

Lordship's Proceedings during his cruising there I have already given an Account.

While Sir George Byng was at *Port Mahon*, Sir Edward Whitaker sailing from *Livorne* towards *Naples* with the Transport Ships, arrived there the 3d of *February*, when bad Weather setting in, they could not begin to embark the Troops till the 1st of *March*; and since General Stanhope had (as hath been before related) concerted Matters with Sir George for the Operation of the Troops and Ships of War, he sent Orders to Sir Edward Whitaker to repair to him to *Port Mahon* with all possible Dispatch, where he arrived the 18th of *March*, from whence he was sent with a Squadron, and some Transports, to *Final* for German Troops, designed for Service in *Spain*, and Money for the King from *Genoa*.

Sir Edward  
Whitaker  
sent off of the  
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Having performed this Service, he was ordered to take under his Command ten Third Rates, three Fourths, two Fifths, and two Sixths of Her Majesty's, and seven Dutch Ships of War, and with such of them as were then at *Port Mahon*, leaving Orders for the rest to follow him, to proceed and cruise off of the Coast of *Roses*, *Colliure*, and in the Gulph of *Narbonne*, to prevent the Enemy their having any Supplies of Provisions, or Ammunition by Sea, and to intercept their Shipping, and annoy their Coasts. He was also directed to hold frequent Correspondence with Her Majesty's Ministers at the Courts of *Spain* and *Savoy*, and, at the desire of those Princes, to assist them on Services which a Council of War should judge practicable.

Sir Edward  
Whitaker  
takes several  
Vessels with  
Provisions.

The same Day he received these Orders, which was the 29th of *July* 1709, he sailing with her Majesty's Ships the *Boyne*, and *Suffolk*, of the Third Rate, and seven Dutch Ships of War, arrived the 3d of *August* off of the Bay of *Roses*, where he had the good Fortune to intercept thirty small Vessels, employed in carrying Bread and Meal from thence to the French Army, which was composed of between twelve and fourteen thousand Men, under Command of the Duke de *Noyelles*, encamped at a Place called *Tervel*, but he could not understand whether or not they were provided with Ammunition and Ordnance for the Siege of *Gironne*.

Sir Edward  
Whitaker  
comes to Port  
Mahon.

Off of this Coast he continued until the 16th of *August*, preventing the Enemy's receiving any Supplies by Sea, when receiving a Letter from Sir George Byng, and another from General Stanhope, by which they represented it was necessary he should make the best of his way to *Barcelona*, to convoy the Transports from thence to *Port Mahon*, as also the Storeships, and Victuallers, and then to proceed with them to *Algier* for Corn for the Army, which they were in great want of, he arrived at *Port Mahon* towards the latter end of *August* from *Barcelona*, but before he left that Place, our Troops had passed the *Segre*, and obliged the Enemy to retire on the other side the *Noguera*. They had also taken *Balaguer*, on the Banks of the River *Segre*, and in it three Battalions, two of them *Switzers*, and the other of *Badajoz*, with a very considerable Magazine of Barley.

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