

gesses of the Town of Northampton, do humbly beg Leave to offer unto your Majesty our most hearty and sincere Congratulations on the great and important Successes which have been lately obtained, owing, under the Almighty, to the Wisdom of your Majesty's Councils, and the brave Exertion of your Fleets and Armies.

The Diminution of the Naval Power of our common Enemy in Europe, and the glorious Conquest of the Island of Cape Breton, with the Forts and Harbour of Louisbourg, in America, afford us the most pleasing Prospects of future Felicity.

We foresee that the Trade and Commerce which is carried on in different Parts of your Majesty's Dominions, and which bring home to this Nation Riches and Strength, must, in Consequence of these Advantages, increase and flourish; and, as Lovers of our Country, it is a great Satisfaction to find that the Reputation of the British Arms is so well retrieved and established, that we have no Reason to doubt but that in due Time, when the present War (which was necessarily undertaken by your Majesty to defend our Religion, Liberties, and indisputable Rights) shall be at an End, you will procure for us a solid, honourable, and lasting Peace.

We are firmly united in an hearty Zeal for the Honour of your Majesty's Crown; and beg Leave further to assure your Majesty, that we will, so united, contribute all the Assistance in our Power to support your Majesty and your Royal Progeny on the Throne of these Realms, and to defend your illustrious House against the unjust Attempts of any of its Enemies.

Given under our Common Seal, this Fourth Day of October, 1758.

*Admiralty Office, October 10.*

Captain Douglas, of His Majesty's Ship Alcide, gives an Account in his Letter of the 8th Instant, that having received Intelligence of a French Frigate called the Felicite, of 36 Guns, and a Flute called the Robuste, of 24, being sailed from Bourdeaux the 10th of September, he (with His Majesty's Ship Acteon) steered a Course to intercept them; and on the 15th, twenty Leagues to the Westward of Cape Finisterre, they came up with, and took the Robuste, the Felicite having left her the Night before: She is laden with six 24 Pounders, twelve of 18, six Iron Mortars, 3000 Shells of 13 Inches Diameter, Cordage, Canvas, Flour, and several other Stores for the Use of the French Men of War at Hispaniola.

An Account is also received from Captain Hartwell, of His Majesty's Ship Lizard, that on the 2d Instant, cruising off Brett, he came up with and engaged two French Frigates called L'Heroine and Duc D'Hanover, for more than an Hour, when L'Heroine, the largest, made all the Sail she could for the Rocks near the Opening of the Passage of Fontenoy; and then he wore down, and engaged the Duc d'Hanover, which Ship, in little more than half an Hour, struck: She mounted 14 Carriage and several Swivel Guns.

On the 24th past, Captain Gilchrist, of His Majesty's Ship Southampton, saw a Sail to Windward at Two in the Morning, to which he gave Chace, and came up with her at Noon, when after an obstinate Engagement till Three in the Afternoon, she struck, and proved to be the Caumartin Privateer from Dunkirk, commanded by Jean Baptist De Cock, new from the Stocks, mounted 16 Six Pounders, stuck full of Swivels and Musquetoons, Burthen 280 Tons, and had on Board 147 Men.

His Majesty's Ship Unicorn, Captain Graves, is arrived at Plymouth, who, on the 21st past, after a Chace of seven Hours, took, off the Isle of Bas, the Duc D'Harcourt Snow Privateer of Dunkirk, of 8 Guns and 61 Men.

*Admiralty-Office, August 8, 1758.*

**M**Y Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, having received authentick Information, that a Dutch Ship named the City of Rotterdam, whereof Warner Pieterfon was Master, laden with different Kinds of Merchandize; and also with the Baggage, consisting of very valuable Effects, of the Marquis de Pignatellij, Minister from the Court of Spain to the Court of Denmark, and having likewise on Board his Household Steward, Confectioner, and Cook, and also the Coachman of the Danish Ambassador residing at Paris; and being bound from Rouen to Rotterdam, was, in the Course of her said Voyage, on the 30th Day of June last, boarded three several Times, by the Crews, or Parts of the Crews, of three different English Ships or Vessels, pretending to be Privateers; and that some of the Crew of one of the said English Vessels, (which had two Masts) went on Board the said Dutch Ship, about Six o'Clock in the Morning of the said Day, and after searching her, took and unlawfully carried away with them two Oars, one Boat Hook, and a Dutch Cheese: And that about Nine o'Clock the same Morning, Ten of the Crew of another of the said English Vessels, (being a Cutter, or one Mast Sloop) went armed with Cutlasses, Pistols and Hatchets, on Board the said Dutch Ship, and after examining the Papers, they by Violence forced open the Hatchways, and went into the said Ship's Hold, and there broke open two Trunks belonging to the said Marquis de Pignatellij, wherein were rich Cloths, and laced Liveries, which they took and carried away, to their own Ship: And that about Two o'Clock in the Afternoon of the same Day, the Commander, who was a young Man, and wore a Gold laced Hat, together with some of the Crew of another of the said English Vessels, (being a Cutter, or single Mast Sloop, mounted with four Guns) came armed as aforesaid, on Board the said Dutch Ship, and after examining the Ship's Papers, and those of the Passengers, pretended the same were False and Counterfeit, and then went into the said Ship's Hold, and began to plunder the Effects there; and that whilst they were so doing, the Crew of the aforesaid English Vessel, which Boarded the said Dutch Ship about Nine o'Clock that Morning, returned again, and joined those who were then in the said Ship's Hold, and that then both the said Crews in Conjunction, committed very great Outrages, by breaking open all the said Marquis de Pignatellij's Cases, and Trunks, and taking and carrying away all the valuable Effects, which were in six of the said Cases and Trunks, and destroying or damaging the Rest of those Effects; and then sailing upon his the said