

& in other churches ministers had preached their farewell sermons.

Goods were moved hastily from the lower part of the City to the upper part, & some hopes were retained on Sunday that the fire would not reach them; they could scarcely imagine that a fire half a mile off could reach their houses. All means to stop it proved ineffectual; the wind blew so hard that flakes of flames & burning matters were carried across the streets & spread the fire in all directions, & when the evening came on the fire was more visible & dreadful & instead of the dark curtains of night which used to spread over the City the curtains had changed to yellow & at a distance the whole City appeared to be on fire, little sleep was taken that night, men busy in all directions pulling down & blowing up houses to stop its progress, but all to no purpose, for it made the most furious onset & drove back all opposers. Many were upon their knees in the night, pouring out tears before the Lord; interceding for poor London in the day of its calamity; but all in vain.

Sunday night the fire had got into *Common-street* & levelled it with the ground.

On Monday, *Grace church-street* was all in flames & *Lombard-street* & *Fenchurch-street*. The burning was in the shape of a bow, & a fearful bow it was!

Then the flames broke in on *Cornhill* that large & spacious street, & rapidly crossed the way by the train of wood that laid in the streets untaken away, which had been pulled from the houses to prevent its spreading & burned to the tops of the highest houses & to the bottom of the lowest cellars.

The *Royal Exchange* was next invaded & burned quickly through all its galleries; by and bye down fell all the Kings upon their faces & the building on the top of them with such a noise as was dreadful; then the citizens trembled & fled away lest they should be devoured also.

Monday night was a dreadful night! The fire burst into *Cheapside* in four directions with such a dazzling glare and roaring noise by the falling of so many houses at one time, as to amaze any one who witnessed it.

On Tuesday the fire burned up the very bowels of London from *Bow-lane*, *Bread-street*, *Friday-street*, and *Old Change* the flames came up almost together.

Then the fire got on to *Paternoster Row*, *Newgate-street*, the *Old Bailey* and *Ludgate hill* & rushed down into *Fleet-street*. *St. Paul's church* though all of stone outward, and naked of houses about it strangely caught fire at the top; the lead melted & run down as snow before the burning sea and the massy stones, with a hideous noise fell on the pavement.

Tuesday night was more dreadful than Monday night, for the flames having consumed the greatest part of the city; threatened the suburbs, and the poor were preparing to fly as well as they could with their luggage into the countries and villages.

On Wednesday the Lord had pity on them; the wind hushed & the fire burnt gently; then the citizens began to gather a little heart.

The following list of buildings destroyed in this terrible disaster hath been taken:—

13,200 Houses
37 Churches
6 Chapels
The Royal Exchange
The Custom House
Jail at Newgate
Three City gates
The Guildhall and
Four bridges.

Edinburgh Aug 29 Scarcely a day passes where in some Prizes are not bought in by our Privateers, amongst the rest one of them of six guns has lately seized on a very rich Prize laden with Spices bound for Denmark, and in her (as 'tis said) a Natural Son of the King of Denmark.

Southwold Sept 2 A French vessel called the *Hope of Quilleboeuf*, laden with 1750 firkins of Butter and 400 Pigs of Lead, was put ashore about a league to the south-ward of this Town, and split in pieces; but the Goods are most of them saved and preserved for the owners, it being one of those vessels that bought over the Lord Douglas' Regiment and was permitted to lade home.

Plymouth Sept 2 Yesterday arrived here *Ostenders* laden with salt &c. from *Rochelle*, from whence they came the 16 of August last, and report the *D. de Beaufort* was then in there with his Fleet of about 40 sayl, great and small, Men of War and Fireships, whereof 3 Dutch; and were making all the preparations they could see the Sea, but their going out was uncertain.

Pennonis Sept 3 On Friday morning arrived here *La Signoria de la Gratia*, a Venetian Vessel, hired by Mr *Abraham Walsheym*, who laded Currans and Oyle at *Zanti* and *Gallipoli*, and were bound for London; by the way the *Venetians*, *Meltesians*, and other Italians with whom she was mann'd designed the destruction of the Merchant and those belonging to them; intending afterwards to carry off the ship with its freight; and in execution of their purpose had fallen upon the Merchant whom they wounded in several places, and had undoubtedly kill'd him, but that Captain *Lucy* in the *Victory*, a Privateer, came by providence to its rescue, and seizing their principals secured them from further attempts.

Weymouth Sept 3 On the first instant a small French vessel with Ballast, taken by one of our Frigots, was sent in hither and by the way ran on ground in the storm, but by the assistance of several persons she got off, being robb'd whilst she lay there of all her Rigging Sayles, and Tackle.

Dublin Aug 28 On the 25 instant his Grace the Lord Lieutenant came safe to *Kilkenny*, intending from thence to visit all the most considerable places in *Munster*. The Lord Chancellor is well recovered, and was yesterday abroad and intends speedily to follow. All countries are in very