

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 *Suñsiles*; but for the more speedy compoſure thereof, *Monsieur K. Ingenberg* is in *Lille* to settle the 20 palls 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* where 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 Forts 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 *Silines*, and that all the Forces that can be conveniently spared out of that County, were to be drawn out upon the 25th past, 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 making 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 slihted, 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 priz'd, 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'Humieres* 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 past 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, 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 Juan* 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 instant 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*.