

The Fleet separated going to the Coast of Roses.

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rone, which in a few Days would be practicable; that the Armies with the Duke de Noïelles in Catalonia, and with the Dukes of *Aujou* and *Vendome* about *Saragosa* were either of them superior in Strength to that in Catalonia; and the King desiring that since the Troops were not ready to embark from *Italy*, the Fleet might proceed to the Coast of *Roses* to annoy the Enemy, and then return to *Barcelona*, he failed accordingly, but by a violent Storm, which continued several Days, the Ships were separated, and forced to *Port Mahon*, most of them being disabled in their Masts and Sails, and the Cables of the *Resolution* parting in a strong Easterly Wind, which caused a great Sea, she drove on shore on the Coast of *Barcelona*, where she was lost.

There being a Necessity of convoying some Transports with Troops from *Italy* to *Barcelona*, the Admiral arrived the 19th of *March* in the Bay of *Vado*, and on the 22d following the *Severn*, *Lyon*, and *Lyme*, being Scouts, made the Signal of seeing four Ships, whereupon he ordered the *Nassau* and *Exeter* to slip and give them Chase. About Nine in the Morning Guns being heard, like Ships engaging, he made the Signal for the *Dartmouth* and *Winchelsea* to chase also, and the *Elizabeth*, Captain, and *Northumberland* to slip both Cables, while the rest of the Ships were endeavouring to unmoor, but the Wind coming out of the Sea obliged them to ride fast.

The 27th the *Severn* and *Lyme* came into the Road, and Captain *Pudner*, who commanded the former, gave Sir *John Norris* an Account, that he had the Day before, with those two Ships, and the *Lyon*, of 60 Guns, engaged four belonging to *France* from 60 to 40, and that after two Hours firing, the Enemy seeing others of ours advancing, made what sail away they possibly could, as all but the *Severn* did after them, which Ship was too much disabled to follow, but they lost sight of them in the Night. The said Ship *Severn* had twenty three Men killed and wounded, the *Lyon* forty, Captain *Walpole* her Commander losing his right Arm by a Cannon Ball, and the *Lyme* had six Men slain and hurt. The *Exeter*, commanded by Captain *Raymond*, came up with one of these Ships of the Enemy's the 23d, and engaged her two Hours, when, being much disabled, he brought to. This Ship was formerly one of ours, named the *Pembroke*, and used to be mounted with 60 Guns, but at this time she had no more than 50.

At a Council of War held in *Vado* Road the 28th of *March*, it was judged advisable to send five Ships to cruise between that and *Cape Corso*, for six or eight Days, to protect our Trade, and then to return and accompany the Fleet and Troops to *Barcelona*, which were embarked the 15th of *April*, and waited only a Wind; and there Sir *John Norris* received a Letter from Sir *John Jennings*, advising him that he was arrived in *England* from *Port Mahon*, in order to his commanding in the *Mediterranean*.

Sailing with the Transports, and being off of *Cape delle Melle*, a violent Gale of Wind at S. W. forced both Men of War and Transports,

An Engagement between some English and French Ships off of Vado.

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