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Chester, March 31.

WE are now certainly informed of the *Mary* Yacht being cast away, as she was coming from *Ireland*, by two persons that escaped from on board her, who relate these particulars; That the 25 instant about two a clock in the morning, the weather being very foggy, the Yacht touched upon a Rock, to the N.W. of the *Sherries*, a small Isle to the Eastward of *Holyhead Bay*, the Seamen and Passengers being most of them snug under Deck; the first touch roused the Seamen, who looking about, cried, All is well; but presently after the Yacht struck again on another Rock, and there stuck, so near the *Sherries*, that when the Sea made the Vessel royl, the Mast touched the Land, by which only means, those that were preserved, escaped: The Earl of *Meath*, and about 34 more perished in the Yacht, of which number were the Captain, whose name was *Burston*, the Boatswain, and two ordinary Seamen; the Master, 23 Mariners, and 15 Passengers, got upon the Isle, and so were saved; among these 15 Passengers were the Earl of *Argloss*, and the Lord *Ardee*, Son and Heir to the Earl of *Meath*: That about noon, on the said 25, the Mast gave way; that the Captain endeavouring to save the Earl of *Meath*, and the rest, lost himself. That those that were preserved, were on the Isle, which is about a League from shore, from Thursday morning, till Saturday afternoon. That with a Steel and a little Gunpowder, they struck fire, and made a fire of the wreckt boards of the Yacht, by which they roasted some Mutton, they found on the Isle, which is uninhabited, but had no Bread, nor any liquor, but salt Water, till Providence cast ashore a Runlet of *Ulquebaugh*, which they divided among them; that at last a small Vessel of *Bewmorris*, came and fetched them off, and landed them on Sunday morning at *Bewmorris*. This is the most particular account we have of this sad accident.

Lime, March 31. The 29 instant arrived here the Arms of this place, from *St. Malo's*, the Master tells us, that there is great Fleet already gone from that and other ports, for *Newfoundland*, and that more will follow, so that the French will employ in that Fishing this year, above 150 sail, many of them Ships of great burthen, and mounted with 16, 18, and 20 Guns.

Milan, March 20. We cannot quit the apprehensions we are in of the Duke of *Savoy's* intentions against this Country, nor the belief we have of his being entered into a strict engagement with most the Christian King against the Spaniards, though no publick signs appear thereof as yet: However to be provided against the worst, our Governour the Prince de *Ligne* has sent divers Ingeniers and other fit persons to visit our several Frontier places on that side, that upon their report of the present state of them, his Excellency may give such orders as are necessary. Levies are still making here for the Service of *Sicily*, from whence his excellency has lately received Letters, which press the dispatching from hence all the assistance possible, and without any delay.

Venice, March 23. Our Letters from *Constantinople* of the 17 February, tell us, of the great preparations that are making at *Adrianople* for the celebrating the Ceremony of the Circumcising the Sultans eldest Son, and the marrying his daughter to one of his Favorites. That there seemed a great disposition for the making a Peace with the Crown of *Poland*, which the general opinion is will be concluded before the season be fit for the Armies to take the Field. Yesterday in the evening parted from hence towards *Zante* the General Priuli. We are told that the Senate hath refused to grant passage through the Gulf to certain Spanish Troops designed to have been embarked at *Trieste*, and thence transported for *Sicily*, to be employed against *Messina*. Yesterday the Secretary of the Embassy of *France*, had Audience of the Senate, to acquaint them that the most Christian King had accepted of the Mediation of this State.

Marseilles, April 3. This day we received advice of the arrival of Monsieur *Ducane* at *Toulon* with five Men of War from *Messina*; and that he brings an account of the farther successes of the French in those parts, *viz.* That they had taken the *Scalcitta*, *Garana*, and *Melazzo*, being Ports of very great importance, but adds, that the *Messinenses* begun to be again in some want of Provisions; The Gallies and Men of War that are fitting here and at *Thoulon*, will therefore be hastened with all the diligence possible, the first are ready to sail, and expect only a fair wind.

Vienna, March 24. On Monday last the Count of *Waldock* parted hence on his return for *Holland*, very well satisfied with the success he has had in the several Matters he came to negotiate in this Court. On Thursday last arrived here the Marquis of *Borgomero*, being dispatched by the Duke of *Villa Hermosa*, Governour of the Spanish *Netherlands*, to give, as we are told, his Imperial Majesty a particular account of the present posture of things in those Countreys, and to pray him to hasten his Army into the Field. The Count de *Montecuculi* has already received a very great sum of Money, and this week he is to receive 60000 Crowns more; The 4 of the next month, it is certainly said, his Excellency will set forward towards the Army, with which he will act apart, and separately: the Duke of *Lorraine* will likewise have a Body of an Army composed of his own, and some other Troops, which he will Command absolutely; and the Forces of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, will, it is said, joyn with the Imperialists in *Silesia*, which are already about 10000 strong, to oppose the Swedes.

Ratisbonne, March 28. Yesterday the States of the Empire being assembled, a Memorial was presented to them on the part of the Prince of *Baden Dourlach* General of the Troops of the 10 Circles, by which he makes instance, that the said Circles may be exhorted to cause the Troops, allotted for their several proportions, which are to be this Campagne double of what they were the last, to march with all diligence, to prevent the Ruines and Devastations which may be otherwise made by the Enemy, if there be no body to oppose them; and at the same time, was communicated to the Dyets the agreement made at *Witte*, between the Deputies of the