

Fleet are in view under sail, all of them standing the same Course.

The French ship which was formerly put into this place, and confin'd by some Privateers, which waited her putting out, is still in Harbor, expecting the arrival of some men of War to secure her in her passage.

*Whitehal, Feb. 12.* Mr. Godolphin lately returned from Spain, having given His Majesty an account of the Negotiations in that Court relating to England, and to the Accommodation with Portugal, and brought with him the Treaty of Commerce, Ratified by the Catholique King, whereby the Freedoms and Liberties of our Trade to all the Dominions of that Crown are encreased and enlarged with very particular advantages, beyond what they have ever yielded to any other People; His Majesty hath been pleased to declare His great satisfaction and contentment therein, and on Friday the 7th instant, it was ordered in Council, that the said Treaty be forthwith Published and Proclaimed in the usual places, and with all Expressions and Ceremonies due to a Work of so much Benefit to the Nation.

The 11th Instant, his Excellency the Count de Dona Ambassadour Extraordinary from his Majesty the King of Sweden, made his Publick and Solemn Entry in his Majesties Coach, conducted by the Right Honourable the Earl of Essex; attended by Sir Charles Cotterell Master of the Ceremonies, and followed by a very great Train of Coaches of the Nobility, to the Lady Williams her House in the Palace Yard in Westminster; where he intends to continue till his Publick Audience.

*Whitehall, Feb. 12.* On Monday last the Parliament according to their Adjournment on Thursday last, again assembling, His Majesty was pleased to come to the House of Lords, and having on his Crown and Robes, with the usual Solemnity took his Seat, where the House of Commons, with their Speaker attending Him, His Majesty was pleased Graciously to express Himself to both Houses in this following Speech.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

I Am glad to see you here again, to tell you what I have done in this Interval, which I am confident you will be pleased with, since it is so much for the Honour and Security of this Nation; I have made a League Defensive with the States of the United Provinces; and likewise a League for an efficacious Mediation of Peace between the two Crowns, into which League that of Sweden by its Ambassadour hath offered to enter as a Principal. I did not at Our last Meeting move you for any Aid, though I lie under great Debts contracted in the last War; but now the Posture of Our Neighbours abroad, and the Consequence of this New Alliance will oblige Me for Our Security to set out a considerable Fleet to Sea this Summer; and besides, I must Build more Great Ships; and 'tis as necessary that I do some things in order to the Fortifying some of Our Ports. I have begun something My self in order to these Ends; but if I have not your speedy Assistance, I shall not be

able to go through with it: Wherefore I do earnestly desire you to take it into your speedy Consideration; for the loss of a little time now, may beget a Prejudice not to be repaired. And for the settling a firm Peace as well at home as abroad, one thing more I hold My self obliged to recommend to you at this present; which is, That you would seriously think of some Course to beget a better Union and Composure in the minds of my Protestant Subjects, in Matters of Religion; whereby they may be induced, not onely to submit quietly to the Government, but also cheefully give their assistance to the support of it.

*Whitehal Feb. 12.* This day His Majesty in prosecution of his former resolution, on Friday last was pleased in Council to issue out his Proclamation, making known to all men; that to the Glory and praise of Almighty God, for the good and welfare of Christendom, and particularly, for the encrease of the happiness and prosperity of His Majesties Kingdoms and Dominions, and those of His good Brother the King of Spain, there have been concluded at Madrid the 13th of May last, and now lately Ratified between His Majesty and the said King, Articles of Peace, Commerce and Alliance, not only for renewing of ancient Friendship which hath been formerly between His Majesties Royal Progenitors and the Kings of Spain, but also for maintaining a nearer Correspondence and Entercourse, and enlarging the liberties of Trade between the Two Crowns and their Subjects, and for the settlement thereof upon lasting foundations; Wherefore His Majesty thereby Declares to all His loving Subjects His Will and Pleasure, that the said Articles of Peace be observed inviolably, as well by Land as by Sea and fresh waters throughout all the Lands, Countreys and Dominions under His Majesties Obedience, strictly charging and Commanding them to take notice thereof, and to observe and accomplish all that thereunto belongeth,

The winds having of late been high and contrary, we have not any fresh Letters from France or the Neatherlands: Some private Letters from France of the first instant, inform us that the French Army have made some considerable progress in Franche Comte, having taken in Besançon, Salins, Gray, and Rochefort, and were set down before Dolc. The Confirmation, with the particulars are daily expected.

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These are to give notice, that the Post-house is removed from the Swan near Charing-Cross, to the Red-Lyon over against the Meuse-gate.

To the end an opportunity may be offered for returning His Majesties Money, and the bringing it out of the Countrey in specie avoided, we are required to give notice that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have some Moneths since Established an Office at Mr. John Harbins house in Great St. Helens, London, for Exchange of Money by Bills of Exchange, on any of His Majesties Receivers in the several Counties, where the Money will remain deposited, and not be paid out or employed for the Kings Service, until the Party have actually received his Money in the Countrey; which several persons have by experience found to be so practised, having received back their Money at the said Office upon tender of their Bills, when they have not had occasion for their Money in the Countrey; the said Office having since its Erection returned Forty thousand pounds and upwards, to the great advantage of several Traders, who have experimented the proceedings of the Commissioners in that Office.