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Sir *Edward Whitaker* arriving at *Port Mahon*, received a Letter from the King of *Spain*, and another from General *Stanhope*, by which he was desired to appoint two *English* Ships of War, and some Transports, to go up the *Archipelago*, and to other Places for Corn, the Army being in so very great want, that if not timely supplied, according to the Contract made by the General with the Merchants, they must of necessity abandon all *Catalonia*; whereupon it was determined, that Vice Admiral *Baker* should with nine Ships of the Line of Battel, one Frigate, and a Fireship, proceed with several Transport Ships into such a Latitude in the *Meridian* of *Tarento*, as he should judge most proper, and that from thence two *Dutch* Ships of War should convoy those bound to *Tarento*, and then the Vice-Admiral himself with the rest of the Ships accompany the other Transports as far as Cape *St. Angelo*, where he was to leave them to be seen by a Fourth and Fifth Rate as far as *Chio*, *Fochia Nova*, or farther up the *Arches* if thought fit, and when they should be loaden, to conduct them to the Port of *Navarino*, upon the *Morea*, and thence to *Port Mahon*, or *Barcelona*, according as the Winds might be. It was also resolved that when Mr. *Baker* had parted with the said Convoy, he should proceed to *Navarino*, and that when he received Advice there by what time the Transports, with the *Dutch* Ships, might be ready to sail from *Tarento*, he should govern himself either by cruising on the Coast to annoy the Enemy, or proceed directly to that Port, and convoy the Transports to *Port Mahon* or *Barcelona*.

These Orders being dispatched, and Sir *Edward Whitaker* having received Directions to return to *England*, he left *Port Mahon* the 27th of *March*, and arrived at *Lisbon* the 4th of *April* with three Ships of the Third Rate, where making some stay for our Trade, he sailed the 29th of that Month, and arrived in the Channel, in Company of the *Dutch Portugal* Fleet and their Convoys, the first Day of *June* 1710. But before I enter on the Account of Vice-Admiral *Baker's* Proceedings in the *Mediterranean*, I will give a short Relation of what happened at home this Year; and of the Reduction of *Port Royal* in *Nova Scotia*.

The Admiral of the Fleet, *Matthew Aylmer* Esq; being in the Soundings with several of Her Majesty's Ships, and a considerable Number of those belonging to the Merchants, with their Convoys outward-bound, he sent them forward on their respective Voyages the 27th of *July*, when he was about sixty eight Leagues S. W. by W. of the *Lizard*, in the Latitude of 48<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>m</sup>. The rest of that Day, and the next he lay by, but seeing on the 29th at Noon thirteen Sail in the North-East of him, he ordered the *Kent*, *Assurance*, and *Tork* to chase a-head, himself following with the rest of the Ships

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