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Hull, Sept. 15.

A Danish or Norway ship lately came into this Port; the Men *Danes*, laden with Deals, pretending to trade upon the account of a Ruff Merchant here, upon confidence of a Pass to be procured for his free trading; but she is at present seise'd; and good security given in for the behavior of other men.

West Cowes, Sept. 15. The twelfth instant Captain *Christoffer Gunman*, in the *Orange*, brought in two prizes; one a Vessel of 400 Tun laden with French Salt, a new ship, bound (as pretended) for the *Baltick*; the other of 240 Tun bound for *Bristol*, though the Master was by his men forced to enter *St. Georges Channel* for fear of Pickaroons. The Master of the former gives this account of *Beaufort*, that at his coming in to *Rochelle* his Men of War were about 30 great and small, of which 17, from 40 to 60 Guns, the rest from 20 to 30. all of them extraordinary foul, leaky and much shattered, and by the French Kings Shipwright judged not to be made tight, having so long used the *Streights*, and much spoiled by Worms. That he was providing to come through the English Channel to conduct 60 French, and six great *Holland* ships laden with Salt for the *Grande Partie*, which have bin two moneths for Convoy.

Dover, Sept. 16. At five the last night our Fleet lying before *St. Valeries*, some of our ships chased two of the enemies on shoare, and blew up another.

This day one of our Fifth Rate Fregats sailed by to the Downs with a prize.

Paris, Sept. 10. The Envoy from *Algier* being suddenly to take his leave, hath been presented with a present of 150 Pistols, his Companion with 100. and his Son with 50, besides his Majesties Picture in a Case set with Diamonds valued at 3000 Crowns, and other things of good value. Mr. *Trudert* who has brought on this Treaty, is dispatcht for *Algier* to take order for the buying of the Slaves that are there.

The Marquess *de Fuentes* has received orders from *Spain* to return and give his assistance in the Council there, and has solicited for his last Audience, whose room here 'tis thought will be supplied by his Son, and that he will not part hence till his arrival.

The *Swisses* stand high in their demands of arrears, to whom the King has sent Monsieur *de Berancon* as his Ambassador (if possible) to put an end to that affair.

The Dutchess of *Parma* being brought to Bed of a young Prince, his Majesty is by Deputy desired to be Godfather.

The King hath lately ordered his Council *des Grands-jours* to *Narbonne*, where several Counsellors in the Parliament of *Thoulouse* are appointed Commissioners in the Court.

The Plague is very hot at *Dunkirk* and *Bergue*, in which last place, the Governor of the Fort *St. Louis* is dead, and the Baron *d Arnieourt* fallen sick.

Monsieur *de Perigny*, formerly President of the Inquests, is made Tutor to the *Dauphin*, with an allowance worth to him 20000 Livres yearly for his life.

Brussels, Sept. 21. The New Fort at *Charleroy* advances very fast; and is designed to be five 100 out of ground, and consequently defensible, by the end of the next month; 3000 Germans are there encamped, to be employed upon the Trenches, and many Propositions have been already made for building in it, the people foreseeing its growth, as well as strength, from the commodiousness of its situation.

Hamburgh, September 8. The *Swedes* Forces daily increase, and more expected from *Pomeran*, 10000 Foot are lately marched from *Stoadt* to the Field-Here, and a Regiment of 1500. left behind there. The 5th instant the *Bremers* made a sally upon the *Swedes*, in which many were killed and wounded on both sides; and on the 6th another, but with what success our Letters tell us not. All the wood round the Town is cut down and distributed amongst the common people; and the ground about is made plain, to prevent the *Swedes* from sheltering themselves near it.

The English upon the *Elve* endeavor their revenge on the Dutch, and with two sloops, after the taking of one Dutch ship, set upon 2 others of their *Greenland* Vessels, but found them too strongly man'd with people, which they had taken up in this City, the Magistrates prohibiting an English ship from going to their assistance.

Vienna, Sept. 5. Yesterday arrived here *Montecuculi*, bringing him an account of the Empress her Voyage, and arrival at *Finale*, and that on the 20 instant she intends to begin her journey from *Milan*, which in probability may require 50 days before her arrival here, against which time great preparations are made for *Opera*, Tilings, Fireworks, Comedies, and all imaginary recreations; no cost being spared for Embroideries and rich Coaches, which are already sent from *Paris*, and all hands being set on work in order to her reception.

Majence, Sept. 10. The Soldiers of the Palatinate plundered lately two Villages, *Gaubischeim*, and *Gaubshcim*, both of them belonging to the Archbishoprick. But in the mean while the *Lorrainers* have made themselves Master of *Billigheim*, not far from *Neustadt*, where they killed 400 of the Palatines men.

The Ambassadors of *France* and *Sweden* are on their way for the composition of all differences; which if the War continues, will suddenly ruine all these Countys, the *Lorrainers* especially making great spoils where they come.

Rome, Sept. 4. Cardinal *Chisy* taking notice of the complaints of the *Spaniards* against him, for not executing his intended Legation to *Milan*, has committed his Apology to writing, and sent it to all the Cardinals and secular Princes, to satisfy them of the Reasons he had to wave that Legation during the Popes weakness.

Some heats have lately risen between the Cardinal *de Retz*, and the French Ambassador; the Cardinal having received the French Kings permission for his return into *France*, did not (it seems) as we expected, communicate it to the Duke *de Chaulins*: His Eminence having made his accustomed Visits in order to his Journey, and received his Dispatch, being in conference with the Ambassador, told him, That notwithstanding his readiness to depart, he was still willing to continue at *Rome*, if the service of their King should require his presence in the Conclave. To which the Ambassador sharply replied, That since he had so unseasonably made his Visit, he might part thence when he pleased; but the King had as little for him to do in *France*, as at *Rome*; after which they parted with much anger; but the Cardinals of that Faction are endeavouring to reconcile them.

Several Matches are here of late proposed. One between the Daughter of the late Prince *Pamphili*, with the Duke of *Parma*.

Another between the Duke *Sforza* son to *Don Paolo* Cardinal *Sforza*'s brother, and the Daughter and Heiress of the Duke *Cesarin*.

A third is discoursed of between the inheritrix of the house of *Altieri*, and young *Zanzedari* Grandchild to *Don Mario*.

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Genova, Aug. 28. We are informed from *Finale*, That upon the News brought to the Governor of *Milan* of the Empreses Gallies before the Port, he immediately drew all his Forces there into Arms, taking orders for the best Reception that place was capable of giving her; and accordingly, so soon as the Admirals Gally came near the Bridge that was laid for the Empreses landing, the Governour came aboard to make his first Compliments, where he made her Imperial Majesty an excellent Treat; which done, she disembarked, and was received upon the Bridge under a Triumphant Arch by the Archbishop of *savonne*; where taking Coach with the Dutchess of *Albuquerque*, she was thence attended to St. Johns Church; all the Gallies and other Vessels in the Port saluting her with their Guns, which was followed by all the great and small shot about the Town, with the sound of Trumpets, and beating of Drums. After the *Te Deum*, she was from the Cathedral attended to the Palace, where she received the Compliments of all the great Personages that there waited her arrival, and particularly of the Duke of *Savoy*, who arrived there in Post; since which, she has been entertained with excellent Musick, Comedies, and other divertisements of all kinds.

Lieutenant General *Montecuculi* was immediately dispatcht to his Imperial Majesty with the News of her safe arrival at *Finale*; where after some little stay, which 'tis said will be till the first of *September*, she intends for *Milan*, where she is to receive the Compliments of the Princes, and principal Cities of *Italy*.

MR. Thomas Nevil Comptroller of the Petty Customs in the Port of London, who formerly dwelt at the Crown in St. Pauls Church-yard, is now removed to the Ship between Temple Bar and Chancery lane end, over against the hither Temple-gate.

The General Letter Office is now held in Bishopsgate-street at Sir Samuel Bernardiston's House, the same that Majier Sheriff Hanson sometimes kept his Sheriffsalty in.

MR. Thomas Warren who formerly lived in Basing-lane near Breadstreet, is now removed to Sir Thomas Bonfoyes house in Leaden-hall street, who is appointed as formerly, to receive the Charity of well disposed persons for the poor visited people at Cambridge.

Seville, Aug. 27. The arrival of our Silver Fleet is no small Cordial to revive our Spirits, being a Fleet so very considerable as to be valued at four Millions of Patacoons, besides other things of value, having in it 2400 Chests of Indigo, 3000 Arrobens of Couchenelle, 20000 Quintalls of Campeche wood, with great proportions of other rich Commodities.

Five new Gallions made at *Biscay* and sent thence, past by lately for *St. Lucar*, in their way to *Cadix*, but made no stay by the way.

Legorn, Sept. 6. On the 31 past arrived here the *St. Louis*, a great French ship of 40 Guns, wanting three dayes from *Marseilles*, and may probably the next week go forwards for *Smyrna*. They report, that six Gallies were preparing at *Marseilles*, to Transport the Duke of *Vendosme* for *Rome*, where 'tis fancied, he is to receive a Cardinals Cap. Several Gallies this week arrived here, and went off again, viz. Seven of *Spain*, Five of *Naples*, Five of *Sicily*, and one *Genouese*, with three of the great Dukes Gallies, bringing back with them the Prince *Matthias* from *Finale*. We are advised from *Naples*; that a Dutch man of War of 22 Guns, was arrived there from *Marseilles*; but being denied *Pratique*, was forced to depart immediately.

Ratisbonne, Aug. 27. The Ambassadors and Envoyes in the Diet, talk only now of returning home, having spent two years and an half, in treating and retreating, and disputing *pro* and *con*, to the great expences of their Princes, and some discourse there is of a Resolution upon Deputies, that shall undertake the whole business from the beginning, and with less charge dispatch more business.

Hague, Sept. 21. Yesterday arrived here an Express from *France* to inform us, That *de Beaufort* was parted from *Rochelle* the thirteenth instant, not without some apprehensions of being intercepted by the English; and it was there-

fore pressed, that *de Ruyter* might be ordered to meet him in the Channel.

We have not lately had any Letters from *de Ruyter*, but we are informed, that he lately wrote into *France* of an unfortunate hurt he received in his mouth by the discharging of one of his own Guns, which had put him into a Fever; upon which the King sent one of his Physicians to attend him.

Some Conference has lately been had upon the Affairs of *East-Friesland*, and 'tis resolved that another Letter be written to the Princess Dowager at *Aurick*, to withdraw all the Soldiery out of that Country, and to return their forces home.

Some few ships lie ready in the *Texel* to joyn with the Fleet, amongst the rest the *Spiegel*, which formerly carried *de Ruyter*. There is a strict Embargo on all our ships, lest they fall in the Enemies hands, or employ those Seamen, which we have occasion to use in the Fleet. 'Tis said a Battery will be suddenly made in the *Hly* to secure the stream against farther violence from the enemy.

This day the Assembly of the States of *Holland* begin to consider of the grand Affairs, and 'tis believed will urge the Court of Justice to a vigorous prosecution of *du Brat* and his accomplices.

Dantzick, Sep. 4. Letters from *Warsaw* tell us, That the King would not permit *Lubomirsky* to absent himself till the future Dyet, as it was agreed on; but to repair as oft as he can to his Majesty, to advise with him concerning publick affairs.

The new Cham of *Tartary* has by his Envoye assured his Majesty of his affection and friendship, only desiring the King to continue the Presents to him yearly, as they have formerly sent to the Chams his predecessors.

Middleburgh, Sept. 23. The Sieur *Newport*, Secretary to Admiral *de Ruyter*, arrived the 21 instant at the *Hague*, to give the States an account of the Fleet now riding some few Leagues S. S. E. from *Dunkirk*. Whilst they lay before *Belogne*, the Count *de la Feuillade* came aboard them by order from the French King; upon whose departure the Fleet set sail for the place where they now ride. The Secretary was the next day after his arrival at the *Hague*, sent back again to the Fleet with others (as 'tis said) farther to return towards *Zealand*, *de Ruyter* and Monsieur *van Ghent* being saln ill, and a great part of their Fleet distempered.

Southwold, Sept. 18. On Sunday night a great ship was seen from hence standing out of the Sea Southwards, with her Top-mast what she is we yet hear not.

Yesterday the *Mary Ketch* cruising upon the Coast about two Leagues to the North east of this Town, near the *Bernard Sands*, fell in with a small *Fregat* of six Guns with English Colours, who firing a Gun, and having the Windward, exchanged many shot; the *Ketch* plying her Guns, and standing in for the Town; but before they came within shot, the *Fregat* left her, and bore up to the Southwards.

Whitehall, Sept. 11. This day the two Houses of Parliament, according to their Protogation, assembled at *Westminster*, and by His Majesties direction adjourned till Friday.

This day was presented to His Majesty by his Highness the Duke of *Yorke*, Edmund Godfrey Esq; one of His Majesties Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, and City and Libertie of *Westminster*, who after the Publick Thanks and Acknowledgements of his eminent service done in helping to suppress the late Fire in the City and Liberty of *London*, received the Honour of *Knighthood*.

Dover, Sept. 18. This morning His Majesties Fleet, the *Royal Sovereign* being the head-most Ship, passed by this Road towards the *Downs* in a very good condition, notwithstanding the late storm, in which they rid very safe off of *Dengeonness*. What luck the enemies have had in it, we hear not; only we have it confirmed to us, that some of His Majesties Ships having given chase to seven of their Men of War (of the Dutch Fleet, as is supposed) fired two of them, and forced the rest to save themselves as they could; and what became of them, we yet hear not.