

from His Majesty before he undertook any thing considerable.

A Courier lately arriving from *Thionville* brings news that the Marquis de *Crocy* was suddenly marched to *Brisat* in *Alsatia*, where 'twas believed he might be arrived on Monday last, in order to some new Enterprize in those parts, not having thought fit to expect the arrival of Monsieur de *Podowicz*, who is to succeed him in the Command of those Troops, which he leaves behind him in *Luxembourg*.

From *Franche Comte* we are told that a Summons is there issued out to raise the *Ban* and *Armedeban* of that Country at *Besancon*; all ranks of men, the Gentry as well as the Commons, that are able to bear Arms, being obliged to make their appearance.

The second instant his Majesty accompanied in his Coach by the Duke d' *Enguyen*, the Count d' *Armignac*, and the Duke de *Noailles*, lay at *Bris-Comte-Robert*, and the next night at *Villemore*, the fourth instant he came to the Abbey de *Moleme*, continuing his journey from thence towards *Auxerre*.

*Whitehall, Feb. 6.* This day both Houses of Parliament, according to their former Adjournment, assembled in the usual Places, and adjourned again till Monday Morning.

*Whitehall, Feb. 7.* His Majesty having taken into his Royal Care the Safeguard and Protection both of his Own Subjects, and of all Others in League and Amity with him, and finding the Freedom and Security of Navigation and Commerce much disturbed, and the Reverence to his Ports, Harbours, &c. violated by the Insolencies of private Men of War, and others, pretenders to Commissions, hath this day thought fit by the Advice of his Council, to order his Proclamation to be issued out, reviving, establishing, ratifying, and publishing Rules and Ordinances to this Effect:

1. That there be an Inviolable Truce and Cessation observed in all his Majesties Ports, Havens, Roads, and Creeks, &c. between all persons and parties whatsoever, no violence to be done by any Ships that happen to be in Hostility one to another; but that all of what Nation or Party soever, be within his Majesties Ports, Harbours, &c. under his Majesties special safe Conduct: His Majesty declaring the Ships and Goods of all Aggressors, Actors, and Offenders, to be *ipso facto* confiscate, and proceeded against in the Court of Admiralty to Sentence and Condemnation.

2. That all his Majesties Officers and Subjects by Sea and Land, do as much as in them lies, prohibit the roving and hovering of Men of War so near the Entry of any of his Majesties Harbours and Coasts, that the Merchants homeward or outward bound, or from his Majesties Ports, shall apprehend their passage to be unsafe. His Majesty charging and requiring his Officers and Subjects, to rescue and defend such Merchant Men as shall be set upon or surprized so near the Coasts, or Entry of his Harbours, as may be reasonably continued to be under his special Care and Protection; and that they apprehend and seize all Offenders in this kind, to bring them to condign punishment.

3. That if a Man of War of one party come into any of his Majesties Ports, where shall be one or more Merchant Men of the other party, the Merchants Ships shall if desired, depart two Miles before the Man of War; and if any Man of War or more come in, while any Man of War or more of the other party, are in his Majesties Ports or Roads, none shall go out the same Tide with his Enemy, but those that are most like to engage, shall be stand two Tides after the adverse party be put to Sea.

4. His Majesty also charges and requires all Vice-Admirals, Customers, and other Officers, to visit all Ships and Vessels belonging to his Subjects, that shall visit or recruit for Voyages, and to detain such as by their provision or furniture they shall suspect to be designed for any other than trading or fishing, till further Order.

5. That no Governours or Officers in his Majesties Ports

and Maritime places, suffer any Privateer with foreign Commission, and having any prize or prizes, to stay above 24. hours in any of his Majesties Ports or Harbours; unless constrained by contrary winds, or blockt up by Enemy, or other distress; and that during such stay, he do not break bulk, sell, or barter, or leave behind, any prize Goods on any terms or pretence whatsoever; and that his Majesties Officers and Subjects meddle not in the affairs of such Men of War, but suffer them to carry away their prizes, provided they have not on board the Goods or Merchandizes of any of his Majesties Subjects; if they have, they shall be upon due proof, taken out and restor'd to the true Proprietors.

6. That none of his Majesties Subjects contract or deal with any foreign Man of War, their Officers or Company, or any other persons coming from Sea, not being a known Merchant, for any Wares, Merchandises, Victuals, Ammunition, Tackle, Furniture, Provisions, or Goods whatsoever, not brought in by the course of Merchandise, and the Customs and Duties first paid, upon pain of forfeiture, as Pyrates Goods, and farther punishment in the Admiralty, a Abettors or Complices with Pyrates, and a Receivers of them and their Goods.

7. That an Officer or Mariner whatsoever, being His Majesties Subject, presume to put himself into the Military service of any Foreign Prince or State, or accept or execute any Commission of War, or letter of Marque or Rепrital from any such Prince or State, or go in any Merchant, or Fishing voyage, in any Ship or Vessel, then such as belong to His Majesties own Subjects, without leave from His Majesty or Royal Highness, His Majesties High Admirals of England, in due forms first obtained; His Majesty charging and commanding all Officers, Mariners, and Sea-faring men what ever that are now in any such service, to leave the same forthwith, and to get their appearance and return to their native Countrey recorded in the High Court of Admiralty, or before some of His Majesties Officers thereunto impowred, upon pain of being seised and punished as Pyrates: such as neglect to return upon this summons, are when they happen to come into any Port or Place of His Majesties Dominions, to be seised by His Majesties Vice-Admirals or other Officers, and committed to the next Goal till further order, and a Certificate thereof to be with speed returned to His Majesties High Court of Admiralty that the Offender may be proceeded against according to the Laws of the Realm, as by the Proclamation it self will more fully appear.

*Tarmouth, Feb. 7.* This day passed thorow this road to the southwards about 20. Sail of laden Colliers, the rest of the Fleet hourly expected. This day also set sail from this place six Merchant Ships, intending for *Bordeaux* and *Rochelle*.

*Harnish, Feb. 8.* Yesterday came in sight of this place, a considerable number of the laden Fleet of Colliers, who are this day plying for the *Thames*, the wind at South-west.

*Deal, Feb. 8.* The Fleet outward bound continue still in the Downs, expecting a fair wind. There are lately arrived the *Patience* from *Malaga*, the *Thomas* from *Lisbon*, and the *Neptune* from *Barbadoes*.

An Advertisement.

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, do hereby publish, that they are in course of payment of Orders on the 21<sup>st</sup> for 150000<sup>l</sup>, come to the 75<sup>th</sup> Order in number according to the Rule prescribed by the Act.

The preceding Orders to that number that are yet unpaid, are as followeth, (viz.) 135. 143. 151. 160. 169. 187. 188. 189. 192. 199. 201. 207. 203. 204. 205. 207. 208. 209. 212. 214. 215. 216. 220. 221. and the other Orders following to the said number of 220, with that Order also. For which Orders there is 350,000<sup>l</sup> reserved in Bank, and the Officers ready to pay the principal and interest thereupon upon the producing of the Orders and Tallies, without Fee or Charge, in the direction of the Act.