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XIV.

of the Ships *Alcide* and
Hocquart, the other by
miral *Boscawen*'s Squa-
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board the *Alcide*.

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Event

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at Six o'Clock in the Evening, we discovered eleven Sail of
Vessels from our Top-masts, they continued E. N. E. at
about six Leagues Distance. M. Hocquart ordered a Signal
to be made to the *Lys* and the *Dauphin-Royal* to croud Sail,
and endeavour to reconnoitre this Squadron before Night,
thinking that it might be our own, from which we had been
separated several Days; the Wind suddenly abated, and a
Calm instantly succeeding, we lay too.

The 8th, at Day-Break, we found ourselves to the Wind-
ward of this Squadron, about three Leagues distant. M.
Hocquart ordered the Signals of Observation to be made.
But these Ships setting full Sail, and not having answered
our Signals, we likewise set full Sail. The *Lys* and the
Dauphin-Royal soon found themselves at the Head of us; the
English Vessels visibly gained upon us. M. Hocquart gave
Orders to prepare for an Engagement. The Squadron being
within one Gun Shot and a Half, we hoisted our Flag and
Pendant, and fired a Gun without Shot, then the English
Vessels hoisted theirs; when they were nearer to us, the Ge-
neral hoisted a red Flag at the Fore-top-mast Head.

Between Ten and Eleven in the Morning, the *Dunkirk*,
of 60 Guns, appeared within bearing. M. Hocquart de-
sired Messrs. de Rostaing, Colonel of Infantry, de Rigau,
Governor of Trois-Rivieres in Canada, de Crance, Com-
missary of War, de Helincour, and de Somerville, to at-
tend to what should be said, in order to give an Account of it.
He ordered it to be proclaimed three Times in English, Are
we at Peace, or War? It was answered, We don't hear.
The same Question was repeated in French: The same An-
swer was returned. M. Hocquart himself then called out.
The Captain answered twice, very distinctly, Peace, Peace.
M. Hocquart asked, What is your Admiral's Name?
Admiral Boscawen, replied the English. I know him, he
is a Friend of mine. Upon which the English asked, And
what is your Name, Sir? Hocquart. The Time of pro-

nouncing

Event of this Nature, as the D. de Mirepoix, having been informed in
the Month of May, 1755, that Adm. Boscawen had Orders to act upon
the Offensive, acquainted the Lord Chancellor of England, the D. of
Newcastle, the Earl of Granville, and Sir T. Robinson, with what he
had heard, who positively assured him, it was absolutely false.