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Falmouth, Febr. 18.

**Y**esterday came into this Port the *Providence* of *Hellston*, *William Rogers* Master, from *Bourdeaux*, from whence she came about 15 dayes since, in company of near 70 Sail, which are most of them, as is believed, past up the Channel; the Master sayes, that at *Bourdeaux* all the talk was of War, and that there did not remain, when he came away, three Ships at *Bourdeaux*. The same day arrived here the *John and William* of *Swansey* in seven dayes from *Nantes*, with sev raborther Vessels in her company.

*Penderney*, Febr. 18. The last week, the wind being for the most part at N. N. W. and S. W. few Ships came into this Harbor. On Monday last, in the afternoon, sailed the *Dutch* Man of War that had been some time in this Port, and, at the same time several other Ships bound for *France*, and some for *Ireland*. Yesterday came in several small Vessels.

*Dover*, Febr. 19. This morning, about Three of the *Clock*, arrived here the *Pacquet-Boat* from *Calais*, by whom we have no News, save only what hapned at Sea about three Leagues from *Calais*, betw a the said *Pacquet-Boat*, and a *Pyrate* or *Privateer*, belonging as is supposed, either to *Ostend* or *Dunkirk*. When the *Pacquet-Boat* came out of *Calais*, this Vessel lay under the shore, weighed, and gave them Chase; and being come up with the *Pacquet-Boat*, entered her, and threw several *Granadoes* into the Cabins where the Passengers were, which wounded several of them, besides others wounded with *Swords* and *Small-shot*, being most *English* Officers who were returning for *England*, the *Privateer* having plundered all they had, and taken about 300 *Pistols* in money left them. We are endeavoring to discover to what place she belongs.

*Portsmouth*, Febr. 21. Yesterday past through this Road a Squadron of *Dutch* Men of War consisting of nine Capital Ships, six *Fireships*, and several *Tenders*, commanded by the *Sieur de Ruyter*, whose Ship hapned to come aground upon the *Holts*, a Sand that lies near the mouth of this Harbor, but is got off again; they expect several Men of War more from *Zealand* and *North-Holland*, the whole Squadron is to consist of 18 or 20 Men of War, to be commanded by the *Sieur Eversen*; their Rendezvous is appointed at *Cornet*. The 17 arrived here the *Phoenix* from *Farley*; and yesterday the *Francis* from the *Dornes*. The *Rupert*, *Agony* and *Hampshire* are at *Spithead*.

*Amsterdam*, Febr. 21. The Ambassador that is coming hither from the Grand Signor, has with him a very great Train, and Orders have been given to receive him with all the Honors and Respects due to his Character. The *Imperial* Court continues at *Newstadt*, and, as we understand, purposes to pass the *Carnaval* there. It is said that the *Duke of Lorraine* will about

the middle of the next month return to the Army, and perhaps sooner, if the motions of the Enemy require it.

*Genova*, Febr. 16. Not any Ships are arrived here this week, save a *Genouese* from *Evizza*, which touched at *Port Mabon*; the *Patron* reports, that an *English* Ship from *London*, bound for this Port or *Legorn*, was put in there, expecting *Convoy*, having been forced to put all her Lading ashore, to stop a Leak. Another *Genouese* arrived here from *Messina*, brings News, that the *Marschal de la Feuillade* was arrived there, and that the seven *English* Ships which were carried to *Messina*, were sailed from thence for *Legorn*, the *French* having, as is said, paid them for the Goods they took out of them, as well as their *Freight* and *Demurrage*.

*Copenhagen*, Febr. 21. We are endeavouring here to make up the loss sustained at *Rugen*, and more particularly care is taken to have our Fleet very early at Sea, to hinder the *Suedes* from sending any reinforcement to *Count Contingmark*, who is reckoned to have at present a Body of 3 or 6000 men. Eight Men of War are ready to sail upon some important design, which we are apt to believe is meant upon *Rugen*, for that we hear the *Elector of Brandenburg* is likewise making preparations on his side, to join with us in the attacking it. We propose to have a very good Army in *Schonen* this Campaign, to be commanded by the *Duke of Holstein Ploen*, and to that purpose the Troops which were quartered in the Territories of the *Duke of Holstein*, are all ordered to march this way. The States of *Sueden* are assembled at *Helmstadt*, and the King is there, but we have not any account of what hath been transacted. *Colonel Swunzel* is arrived here from *Finland* and tomorrow he passes over to *Landseroon*.

*Ratisbonne*, Febr. 17. We are informed that the Assembly of the *Suisse Cantons* held at *Baden*, hath been very much disturbed by a Contest between the *Imperial* and *French* Ministers, concerning the Precedency in their Audiences; which the *French* would by no means yield to the *Imperialists*, for that he had the Quality of Ambassador, and the *Imperialists*, as he said, that only of Envoy; after much contention; this temperance was proposed and adopted, that both of them should defer their Audiences, and that if in that time the *Imperial* Minister obtained a new Commission with the character of Ambassador, he should then have the Precedency; without any offence to the *French*. It is said that the Negotiation of the *Cardinal d'Espre* at the *Duke of Bavaria's* Court has not had any great effect, that *Elector* being desirous to continue in the *Neutrality*, which he has observed during the War, but being by no means to be persuaded to become a Party in it, and consequently an Enemy to the Empire, of which he is so considerable a Member. The *Imperialists* say that the Emperor will have this approaching Campaign as considerable an Army in the Field, as he had the last; which