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Swansey, Sept. 17.

ON the 12th instant arrived here two Vessels from *Fersey*, who give a very good account of the strength and posture of that Island, by the indefatigable diligence of the Governor *Sir Thomas Morgan*; they touched in their passage at *Guernsey*, and report that a Privateer Shallop belonging to the *Isle of Wight* without Guns, took an *Hollander* of 300 Tuns bound for *Holland*, laden with Salt, Wine, and Brandy, and brought her into that Island.

Plymouth, Sept. 18. The last night the Earl of *Bath* received an Express from *Sir Francis Godolphin*, that on Sunday Evening were seen off the *Lizard*, twelve great ships that stood in from the Sea, and soon after them twenty one more, all of them steering their course to the Eastwards, having a North-west-wind, which we judged to be the French Fleet. Though a Vessel from *Wales* putting into *Foy* reports, that speaking with the *Saphire* and *Forrester*, they conceived them to be the *Streights Fleet* from *Ireland*.

Newcastle, Sept. 18. On Sunday last a *Swedish* Vessel from *St. Valleryes* in *France*, came into this Harbor, who on the 6th instant, met with the *Dutch Fleet*, the Master being hailed aboard the Admiral, riding off of *Calice*, counted their Fleet to consist of about 70 sail in all. On the 8th he fell into the hand of a *Dutch Caper*, of whom he received a more rude entertainment, being both plundered and lustily beaten by them.

Weymouth, Sept. 19. The 17th Current in the morning passed by in sight of the *Isle of Portland*, twelve sail of great ships standing Eastwards up the Channel, the wind blowing stiffly at N. N. W. after them were seen about sixteen more standing the same course; and in the Evening were fair in sight about thirty sail. The 18th arrived here a Barke from *Penzance*, who had likewise a view of them, but judges them to be the French Fleet.

Norwich, Sept. 19. The Account of our Bill of Mortality for this last week runs thus, buried of all diseases 155. whereof of the *Plague* 140.

Dublin, Sept. 17. This day the Court of *Claires* is full of employment, being the day appointed for the forty nine Officers to receive their lots. On Thursday last His Grace the Lord Lieutenant finish his Progress, and returned to *Kilkenny*, much satisfied with the hearty and liberal entertainment he found in all places, and the good posture of the Militiaes, and the peaceable inclinations of all persons, not only in the Countreies, through which he pass, but generally through the whole Kingdom.

Paris, Sept. 25. The Count *de la Feuillade* going aboard the *Dutch Fleet*, could not get admittance either to *De Ruyter*, or his Vice Admiral, both of them being extremely ill; all he could do aboard, was to assist at a Council of war, which with some other circumstances, gives us reason to suspect that *De Ruyter* is dead. Their Fleet afterwards with the first fair Wind retired towards their own Coasts, which the King being informed of, immediately dispatch four Couriers one after another, to inform *de Beaufort* of their motion, and to command him not to stir from *Rochelle*, if he were not already gone; but neither of them had the fortune to come to him, which puts us in no small apprehension, what will be the Issue of his Voyage, since we are certainly informed that Monsieur *De Beaufort* with his Fleet parted the 15 instant from *Rochelle*, and at *Belle-Isle* joyned with the 10 ships that attended the Queen of *Portugal* to *Lisbon*, intending altogether to sail for *Diepe* Road,

where they were to take in 1200 men of the *Dauphins* Company, and Volunteers that attend them at *Diepe*.

The *Sieur De Quene* that commanded the Squadron to and from *Lisbon*, left the Fleet in a *Disgust* at *Belle-Isle*, but 'tis generally believed here, that he had no fancy to the service against the English Fleet, who are not wont to complement at Sea.

Monsieur *Hannibal Scofield* two days since died suddenly of an Apoplexy in his Coach, as he was passing by the Gate *St. Honoree*.

On the 17 instant was published an Arrest of the Council of State, which is registred in the Court of Moneys, by which his Majesty has ordered that from the day of the publication of the arrest, the Gold Louis and Spanish Pistolls that are weight, shall be currant at 11 Livers a peece, their Doubles and half pieces at the same proportion: the Gold lys at seven Livres; the Crown of Gold at 5 Livers, 14 solz; the Silver Louis at 3 Livers, the half Crown and Quarter proportionably, being the same value they were at before the Arrest of Counsel in *December* last.

Genoa, Sept. 8. The Duke of *Savoy* is parted from *Finale*, well satisfied with his reception, when he made his Complements to the Empress, and has ordered a party of his Guards to wait on her through that part of the Country, by which she is to pass in her way towards *Milan*, appointing the Count *Phillipes* to complement her on his behalf at her arrival there.

The Empress began her Journey from *Finale* the first instant, and by reason of her weakness, contracted by her late sickness, travells in her Sedan; and 'tis thought will reach *Milan* about the 12, but will not make her publique entry before the 21. This State is sending away two Gentlemen to complement her there, who though they are only qualified as Envoyes, their Trains will be very splendid at their appearance.

Madrid, Sept. 11. Don *Estevan de Gamarrha* the present Ambassador from this Court at the *Hague*, upon his own desire and intercession, is speedily to return from that employment; and *Don Vincentio Totavilla* Brother to the Duke of *St. German of Navarre*, at present at *Naples*, is immediately to be dispatched in his place.

The News of the late Victory of the English against the Dutch, is received with the general applause of all men, for which his Excellency the Lord Ambassador hath made his Bonfires, and received the Visits, Courtships, and Congratulations of the *Grandees*.

The last week the *Alcalde's* and Officers of Justice, informed his Excellency of several Malefactors that had sheltered themselves in the streets of his jurisdiction, which his Excellency gave them leave to search for, as accordingly they did, with great caution and civility, passing by those places which his Lordship desired to protect, and returned their thanks for the leave given them, by which they apprehended six Coachfuls of suspected persons, whom they sent to prison.

The Duke *Medino de las Torres* is made president of the Council of *Flanders*, and the *Conde Pignoranda* of *Italy*, and the *Conde de Oropisa* of the *Indies*.

The Queens Confessor is Naturalized, the better to qualify him for the Dignity she intends to have conferred on him.

Vienna, Sept. 8. His Imperial Majesty being informed by *Montecuculi* of the Empress arrival at *Finale*, hath commanded the Master of her Household, with the Baron of *Hohenfeld* to hasten forward towards *Milan*, to be there

the 27. instant to attend her, ordering likewise 5000 men under the command of the Collonels *Porzia*, *Lesty*, and *Shaffe* of Foot, and Collonel *Zeizen* of Horie, to march towards *Roveredo* to wait there upon the Empress.

The Duke d' *Albuquerque* is by the Spanish Court chosen Viceroy of *Sicily*, and intends suddenly to take his journey to his Government.

Hague, Sept. 21. On Saturday last the States received Letters from the Fleet, both from *Bologne* and *Culice* Roads, which we conclude contain in them something extraordinary, they keeping that Evening in close Consultation from six till ten at night; and are very reserved, only they give out, that *de Ruyter* is hurt in the neck; which makes us generally believe, that he is dead, and that they are unwilling as yet to divulge it, till they have taken order for a new Admiral.

We are here in much doubt what will become of our French assistants, who (we are told) are pursued by the English. If the game play not well, we must be forc'd to consult our own Affairs by a good Accommodation.

Buat upon a late examination of six days together, as 'tis said, has acknowledged 26 persons amongst the States that are as guilty as himself; upon which, the Council of *Holland* has been with him at his prison, pressing him to name the persons, which he has refused to do; the Council thereupon threatening to extort a Confession from him by torture, in the mean time continuing his examination.

Ditto, 23. Monsieur *Newport*, *de Ruyters* Secretary, is returned to the Fleet, the Letter he brought to the States was unsigned, he pretending to come away in great haste, leaving *de Ruyter* very ill with an hurt received by the firing of a Gun, whose flame entering into his mouth and throat, caused a very dangerous inflammation; speaking but lightly of a hurt he received in his neck the last Encounter. Some say he is yet living, but the most knowing persons conclude him dead, which is the rather credible, because the States General with those of *Holland*, have already named a new Admiral, one *Roodthoest*, to whom they have sent Orders at *Purmerent*, whereof he is Native, and now lies there; who is to make what haste he possibly can to go aboard the Fleet. He is a person of 66 years of age, and formerly disputed the Admiralty with *Opdam*, having long frequented the *East-India* Trade, and of more then ordinary skill in Navigation, though he never yet bore any command in our Fleets.

We are now told the Court of Justice hath been with the States of *Holland* upon the matter of *Buat*, acquainting them, that they do not finde him guilty; if so, he will in probable, in a few days see an end of his persecution.

His Majesty having been graciously pleased by his late Royal Proclamation to command the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of London, with all possible expedition, to cause an exact Survey to be made and taken of the whole Ruine occasioned by the late lamentable Fire, to the end that it may appear, to whom all the Houses and Grounds in truth belong, what Term the severall Occupiers were possessed of, and at what Rents, and to whom, either Corporations, Companies, or single Persons, the Reversion and Inheritance appertained, so that Provision may be made, that every man may receive the reasonable benefit of what may accrue to him or them, for such Houses or Lands. The Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, have by an Order of the 22. instant, (which hath been Proclaimed in the City and Liberties,) admonished and desired all Corporations, Companies, and Persons concerned as aforesaid, that the last Occupiers do within 14. daies after the date thereof bring into Beadles Booth, set up in the respective Wards, for Publick Service, under his hand, a perfect survey of the Ground whereon his House, Shop, or Warehouse stood, with their Appurtenances, and his Right and term therein, and that all others who have any Right or Inheritance, Lease, or otherwise to the same, do likewise bring under their hands their respective Claims, to the end, that the whole may be there Recorded by the Clerks that shall be thereunto appointed, who shall attend to this purpose in the places aforesaid every Working-day from Eight in the Morning until Twelve, and from Two till Four in the afternoon.

And of this, all persons are desired to take special notice, as they tender their own Interest.

Dover, Sept. 18. On Saturday night last Captain *Digby* in the *Fersey*, with three other ships plying about *St. Valeries*, pressed to hard upon several French ships on those Coasts; that he drove two of them ashore, to which he set fire; and the next morning forced another Vessel to set fire on her self, who presently blew up; by which we supposed her to be a man of War, and by her bulk of about 30 Guns. Another considerable Vessel running ashore.

Ditto, Sept. 20. Wee are very much satisfied of the good estate of our Fleet, having suffered in the last storm very little damage, besides the demasting of one Fireship. The Sovereign only struck upon the Sands of the *Riff-Raffes*, but (God be praised) got well off again without any harm.

On Tuesday night several Broad-sides were heard to pass this side *Drungeonnes*, of which we have received this account, That Sir *Thomas Allen* lying with part of his Squadron at Anchor near the *Nesse* Point. Monsieur *de la Roche* with several other French ships, separated by storm from *de Beauport*, fell in with them (as it seems) mistaking them for their own; where finding his error, after some Broad-sides received and given, he was forced to yield. His ship was never being before at Sea, having in her 54 Brass Guns, and near 500 men; the rest of his Company made all the sail they could to escape, but were pursued by several of ours; with what success we yet know not.

Upon the report of their Guns, the Prince who was then in the Downs with a great part of the Fleet, weighed, and immediately set sail to the Westwards, and (we hope) will suddenly give a good account of the French Fleet.

Ditto, Sept. 22. The *Ree Kerch* coming in from cruising, tells us, That meeting at Sea with an *Hamburgher*, he was by him informed, that five or six of the Dutch Fleet were riding before the *Weilings*, and that the rest of their Fleet was entred there.

Whitehal, Sept. 23. Tuesday last took his place in Parliament, the Right Honorable *Thomas* Earl of *Cesery*, His Majesty having done him the honor to call him thither by Writ.

Friday the 21. His Majesty according to His Message to both Houses of the 18. went to the Parliament, where being set in His Royal Throne, having on His Robes of Estate, the Crown upon His Head, and the Regal Ensigns carried after the usual manner before Him, the Sword by the Earl of *Oxford*, and the Cap of Estate by the Lord *Bellasse*; The House of Commons being called up, His Majesty was pleased in a Gracious Speech to both Houses, to express the satisfaction He had to see them happily met again; and so leaving them to their severall Consultations, the House of Commons immediately returned to their House, where the Copy of His Majesties Speech delivered to the Speaker, being read, they unanimously Resolved,

That the humble and hearty Thanks of that House be returned to His Majesty for His great Care in the Management of the present Warr; and that the House will supply His Majesty proportionably to His present Occasions. And that the Lords concurrence herein be desired by Mr. Solicitor, and Mr. Garraway.

Letters from aboard the Royal *Charles* of the 21. off of the Isle of *Wight*, assure us of the good estate of His Majesties Fleet; and that the 5. other French Men of Warr, separated with the *Ruby* (the ship taken the 18. by Sir *Tho: Allen*) were so closely pursued by some of ours, that one of them said to be the *Bourbon*, was forced to run into *Havre de Grace*; one other, a very stout ship, was singled out by the *Newcastle*, who after a sharp encounter, when he had brought the French mans Main-mast by the Board, and was now ready to board her, was attacked afresh by two other of their Men of War, with a Fireship, by which means the other escaped him. Of the gross of their Fleet, is yet no farther news.

Letters from the *Hague* of the 28th. say, *De Witte* was again posted to the Fleet, the body of which was said to lie off of the *Weilings*, and was to be immediately followed by some Deputies, in order to what Councils was not known. *De Ruyter* was reported to be alive, and on the mending hand.