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*Walmouth, Mar. 25.*

**T**He 19th instant went out from hence divers English and Dutch Merchant ships, some bound for several Ports of *France*, and others to the Southwards.

The next day put in here the *Antelope* to repair her Mast, and is again gone out to sea. Yesterday came in a French man of War of 8 Guns, about a week since taken by an Ostend man of War of 24 Guns.

*Hull, Mar. 27.* Here are newly put into this place two ships of this Town from the Eastern parts, one Swede from *Gottenburg*, her lading Flax, Iron, Pitch, and Tarre, &c. This week also went out from hence, one ship for *Gottenberg*, and two for *Holland* laden with the Commodities of these parts.

*Plymouth, Mar. 27.* Sir *Thomas Allen* with his Squadron, continues still about the *Lizard*. Some vessels lately passing by from *Rochel* speak much of the French preparations as well for Sea as Land, that they are fitting up their whole Fleet with all the speed and diligence that may be used, and that Monsieur *de Beaufort* is gone out to sea with a Squadron of 10 men of War of considerable force with 4 Fire-ships, and other attendants.

*Rome, Mar. 17.* About 3 days since arrived here an Express from Cardinal *Cosini* the Legate of *Ferrara* informing the Pope that he had according to Order taken with him the Militia of the Countrey, with some Companies drawn out of the Garisons of *Ferrara*, and the Fort *Urban*, and had with their assistance thrown down the Dampse lately made by the Venetians to turn the waters of the *Po*, to the prejudice of His Holinesses territories.

Since which another Courier arriving from the said Legate informs that the Venetians had again with a considerable Number of Souldiers and Pioneers repaired what was before ruin'd; which His Holiness ill resenting, assureth the Venetian Ambassador in a late Audience, that, as he should not hastily be induced to withdraw his assistance, lest for the opposing the Common Enemy, yet he should be obliged to oppose them with all his strength, if they continued these violent proceedings so much to his dishonour, and the prejudice of his people.

On Monday last the Pope held a private Consistory in the Quirinal, wherein divers Vacant Bishopricks, were by the several Cardinals Protectors proposed and disposed of according to Custom. The same day in the afternoon arrived here from *Florence*, Cardinal *Leopoldo de Medici*, Brother to the Great Duke of *Tuscany*, having been met seven miles from the City on the way by divers of the Cardinals, and almost all the Roman Princes, making his Entry in Cardinal *Rospigliosi's* Coach, with the Spanish Ambassaour, the Segnions *Baylivo*, *Vincenzo*, and Cavalier *Tomaso Rospigliosi*, followed by a Train of about 100 Coaches with six Horses, and was afterwards conducted to kiss his Holiness Foot. The two following dayes he received the private Visits in his own Palace, of all the great Persons. On Thursday was held a Publick Consistory in the Quirinal, to which the Cardinal with a great Train of the Nobility on Horseback and above 20 Cardinals, was conducted with extraordinary state, introduced to His Holiness by the Cardinal Deacons, with the usual Ceremonies on such occasions, taking his Oath, and receiving his Cap, and afterwards honourably entertain'd at dinner by Cardinal *Rospigliosi*; and has since began his publick Visits to the sacred Colledge.

Yesterday the Cardinal *Orsino* Protector of *Portugal*, by Order from the Prince Regent *Don Pedro*, gave His

Holiness an account of the Peace lately concluded between *Spain* and *Portugal*, desiring his Benediction for himself and his people, assuring him of his respects to the Roman See, and 'tis believed that matters of Creation of Bishops, and other Ecclesiastical Affairs will be soon offered to the satisfaction of the Crown of *Portugal*.

*Madrid, Mar. 23.* The 15th instant, the Ambassador from the Great Duke of *Muscovy*, had his Audience, desiring in the name of his Master, 1. Peace and firm Alliance with the Emperour and Crown of *Spain*.

2. That his Catholique Majesty would endeavor to encourage the proposal of a match between the second son of the Grand Duke and one of the Sisters of his Imperial Majesty.

3. That he would together with the Emperour favour the Election of that young Prince to succeed to the Crown of *Poland*.

4. Offering, that in case the Turks should invade *Poland*, or break with the Emperour, his Master would be willing to take upon him the management of that War.

5. That he would be ready upon any occasion to assist the Crown of *Spain* with 40000 men.

6. That to avoid all disputes in point of Religion, the Grand Duke would be willing that his son should be instructed in the Catholique Religion, and that free exercise thereof should be permitted in all his frontier Countreys; offering likewise sufficient security that the Kingdom of *Poland* should not be annexed to that of *Muscovy*.

*Don Juan* 'tis believed will in few days begin his journey for the *Netherlands*, the most part of his Family being already on the way thither, and him self in few days intending to set forwards from hence.

Letters of the 11th instant from *Cadix*, inform us that the Vice-Admiral of *Holland*, with 25 ships under his Convoys, is now under sail returning homewards, and that the Vice-Admiral of *Spain* was embarking himself with about 14 Men of War, to attend the Transportation of the Spanish forces into *Flanders*.

They also tell us that for four or five Nights together hath been seen there, about 7 in the Evening to the Westward a great Comet, the time of his appearance being about 2 hours.

*Brussels, Mar. 21.* Yesterday returned hither from *Antwerp* the Marquis de *Castel Rodrigo*, and the same day passed by this City a Trumpet sent to the Governour of *Charleroy* with Orders for the instant union of *Quenep* as being taken by the French during the time allotted for a Cessation from all acts of hostility.

A Letter has been lately sent from Her Majesty the Queen Regent of *Spain*, directed to the States of *Flanders*, *Brabant*, and the other countreys subject to the Crown of *Spain* in the *Netherlands*, assuring them of the great care taken by her for their defence, by the time of sending to them considerable succors of Men and Money, and that *Don Juan* would in little time be with them with a strong Army; with all, encouraging them to improve all their power for their own preservation, and to continue in their Duty and Obedience to His Catholick Majesty as their Rightful Sovereign.

From *Paris* we are flatter'd with great hopes of a good success of the intended Treaty, but the great preparations made by the French against the approaching Campaign, encourage our jealousies, that the War is still like to continue in these Countreys. *Tournay* is now made a vast Magazine for their Military provisions, whither large quantities of all sorts have been lately sent from *Lille*, and this week

They boats arrived there laden with Ammunition from Douay besides which, great quantities of Corn are lodged in all public places and Religious houses in the Towns round about it; in *Lille* above 100 thousand measures of Corn laid up; and from *Amiens* and *Arras* the ways are daily beaten by their continual Convoys.

The Dutch likewise are making great preparations, and are reinforcing all their Garrisons upon their Frontier.

*Hambourgh, Mart. 1.* Letters of the 25th instant from *Copenhagen*, inform us that six of his Majesties Frigates lie ready to put to Sea, four of which are to pass for the Westwards, which have already endeavour'd to put out to Sea, but were forc'd back again by contrary winds. Two others (as is given out) are assign'd for the *Elbe*, and as many more are taking in Provisions, intend'd for the Coasts of *Norway*, being most of them small ships of 30 Guns a-piece, and but ordinarily manned.

Some Disputes are lately risen between that Crown and the States, upon the account of Subsidies; but for the more speedy compoiture thereof, Monsieur *K. Ingenberg* is in *Lille* the 20th inst. for *Holland*: all Foreign Levies are strictly prohibited within the Dominions of that King.

From *Vienna* we are inform'd that in a late Council it has been resolv'd that the forces in *Tyroll*, *Steirmark*, and the Neighbouring Counties, shall be augmented, and that several Regiments be order'd to march thitherow *Tyroll* for *Brissgom*, to reinforce the Towns of *Rinfelt*, *Seckinghen*, *Lauffenberg*, and *Walsburt*, which with some other places upon the *Rhine*, have demand'd the assistance of the *Swiss* Cantons, which the French Resident at *Kaisbonne* endeavours by all arts imaginable to prevent.

The young Prince of *Tuscany* is pass'd by *Berlin* without discovering himself, and is arriv'd at *Dresden* whither he expects the arrival of the Elector of *Saxony*.

*Paris, April 4.* A Packet of Letters hath been lately receiv'd on in the *Port de St. Torpez*, carried by a Courier of the Emperours, by the way of *Millan* for *Madrid*; which is sent to the Court, and 'tis said makes some discoveries of the Spaniards intentions in this present juncture of Affairs.

Our Forces are every where upon their march to their several places of Rendezvous, that for the Army of the Prince de *Condé* being appointed at *Recroy*; that of the Duke of *Orleans* at *Bergues*; and that of His Majesty at *Arras*.

The Duke de *Beaufort* is said to be already put out to Sea with a Squadron of 10 Men of War and four Frigates; but is not to open his Commission till he be far out at Sea.

From *Franche Comte* we are told that Monsieur d' *Aspremont* has already blown up the *Bailions*, and razed the Fortifications at *Dole*, intend'g to depart from thence to *Gray*, and that the Citadel at *Besanc'on* advances, as does also the Fortification at *Salines*, and that all the Forces that can be conveniently spared out of that County, were to be drawn out upon the 25th inst. to be sent away, to joyn with the Army which is to be commanded by the Prince de *Condé*.

Notwithstanding all our preparations for war, His Majesty has been pleas'd to declare his intentions to be chiefly for Peace; and though he were for the present oblig'd to enter with his Army again into *Flanders*, to reduce some places to his Obedience, yet his Design was principally by so doing to oblige the Spaniard to be the more solicitous for a Peace; which when effected, all those New Conquests should be restor'd according to his former promise.

*Paris, April, 7.* His Majesty still continues His resolution of taking the Field about the 18th of this instant, and that the three Armies shall suddenly meet at their several Rendezvous, and the better to make known his Intentions for peace, a Letter is order'd to be suddenly published, by which His Majesty obliges himself to the Pope, and all other Princes of Christendom, to restore back to the Spaniards all such places as he shall make himself master of by his Arms, between the end of *March* and the 25 of *May* last, that time a peace shall be concluded between the two Crowns.

From *Bress* we are told that the Duke of *Beaufort* went

out of that Road the 26th of the last month with 10 men of War of considerable force and 4 Fire-ships, and that four other ships were in few days to meet them from *Rochel*.

From *Franche Comte* we are advis'd that according to His Majesties Orders, the Fortifications of *Dole* and *Gray* are slighted, and the Sieur *le Pelletier* Intendant of that County, order'd to set a rate upon such Houses as are to be pull'd down at *Besanc'on* for the building of a Citadel here, and care will be taken that the monies at which they are prized, shall be speedily advanced for their satisfaction.

From *Prussells* we are told that the Marquis de *Castel Rodrigo* has imprison'd all the French which could be found in that City, and has given Orders that the like be observ'd in a l'other places under the Spanish Jurisdiction in the *Netherlands*.

The Marquis d' *Himieres* being suddenly to quit his Employment as Governour of *Lille*, the Sieur de *Montagne* is to succeed him, and the Marquis de *Villers* to be employ'd as Governour of *Douay*.

*Brussel's, April 9.* On Wednesday last was restor'd to us the Castle of *Guenap*, and the Sieur de *Soesme* order'd thither again to command it as Governour, who is now employing many labourers for the reparation of the Fortifications somewhat damaged by the late Siege.

Intelligence having been brought the 3th inst. that a considerable Convoy was passing between *Douay* and *Tournay*, a party of 500 Horse and about 800 foot, was drawn out of *Cambray* and *Valencienne*, to have intercept'd them on the way, but by some mischance our forces being somewhat soon discover'd, the Enemy had the fortune to save themselves, and only five of their Boats laden with Wines being fired.

*Bruges, April 8.* This week pass'd by this City about a thousand passengers lately arriv'd at *Ostend*, affirming that Don *Fuan* was, at their parting, ready to embark for these parts, and would suddenly arrive.

'Tis said the French are now dismantling *Armentiers*, but will be busily in the Field, and is upon some considerable action.

*Dartmouth, Mar. 28.* He is lately put into this Port a vessel of this place which the 19th instant came out of *Couquet Road*, in company with a squadron of French ships under the command of the Duke de *Beaufort*, consisting of 20 sail, where of 10 of them were judg'd to carry from 20 to 60 Guns a-piece, with 4 Fire-ships; the rest of them victuallers, with one Ketch and a Hoy, giving out that they intended for the mouth of the Channel, to meet with the Spanish Convoy intend'd for the *Netherlands*.

*Plymouth, March 29.* Sir *Thomas Allen* with his Squadron still cruises about the *Lizard*, to whom came in, the 26th inst. the *Conflans Warwick*, having for some time given chase to a small Vessel, supposed to have been a *Sally* Man of *Warre*, which escap'd him in the night; in his return he spake with a Hollander from *Bourdeaux*, who off *Ouestland* met with 20 sail of French under the Command of Duke de *Beaufort*, with whom are expected in little time to joyn 3 or 4 other Ships from *Rochelle*. The *Millford* being sent out for intelligence, met with the *Fames* and *Paul* of *London*, which came the 19 of *January* from the *Barbados*, informing that Sir *John Harman* with his Squadron intend'd to set sail from thence the 23. of that Month, and might in few dayes be expected on our Coasts.

*Tarmouth, Mar 30.* On Friday last pass'd by the back of these Sands 23 great ships to the North East. On Saturday morning came by Twelve sail of laden ships from the Northwards; the next day the wind being Eastward, a Fleet of 100 light ships sail'd out of this Road for *Newcastle*, and the same day arriv'd here two ships of this place from *Rochelle*, and one of *Linné* from *Bourdeaux*. This day went out of this Harbour about 50 sail of light ships for *Newcastle* and *Sunderland*, and about few for *Island*; four others for *Norway*. Two Vessels arriv'd here the same day from *Zeland*.