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Dover, Sept. 22.

The Ruby prize, taken some dayes since from the French, is pallid into the Downs, following the Foresight, with the French Colours under her Bowe; the particulars of her taking, you have as followeth, in a Letter from on board the Roy-

al James, September 20. On Tuesday last, being the 18 instant, about 8 in the morning, his Highness considering the danger that might ensue by the extremity of the weather, slip his Cables, and made for the Downs, leaving us with Twenty Fregats more at an Anchor, our Top-masts and Yards loured, riding between *Fayre Lee* and *Dungconness*, four miles from Land. About Three in the Afternoon we discovered five or six Sail, which proved to be part of the scattered French Fleet, the headmost of them, named the *Ruby*, a ship of 1000 Tuns, 412 Men, and 54 Guns, whereof 40 brass, commanded by Mounsieur *de la Roche*, a Leader of one of their Squadrons, who bore up confidently, supposing us (as we believe) to be their own Fleet; but as soon as he came within reach of our middle Fire, he soon perceived his Error; but yet presently returned some Guns in exchange: Upon which we immediately weighed, and fetcht him up about Ten in the Evening; and having the weather-gage of him, the wind at S. E. and by S. We came along by his side Yard-arm to Yard-arm, and poured in a whole Broadside of great and small shot, and received the like of him, with the loss of several men: But before we could Tack again, being within two miles and less of the shoar, he having spent his Foremast, falling between two of our Fregats, and finding us at his heels, ready to give him another Broadside, immediately yielded.

The Prince, with the Fleet, is now watering at St. Helens Bay, and intends again immediately for Sea. Here is arrived the Master of a Prize laden with Wine and Brandy, who was in company with the French Fleet as far as *Diepe*, and confidently affirms, That they met with express Orders to sail away for *Bresse*.

Plymouth, Sept. 21. The last Week arrived an *Ostender* from *Ostend*, from whence he came on Saturday last, and reports the Dutch Fleet gone to the Northwards. On Wednesday morning, he met with four French men of War near the *Isle of Wight*, whereof one of them hailed him, enquiring for their own Admiral and Fleet; but not receiving satisfaction, they immediately stood for their own Coasts.

Portsmouth, Sept. 23. The Prince having last night commanded out hence the *Streights* and *Lisbon* Fleet, with the *Scanderoon* ships, this morning about 7 of the Clock set sail from St. Helens Bay, with those Merchants under his Convoys, and is gone to the East, in search of the Dutch Fleet, some of whose Scouts are said to have appeared on the back of the *Goodwins* on Saturday last.

Frankfort, Sept. 6. The Country hereabouts are strongly allarm'd with the apprehensions of a Winter war upon the *Rhine*, several Pamphlets being lately Printed in Latin and French, to vindicate the pretensions of both parties; in the mean time the *Lorrainers* continue plundering and ruining the places they come to. Several Troops are marching to the assistance of the *Palatine*, and 2000 Auxiliaries from *Brunswick*.

Hamburg, Sept. 16. On the 9th instant the Prince of *Denmark* came to *Altena* upon the *Elbe*, and the same evening proceeded on his journey in great haste towards *Copenhagen*. Letters from *Dantzick* informe us, that the King of *Poland* is expected shortly in *Prussia*, and Monsieur *Lubomirski* is gone to *Breslaw*, to attend there the Diet, which is to be held in *November*.

The hostility goes on between the Swedes and the City of *Bremen*, the *Bremers* lately making a briske sally with 1500 men, who surprizing the Swedes, killed a great number of Soldiers, and some of the Boores who were at work in filling up the Ditches, with the loss only of 18 of their own men.

Rome, Sept. 11. His Holiness is somewhat better then formerly, though in no probability of Recovery, and continues his desire of changing the Air, and to remove for some time to the Cardinal Prince *Savelle's* house at *Frescati*, the Castle *Gandolpho* being thought too moyst a place for him this Autumn. His kindred and Physicians oppose this design as much as is possible, being very unwilling he should leave *Rome*, knowing his condition to be much worse then he himself fancies it to be.

ditto, On Tuesday last a Courtier was dispatcht from Cardinal *Chisy* to the Empress, with a brief from his Holiness, and a letter from his Eminence, both of them congratulating her safe arrival in *Italy*; and desiring her to excuse the Cardinal, who by reason of the great indisposition of his Holiness was hindred from giving his attendance on her at *Milan*, as he had otherwise designed to have done.

Genoa, Sept. 8. The Cardinal *Gerolamo Colonna* Duke of *Paliano* and *Marino*, Prince of *Tagliacorso* and *Marso*, &c. who by the late King of *Spain* was sent for to accompany the Infanta into *Germany*, having conducted her as far as *Finale*, died there of an Apoplexy in the 64 year of his age, being then Bishop of *Frescati*, one of the six Bishopricks belonging to the Court of *Rome*, Administrator of the Archbishoprick of *Boulogne*, Archpriest of *St. Jean de Lateran*, Protector of the affairs of the Empire, *Germany*, and the hereditary Countreys of the House of *Austria*, and one of the Council of State to his Catholick Majesty, leaving behind him his heir, the Prince *Colonna*, his nephew, hereditary Constable of the Kingdom of *Naples*.

The Empress went from *Finale* the second Currant, and came that night to *Charriere*, the next day to *Spigno*, a Fiefce Town to the Emperor, the third day to *Aquy* in *Monferrat*, belonging to the Duke of *Mantua*, where she was received with all Magnificence possible, in the name of His Highness, under the care and charge of the Archduchess His Mother and Guardian. The Fourth day she came to *Cassine de Strada*; and the fifth day to *Bosco of Alexandria*, belonging to *Milan*.

Vienna, Sept. 10. *Montecuculi* bringing with him the news of the Empress arrival, made some complaints to his Imperial Majesty against the Governor of *Milan*, who it seems would not treat him as Ambassador, but only as Envoyé.

Yesterday the Prince *Dietrichstein*, Major *Domo* Major to the Empress, with his Train, received orders to render himself by the 27 of this month, at the place designed for the chainging of the Empress's Officers. The Chamber having by command from his Imperial Majesty paid to the Baron *de Hobenselt* 100 M. Rixdollers, to furnish out the expence of the Voyage, and 6000 more to the Prince *Dietrichstein*, for his extraordinary frays.

The Ceremony of Marriage is ordered to be performed on St. *Leopolds* day.

This day the Marquess *de Gran* is sent with Letters from his Imperial Majesty to *Milan*, and care is taken that some Gentleman shall be weekly sent with Letters to the Empress; and another to return likewise weekly with news from thence.

His Imperial Majesty hath also determined that the expences of the Empress in her journey from *Vercedo*, shall

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be paid out of the Chamber; that the Princes may not be charged in their passage through their Countries.

Ditto. The Empress Major *Domo* is some days since departed from *Milan*, above 100 Coaches, 1000 Persons, with 200 horse are commanded to follow: Her Imperial Majesty is expected by the way of *Carinthia*, *Tyrol*, *Trent*, and *Roveredo*, the Prince *Dietrichstein* intends to go Post to take so good order, that she may every where be magnificently received, and arrive at *Roveredo* about the latter end of this month; he carries with him in Jewels and Plate to the value of 200000 Rixdollers, for presents to several persons about the Empress, especially to her present Major *Domo*, who is to attend her to *Roveredo*, and from thence to return for *Spain*. Great preparations are made here for her entry: Amongst other things, a large and stately Theatre erected, where at least 10000 persons may sit at ease to see the Horse Ballet provided for her diversion.

Warsaw, Sept. 9. From *Ukrania*, we have received a confirmation of the Rebellion of the *Cossacks*, or the other side of the *Dniiper*, against the *Muscovites*: *Doroszenko*, a principal person amongst them, with 1000 men lying in ambush, taking his opportunity, fell so lustily upon the *Muscovites* who were going to reduce them about *Bereflaw*, that he beat them out of the field, and forced them to forsake themselves in their own Quarters.

Elseneur, Sept. 10. Yesterday came from *Copenhagen* into this Road, seven men of War from 30 to 40 guns; four of them *Danes*, the other *Dutch* ships that came out with *Adelaers*; they are ordered Convoy to 40 or 50 *Dutch* Merchantmen, and are now sailing, intending to conduct them as far as the *Nel.* of *Norway*, and afterwards to Cruze between that and the *Shægen* to attend the *Gottenberg* Fleet, and as many more are expected from *Copenhagen* to second them.

Venice, Sept. 11. Our last letters from the *Levant*, tell us, Signiour *Barbara* Provodior of the Venetian Fleet, hath taken in the Islands of the Archipelago, several *Turkish* ships richly laden, and gathered in from the *Greeks* their usuall Taxes or or *Carazzi* paid by them to this Republicke. *Almissa* a strong place in *Dalmatia* is threatened by 12000 *Turks*, whither General *Cornaro* is gone in person, having beforehand provided well for the other Garrisons of that Province. Letters from *Dalmatia* inform us, that a boily of *Morlacks* lying in *Ambuscado*, have cut off 2000 *Turks*; but the particulars, or rather the certainty of the whole not yet known. Several ships are to depart from this Port with *Men* and *Provisions* for the Armada, all our hopes of Peace being at present vanisht.

Seville, Aug. 31. The Spanish Fleet lie still on the coast of *Portugal*, where 'tis thought they will stay as long as the season of the year and the weather will permit them. 'Tis believed they have some designs upon the *Brasile* Fleet. The *Victulliers* intended for the Gallions bound out for the *West Indies*, are now ordered for the Armada Real, and others to be furnisht for the Gallions, who are intended to go out in *November* next. The ship lately come in *Capitana*, or Admiral of the *New Spain* Fleet, was by accident fired in the Port of *San Lucar*, but most of her Lading saved, and some of her Guns.

The two French with the *St. Carlos* a *Holland* Privateer, formerly in the States service at *Cadix*, are returned from the Coast of *Barbary*, and the *Canary* Islands, without any Adventure, and are again falling to their Trade of Merchandizing.

These are to give Notice, That His Majesties chief Officers and Farmers of the Hearth-duty, do now keep their Office in Leadenhall-street, near Bileter-lane in London.

Mavence, Sept. 19. Yesterday the *Lorrainers* plundered *Wackenheim* belonging to the *Palatinate*; and in their return, shewed our Country-men their Art, whom they risted after the same method as they had done our Enemies: Some hopes we have of a Treaty for an Accomodation at *Heydelberg*; in the mean time, Colonel *Landsperg* is coming with 600 men from the Duke of *Newburgh*, to the assistance of the *Palatine*. We are also solliciting for Succors from our Allies, and we have no small apprehensions of the French putting in

for a part in our Tragedy, which will absolutely compleat the ruine of these Countries.

Ostend, Sept. 29. The great storm on Monday night over-set two Merchant ships in this Haven, that were lying at Anchor; one of them *Erasmus de Bowcr*, bound for *Spain*, the other a ship bound for *Norway*.

By Letters from *St. Venant* we are told, that a fire lately kapping, in a short space of time consumed the whole Town, not above five or six houses remaining: By reason of which, the Soldiers are forced to lodge for the present upon the Ramparts. The same Letters telling us, that Quarters are taken up at *Montreville* for 8000 men, and at *Bayeux* in *Normandy* for 4000. But for what employment they are drawn thither, is not yet known.

Hague, Sept. 28. The seven great ships that were setting out at *Amsterdam*, will hardly be ready to joyn with the fleet this year.

The States General have published a Licence to all private men that will, to set out and arm what ships they please, during the Winter season, to lie on the English Coasts, upon condition, that they return into the Ports of *Holland* and *Zealand* before the end of *March* following, on pain of confiscation of ships and goods, and an hundred Florins for each Seaman for every moneths absence.

By Letters from the fleet we are told, that the 24 instant they were at an Anchor near *Blankenberg*, and the next day received news that the French fleet was come into the Channel already as high as *Calais*; whereupon in the morning they set sail to finde them out; and, if possible, joyn with them, the wind being then at East, but it changing afterwards Westwardly, they could not advance much. The same day a Galliot came to them with Letters from the Governours of *Calais* and *Bologne*, informing, that the English and French fleets were come up together about the height of *Eologne*, which the Skipper confirms, and that he saw two ships on fire, but knew not what they were, and that the French were making for their own Coasts.

The business of *Buat* advances not much, especially in *de Witts* absence, but they proceed severely against *Kievit & Vanderhorst*, prohibiting, under a very severe penalty, all persons whatsoever from assisting, harboring, or holding any correspondence with them.

Ditto, Septemb. 28. Our Fleet still keeps the Sea, though at the present in an ill condition, by reason of the Sickness that is got amongst them; in a Weeks space they have sent off two ships full of dead and sick men into *Zealand*, the Infection being much spread. *De Ruyster* is not yet past danger, but will not remove from his ship, for fear of causing a disorder amongst the Seamen, who are apt to suspect the worst.

De Witte with six Deputies are gone to the Fleet, to direct their future Counsels; what those will be, is kept as a great secret. At present we are told it lies about six Leagues off at Sea, between *Ostend* and *Dunkirk*.

Hamburg, Sept. 18. This morning the Bells rung out; and the Trumpets sounded, to give notice of a Fire begun by the *Altena* gate, which burnt down three or four houses; but was by the assistance of people that came in, put out without further harm.

Portsmouth, Sept. 25. Yesterday a Prize was brought into *Cowes*, being a French ship laden with Wine and Brandy.

Dover, Sept. 25. This morning by Four of the Clock, the *Streights* Fleet passed by into the Downs, and at Six our whole Fleet was discovered sailing to the East, in search after the Dutch Fleet.

Yesterday was brought in a Prize from *Amsterdam*, by Captain *Butler* of the *West-Friesland*, what his Lading is we yet know not.

Whitobal, Sept. 25. This day about Three in the Afternoon, the Two Houses of Parliament in a Body attended His Majesty according to His appointment at the Banqueting House, to manifest their hearty Concurrence in the Vote for supplying His Majesty with whatsoever was necessary for the carrying on of the War, which His Majesty received with all the satisfaction imaginable, and very graciously dismissed them.