

L O N D O N, Dec. 3. 1748.

Yesterday came advice that the *Reine*, of 20 guns, belonging to Bayonne, is taken and brought into Plymouth. She was taken by the Hampshire, capt. Daniel, who some time since took the *Castor*, a French man of war.

By the master of a fruit-ship which arrived here this week, we are assured, that before he left Lisbon, the Ambuscade privateer had brought into that port three Maronico ships, which escaped from admiral Hawke.

We hear that some of the most valuable effects belonging to the *Nympha*, lately lost off Beachy Head, have been taken up, and that if the weather proves favourable, a great deal more will be saved.

December 3. The *Dux* of Cumberland privateer, capt. Haldin, has taken a Dutch ship valued at 200,000 l. sterling. Her loading is the effects which M. Bourdenaye had taken at Madrais.

Last night a messenger arrived from lord Hyndford in Russia, who, among other dispatches of importance, brought word, that the Russian troops were on their march for Germany; and we are assured, that the messenger who brought this news, saw some of the detachments of these troops on their march, as he was coming express from Petersburg. The troops were on the borders of Courland, which are contiguous to Poland, so that the news of their being entered into that kingdom is expected by the next messenger.

We hear that the right honourable the lord Tyrawley will go to Turin, to take the command under the king of Sardinia, in the room of general Wentworth deceased.

This morning came advice from Plymouth, that the squadron under commodore Moyston, have taken and sent in there, the 28th instant, the *Jean Baptista*, a Spanish privateer of 22 guns, and 270 men, belonging to St. Sebastian's; and the *Tretya* privateer of 18 guns, and 160 men, belonging to Bayonne.

December 12. We hear from Manchester that at a late christening there, the perion, present and the child were adorned in plaid; and that several emblematical figures were on the dishes which made up the supper, expressive of the company's principles of disloyalty.

It is certain that advice has been received at court, of a ship being arrived in one of the ports of Scotland, with some of the chiefs of the rebels (who made their escape after the battle of Culloden) on board, and also a large quantity of arms. Such is the implacable malice of the common disturber of Europe; and such the unnatural behaviour of some intuated men to the mildest of kings.

December 14. A bill is ordered into parliament, to prohibit insurances on ships belonging to France, and on merchandizes or effects loaded thereon, during the present war with France.

We hear that 22,000 Hanoverians will be taken into the Pay of Great Britain for the Year 1748.

We have advice from the Mediterranean, that a fire which broke out at the king's store-house at Port Mahon, being a large fabric of 130 foot in length, had entirely consumed it, with the stores, &c. for several men of war, which accident has prevented their putting to sea for a few days.

*Extract of a Letter from Cork.*

The ship success, capt. Walker, of 16 guns and 35 men, bound from Philadelphia to Cork, with slaves, is lost at Ballyhege in the county of Kerry. It is said all the crew were drowned, except nine, who saved themselves in the yawl.

*Extract of a Letter from Harwich.*

We have many wrecks on the coast hereabouts, which we take to be chiefly coasting vessels. Last night we saw a large ship on fire at sea, about five league off this place. She is still burning, and a fishing boat has been this morning near her, but dare not venture close to her. It is feared the whole crew have perished.

December 15. They write from the Hague, that on the 12th instant, N. S. they had great thunder and lightning, which was succeeded by a storm, such a one as has not been known there in the memory of man. It began at 3 o'clock, and continued increasing every moment 'til 7 at night, after which it diminished gradually. The Damage done by it is very considerable, it having blown down chimnies, ripped off the roofs of houses, torn up trees, &c. They add, that the thoughts of the sad accounts from the sea-side, chiefly from Zealand, makes every one tremble. In short, all the foreign accounts speak of this storm in most melancholly terms.

The Dutch are labouring hard to fit out a great fleet in the spring, and, it is said, will be able to put to sea 26 ships of the line, besides frigates, by the first of March, in order to undertake, in conjunction with a British squadron, an expedition of great importance, the effects of which may, in some measure, balance the losses they may have sustain'd by Land, or at least restore and support their credit as a maritime power, as well as to take from their ambitious neighbour, all the vain hopes she has entertained of reviving her naval force, and of adding that character to the rest of her high pretensions.

The following French Men of War of the Line and Frigates have been taken since the first day of May 1747, viz.

Ships Names,	Guns,	Men,
<i>Invincible</i> , — —	74	700
<i>Terrible</i> , — —	74	686
<i>Monarque</i> , — —	74	686
<i>Neptune</i> , — —	74	686
<i>Trident</i> , — —	64	650
<i>Fougueux</i> , — —	64	650
<i>Serieux</i> , — —	66	556
<i>Severne</i> , — —	50	550
<i>Diamant</i> , — —	56	450
<i>Jaton</i> , — —	52	355
<i>Ruby</i> , — —	52	328
<i>Glorieux</i> , — —	45	330
<i>Renomme</i> , — —	32	300
<i>Castor</i> , — —	30	300
<i>Magnanime</i> , — —	74	686
	880	7913

The LAMENTATIONS of LEWIS the Beloved of his People, for the Loss of his Ships.

[All these mark'd thus \* were either taken or destroy'd before.]  
**M**A R S, O God of War, why hast thou turned thy Back upon us, and why fightest thou for our Enemies! How is my *Glory* fallen! my *Diamonds* and *Rubies* are no more!  
 Instead of being *August*, O how am I crest-fallen!  
 Where is my *Invincible*?  
 Thou, *Pantber*, O has been worried by the *British* Mastiffs & Thou, O *Ambuscade*, O hast been taken in a Snare!  
 The *Serieux* is now serious enough, but 'tis otherwise † with my Enemies:  
 The *Subtile* \* is subtle in vain!  
 And the *Vigilant* \* shall be watchful against me!  
 What can I do without thee, O *Mercury*, O my Sore runneth and is incurable †  
 O *Jason*! Britain has thy Golden Fleece!  
 L' *Etoile* \* my *Morning Star*, is vanished in a Blaze! (burnt)  
*Medea* \* the *Sorceress* has forsaken me, the *Solebay* \* is returned to her own Home, for which my Heart mourns in secret, and L' *Ardent* \* fires me with Rage.

The SECOND PART.

In a Complaint to Monsieur MAUREPAS.

O My Reown! [Le *Renomme*] *Maurepas* is fled, and Fear is come upon me.  
 O *Terrible*! my Governor *Conflans* is in the Hands of mine Enemies.  
 The *Sewern* is returned to its ancient Course,  
*Neptune* is gone over to the Hereticks!  
*George* has Possession of the *Trident*, and commands the Ocean!  
 The *Balsals* pay no more Respect to the † *Fierce* grand *Monarque*, than they did to the *Boy Charles*, whom they sent packing out of Scotland.  
 † Le *Castor* has a malevolent Influence upon my maritime Affairs, and I am stung to the Heart by the *Hornet* †.  
 My † *Magnanimity* is departed from me, and I shall boast thereof no more for ever.

† The *Navie* is changed by the Lord of the Admiralty.  
 † Le *Fougueux*. † The Name of a Star, † Retaken.  
 † Le *Magnanime*, just taken.