

head, on the Starboard tack, in all 17 sail; soon after, our Admiral made the signal for all Cruisers to come into the fleet, and for the line of battle a-head; at which time we took reefs in the topsails (as is usual when going to engage) and began to form the line on the Starboard tack. (Here the Namur leads). The French observing that we were not to be bullied by their 17 sail, and knowing, if they run, their Convoy must fall into our hands, dropped all but nine from the line; and with their Convoy crowded to leeward. At one in the afternoon, our Admiral made the signal for those who lead to lead large: At two the French hauled down their signal for the line, and began to run for it (as their Convoy was now well a-head) upon which our Admiral hauled down his signal for the line of battle, and made the signal for the whole fleet to chase: And about half an hour past two made the signal to engage: At three we came within gun-shot of the sternmost of the enemy, who fired their Stern chase at us; but not regarding that, we stood on, and soon came near four or five of them, where we were very warmly engaged on both sides, and had no ship to our assistance but the Centurion and Defiance; the former soon lost her main-top-mast, and of consequence dropt a Stern; two Capt. Dennis behaved himself like a brave experienced Officer, in using all possible dispatch to come into action again; and the brave Capt. Grenville, of the Defiance, observing how desperate the Namur was befel, got on our Starboard bow, and took most of the fire of one ship from us.

After about an hour's engagement with five ships, we shot the Invincible's main-top mast away, who of consequence dropt a Stern; then we made sail a-head and engaged the French Admiral within pistol shot, for about one hour and half; at which time he struck to us; as did another on the Starboard bow, and one on the Starboard bow; but I believe the latter as much to the Defiance as to us.

The French being by this time pretty well reduced, our Admiral made the Yarmouth, Monmouth, Nottingham, and Ambuscade, the signal to chase the Convoy. — We had 13 men killed in the engagement, and 63 wounded; amongst the latter was the Captain in the right shoulder with a musket-ball, the third lieutenant much wounded in the right groin, the Master in the right knee, and a Marine Officer thro' the body with a musket-ball, and died in half an hour after. Our main-mast has five shot thro' it; the fore mast three, and the Mizzen-mast one; the Mizzen-yard shot away, the main-yard much wounded, and the rigging so much, that only two main shrouds were left whole, and four of the fore shrouds, and for the running rigging there was none left to haul up or lower down a sail; and of the sails that were left, I believe there is not a cloth but what has a shot through it; and by what I have said here, I think you are well able to judge the condition of the ship, which is very bad, and makes two feet six inches water every hour.

I am Yours, &c.

Extra of a Letter from Plymouth, dated May 16.

His Majesty's Ships the Pembroke, Windsor, and Faulkland, are arrived here, with about 2000 French Prisoners, taken out of the French Fleet; which they are now landing. The said Fleet was to have separated in a few Days, the Invincible and Jason being bound to the East Indies, as Convoy to the Trade, and some Storeships going there: And the other Men of War, and Remainder of the Fleet were all bound to Canada with Soldiers and Stores, in order to put the Inhabitants in a Condition to make an Attempt on Cape Breton. — So by this Glorious Expedition, Mr. Anson and Mr. Warren have actually set aside those two Attempts of the French, and may be said, in a great Measure to be the Preservation of our Factories in East India, and the important Fortrefs of Cape-Breton. This great success was gained with the Loss of 35 Men killed, and about the same Number wounded. — We are just informed that M. de la Jonquiere, the Commander in Chief of the French Ships, is dead of his Wounds. There were found on board the Jason Indiaman 14 Chests and 6 Boxes of Silver; and on board the L'Appollon 10 Chests and 4 Boxes, valued at 600,000 l.

May 21. There was found on board the two last French Indiamen, that were taken by the Yarmouth and the Nottingham, Thirty Tons of Silver, and three Chests of Gold, Capt. Brett, in the Yarmouth, was obliged to fire into the two Indiamen before they would strike, and it is said killed 50 men, and wounded 65.

May 26. It was last night reported, that a Party of Austrians had fell upon another of the French, and killed and took a great many of them, and upon this that the French had withdrawn out of Antwerp.

Yesterday morning twenty waggons, laden with Silver taken

in the French Fleet, by the brave Admirals Anson and Warren, set out from Portsmouth for London: They are to come thro' Piccadilly To-morrow morning, and pass forward to the Barr, guarded by 200 Sailors and Marines.

Commodore Boscawen is so well recovered of the Wound he received in his shoulder, as to be able to go about business, to the great Pleasure of all who wish well to the brave; this Gentleman never stirred from his Post during the whole Action, to have his wound dressed.

May 30. The St. Barbara Privateer, of Bilbao, of 16 carriage guns, six Pounders, and 140 men, was taken 70 Leagues to the Westward of Cape Finisterre, by the Duke of Cumberland Privateer of Bristol, Capt. Combes, and brought into Falmouth. She has also retaken two Vessels this Cruise, one of which was ransomed for 300.

It was yesterday currently reported, that there were Letters from on board a Swedish Ship arrived in the Gro-ne from India, giving an account, that the French, in their late attempt upon Port St. George, had lost 1500 men, and were in such a miserable condition, as not to be able to undertake any Thing of consequence, and that they had left Pondicherry, and were, 'tis said, seen steering towards Madagascar, as if they were running Home.

It is said, there will soon be upwards of thirty Persons of Fortune impeach'd for treasonable Practices.

They write from Paris, that the Pretender's youngest Son was lately set out from thence, and going, as was believed to Rome.

Orders have been sent into the Provinces of France, where any Austrian Prisoners are quartered, for them to get ready for marching to the Frontiers of the Kingdom, where they will be exchanged for the French Prisoners, which are coming out of Hungary and Bohemia by order of the Court of Vienna. The number of the latter is about 2000, and it is thought, that 1200 Officers and Soldiers have died during the Time of their Captivity. — They are expected in Alliance about the End of June, or beginning of July.

NEW-YORK, August 3.

Yesterday arrived here Capt. Witter in 22 Days from Caracas, by whom we learn, that their had been great Rejoicings in that Island, on Account of the Prince of Orange's being chosen Stadtholder; and that both the French and Spaniards that were there were oblig'd to wear Orange Cockades or go in danger of their Lives. Capt. Witter touch'd at Turk-Islands, but could not get a y Salt there.

Aug. 10. Wednesday the 5th Instant, arrived at Sandy Hook, two private Vessels of War, fitted out by the Colonies of Carolina and Rhode-Island to protect their Trade; and as they have been some Time cruising on our Coast, the General Assembly, for that Service, immediately ordered the Sum of One Hundred and Thirty Pounds to be laid out in fresh Provisions and Liquors, and to be sent on board the said private Vessels of War, as a public Acknowledgment for their protecting our Trade, knowing that this Province had not yet provided a private Vessel of War to answer those Purposes.

Friday Evening arrived at Sandy Hook, his Majesty's Ship the Scarborough, Capt. Robert Jefferies Commander, from England, with his Excellency Jonathan Belcher, Esq; Governor of New-Jersey, on board; the next morning his Excellency went in the barge to Perth Amboy, where he landed about 11 o'Clock, and in the afternoon the Ship came up into our Bay. She has had a long Passage, having left St. Helms the 4th of Jun., and came out with a Fleet of about 10 Sail of Men of War of the Line, under the command of Admiral Warren, bound on a secret Design. We cannot learn, that this Ship has brought one late Print, having received her Orders but a few Hours before she sail'd; but by some Passengers come in her, we learn that Admiral Anson is created a Peer of Great-Britain, by the Title of Lord Portchester, and Admiral Warren made Knight of the Bath; that the French Vessels taken and brought into Portsmouth by those Admirals, consist of six Men of War and five Indiamen. That the Invincible is a new Ship, and the finest in the French Navy; That no ship of Force in the French Fleet escaped the English, except the Black Prince of 40 Guns formerly an English Privateer from Liverpool; nor any of great Value but one bound to the South Seas; most of the others, as they were inform'd being laden only with Bricks and Lime. — They also inform us of the following Nomination of Admirals in England, viz. the Commanders Knowles, Smith, Griffin, Farbit, and Boscawen. There had been 10 great Actions in Flanders nor had the Dutch yet declared War.

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