

to shore, were since forced to unlade and carine; others were in great danger of perishing; but onely one sunk, which proved a Vessel of this place. Here is since arrived, the *Nostra Signora de Rosario*, with *Puglia* Oils, upon the account of some Merchants of this place, but intended for *Ostend*; as also a Barque with Soldiers from *Spain*, bound for the same place.

The Duke of *Savoy* hath establish'd a free Port at *Nizza*, *Villa Franca*, and *Santo Hospicio*, to invite the Merchants thither: and 'tis said, has put a considerable Stock into the hands of some Merchants, to trade into the *Levant*; which 'tis believed, may in time, much prejudice the neighboring States.

The Promotion of Signior *Spinola*, his Holinesses Nuncio in *Germany*, has occasion'd much joy in this City; where the Signior Cavalier *Gio. Carlo Spinola*, his Brother, *Segnora Maria*, *Aurelia* his Sister, with his Nephew *Gio. Battista Raggi*, have not been wanting by Fire-works, Volleys of Shot, Lights, Musick, and other Divertisements, to express the satisfaction they receive by that welcome news, Treating all the great Personages of both Sexes, that flock to their Houses in great numbers, to congratulate the Promotion.

*Venice, April 1.* Our latest advices from *Zante* tell us of the arrival there of the Marquis *Villa*, where he attends General *Morosini*, and the Orders brought by him from this Republick, as likewise from his Highness the Duke of *Savoy*; being as yet doubtful whether he shall still continue the service in *Candia*, against the common enemy, or else return homewards to his own Countrey, to assist the Duke in his Wars against *Geneva*.

The Marquis has also informed the Senate of the excellent state of affairs in *Candia*, where they have learnt not to fear the menaces of the Turks, or any of their attempts; and that they are plentifully stored with all necessaries for a long Siege, and encouraged by a great number of excellent Officers and Soldiers: and that Signior *Grimani* had taken three Turkish Vessels, laden with Provisions for *Canea*, and sunk another, laden with Artillery.

At the writing of these Letters from *Zante*, they had intelligence, that General *Morosini*, had raised several Companies of Soldiers at *Cessalonica*, and reformed several Banditti, who were contented to enter into service aboard the Armada, and had listed others at *Corfu*, from whence they supposed him already parted.

The other Convoy designed for the *Armata*, is fitting up and sailing, amongst others, one called the *Arms of France*, having taken in a proportion of Flower and Bisket for the Fleet, intending afterwards to *Constantinople* upon Merchants, account with a considerable quantity of Corn and other Commodities which she had aboard her, was by the violence of a storm, driven ashore in the Port, the Vessel much bruised, and the Goods damnified: several other ships that came in from *Verona*, having had their parts of the storm, and run the same hazard.

The weather beginning now to settle fair, the Galley designed for the service of General *Morosini*, with other intended for the *Levant*, lies ready to sail, and with her, *Valiero*, the General of the three Isles.

From *Otranto* we are advised of the arrival of a *Tartane* there from *Tunis*, with two Christian Slaves that made their escapes, with a Turkish Girl that came away with one of them; assisting them in their flight, carrying with her many Jewels, intending to marry and turn Christian. They inform us of several Vessels that should have been sent thence for the Turkish service, but were cast away, or much damaged by storm, in coming out of the Port, and that four of their Corsairs had been lost about the *Streights*. We hear likewise of several others of them, that have run the same fate in other places. However, they keep some Squadrons always cruising; this *Tartane* being for some time chased by them, and with some difficulty put into *Otranto*.

*Hague, April 9.* We are now preparing to Treat at *Breda*; and to render that place the more secure, orders are given for the marching thither of twenty Companies of Foot, and three Troops of Horse. To this Treaty the particular Pro-

vinces are to send their Deputies, not such as already make up the number in the Assembly of the States General, but such as shall be particularly chosen by them for this important affair. The French Ambassador and Danish Envoy immediately upon the knowledge given them of the choice of *Breda*, for the place of Treaty, dispatche the Couriers to their respective Masters, from whom they speedily expect full power to be returned them to negotiate for those Crowns.

*Paris, April 12.* His Majesty being certainly inform'd, that *Breda* is fully agreed upon by all the interested parties, for a place of Treaty, has dispatche a Courier to Monsieur *D' Estrades*, to let him know, that he is to be employed thither from this Crown, to manage the Interests and concerns of this Kingdom in that Treaty.

*Plymouth, April 2.* Yesterday arrived the *Victory* Frigate from *Bilboa*, having in her return from thence, with three or four Vessels under her Convoy, been chased in the Bay of *Biscay*, by four French Men of War, one of them of 80 Guns, who had spent her Main-Mast, the other three about 50 Guns apiece, in the chase she lost her companions, but believes they are safe and escaped. Near home she met with a Prize, laden with Wine and Brandy, belonging to *Amsterdam*, which she brought in with her. The *Greenwich* hath likewise brought in a Prize belonging to *Rotterdam*.

The last evening came in here the *Little Gift*, Captain *Fletcher* Commander from *Ireland*, with several Ships under his Convoy; between the *Lizard* and *Scilly*, he discovered five Ships; which he judged to be *Frigates*, two of them gave him chase for a little time; but the ships that are ordering out to their stations, will soon secure the coasts from those Vessels.

*Bristol, April 3.* Yesterday arrived here the *Fortune*, a small Vessel from *New-England*, having in her return stayed near a month in *Ireland*; her Lading very considerable, consisting of Sugar, Tobacco, Indico, Beaver, and other Commodities.

On Saturday last was launched in the Forrest of *Dean*, a new ship, called the *St. David*, an excellent built Vessel; and will carry 63 Guns, and in short time be fitted up to put to Sea.

*Weymouth, April 3.* On Tuesday the 2 instant, was brought into this Road by the *Nonsuch* Ketch, a Dutch Prize of 60 Tuns, eight Men, and two Guns, laden with French Wines from *Bordeaux*: the Prize came out thence with 20 sail, half of them *Offenders*, half *Hollanders*, out of which last she was taken, off the Isle of *Portland*.

*Lynn, April 3.* Several pickaroons have been lately seen off these Coasts, two of which gave chase to two *Offenders*, intended hither, and forced them into *Wells*. This morning, two others were seen off this Channel, which makes our light ships lye close, expecting a Convoy.

*Portsmouth, April 4.* Yesterday came in a Vessel of 180 Tuns, pretending to be of *Bilboa*, bound from *Ostend*, with some Piece-Goods, she was seized on by a Privateer, but having nor a plausible Pass, she is suspected to belong to *Holland*.

We are ordered to give Notice,

THAT by reason of the approaching Summer, His Majesty has been pleased to Declare, that there shall be no further Publick Touching for the Evil, till the Heat be over.

We are also ordered to publish this Advice,

THAT the Officers of His Majesties Exchequer, are further proceeding in the payment of Loans, upon the Act for 1250000 l. and are now come to the payment of the 256 Order in Number, and are ready to pay all the preceding Orders which are not yet paid.

And it is hereby advertised,

THAT all persons, that will lend, or advance any sums of Money for His Majesties Service, according to the Act of Parliament for the eleven months Tax: And all such as will continue their Moneys already lent, shall have Tillies of Loan, and Orders thereupon for the due payment of their Principal and Interest, according to the Rules and Directions prescribed by the said Act.