

ry that was there : whereupon several Families, who had been most inclined to the *French*, chose rather to quit their Country with the *French*, than to remain there exposed to that Punishment which perhaps they knew they had deserved from the *Spaniards* ; in all about 100 Families are said to be gone off, and among them some of the chiefest in *Messina*. The *Marschal de la Feuillade* being gone on Board the *French* Men of War at *Messina*, sailed from thence with the Gallies, and other Vessels, to *Augusta*, which place he likewise sighted, and embarked the Cannon that was there. The Barks, which brings this News, left the *French* Fleet, which consisted in 100 Sail, as well Men of War, Gallies, and other Vessels, 5 dayes since about 20 Leagues from this place. And this morning here is a report in Town, that they are arrived at *Thoulon*, except 6 or 7 Men of War which are left on the Coasts of *Sicily*, for the security of the Convoy that parted last from *Thoulon*, which was not yet arrived at *Messina*, when the *French* came from thence,

Paris, April 13. The Letters we receive from *Alsace*, of the 7th instant, give us an account, that eight Companies of the Regiment of *Turenne*, with a Convoy of 30 Masters, being on their march to *Friburg*, were, about a League from *Brisac*, met by 500 Imperial Horse, who presently Charged them ; but our Horse behaved themselves so well, that they gave time to the Foot to shelter themselves in a Neighbouring Wood, there having been about 20 men killed, and as many wounded on our side ; and of the *Imperialists* a Lieutenant Colonel, four other Officers, and several Troopers. After which, the *Imperialists* retired, and the *French* continued their march towards *Friburg* the 3d instant, and the day after two Battalions of *Dauphiné* and *Normandie*. The Letters add, that the Fortifications which are making at *Friburg*, will be finished before the end of this month. That the *Imperialists* had drawn their heavy Cannon out of *Philipsburg* and *Ulme*, which was to be employed in the Siege of *Friburg* ; that they were making a Bridge over the *Rhine* below *Strasbourg*, where, and at *Willingen*, they provided great Magazines ; and that the Imperial Troops which had their Winter-quarters in *Swabia*, were drawing together. On our side it is said, that the *Marschal de Crequi* will have this Campaigne an Army of 40 000 men under his Command in *Germany*. Some will say, that the King means to go that way in person ; but the more probable is, that he will return to *Flanders*. Certain it is, that his Majesty purposes to part from *St. Germain* about the middle of the next month, and that all the Troops in those Parts have Orders to be ready by the first of the same. The Letters we receive from *Gambray* and *Valenciennes* assure us, that *Mons* is so closely blocked up, that no Body can get in, or come out, and that the Inhabitants are in want of several Necessaries. From *Catalonia* they write, that *Don Juan* had given Orders for the drawing together between 12 and 15 000 men of the Militia of the Country, to which he would join about 10 000 others, and so form an Army of 22 or 25 000 men, and these he pretended to have very early in the Field. We have an account of a design which the *Spaniards* had formed to surprize *Perpignan*, by means of a correspondence they held with certain persons in the Town, but that it was discovered. The *Marschal de la Feuillade* hath, by the Kings Command, abandoned *Messina*, and what other places the *French* possessed

in *Sicily*, embarked all his Troops, which consisted in 5000 Foot ; 800 Horse, and 200 Dragoons ; (having killed their Horses, or made them otherwise unserviceable) as also about 40 Noble Families, and such others, as were unwilling to remain there ; and this day News is come of their arrival, with the *French* Fleet of Men of War and Gallies, in *Provence*.

Ditto, April 16. We have the confirmation of the arrival of the *Marschal de la Feuillade* at *Thoulon* ; two Gallies of his Fleet were separated from it in bad weather, and escaped very narrowly being lost. Two great Barks, in which were four Troops of Horse dismounted, have been taken by two Privateers belonging to *Zealand*, who were Cruising in those Seas ; as also a Merchant-ship belonging to *Marseilles*, very richly laden. We are assured that above 4000 Persons, who were Natives and Inhabitants of *Messina*, are come away from thence, not knowing what usage they might receive from the *Spaniards*. The *Sieur de Quene*, who commands our Fleet, is appointed to transport all the Troops that were in *Sicily*, to *Catalonia*, where they are necessary, finishing the preparations the *Spaniards* are making, to bring a considerable Army into the field on that side. The *Abbe d'Elzadette*, who is at present the Kings Ambassador at *Venice*, having desired leave to return home, the King has appointed the *Sieur de Varengeville* to succeed him in that Employment. Very severe Prohibitions have been made here against the wearing of Embroideries of Gold or Silver ; and the Officers, whose business it is to see them executed, have power to search any House, where they suspect any Embroidery is working ; and the other day one of the said Officers stopped a Person of Quality, as he was going into his Coach, and in the Kings name demanded of him his Coat, which was Embroidered with Gold ; the Gentleman desired the Officer to go home with him in his Coach, and being come thither, gave him his Coat.

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ONE who called himself by the name of *Robert Wilkinson* or *R. Walters*, and lodged at the house of Mrs. Elizabeth Rodin Widow, at the Blew Lyon in *Smalbury Green* near *Thistleworth* in the County of *Middlesex*, did upon the 16 day of *March* last past, Rob and take away from the said Mrs Rodin in Gold, and Silver, Rings, and Silver Spoons, to the value of 50 l the apparel he then wore, was a black Hat, a gray stuff Coat lined with red Serge, a fine ash-coloured Coat underneath, with laced Cuffs and Cravat ; his hair black brown, face somewhat thin and swarthy, and very full of pockholes, eyes brown, hath a cut over his face, reaching from one eye-brow to the other ; hath another cut upon the side of his nose downward, just against the corner of his right eye, about an inch long ; he is pretty tall and slender of body, with a little plain speck upon his chin, somewhat whiter than his face, betwixt 30 and 40 years of age. If any person can make discovery hereof, let them repair either to the place abovementioned, or to Mr. Samuel Bates at the Falcon in *Perpore-lane*, *London*, and they shall have 3 l. Reward.

A Person being Rob'd in *Epping-Forest* on Monday morning the 8th instant, by three men ; one of them being black hair'd, middle stature, about 30 years old ; another, a tall lean fair hair'd man, about 35 years old ; the third a well set fresh colour'd man, with fair hair, about 25 years old : who took away a Gelding near 15 hands, 7 years old, of a dark brown, his mane most of it cur, a few scattering white hairs in his forehead ; he had a curb Bitt, and a black leather Saddle stich'd with gold ; he was thought to be seen near *London* about 12 of the Clock : they took also an Emerald Ring with six small Diamonds. If any Person can give tydings of the Horse or Ring, to Mr. Robert Horne Bookseller on the South-side of the *Royal Exchange*, shall be well rewarded.

T Here is a Horse-Race to be Run at *Norib-berney* and *Bawton-Downs* near *Cirencester* in *Gloucestershire*, on the 8th day of *May* next, being Wednesday, Holy-Thurs-day Eve, for a Plate of 40 l. Whereas it was the last year on the Thursday before *Whitsun-Thurs-day*, the Gentry thinking it too near the time of *Burford Race*, have appointed it to be the day above-mentioned, and to continue for the time, agreed in the Articles for this purpose.