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Portsmouth July 1.

ON Tuesday about three in the morning (as we said in our last) His Majesty weighed out of the *Downes* with the Men of War and Yachts that attended Him, the wind at E.N.E. but very violent; The next day about noon his Royal Highness came in here in the *Anne*, and his Grace the Duke of *Monmouth* in the *Portsmouth* Yachts; His Majesty with the rest of the Men of War and Yachts being fallen so much to Leeward that He could not reach this Port at the same time; and about seven that morning anchored on the back of the *Isle of Wight*. This morning about eight a clock, his Royal Highness and the Duke of *Monmouth* went out to Sea again to attend His Majesty.

Ditto, July 3. At six a clock in the evening.

Yesterday morning early His Majesty, having the day before been ashore on the *Isle of Wight*, and been received and entertained by Sir *Robert Holmes* the Governor, arrived here in the *Greyhound* Frigate, together with his Royal Highness in the *Anne* Yacht, and the other Men of War and Yachts that waited on His Majesty. After having been some hours ashore, His Majesty was pleased, accompanied with his Royal Highness, to go and see the *Royal James*, which was Launched on Tuesday last, and several other pieces built by Commissioner *Deane*, with which His Majesty was extremely satisfied. In the Afternoon, His Majesty was pleased to visit the Fortifications, and other things worthy His Majesties observation here, and in the Evening, did our Governor Colonel *Legge* the Honour to Sup with him. This Morning His Majesty, and his Royal Highness went to *Shfield*, where Mr. *Noel* had the Honour to treat Them at Dinner; and this Evening about five a clock, His Majesty, after having been pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood upon Sir *John Tippers*, Sir *Richard Haddocke*, Sir *Anthony Deane*, and Sir *Roger Manley* our Deputy Governor, is gone on board the *Harwich* Frigate, and his Royal Highness on board the *Anne* Yacht, and are at present under Sail, the Wind W.S.W. and the weather very fair, towards the *Downes*.

Cádiz, June 10. The second instant, failed from hence six Spanish Men of War, having orders to go and join the Spanish Armada at *Naples*; and the sixth, parted the *Sieur de Ruyter*, with four Men of War and several Merchantmen under his Convoy, towards *Smirna*, many people apprehend he may in his way rencounter the French, who may be too strong for him. A Vessel arrived here from *Naples*, brings advice, That the French had had a design upon the *Scaletta*, but that it had not succeeded, and that the French and Messineses very well agree.

Madrid, June 20. The young King being now going to take upon himself the Government of his Kingdoms, it is said that the Queen purposes to retire to *Toledo*, having chosen that City for the place of her residence. This week a considerable sum of Money was sent from hence, to *Pon Juan of Austria*, in order to his journey for *Italy*, which has been deferred, longer than his Highness intended, by his indisposition, and we are now as-

ured, that he will very suddenly embark at *Barcelona*, where six Spanish Men of War expect him, to which will be joined certain Dutch Men of War, who came into the Mediterranean to Convoy their Merchantmen, and three Gallies; on these ships will be likewise embarked 1000 Foot Soldiers, with great stores of all Military Provisions, so that we yet seem here almost to promise our selves the reduction of *Messina* before the end of this Summer; notwithstanding our Letters from those parts tell us, that the French and Messineses live in very good correspondence with each other. We have not heard any thing of moment from *Catalonia*, since the raising the siege of *Gironne*, the French holding themselves still, expecting a supply of Provisions, and reinforcement of Men from *France*. Our Letters from *Lisbon* of the 10 instant, say, That their Fleet was arrived from *Brazile*, that one ship was lost, and that the rest had for several hours been engaged with the Corsairs of *Barbary*: but without any loss, except of some Men.

Strasbourg, July 1. The two Armies continue in the same posture we told you in our last; but it is said that the French are very much incommoded through the overflowing of the *Rhine*, which is occasioned by the great Rains that have fallen of late, and that its thought that may oblige them to remove their Camp: Two days ago was a skirmish in the Village of *Bischofheim*, between the French and the Imperialists, in which it is reported that near 200 of the former were killed. The Bread that was baked here for the Germans, is turned into Bisket, to keep it from spoiling, there being at present not any possibility to convey it to them.

Cologne, July 5. This day arrived here the Marquis de *Grazz* from *Bon*, whither its thought he will return again, after having conferred with the *Sieur Fischer* the Imperial Minister here. The two Armies continue still in the Neighborhood of *Strasbourg*, on the other side of the *Rhine*, and its said that General *Montecuculi* is resolved not to give the French any opportunity to fight him, unless with advantage to himself, but rather endeavor to weary him out, and oblige them to repass the *Rhine*; and on the other hand the French seem confident they shall be able to subsist in those quarters as long as their adversaries in theirs. Our Letters from *Mayence*, give us an account of the Election of the Baron of *Leyen* Brother of the Elector of *Treves*, to the Electorate of *Mayence*; to the great satisfaction of the Imperialists, the Bishop of *Aichstadt* having excused the same by reason of his great Age. The Duke of *Lorraine* is still here, though its said he hath been very much desired to join with the Dukes of *Lunenburg*.

Liege, July 5. The French Army comes this way again, and two Bridges have been laid over the *Mense* near *Maestricht*, and at the same time it is reported, as if his Majesty would pass the *Mense*, but without any certainty. Provisions begin to grow very scarce in this Country, which is so eaten up, that it is greatly feared the poorer sort will not be able to subsist the next Winter. The Duke of *Lunenburg Zell*, and Bishop of *Osnabrug*, were, according to our last advices, encamped with their Troops near *Jattiers*, leaving us altogether uncer-