

Master of a small Prize informed him that Monsieur *Du Gue Trovine* was at *Paris*; that three of his Ships from the *West-Indies* were not arrived, one of 70, one of 60, and another of 54 Guns, and that the *Mars*, which had lost all her Masts, was put into some Port of *Gallicia*.

Advice of  
Monsieur Du  
Casse at the  
Groyne.

Having got four Ships of his Squadron refitted and victualled at *Plimouth*, (to which Port he was obliged to return) he put to Sea with them, and had Intelligence that Monsieur *Du Casse* arrived at the *Groyne* the 7th of *February*, with only one Ship of 60 Guns in his Company, and that as soon as the *Spanish* Money was landed, he was to repair to *Madrid*, but that the Ships following would be ready to sail the 18th, namely, the *St. Michael* of 76 Guns, the 60 Gun Ship before-mentioned, and one of 40, together with the *Mars* of 60 Guns, which was one of Monsieur *Du Gue Trovine's* Squadron, and being disabled, they would take her in a Tow.

Other Intelli-  
gence of  
Monsieur  
Du Casse.

This made him use his utmost Endeavours to get off of *Brest*, in hopes of meeting them, but speaking with the Master of a Vessel on the 23d belonging to *Hamburg*, which came from *Bordeaux*, he gave an Account that the *St. Michael's* Boat had been on board him some Days before, about thirty Leagues Westward of *Belle Isle*, and he exactly described the other Ships before-mentioned, which, as he said, stood N. E. to go through the *Race of Fontenay*, insomuch that he believed they got into *Brest* the 21st.

A French  
Squadron dis-  
covered, and  
the Griffin  
taken.

Sir *Thomas Hardy* had but little Success against the Enemy before the beginning of *August*, when chasing six Ships and a Tartan, one of them hoisted a broad white Pendant at Main-top-mast Head, shortened Sail, and making the Signal for a Line of Battle, tacked, and stood towards him, believing (as it was afterwards owned) that our Ships were Privateers of *Flushing*, with two Prizes; but when they came nearer, and found themselves deceived, they kept their Wind, and made all the Sail they could, as our Ships did after them, every one endeavouring to come up as soon as it was possible. At Five in the Afternoon Sir *Thomas* coming near one of them, which was the *Griffin*, a Ship of the King's, but lent out to the Merchants, of 44 Guns, with two hundred and fifty Men, commanded by the Chevalier *D'Aire*, Knight of the Order of *St. Louis*, she shortened sail, and brought to, when sending some of his Officers on board our Flag, he let him know by them that he was bound with Bale Goods to *La Vera Cruz*, and that before he sailed from *Brest*, he received Letters from *Paris*, assuring him he might in few Days expect the Queen of *Great Britain's* Pass, but that his Friends advised him not to lose an Opportunity of a Wind by staying for it; to which he was answered, that if he had not the Pass on board the Ship was lawful Prize, whereupon he submitted without any Resistance.

Sir *Thomas Hardy* sent his Lieutenant to the Ship nearest him, with Directions to her Commander to assist in taking Possession of the Prize, and not shortening Sail himself, with the rest of the Ships under his Command chased the remainder of the Enemy, who made

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