

C. P. beseiged, the which will soon follow, the French Carry all before them, and unless we secure the Peace of the Empire, we must soon joyn with the Emperour in another War wth France. The King of Sweeden is not returned but still in Adrianople, Marlbourough with his Dutchess, is also in Germany, and the Report of his Returne, was a Fiction. The Party run as high in England, as ever, & the Low Church, as he says, are more numerous, but out topt by the unfair Proceedings, of the other Party No Dutys are taken off as Yet either of French Goods in England or of Ours in France, the true Articles of Peace are not Published, and the Peace, be it as it will, gives but small Satisfaction Dunkirk is not rased, nor will it be in all appearance, the Pretender is still in France, the Dutch and Spaniard are not agreed, and constantly make Prizes of each other, hence the Dutch dare not sail in the Mediteranean, and are forced to Employ the English in those Parts, the D: Daumon is the French Embassador but will soon be Succeeded by another, many of Our Soldiers are disbanded, Six or eight thousand are sent for Ireland.

I am afraid You will scarce be able to read, much less understand, what I have writt, my tyme Presses, and I am forced to press on, You have it as I received it, and giving the due allowance, for Party Prejudice, You may guess what's true & what's exaggerated; the Capt. says M^r Hyde, will send M^r Duell, no more into these Parts, M^r Dare is his onely Passenger.

Abraham the Overseer has his Acc^s for four Hogs^{hs} of prime Tobacco, they fetch him in all 3^{ll} that is 15^s p Hogs^d one with another, but then his Charges were two pound two shillings more than last Year, his Freight being 12^{ll} p Tonn, & Average amounting to twenty two Shillings p Hogs^d.

They tell me here Dry or pickled fish Collation, is not allowed by You all, I can't but wonder thereat, it being every where tollerated, for my Part I can't tell what to do, whether to allow leave for flesh, some days in Lent, is not that left to each one in Particular, for my part I think quod indulgeri Possit Propter inopiam Piscium Potiri Casei lactis &c^a Quam facile dispensatio Flandria non Solum privatis at omnibus si hyems fuerit Sæverior et Pisces Salsi suscipi non Potuerint Your opinion, & further Instruction, wou'd be very acceptable, by the first opportunity.

I think to make my Exercise and recollection next Month, so hope to see You towards the latter end thereof: M^r Hall left two of my Books at M^r Hills, Pray desire him to send them hither, by the first Occasion, or to deliver them to You.