

to give our People some Rest, who had been pretty much fatigued, not having any Sleep for two Nights successively. The Vessel we burnt is called the Jesus Misericordia, belonging to Cadiz, bound for Barcelona on the King of Spain's Account, laden with Corn, Calavances, Beans, Oil and Pork, for the Use of the Spanish Fleet at Toulon; to be sent from Barcelona in Neutral Bottoms to Toulon.

Upon Examination of the Spanish Prisoners on Board me, with relation to the Strength and Situation of Peniscola, they all assured me, it was not only exceeding strong by its Situation, which is on a high Rock, but likewise from the Number of its Guns, which amounts to Fifty, it being the strongest Fortrefs in the Kingdom of Valencia.

Upon this Intelligence we thought it impracticable to make any Attempt of destroying it; there is at present 1000 Men, including Militia, in that Fortrefs.

*Petersbourg, March 12.* A few Days ago came Advice from General Keith, dated at Abo the 23d past, that by the Divine Assistance and her Imperial Majesty's good Success, the Island of Aland (situated in the Bothnick Gulph) came under Subjection to her Imperial Majesty, and the Inhabitants thereof have taken the Oath of Fidelity, administer'd to them by an Officer sent from General Keith for that Purpose; whereby they engage, not only to be faithful Subjects to the Empress, but also to her Successor to the Imperial Throne of Russia his Imperial Highness Peter Feoderowitz, Great Duke of Russia. This they did with great Alacrity. The foregoing Account was printed here by Order of the Senate.

*From the Gazette, published here by Authority, of the 10th instant.*

Although by the Account published in this Paper the 27th of January last, all the groundless Reports, concerning the Sophi of Persia's Designs and warlike Preparations against this Empire, were sufficiently confuted; yet that Account is farther confirmed by a Relation which arrived here the 8th Instant from Major General Prince Dolgorouki, Commander of her Imperial Majesty's Army on the Persian Frontiers, dated the 15th of February; wherein he advises, that the Sophi of Persia had lost a great Number of Men in his unsuccessful Expedition against the Inhabitants of Gorsky; and the Remainder, having suffered much by Sickness and other great Fatigues, was marched back again. The Sophi has also withdrawn his Forces out of Dagistan back to Persia, without giving the least Occasion to a Breach of the Peace of Friendship with Russia, and he is actually already on the other Side of the River Samur beyond Derbent in the Muganski Step; from whence he is determined to march directly into Persia. He has, agreeably to this, given his Commanders on the Frontiers the strictest Orders to strive, as much as possible, to preserve an inviolable Friendship with the Russian Frontiers, and carefully to avoid giving the least Occasion for Disputes or Complaints.

The nine Field Regiments, which have been in Winter Quarters at Moscow, under the Command of Lieutenant-General Soimonow and Major General Georgius Czarowitz of Grufiny, are on their March hither, and expected to arrive in a few Days. Those Regiments are to be used in the Operations of the War the approaching Campaign.

*Manheim, March 29, N. S.* The Baron d'El's, Nephew of our late Elector, Prince Theodore of Bavaria Bishop of Ratisbon, Count Ingelheim, Count Ostein, and Baron Kesselfadt, are Candidates for the Electoral Dignity. The Election is fixed to the 22d Instant, and as Prince Theodore is not of the Chapter, a Brief is expected from Rome to render him capable of being elected; though it is said at the same Time, that the Chapter have resolved to chuse one of their own Body.

*Bonn, April 1, N. S.* The Velt Marshal Count Neuperg arrived on the 29th of March at the Castle of Guelsdorff, the Duke of Arembergh's Head Quarters, to consult with his Highness concerning the approaching March of the Austrian Army, which is preparing to pass the Rhine.

*Dusseldorf, April 2, N. S.* The English and Hanoverian Troops are preparing to pass the Rhine, the first at Andernach, and the second at Mulheim opposite to Cologne. The Earl of Stair is expected every Day at Linnick from Aix la Chapelle.

*Hague, April 12, N. S.* The Chevalier Trono, a noble Venetian and Minister from the Republic of Venice, delivered his Credentials on Wednesday last to the States General. The Deputies of Overyssele have signified to their High Mightinesses the Assent of their Province to the Proposition of Holland for assisting the Queen of Hungary. That of Zealand is expected every Day.

*Whitehall, April 9.*

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Right Hon. John Viscount Lymington, the Dignity of an Earl of the Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Name, Style and Title of Earl of Portsmouth in the County of Southampton.

The King has been pleased to grant unto William Maule, Esq; the Dignities of a Baron, Viscount and Earl of the Kingdom of Ireland, by the Name, Style and Title of Baron and Viscount Maule of White-church in the County of Waterford, and Earl Panmure of Forth in the County of Wexford, in the said Kingdom; and in Default of Male Issue, then the said Dignities to be enjoyed by John Maule, Esq; Brother of the said William Maule.

The King has been pleased to order a Congregate d'Elire to the Dean and Chapter of the Metropolitan and Cathedral Church of York, empowering them to elect an Archbishop of that See, the same being void by the Death of the most Rev. Father in God Dr. Lancelot Blackbourn late Archbishop thereof; and to sign a Letter, recommending to the said Dean and Chapter, the Right Rev. Father in God Dr. Thomas Herring, Bishop of Bangor, to be by them elected into that See.

The King has been pleased to appoint the Right Rev. Father in God Thomas Lord Bishop of Salisbury, his Majesty's High Almoner, in the Room of the most Reverend Father in God Dr. Lancelot Blackbourn, late Archbishop of York, deceased.

The King has been pleased to present the Rev. Mathew Bradford, Bachelor of Laws; to the Canonry and Prebend of Normanton, founded in the Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of Southwell, in the County of Nottingham, void by the Cession of the Rev. Joseph Atwell, Doctor in Divinity; and in his Majesty's Gift by the Vacancy of the See of York.

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