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Messina, March 18.

**O**N the 20th of the last month, the Marschal de la Feuillade arrived here with several Men of War, Merchant Ships, and other Vessels, and being come on shore, took possession of the Government, as Viceroy and Captain General, after having taken an Oath to maintain the Priviledges of this City, and to defend it against all its Enemies. On the 27th, the Marschal, having spent the time between that and his arrival in taking a review of the Troops, visiting the Forts, &c. it was given out, that his Excellency had a certain design in hand, in order to which several Yoke of Oxen, Horses and Mules were hired, to be employed in the said Service, and all the Troops marched towards Augusta. On the 6th instant arrived from Provence a Tartane with a dispatch to the Viceroy, who soon after caused the Provisions and Ammunition, as well as several pieces of Cannon, which were in the Forts, to be taken from thence, and embarked, together with the Troops, consisting in 6600 French Foot, 1000 Horse, and about 1000 Messineses, who had taken Service. The 9th, 20 Gallies having each on Board 150 Soldiers of the said Troops, departed from hence, the Captains having command not to open their Orders, which were delivered to them sealed up, till they came to Sea; but they met with so much bad weather, that three dayes after they were forced to return hither, to repair the damages they had sustained. The said Gallies being thus returned on the 13, every one expected that the Marschal de la Feuillade would have likewise departed, to execute the design they thought he had formed; and therefore the Senate presented him with a great blew Flag, having on the one side the Image of the Blessed Virgine, and a great many golden Flower de Luyces, and on the other several Motto's: after that it had been blessed in the Cathedral Church, which was received by the Marschal, who was on Board the Admirals Ship, with great respect, and having kissed it, caused it to be placed on the Poop on the right hand, and then all the Ships gave a Salute of all their Cannon. The 14, the French continued to embark whatever they had, and that with so much diligence, that some People began to suspect, what indeed hapned. The 15, all being on Board, the Marschal de la Feuillade invited the Jurats, and several other Persons of Quality to Dinner, on Board the Patrone Gally; after Dinner, he told the Jurats, that at the 22 hour he would be in their Assembly, to communicate to them a matter of great importance. At that hour he accordingly repaired thither, and being seated as usually, acquainted them, that he had Orders from the King to withdraw his Arms out of Sicily, and to carry them back to France; that if they would defend themselves two months, he would return hither; that if in

the mean time any person of what quality soever desired to pass into France, they might embark with all freedom on any of the Ships. Upon which surprising News, the Jurats, the principal of the Nobility and Burghers, and others, to the number of some Thousands, in great confusion made haste to ship their Goods. The 16, in the morning, the whole French Fleet, consisting in 120 Sail, departed from hence, the French having first blown up one of the Bastions of the Castle of St. Saivadore, as they would have done to the rest, but were hindred by the Messineses. Immediately after their departure, the Marquis d'Augusta, with some others, putting themselves on Horse-back, passed through the Streets, crying, Long live the King of Spain; to which the People answered with great Acclamations and Rejoycing. New Jurats were immediately chosen, and Advice was given to the Governour of Reggio, who thereupon came over, and took possession in the Name of the King of Spain, causing a Declaration, with the advice of the Jurats, to be published, That no Person whatsoever should be prejudiced in his Person or Estate.

*Madrid, April 7.* On the 3d instant arrived here an Express from the Spanish Resident in Genoua, with a Letter sent to him from the Spanish Consul in Legorn, dated the 21 of March, advising, that four Vessels were arrived in that Port from Messina, which brought news, that the French had abandoned that City, and had embarked all their Troops on their Ships and Gallies; and that the Spaniards had on the 17 past taken possession of the City and the Forts, which the French had quitted; and that the said four Vessels had brought about 200 Families of the Messineses to Legorn. The Letters we receive from Cadix, say, that on the 23 past, four Dutch Men of War, and two Vessels laden with Ammunition and Provisions, being part of the Squadron designed for the assistance of the Spaniards in the Mediterranean, arrived there, and were followed on the 26 by nine other Men of War, and five Fireships, under the command of the Sieur Cornelius Everizen, who had a dispute, which lasted several hours, with six French Men of War in the Channel, though without any considerable damage on either side. Last night an Express was sent from hence to Cadix, with Orders concerning the said Squadron; and we are told, that the King has given directions for the presenting the Sieur Everizen with a Sword richly set with Diamonds. The success of the Count d'Estree against the Hollanders at Tobago, gives us here an apprehension, that he will make some attempt upon our Colonies in that part of the world, and particularly upon Cartagena or Sto. Domingo; but an Advice Boat arrived the beginning of the last month at Cadix, in 68 dayes from the Havana, gives us account of the said French Squadron, or of any thing else of moment, which hath hapned in those Parts. A Dutch Privateer of 14 Guns, lately arrived at the Gironne, reports, to have met

met with a *French* Merchantman of 300 Tuns, bound for the *West-Indies*, about 20 Leagues off *South Cape*, with whom he had a hot dispute, but that in conclusion the Merchantman being board'd by the Privateer, was, by what Accident, he knows not, blown up, with the loss of all her Men, except 3 or 4; that of those belonging to the Privateer, 47 were likewise kill'd in the Fight and by the said Accident, and all the rest, except six, wounded. From *Malaga* they write, that they have been in an extreme scarcity of Bread in those Parts, to that degree, that the People would certainly have mutinied, had they not been prevented by the great prudence of their new Governour *Don Hieronimo de Quinones*.

*Ribnitz*, April 2. The *Brandenburgh* and *Lunenburgh* Troops being joined, make an Army together of 12000 men. They at present attack the Fortrefs of *Damgarten*, which is very well fortified, and provided with a good Garrison, besides 130 Reformed Officers that are there; and we are told that Count *Coningmarke* has resolv'd to endeavor the relief of it.

*Hamburg*, April 15. The Letters we receive from *Wismar*, say, that the *Brandenburghs* have made themselves Masters of *Damgarten*, of which we must expect a confirmation. We are here much troubled at the News we receive from *Spain*, that the Effects of this City have been arrested in that Kingdom, because of an Affront which had been offered here some time since to a *Spanish* Minister.

*Hague*, April 19. The States of *Holland* have granted the 200th Penny to be paid before the 15 of *June*, and the Placet for the raising the same, is made publick. His Highness the Prince of *Orange* is at present at *Breda*, from whence some speak as if he would make a step hither. From *France* we have Advice, that several *French* Merchantmen were arriv'd at *Rochelle* from the *West-Indies*, from whence they came under the Convoey of the Count *d'Estree*, whom they left on the Coast of *Portugal*, expecting farther Orders.

*Brussels*, April 19. We have Advice, that a Detachment of 20000 men, of those Troops which were quartered in the Countrey of *Hainault*, is march'd towards *Germany*, which gives us ground to hope, that *Mons* is not so straitly blocked up as before, and therefore his Excellency is preparing a Supply of several Necessaries, which are wanted there, to put into the place. The *Marschal d'Humieres* has taken a Review of all the Troops within the *French* Conquests, and the Officers, who had leave to be absent till the first of *May*, are now ordered to repair immediately to their respective Commands. *Don Pedro de Ronquillo*, one of the *Spanish* Ambassadors at *Nimeguen*, is expected here very suddenly, being appointed by the King to reside here, and to assist the Duke of *Villa Hermosa*, as first Minister; the Marquis de *Fuentes*, who was formerly design'd Ambassador for *England*, is to supply his place at *Nimeguen*. The *French* have summon'd the Magistrats of *Alost*, *Ninove*, *Grammond*, and of all the other open places of *Flanders*, as well as the Gentlemen in the Countrey, to come and take an Oath of Fidelity to their King, whose Subjects they pretend the taking of *Ghent* has made them.

*Ostend*, April 20. The 18 instant, 500 *English* Soldiers came on shore from on board the Frigats which brought them over from *England*, and were immediately sent by water to *Bruges*.

*Marseilles*, April 12. In our last we acquainted you with the News we had of the *Marschal de la Feuillade's* arrival at *Toulon*, which we have since confirm'd; and are further inform'd, that the *Marschal*, with the late Jurats of *Messina*, and other Persons of Quality (who are in a very sad condition, not having, it seems, had more than six-hours time to prepare themselves for the leaving their Countrey) are gone for *Paris*, to attend the King. The *French* Gallies who came from *Messina* at the same time with the *Marschal*, are not, as we hear of, yet arriv'd, which puts us in some pain for them, considering the bad weather they have had. A great *Dutch* built Ship belonging to this Town, on Board of which were 400 *Swissers*, being separated from the Men of War in the Storm, is said to be taken by two Privateers of *Zeland*. All the *French* Troops which come from *Sicily*, will be employ'd in *Catalonia*.

*Paris*, April 20. The *Marschal de la Feuillade* is arriv'd at Court, and has been very well received by the King. The Troops he brought from *Sicily* are transported to *Catalonia*, from whence, we hear, that the Duke de *Navailles* has besieg'd *Puyssarda*, and that when he has made himself Master of that place, he will besiege *Rozes*. The Kings departure remains fix'd for the 15 of the next month, and, it's said, he will make the journey from *St. Germain* to *Ghent* in four days. The Regiment of Colonel *Dungan* being given to Mr. *Hamilton*, is order'd to march to *Catalonia*.

*Whitehall*, April 13. The *Sieur Lindenaw*, Chamberlain to the King of *Denmark*, being arriv'd here in quality of his Envoy Extraordinary, hath had his Audiences of their Majesties, and of their Royal Highnesses, with the usual Ceremonies, being Conducted by Sir *Charles Cotterel*, Master of the Ceremonies.

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