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Kingsale, September 4.

ON Saturday last arrived in this Harbour the *Streights Fleet*, well laden with Oyls, Currants, and some Hemp for the use of the Fleet; they consist in all of twenty two Sail, whereof one lost Company, and put into *Castle-Haven*, the rest all of them safe here, they saw nor one Ship in their Voyage till three daies before their arrival here, a Man of War attempted them, discharging forty Guns upon them, but in sight of the *Cape* stood off again, and left them. Three great Ships are likewise come into *Baltimore*, thirty miles distance from this place. And another Vessel arrived this day laden with Coals.

Edinburgh, Septemb. 5. Yesterday the Militia of this City, 28 Companies compleatly Armed, appeared at their Rendezvous in *Gray-Fryars-Yard*, where attending the Magistrates, they marched in good Order to the West Port, the Young Merchants Company in the Van, whete by the Displaying of their Colours, they saluted the Castle, who return'd their civility with several Guns. From thence they marched through the City to the Abby of *Holy-Rood-House*, and drew up in the Close, where they Saluted the Lord Commissioner, the Generall, and several of the Nobility with excellent Volleys of Shot, expressing an infinite Zeal and Chearfulness to serve his Majesty and their Country on any publick occasion.

Bridlington, Sept. 10. Yesterday 3 *Holland Capers*; two of them of 10 Guns each, the other a Galliot Hoy, came into this Bay, where two Vessels for their security took Shelter under our Guns, so that the Capers not being able to reach them, shot some Guns into the Town without any hurt considerable; which were so well return'd from the Fort, that they were forc't (with some damage) to get off again to Sea, where they satisfied their Revenge upon a small Barque of this Town, which they met with about *Flamborough Head*, and finding her not worth the carrying off, set fire to her. About 4 in the afternoon with English Colours, they bore up close to *Whitby*, but finding every where the Coasts well Guarded, they Edg'd off, and about 7 came to an Anchor at *Runswick Wike*.

Hamburgh, Sept. 4. The English Merchant-Adventurers here, having in vain solicited this Senate for assistance, to revenge the Violence offered upon a Free Imperial Stream (which they were obliged to have hindred, being under their Canon) have since put some Men and Guns upon a small Vessel, and have already taken an *Holland ship* bound for *Amsterdam* with Wine and Brandy, and brought her to the *Schwing*, under the protection of a Fort the *Swedes* lately raised upon the *Elve*, where they have planted several Guns, to command what ship shall pass by.

Letters from the Dutchy of *Breme*, inform us, that the *Swedes* have mastered the places called *Kateneft* and *Wartlowes*, near *Breme*. The Field *Fere Wrangle* having taken up his Quarters at *Kateneft*, and that the *Bremers* had made a strong rally, but returned without any other effect than the burning a little Village called *Wolmerhausen*, to hinder the *Swedes* from quartering so near the Town. They likewise say, that upon the appearing of a party of the *Swedes* near the Town, they fired their Cannon, and killed and wounded 25. *Swedes*. Notwithstanding which acts of hostility, 'tis believed that upon the arrival of the Envoyés from *Hessen*, the Treaty will be again renewed, they using all their endeavours

to perswade the City to an Accommodation with the *Swedes*.

Paris, Sept. 15. The Ninth instant, by order from this Court, Mounseur *De Beaufort* was to part from *Rochelle*, and to sail for *Brest*, though the weather has not proved seasonable for his Voyage; Mounseur *De Bellesond* having had conference with him at *Rochelle*, is since gone for *Brest* and *Bell-Isle*, his business not known.

Yesterday the Governor of *Bologne* sent his Majesty the News of an Engagement between the *English* and *Dutch* Fleets; an extraordinary Courrier being daily expected with an account of the Success. Two of the *Hollanders* men of War were driven into *Havre de Graces* much disabled, and without Masts, by the violence of the winds which have of late blown very hard.

Mounseur *De la Valiere* is returned hither from *Meaux*, little satisfied with the success of his Journey, his business being to draw out of the Dauphins Companies a party to send aboard the Fleet, which most of them plainly refused, choosing rather to hazard their Cashiering. His Majesty has given orders for the levying 100 Troops of Horse, and adding 4 new Companies to the Regiment of Dragoons. Besides the Embargo put upon all-ships in our Ports, order is given to take a Register of the names of all Seamen, and to forbid them on a great penalty, not to go from their ships till further order.

WE are desired to Certifie, That the Affairs of the Custom-house are now Transacted in Mr. Jo. Blands House, formerly known by the name of the Lord Baynings in Mark-lane, where the Farmers and Officers of His Majesties Customs, with their Clerks and Attendants, will be ready on all occasions at the usual times, for the dispatch of all Affairs belenging to them.

Hague, Sept. 18. We have here received News of the 13 of September, that the two Fleets were then near one another, but by the posture they were in, we cannot guess at any thing more, but that *De Ruyter* is in fight, he having not had any orders to pass so far that way, but only to have an eye upon the *English* to save all, 'tis given out here, that he only runs, to find a place to fight in.

The Twenty sixth instant, the Estates General are to assemble here, where by the care that is taken for the security of this place, 'tis thought they intend to make some extraordinary Resolutions, Twenty one Troops of Horse being drawn about this Town. 'Tis said likewise, that *Tromp* is cited to appear before them, having, contrary to their order, exceeded the bounds of his Confinement; but the people, especially the Seamen, continue their Esteem of him; nor is it a little discoursed of, that almost every Night, both here and at *Amsterdam*, the great noise in the Cabiners, and through the Streets, is *Vive le Prince D. Orange*, and *Vive Tromp*; most of the knowing persons prophelying of future troubles and seditions that are probably like to arise in the State.

Ditto, Septemb. 21. *De Witte* has lately caused underhand to be printed a little Book, attributing the loss of the last Battel to *Tromp*, declaring him a Traytor; much inveighing against *Du Buat*, and indeed against all the best Servants of the Prince of *Orange*. Mounseur *Kicvit* and *Vander Horst*, are declared Traytors to the State, as are likewise all such as hold Correspondence with them; The Pensionarie endeavouring thus to stife all motions to-wards

wards Peace, which is above all things desired by the generality.

Dover, Sept. 10. The Dutch Fleet yesterday quitted their hole in *St. Johns Bay*, and were out of sight in the afternoon, the wind S. S. W. and blowing hard that night, it proved a storm, and they, it seems, were forced to Anchor off of the *North-Forelands*; since which we believe they are thrown to the Northwards, and the nights being dark, may receive much damage.

St. Helens Road, Royal Charles, September 12. The high winds have hitherto hindered the sailing of the Fleet according to their intentions. Letters of the Tenth instant new stile, from *Fersey*, inform us, That the French Fleet was on Sunday last at *Bell-Isle*, consisting of 40 Sail, whereof 8 Dutch that came with them from the *Sireights*; and that they expect an addition of 14 Fregats from *Brest*, and have in their number 12 Fireships; that they are all ready to sail, but with what designs is not known. That their men were sick and weak, and their ships very foul, and unhealthy, so as they were not able to put their Noses into their Holds. They give out that they are for *Calais* Road, and they shall receive fresh men aboard when they come thither; and hope to join with the *Hollanders*, from whom 'tis not known that they have of late received any certain intelligence.

Norwich, Sept. 12. The Bill of Mortality for this last week runs thus. Buried of all diseases 154. whereof of the Plague 135.

Lyme, Sept. 12. This Town upon consideration of the great wants and necessities into which many persons have fallen by the late dreadful fire in *London*, are making a free and liberal Collection towards their Relief. An example of that Christian Charity, which 'tis hoped, other parts of the Nation will think themselves obliged to follow.

Portsmouth, Sept. 13. This morning part of our Fleet is under sail, the rest being ready, will be all at Sea before night, being very well fitted out, full mann'd, full of health and courage to seek out the Enemy.

Whitehall, Septemb. 15. His Majesty, upon the humble Petition of *Sir Edmond Turner* Knight, who had been named in His Majesties Proclamation of the 10 of *August* last, as a party equally guilty of certain misdemeanors, and indirect proceedings had and committed by one *George Carew Esq.* by vertue and colour of His Majesties Letters Patents of the 19 of *August*, 1665. for the equipping and sending to Sea such ships as they should think fit against the Dutch, for and until the said *Sir Edmond Turner* was no wayes concerned for himself, but only in trust for *Sir John Wolfenholm*, and the rest of the old Farmers of His Majesties Customs: Nor hath he in the least acted in the execution of the said Commission. His Majesty therefore taking the same into His Princely consideration, and being very well satisfied of the integrity and innocency of the said *Sir Edmond Turner* in the premises, was pleased the 12th. instant, by and with the advice of his Privy Council, to declare, that the said *Sir Edmond Turner* is free and clear from committing any misdemeanors, indirect or illegal proceedings whatsoever, mentioned in, or charged upon him by the said Proclamation: And for the better vindication of his credit and reputation herein, and for satisfaction of all whom it may concern; was pleased to order and command that this publick Notice should be given of that his Gracious Declaration.

Whitehall, Sept. 15. His Majesty pursuing with a gracious impatience, His pious Care for the speedy re-aurazion of his City of *London*, was pleased the Twelfth instant to pass in Council His Declaration to His City of *London* upon that Subject, full of that Princely tenderness and affection, which He is pleased on all occasions to express for that His beloved City.

In the first place, Upon the desires of the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, He is pleased to prohibit the hasty building of any Edifices, till such speedy care be taken for the Re-edification of the City, as may best secure

it from the like Accidents, and raise it to a greater beauty and excellencies than formerly it had; the Lord Mayor and Aldermen being required to pull down what shall contrary to this Prohibition be erected, and return the Names of such refractory persons to His Majesty, and His Council, to be proceeded against according to their Deserts.

That any considerable number of men addressing themselves to the Court of Aldermen, and manifesting in what places their ground lies upon which they design to build, shall in short time receive such order and direction, that they shall have no cause to complain.

That no person Erect any Houie or Building, but of Brick or Stone; and that they be encouraged to practise the good Husbandry of strongly arching their Cellars, by which divers persons have received notable benefit in the late Fire.

That *Fleet-street*, *Cheap-side*, *Cornhil*, and all other eminent Streets, be of a breadth, to prevent the mischief one side may receive from the other by fire; That no streets, especially towards the water, be so narrow, as to make the passage uneasy or inconvenient; nor any Allies or Lanes erected, but upon necessity; for which there shall be published Rules and particula Orders.

That a fair Key and Wharfe be left on all the River side, no Houies to be erected, but at a distance, declared by the Rules. That none of those Houses next the River, be inhabited by Brewers, Dyers, or Sugar-Bakers, who by their continual smokes, contribute much to the unhealthiness of the adjacent places; but that such places be allotted them by the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, as may be convenient for them, without prejudice of the Neighbourhood.

That the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen cause an exact Survey to be made of the Ruinae, that it may appear, to what House and Ground did belong, what Term the Owners were possess of, what Rents were paid, and to whom the Reversions and Inheriunces did appertain, for the settling of all Interests, that no mans Right be sacrificed to the publick convenience. After which a Plot and Model shall be framed of the whole Building, which no doubt may well please all persons, as to induce them willingly to conform to such Rules and Orders as shall be agreed to.

His Majesty likewise recommends the speedy Rebuilding of some of those many Churches, which have been burnt, to the Charity and magnanimity of well disposed persons, whom he will assist and direct in the Model, and by his bounty encourage, all other ways that shall be desired.

And to encourage the work by his example, His Majesty will use all expedition to rebuild the Customehouie, and enlarge it with the most conveniencies for the Merchants, in the place where it formerly stood: And upon all his own Lands will part with any thing of his own Right and Benefit, for the advancement of the publick Service and Beauty of the City; and remit to all persons that shall erect any new Buildings, according to this his Gracious Declaration, all Duties arising from Hearth-money, for the space of Seven years, as by the Declaration it self more at large appears.

Whitehall, Sept. 16. Last night late arrived here in Post *Sir Thomas Clifford* from his Majesties Fleet between *Dangonness* and *Dover*, with a full Account to his Majesty of the great vigour and courage with which they are now going to seek the Enemy; who very wisely took the first wind to get away farther from them.

Ditto, By an Exprez arrived this day from the Coast of *Suffex*, we are told that *Captain Ball* sent out to Cruise in the Channel by his Highness, discovered a Fleet beating up near the height of *Portland*, of about Forty Sail, standing a little cro's to the French Coast, which he judged to be the French Fleet under *De Beaufort*: If so, we hope in few days to be able to tell you further News of them.