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From the St. James's Evening Post, Aug. 1.

Paris, July 19. O. S. The Court has sent down Orders to Brest to equip in all Haste 10 Men of War, destin'd to favour the Siege of Ostend. New Reports are spread concerning the Chevalier de St. George's eldest Son; but the Truth of the Matter is, that he is actually making the Campaign in the Infant Don Philip's Army.

Paris, July 20. O. S. The young Pretender set Sail from Nantes the 4th instant with a Man of War of 60 Guns, and a Frigate of 30 (Guns, in order to land in Scotland; and we are assured that he will find there 20,000 Men, also 40 Ships of War or Transports in the several forts of that Kingdom, all which will be at his Disposal, to make good his Pretensions to the Crown of Great Britain. We don't doubt but this Affair will make a great Noise abroad; but Men of Sense think the Pretender will only lose his Labour, if nothing worse comes of it; because he is not back'd by France, nor set to work by this Crown, having no other Foundation to go upon but the Assistance of one of our Merchants, a Native of Ireland. Nevertheless, we are assured that a neighbouring Power keeps several thousand Men in Readiness for his Service.

Antwerp, July 22. O. S. There has been a strong Report here, that the French will speedily bring out a strong Squadron from Brest, in order to block up Ostend by Sea; but To-day we are told, that all this was but a

Feint, and that the Preparations made there related only to the Equipment of two Ships that are either lent or sold to the eldest Son of the Chevalier de St. George, in order to make a Trip with them to Scotland, and to give the greater Grace to this pretended Expedition, we are told the Spaniards are embarking 5 or 6000 Men at Ferrol. There is something very romantic in all this; and therefore the wiser Sort of People doubt that these are only flying Stories, contrived by the Court of France, to cover some great Design of quite another Nature; perhaps to hinder an English Squadron from sailing at this Juncture to the West Indies, where, beyond all Doubt, the French are on the Point of executing some Project of Importance.

Copenhagen, July 16, O.S. The King and Queen will set out for Holstein the 16th of August. 'Tis said, that the Princess Louisa will accompany them, and probably be conducted to Hanover to espouse the Duke of Cumberland.

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