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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 Capers, who take their advantage of the absence of the ships that were wont in their stations to guard these Seas.

Minchew, 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 meetings, 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 Beaufort*, 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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