

tage of *Albania*, and that the design has been already proposed to the Grand Seignior; and in all probability may be effected.

Some Letters from *Aleppo* tell us of some diversion the *Turks* are like to finde in *Mesopotamia*, where 40000 Men have taken *Aimes* under the Command of a stout person and an able Soulaier, the Son to a Cheriff there, who has been already encouraged with some success, having taken in several places of strength, out of which they have forced the Turkish Garrisons.

*Vienna*, April 12. The Abbot *Protosmochi*, Envoyé from His Majesty of *Poland*, continues still his address and application to this Court for succours, but has not yet received any passive answer from his Imperial Majesty; but 'tis generally believed, he will in the end receive the satisfaction he desires: 'Tis said, he has Orders to make his Applications likewise to the Diet at *Ratisbon*, where the States of the Empire still continue their Assembly.

Our Letters from *Transylvania* and *Walachia* seem to persuade us, that neither the *Turks* or *Tatars* intend any invasion upon *Poland*; but of their future intention we may be able to guess further by a Courier, whose return is expected here from the Ottoman Court.

This Court is grown of late very thin by the departure of the Princes of *Lorain* and *Sulzbach*, with the Marquesses of *Durlach* and *Baden*, and the Bishop of *Meitz*, with several other persons of quality, all of them being returned to their particular Residences and Charges.

All our Military Officers are by the late Order from the Council of War, repairing to their respective Commands, where they are to put their Militia into such a posture, as to be ready to march upon the first Orders.

*Hague*, April 24. The Motion made some time since by *De Wisse* in the Assembly of the States General, for the sending only two Plenipotentiaries to the Treaty in the behalf of all the Provinces, with some other Proposals, that as 'twas thought might have given obstruction to the desired work, were absolutely rejected and thrown by. The several Provinces are since proceeding to the Nomination of their Deputies. On Friday last it was agreed by the States here, that the Heer *Beveringh* should be sent as Plenipotentiary from hence, to assist at the Treaty; and an Express was dispatched to him, to acquaint him with their Nomination. Monsieur *Courtin* is every day expected with the same Character from *France*. The King of *Denmark* hath sent full power to the Heers *Clingenbergh* and *Charinius*, for the same purpose. The first being Resident Extraordinary, the other Ordinary, from that Court.

From *Rotterdam* they tell us, that the Vessels lying before the *Briel*, are to be paid off, and 'tis believed, will be speedily ready to put to Sea. The Men of War at *Helvoetsluis*, lie all of them upon the Stream, whither *De Ruyter*, *Van Neff*, and *Liefde*, with other Captains, are gone, to see them equipped.

Vice-Admiral *Tromp* was some time since at *Rotterdam* in much Gallantry, being lately married to *Madam Holmont*, a rich Widow of *Amsterdam*. The Burgers and Sea-men at his appearance in the Streets, following him with their Acclamations, and thronging after him, with *Vive Le Tromp*, which is ill referred both here and in other places.

From *Amsterdam* they tell us, that the great Vessels cannot yet pass the *Pampus* for want of water, nor are like to do, while the Wind continues Eastward; and that the Ships at *Hoorne*, *Euchuyzen*, *Medenblick*, and *Briese*, are kept in upon the same account. About 12 or 13 of their Frigates lie ready to sail at the *Texel*, with a Fleet of about 60 Merchants, designed by the North for *Spain* and the *Streights*. The Vessels intended for the *East* and *West Indies*, will not go out till the Fleet be ready.

*Falmouth*, April 14. Yesterday Captain *Ware* Commander of a private Man of War, brought into *Scilly* two Prizes, one laden with Salt, the other with Wines and Brandies: We are assured that the Sickness is gotten much into the French Fleet, and that particularly out of one of their Ships, called the *Prince*, of 70 Guns, and 600 Men, have been taken out 300 persons, infected with the Plague.

*Feal*, April 18. This Afternoon arrived here two Ships from *Virginia*, one from *Barbadoes*, two from *Lisbon*, and about twelve West Country-men, under the Convoy of a Man of War.

*Digto*, April 20. Here is this day arrived an *Offender* from *Bilboa*, another of the same place from the *Groy* full of Souldiers bound homewards, they speak also of fourteen larger Vessels coming from the *Groy*, laden with Souldiers for *Flanders*.

*Southwold*, April 19. Here are now passing by this place a lusty Fleet of 300 Sail of Laden Colliers, with their Convoys, to the Southwards; which we suppose will speedily arrive safely in the *Thames*.

*Dover*, April 20. Here is this Afternoon arrived a small Shallop, a Privateer of 12 Tuns, and about 30 Men, *Peter Kenton* Commander; having at Sea met with two French Privateers, one of five, the other of two Guns; with whom he engaged for about two hours, board to board; and in the end forced them both to quit the Dispute, and with all the Sail they could make, to save themselves; after some fruitless pursuit, he returned hither; having only four men hurt in the fight.

*Whitehal*, April 20. His Majesty having been graciously pleased, according to his promise to the Two Houses of Parliament, at the close of the Last Session, to issue out his Commission under his Great Seal of England, to the Right Honourable *John Earl of Bridgewater*, *Oliver Earl of Bellingbrooke*, *Robert Earl of Aylesbury*, *Edward Viscount Conway*, *John Lord Lucas*, and *John Lord Crew*, Peers of this Realm; together with *Sir William Lowther*, *Sir Thomas Meares*, *Sir Humphry Winch*, *Sir Thomas Littleton*, *Sir William Thompson*, *Sir Thomas Osborne*, *Sir Thomas Gower*, *Coll. Sam. Sandys*, *Gyles Strangways*, *William Garway*, *Edward Boscouen*, and *John Jones*, Esqrs; being of the House of Commons; constituting them, or any five of them, whereof the Earl of *Bridgewater*, or one other of the Peers to be one; Commissioners for taking the Accounts of several sums of Moneys, which have been raised and assigned to His Majesty, during the present great and important Wars; to the end that His Majesty and his People may be satisfied that the same have been, and shall be, faithfully issued out and expended; viz. of the sum of 1477500 *li.* granted to His Majesty by a late Act, intituled, *An Act for granting a Royal Aid to the Kings Majesty, of Twenty four hundred, three-score and seventeen thousand, and five hundred pounds*; to be raised and levied in the space of Three years: and of the sum of 1250000 *li.* granted to His Majesty by a late Act, intituled, *An Act for granting the sum of 1250000 *li.* to the Kings Majesty, for his present farther supply*: As also for the 210000 *li.* granted to His Majesty for Three Months, at the Rate of 70000 *li.* a Month, by an Act intituled, *An Act for ordering the Forces in the several Counties of this Kingdom*; and of all such Moneys and Profits as have been made of Prizes, taken since the beginning of this present War; with all sums of Money and Provisions, and all other things whatsoever, which have been raised or assigned for or towards the setting forth to Sea the Navies or Ships of War; or other maintenance or management of this present War whatsoever: with full Power and Authority to call to account all Treasurers, Receivers, Paymasters, or other Agents or Persons whatsoever, their Heirs, Executors, and Administrators; for and concerning the said several sums, &c. and with such other and further Power and Authority, as may serve for the effectual and impartial execution of the said Commission.

On Wednesday last, being the 17th Instant, the said Commission was opened in the Inner Star-Chamber in *Westminster*; where were present, according to a Summons from the Right Honourable the Lords of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, to them in that part directed; the Right Honourable the Earls of *Bridgewater* and *Aylesbury*, the Lords *Lucas* and *Crew*, together with *Sir William Lowther*, *Sir Humphry Winch*, *Sir Thomas Littleton*, *Sir Thomas Gower*, *Sir William Thompson*, *Giles Strangways*, *William Garway*, *John Jones*, &c.