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Falmouth, Mart. 17.

THis day came in here two ships from Dover and one from Yarmouth, all of them bound for Bourdeaux; as also the *Fidelity of Southampton*, homewards bound from the *Canaries*: the *James of Dover* from *Nants*, laden with Wines and Brandy, putting in here, informs us that she came thence about three weeks since in company with about 60 sail of English and Dutch ships; that at her departure there was a great pretts for Seamen to be employed in the Fleet; to which service the people seem very backwards: those that were pressed taking all opportunities of escaping, and that near 50 of their Seamen would have come aboard them, to avoid employment in their Men of War.

Plymouth, Mart. 20. From *Pensance* we are informed that an *Offend* Man of War of twenty four Guns, hath lately leised and brought in thither a French Man of War of eight Guns, belonging to *St. Malo's*. The *Roc-buck* one of his Majesty's Frigates is here in Port, the *Deptford* Ketch newly put to Sea to joyn *Sir Thomas Allen*. Several ships intending for *New-found-land*, *Barbado's*, *New-England*, and other places, that could not be ready to sail with the last Fleet, may to morrow put to sea; if the wind prove favourable.

A Vessel of *Aspom* intending for *Milford* to lade Coals, was lately met by a *Caravel* of six Guns, with white Colours; but suppos'd an *Offender*, who took out of the *Masters Chest* 30 *l.* in Money and Goods from him and his Company to the like value.

St. Thomas Allen with his Squadron continues still cruising towards the *Lizard*, and was the 14th instant met by a great Fleet of ships in two or three Divisions, bound with a fair wind; some for the *West*, some for the *East Indies*, and others for the *Streights*. The 16th he met with *Captain Van Nefse*, Comander of the *Utricht*, bound for *Smirna*, and with him another Man of War and 16 or 17 small Merchants for *Spain* and *Portugal*.

The 17th in the morning *Sir Edward Sprage* in the *Revenge*, and with him the *Diamond* and *Milford*, came up with *Sir Thomas Allen*; the *Francis* being also following from *Portsmouth*, where several other ships will be suddenly in readiness for the same employment.

Madrid, Mar. 10. The *Marquis de Grana* being lately arrived in much speed from *Vienna*, has communicated to the Queen Regent and Council the business for which he was employ'd, and has received his dispatches, and may return with much speed to give an account to the Emperour, and Princes of the Empire, of the resolution of the Court of *Spain*.

The peace between this Crown and that of *Portugal* has been proclaimed here, and in several other places of this Kingdom with the usual solemnities on such occasions, but every where entertain'd by the people with much joy testified by their hearty Acclamations, hoping by this means the ancient Trade and Commerce may again flourish, for the want whereof many persons have been reduced to great wants and necessities.

It is much talk'd that the Copper-money which has for some time past currant in this Kingdom shall be by publique Order called in, which much dissatisfies the poorer sort, in whose hands it most remains, and cannot without much difficulty pay it out for their necessary occasions.

Letters of the 26th past from *Cadix* inform us, that 4 of the Gallions which returned some time since from the *West-*

Indies, but were forced from their company, and put in a *Gibraltar*, are since safely arrived at *St. Lucar*. That the English *Smirna* ships were suppos'd to be upon their way from *Malaga* in their return homewards, that several *Algier* Corsairs were out at sea; and that the Dutch Vice-Admiral *Sweers* was ready to return again for *Holland* with four Men of War in his company, and near a dozen Merchant ships, and amongst them the *Isabella*, which was formerly brought in there upon pretence of being bound for *Portugal*; and another ship there arrested upon suspicion of being laden with Money and Merchandize upon the French Account.

Don Juan has been lately in a high distemper, for which his Physicians thought fit to let him four times blood, but is now well recovered; and ('tis confidently said) holds his resolution to begin his Journey the 15th instant for the *Netherlands*, his men lying ready for transportation, and a considerable Convoy to attend him.

The King, with the Queen Regent his Mother, are intended presently after *Easter* to go to *Aranches*; where they may continue for some time.

Some numbers of our forces are ere this arrived on the Frontiers in *Catalonia*, so that we hope on that side to have a considerable force there to oppose the French designs; in case the Treaty take not its desired effect.

Venice, Mart. 17. A Vessel lately arriving from *Zant*, informs that the Plague rages still with much violence in the Turks Army, who had a design to have spread the infection amongst our people, to which end they had sent some of their infected Goods in the way to *Spina Longa*; which being over-greedily seized on by some persons, twelve of them in short time died of the Contagion; but by the provident care of our Officers, such speedy Order was taken, that no farther inconvenience followed.

Signior Molino, with a Squadron of our Ships is ordered to cruise about the Gulph of *Zant*, to convoy our Ships and secure them in their passage to and fro, and to defend them from the Pyrats of *Barbary*, who are out at Sea with three Squadrons: that of *Tripoly* had lately taken two prizes, one a Vessel belonging to this place, and another of *Genova*; and that our Admiral with twelve Gallies and two Gallies was lying about the *Archipelago*, to prevent the Turks in their intentions of putting Succors into *Canea*.

The Senate has lately sent their Orders to *Signior Fantier* Proveditor of the Three Isles, to be in readiness at *Zant*, to pass thence to the Sultans Court, for which purpose they are preparing instructions for him, which may be suddenly dispatch to him.

A Comet has lately appeared here to the North-East, lower than the Moon, the Tail of it much longer than that which appeared about three years since, but of less brightness; and is seen late in the Night.

From *Dalmatia* we are told that the Corsaires of *Dulcigna* begin to be again somewhat troublesome in those Seas, one of them being a Fleet well armed and manned, meeting with three Barks belonging to *Cantaro*, immediately engaged one of them; but the other two coming up to her assistance, forced him off from his design, and afterwards obliged him to run on shoar, the men getting off in their Shallop, but the Vessel became Prize to the three Barks.

Hamborough, Mart. 25. Our latest Letters from *Warsaw*, inform us that the Diet there being much dissatisfied that His Majesty would not be induced to consent to the dismissal of Foreign Ministers and Ambassadors from the Court,