

THE LONDON GAZETTE.

good order, the Tories no more heard of, and the Militia is generally settled in a very good posture.

Norwich September 5. The account of our Bill of Mortality for this last week runs thus, buried of all Diseases 162. Whereof of the Plague 147. Besides at the Pest house 12.

Portsmouth Septemb 7. Yesterday, his Grace the Lord General passed hence for London, leaving the Fleet refitted after the late Storm ready to put to Sea again with the first fair wind.

Notice is hereby given, That Sir Robert Viner is now settled in the African house near the middle of Broad-street London, where he intends to manage his affairs (as formerly in Lombard-street) having by the good providence of God been entirely preserved by a timely and safe removal of all his concerns, almost twenty-four hours before the furious fire entered Lombard-street.

Also Alderman Meynell, and Alderman Backwell, with divers others of Lombard Street, being likewise preserved in their estates, do intend to settle in a few days in or near Broad Street.

THE General Post-office is for the present laid at the two Black Pillars in Bridges Street, over against the Fleece Tavern, Covent Garden, till a more convenient place can be found in London.

Royal Charles in St. Helen's Road, Sept 2. On the 30th past, by six in the morning, our Fleet weighed Anchor at Sole Bay, but it proving a calm, and the tide against us, we were forced to come again to an Anchor before we had made a league of way, and so rid that day without farther intelligence of the Enemy.

The 31 by 7 in the morning we were under sayl, and stood a course towards the Long-sund-Head, till about 11 at noon, when off Dulseys Cliffe, we discovered the Enemy bearing S. and by E, whereupon we steered S.E., being assured by our Pilots to be clear of the Galopes, but yet we past not so well, but that this Ship struck upon the sand, but was so fortunate to get off again without prejudice: Which stop brought us into better

order to steer after the Enemy with the White Squadron in the Van and the Blew in the Rear, till 12 at night, keeping the Wind, at which time we guess the Dutch were tacked, seeing them near us, and some of our sternmost ships and the Enemy firing, which made us tack also and stand to the northward.

Sept 1. We saw the Vice-Admiral of the Blew to the Leeward with some few ships, and finding the Dutch were gone away from us towards *Calais*, we stood a Course after them, and found some of them merely Anchored, and others standing in, but at our approach they all got Under sayle, and stood for *Bullogue* Road, haling in close to the shore, being sure to weather us if we pass the Point, the Wind then E. by N. and E.N.E. as much as we could carry our Topsails half-mast high: Whereupon we lay by short of the place till all our Fleet came up; but then the storm growing greater, and having no hopes, by reason of the ill-weather, of attempting further upon the enemy, who durst not adventure out of the shelter of the shoar. It was found best to lay by and bring the Fleet together, and the next day to betake ourselves to St. Helen's Bay—the place appointed for our Rendezvous, as the most proper station to hinder the Enemies conjunction with the French, we being ready with the first fair wind to seek out the enemy.

In the storm two of our ships struck upon the *Toprap* Sands viz. the *Andrew* and the *Happy Return*; but we got well off again; The rest of our Fleet in good condition; What loss the enemy sustained by the storm we know not, only we are assured, they were forced to blow up one of their greatest ships; another a Flagship wholly disabled was seen driving before the wind, and that several others of them were much damaged and disabled; and of the rest four we could see run upon the Sands, and with great difficulty got off again.

Dover Sept 8 This afternoon the Dutch Fleet weighed from *Bullen* Road, and are now standing towards their own coast.