

On the thirtieth, the Fleet again entered the Bay, and anchored within the Distance of three Miles from the Town. On the Day following, the *English* received Information from two *Genoese* Slaves, who had escaped from *Algiers*, that, on the Night of their Departure, seven of the best Ships belonging to that Place had entered the *Mole*, which would probably have fallen into their Hands. They added that all future Attempts of this Nature must prove ineffectual, as the *Turks*, in Order to prevent the Entrance of Vessels, had placed a Boom across the *Mole*, whilst their Ships within it were filled with armed Men, and, without, three Gallies, and fifteen Boats, were stationed before the Boom, to guard it.

Notwithstanding these Advices, the *English* continued in the Road, until the fourth of *June*, during which Time, their Cruizers took, and brought in a Vessel, on her Passage from *Leghorn*, to *Algiers*, and laden with *Venice* Cloth, and many valuable Commodities, exclusive of two thousand Pounds, in Money. From this Event, We meet with no material Transaction, and it will be sufficient to add that the Ships returned to *England*, previous to the Conclusion of the Month.

This ill-concerted Enterprize is observed to have had no other Effect than that of exposing the *English* Commerce to the Depredations of the *Algerines*, who committed more Injuries than they received, notwithstanding that two Fleets (feeble indeed in their Operations,) were afterwards sent out against them, the one under the Command of the Lord *Willoughby*, and the other under that of the Earl of *Denbigh*. On these Undertakings, a naval Historian (e) hath made some severe, but just Remarks, and particularly complains that, although the whole Nation was grievously of-

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