom the *Elizabeth* had happily fallen in, and taken Five of the best of them, one of which is found mounted with 14 Guns.

Royal Charles in Southwold Bay, Aug. 21. The last Night was brought into us a very good Prize taken by the *Assurance*, call'd the *Stars of Rotterdam*, of near 300 Tuns, laden with Wine and Brandy, which is the Eighty fifth Prize taken by the Fleet since it went out, of which there were not above Twelve before the last Engagement.

On Saturday last, the Generals removed out of the *Royal James*, into this *Royal Charles*. The Fleet (God be praised) ride in very good order, notwithstanding the Winds that have of late blown hard from the shore. We are busie making in Provisions, and hope in few days to be at Sea.

The Account of this Weeks Bill runs thus. The Total 290. Of the Plague 42. Decreased in all 42. Decreased of the Plague 6.