

to His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America or the West Indies, or to the Island of Newfoundland, or to His Majesty's Forts and Settlements on the Coast of Africa, or to the Island of St. Helena, or the British Settlements or Factories in the East Indies, the Exporters of such Articles do first make Oath of the true Destination of the same to the Places for which they shall be entered Outwards, before the Entry of the same shall be made, and do give full and sufficient Security by Bond, to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, to carry the said Articles to the Places for which they are so entered Outwards, and for the Purposes specified, and none other; and such Bond shall not be cancelled or delivered up, until Proof be made, to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners, by the Production, within a Time to be fixed by the said Commissioners, and specified in the Bond, of a Certificate or Certificates, in such Form and Manner as shall be directed by the said Commissioners, shewing that the said Articles have been duly landed at the Places for which they were entered Outwards. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, and the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

*Steph. Cottrell.*

*Downing-Street, July 23, 1796.*

THE Letters, of which the following are Copies, have been received from the Honorable William Frederick Wyndham, His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Grand Duke of Tuscany, and from Mr. Udny, His Majesty's Consul at Leghorn, by the Right Honorable Lord Grenville, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Department of Foreign Affairs.

MY LORD, *Florence, June 22.*

I HAVE the Honor to inform your Lordship, that on the 18th Instant the French entered Bologna, to the Number of about 15,000 Men, having previously sent before them a Commissary and a Troop of Cavalry, to demand Entrance into the City, with a Promise of treating it in a friendly Manner: In consequence, being Masters of the Town and Forts, they made the Garrison Prisoners of War, and sent them under Escort into the Milanese. The Pope's Legate they immediately ordered to quit the Bologna.

On receiving this Information I immediately waited on the Prime Minister Seratti and the Marquis Manfredini, to know whether His Royal Highness had any Intelligence of an Intent of the French to march into Tuscany, or to garrison Leghorn; and I had the most positive Assurances from both, that the French had no Idea at present of entering Leghorn.

I own, my Lord, that I do not place much Confidence in their Promises of not coming to Leghorn; I have therefore thought proper to write to the Admiral my Sentiments to that Effect, requesting him to leave some Vessels at Leghorn, to carry off the Merchants and British Subjects, with their Effects, in case of a sudden Invasion. I have likewise desired the Consul to convene the British Factory, and to tell them not to rely too much on French Faith.

I have the Honor, &c.

W. F. WYNDHAM.

*Florence, June 25, 1796.*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the Honor to inform your Lordship, that the Situation of Affairs in this Country is materially changed: The Neutrality of the Grand Duke, which, from every Promise on the Part of the Directory at Paris and their Minister here, we had Reason to expect would be religiously respected, has been openly violated, by the March of a considerable Body of French Troops to Pistoia, the Destination of which I have Reason to believe, from a Variety of concurring Circumstances, to be for Leghorn; and the Republic of Lucca has given Intimation to this Government, that such is, undoubtedly, the Project of the French. The Violation of the Neutrality is so palpable, and the Measures taken by the Enemy so apparently hostile, as to make it probable that the Country will not escape Contributions. I have omitted no Means of forwarding Information almost daily to the Consul and Admiral.

I have the Honor, &c.

W. F. WYNDHAM.

*Florence, June 25.*

MY LORD,

I WAS this Day informed, by the Secretary of State, that a Column of French was on it's March from Bologna, by the Way of Figuardo and Perugia, of which he did not know the Number; that another Column, consisting of between 8 and 9,000, were to arrive this Day at Pistoia; that the Marquis Manfredini, who was dispatched by the Grand Duke to Bologna on the Instant with the strongest Remonstrances, and ordered to use his utmost Endeavours with Buonaparte and Salicetti to dissuade the French from entering Tuscany, had received for Answer, That no Orders had been given by the Directory at Paris to that Effect, and consequently it was not in their Power to do otherwise; and all that they would do, was to pass through Tuscany as speedily, friendly, and quietly as possible, and by whatever Road His Royal Highness should be pleased to dictate; but that the Commissaries and Two Generals of the Column, marching to Pistoia, being arrived there, have declared to the General Strafolo (who was sent by the Grand Duke to meet them, and to give the necessary Orders to insure Tranquility,) that they have no Orders to receive from the Grand Duke, and do not know the Route they shall take—a Circumstance utterly impossible, as they precede the Army to obtain Provisions.

I have the Honor, &c.

W. F. WYNDHAM.