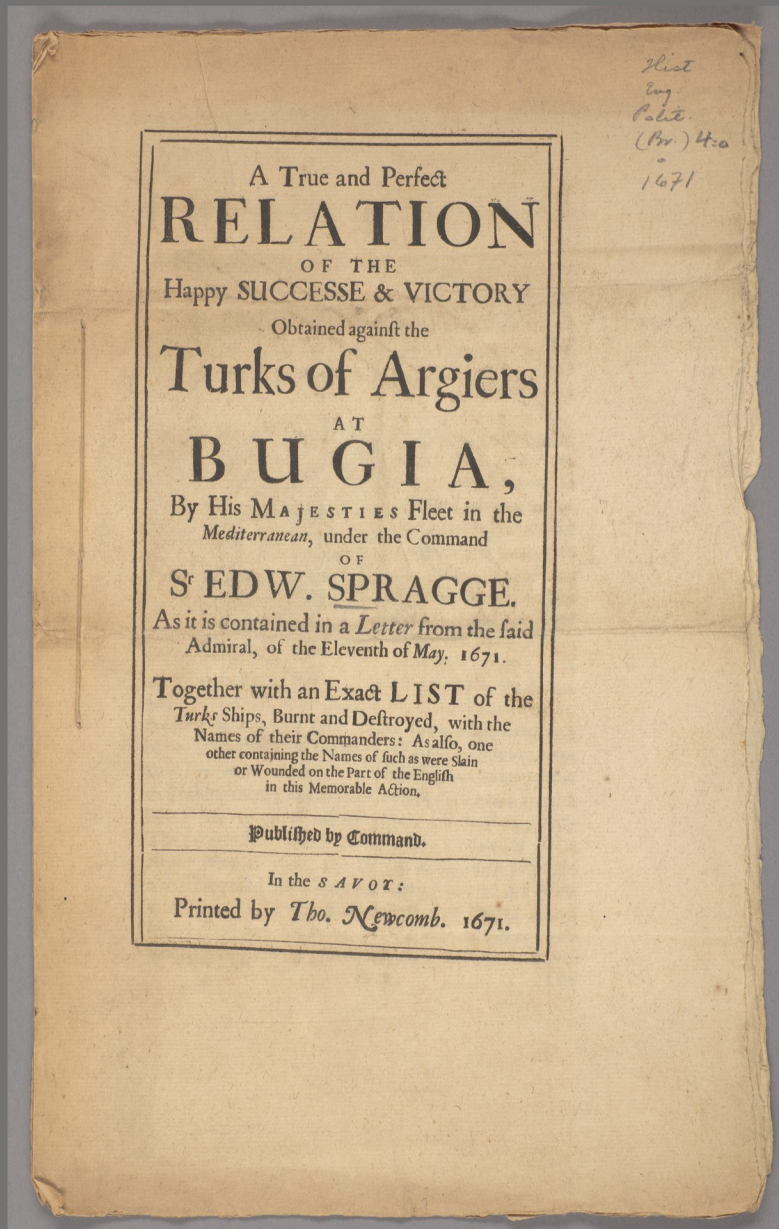


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**RELATION**

OF THE  
Happy **SUCSESSE & VICTORY**

Obtained against the  
**Turks of Argiers**

AT  
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By His **MAJESTIES** Fleet in the  
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As it is contained in a *Letter* from the said  
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Together with an Exact **LIST** of the  
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Having been Cruising for  
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 of April, being off at  
 Sea, some Five or six  
 Leagues, I met with  
 the *Mary, Hampshire,*  
*Portsmouth,* and *Advice*  
*Fregats*; and upon the  
 notice they brought me  
 of several *Argiers Men*  
*of War* being at *Bugia*, I called a Council of War,  
 and it was voted, and thought fit, That I should make  
 the best of my way (the Wind being then Easterly)  
 to ply up thither with the *Mary, Warwick, Advice, Gan-*  
*land, Portsmouth Pink,* and the *Fireships*, to endeavor the  
 destroying them; the *Hampshire* and *Portsmouth Fregats*  
 being left to cruise off of *Argiers* till further order.  
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*Argier Men of War*, the Winds being then at S. W.  
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 ward, and might at last be forced into *Bugia*, if not  
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The Twenty third, the *Dragon* came into me, having been two days in fight with the Two *Argier* Men of War which he chased, Capt. *Herbert* the Commander, being shot in the Face with a Musket shot, and Nine or ten of his men wounded with small shot, who will all recover.

Until the Twenty eighth, the Winds were always Easterly, the same day, about Eight at Night, the Wind came up to the South West, with very great Gusts and Rain, which disabled my *Little Eagle* Fireship, leaving her not one Mast standing.

The Thirtieth, I had got her Masted and Rigged again fit for service, having luckily a Corn Boat with me taken from the Enemy, which with the help of other Topmasts and Booms, Masted her. In this Weather, the *Warwick* hapned to spring her Main Mast again, and bore away to the Christian shore; my *Brigantine* at the same time bore away, and as yet I have no news of her. The same day I got into *Bugia* Bay, and had a gale, which I thought would have carried me and my Fireships in upon them; but by that time we got within half shot of their Castles and Forts, it proved dead calm, and afterward the Wind came off the shore, and a little further in the Road quite contrary.

The Second of *May*, the Winds being so very uncertain, after having twice attempted with my Ships, and not able to do service, for want of a certain Wind, every half hour bringing a several Wind with it, I resolved to make an Attempt upon them in the night with my Boats, and the smallest of my Fireships which rowed as well as a Long Boat: About Twelve a Clock at Night, I sent out all the Boats I could make, and the *Eagle* Fireship, under the command of my Eldest Lieutenant Master *Nugent*; but the Night proving very dark, and the high Land obscuring the Ships as they neer'd them, they passed by the Ships (Lieutenant  
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*Nugent* leaving one of the Boats with the Fireship, besides her own) and rowed in to discover the Enemy, giving the Captain of the Fireship orders, in case he found shoal Water, to come to an Anchor: He was not a minute from him, when he found himself within half Pistol shot of the Ships; upon which, he steered off again to find the Fireship, which to his great astonishment was all in a flame. The Enemy then taking the Alarm, it was not convenient for the Boats to attempt boarding and burning them, they being full of Men. Had not this misfortune of the Fireship hapned, they might at this time have been destroyed without the loss of a Man. The next day they unriggered all their Ships, and made a Boom with their Yards, Topmasts, and Cables, buoyed up with Cask; in all which time we had no opportunity of Wind to do any thing upon them. My other little Fireship being ready primed, by an accident of a Pistol fired by the Gunner, took fire, and was lost; all my hopes and dependency relying upon her to do this business, in regard of her little draught of Water. Now having nothing to trust to, but the *Little Victory*, I presently gave order to have her lightned to as small a draught of water as could be, and brought her to eight foot.

On Munday Morning, being the Eighth of *May*, came to them several Recruits, both of Horse and Foot, with Ammunition, as we suppose, from *Argier*, which they welcomed with great triumph by their firing of Guns from the Ships and Castles, and putting abroad their Colours. But not knowing what other Recruits might come, I took the first opportunity, and about Noon, the same day, it pleased God to favor us with a fair moderate Breeze at East, though after I had made the signs for my Men of War to draw into a Line, and fall on, the Wind dollour'd again, which made me despair of being able to attack them: But it pleased God to order it so, that

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about Two a Clock, the Gale came in as before ; the *Dragon*, *Advice*, and *Mary*, borrowed too much of the South-West shore ; so that they were forced to let go their Anchors in Three Fathom and half Water, and so veered in, bringing their Ships broad side to pass : I my self came to an Anchor in Four Fathom, close under their Castles and Walls, battering all of us upon their Ships and Castles for the space of Two hours. I sent in my Pinnace, the *Maries* and *Dragons*, to cut the Boom, which was very bravely performed, Lieutenant *Pin* commanding the *Maries* Boat, Lieut. *Pierce* the *Dragons*, and one *Harman* (a Reformado Seaman of mine) my own Pinnace ; my Second Lieutenant, Mr. *Earnly* being hurt with a splinter in the Leg, and could not go ; Eight of the *Maries* Boats Crew, and the Lieutenant were wounded with small shot ; Ten of the *Dragons*, and the Lieutenant wounded, and One killed ; Seven killed out right in my own Pinnace, and all the rest wounded except *Harman* that commanded. The Boom being then cut, I made the sign for my Fireship to fall on : It pleased Almighty God to order it so, That she got in, and brought up athwart of their Bolt-sprits, their Ships being aground, and fast to the Castles, burnt very well, and destroyed them all, there being in number Ten Sail ; Seven of which, were the best Men of War belonging to *Argiers*. Capt. *Harris*, Commander of the Fireship, his Masters Mate, Gunner, and one of his Seamen, are desperately wounded with small shot ; but I foreseeing the desperateness and danger of the service that was to be done, Commissionated a second Commander *Henry Williams*, one of my Masters Mates, and late Commander of the *Rose* Fireship, to take the charge upon him there on Board, in case the other should miscarry, which he did accordingly, and performed it very well. The three other which we burnt, besides the Men of War, prove to be a *Genouese*, a small *Englishman*, and a *Satea*.

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Upon the Tenth, about Eleven a Clock at Night, a *Dutchman* who hath been a Slave in *Argiers* for three years (and now with his Patron who commanded one of these Ships) made his escape by swimming on Board me, and told me for certain, That they confes 360 of their best Men and upwards, all *Turks*, Soldiers in Pay, lost their lives on Board the respective Ships, by Fire and Gun-shot, not being able to get ashore. But, he saith, he believes a great many more; for that their Ships were all extraordinary well manned, to the number of about 18 or 1900 Men, besides 300 that arrived there that Morning from *Argier*, who had been (in our view) received in great triumph; The Castles and Town miserably torn, with an infinite number of the Inhabitants killed and wounded; and that which hapned very luckily to second this Success, was, That all their Chirurgeons Chests were burnt on Board their Ships, that they have not the least Medicine to dress a Wound with.

Old *Treky*, their Admiral, is likewise wounded, who came with the best and chiefeft Commanders in *Argier*, to order things in the best method they could for securing their Ships, most of which are slain and wounded.

He also declares, That these Ships were purposely commanded out by the *Duan* to find me out, and fight me, where ever they met me; and to that end, all the best Guns in those Ships remaining in the Mole, were taken out and mounted in these; but Eight of which, in each of these Ships, were put ashore to lighten them the better, the rest are all burnt and spoiled.

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An Exact List of the Argier Ships burnt in Bugia, with their  
Number of Guns and Age. May 8. 1671.

Ships Names.	Commanders	Guns	Years
White Horse	Tabark Rays	34	4
Orange Tree	Courhaly	34	4
Three Cypress Trees	Caram Hammett	34	$\frac{1}{2}$
Three Half-Moons	Brayham Tagrin	28	2
Pearl	Brayham Turco	26	8
Golden Crown	Halua Tagrin	24	$\frac{1}{2}$
Half-Moon	Hammet	24	$\frac{1}{2}$
Three Prizes.			
Burnt near Tadellis, a Man of War		20	3

Turks Captains Slain, *Mehammet Segara, Mantuccero alias Buttercoper, Dansker Renegado, Eraham Rais, Courkali his Renegado (a Genoese)* and next Captain under him.

These are all I have yet an account of, though we are assured there are many more.

A List of the Men Killed and Wounded in the Ships following at  
Bugia. May 8. 1671.

The Revenge Admiral	George Limberry	John Hempinstall
Wounded.	Thomas Hucherson	Slain.
John Ernley Lieut.	William Essex	Humphrey Davis
Thomas Latham	Henry Frogg	The Garland.
Edmond Pepper	Thomas Wry	Wounded.
Robert Tucker	Slain.	Tise Ricordo
Andrew Hutton	James Dolby	Slain.
Jonas Hodder	Philip Hopkins	John Fuse
William Wise	The Dragon.	Henry Whitlans
Thomas Ireland	Wounded.	Thomas Jackson
John Curl	John Pierce Lieut.	John Hopkins
Thomas Kent.	William Cotes	John Everson
Slain.	Francis Herbert	George Dawson
John Welch	Robert Howard	The Portsmouth Pink.
John Bennet	William Mills	Wounded.
William Kingate	William Evans	John Rinocks
Thomas Morgan	John West	The Victory Fireship.
Tobias Hockaday	John Brown	Wounded.
Thomas Bret	Robert Cundall	Leonard Harris Com-
John Mintridge.	William Busbell	mander.
The Mary.	Arthur Hams	John Burdock
Wounded.	Slain.	Richard Francis
Edward Pin Lieut.	William Watts	John Hemsdall
Henry Horn	The Advice.	Walter Ellet
Ken <sup>t</sup> . Jones	Wounded.	Total Wounded 41
John Picket	Matthew Ashby.	Total Slain 17
John Chapman	John Carr	

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