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Falmouth, April 8.

Yeste day arrived here the *Hannah* of Yarmouth from *Bordeaux*, her lading Wine, Vinegar, and Prunes, intending for *Bristol*; telling us that on Friday last they saw the French Fleet consisting of 15 mⁿ of War, and as they judged about 2 Fireships only standing towards *Brest*.

Plymouth, April 10. Yesterday put into this Port two Dutch men of War of about 40 Guns apiece, intending for the Westwards.

Newcastle, April 10. On Tuesday last sailed from this Port a Fleet of 70 laden Colliers, and the last night arrived 10 sail of light ships, most of them great ships.

Lime April 11. On Wednesday last arrived here the *John* of this place from *Croytick*, informing us, that Monsieur de *Bea. fort* with his Squadron is again put into Harbor, intending in little time to put to sea with a much greater Fleet.

Portsmouth, April 12. Here is lately arrived Sir *Edward Sprage* in the *Revenge*, which having sprang a leak, was forced to quit the rest of the Squadron, and will be suddenly put upon the Dock to repair.

Genova, April 4. On Monday the 2 instant, the Duke of this place was with the usual Solemnity and Ceremony, Crowned for the Kingdom of *Corfica*, and yesterday entertained his Relations at an extraordinary Feast.

From *Milan* we are informed, that on Thursday last *Don Louis Pons de Leon* having some few dayes been ill of an Apoplexy, departed this life in the 63 year of his Age and the sixth of his Government in that State. His Body clothed in his habit of General, with a Commanders Staffe in his hand, was on the Saturday morning following exposed to publick View in the great Hall of his Pallace, under a rich Canopy of State set round with a great Number of Torches, whither all the Religious Orders repaired, to perform the Devotions usually practised on such Occasions. That Night the Body was by the principal Officers with much state carried from thence into the Collegiate Church of *Santa Maria della Scala*, where the usual Offices were performed in presence of the Marquis de *los Balbases*, of the House of *Spinola*; who was in presence of the Privy Council afterwards assembled in the Ducal Palace, declared present Governour by the great Chancelour *Don Diego Zapara*, and has since received the Complements of the Council and all the great persons about the Town.

The Prince de *Monaco* having been much satisfied with the Civilities which he received during his abode here the last week, departed hence towards his own Principality in a Galley belonging to this Republick, which was ordered to attend him.

From *Turin* we are told that the Duke of *Savoy* is very intent upon the Result of the Assembly of the Cantons of *Switzerland*. The Deputies of *Geneva* are suddenly again expected at that Court, to perfect the Treaty with equal satisfaction to both parts.

Venice, April 7. The time of the year drawing on for Action, and the news of the Turks preparation for a more vigorous prosecution of the war in *Candia*, then has been hitherto made; the Senate is more then usually concerned to hasten forwards a proportionable succor for the defence of it; so which end, several Companies are drawing out from *Terra Ferma*, and are with some others designed for the same employment, to be speedily mustered and paid, and then to embark at *Melanocodron* upon some ships which there

attend them, and may the next week put to sea (if the wind favour them) with whom are to be also sent a considerable number of Gunners, Labouers, Pioneers, with all sorts of Provision and Ammunition, necessary for the supply of the place, from whom our latest Letters inform us, that the Turks, notwithstanding all the discouragements and considerable slaughters made amongst them by the valour of the Defendants in their Gallies, still continue the Siege with as much obstinacy as ever, and by their Mines are endeavouring to make themselves a way through the *Grass*, with the more ease to assault the Town; but by the great vigilancy of the Defendants, are always prevented of their designs, and that particularly, two of the Gallies which were made near one of the principal Bulwarks, were by our Counte mines blown up, and many of the Turks buried in their ruines.

The Christian Privateers begin to grow numerous in those seas, cruising about the *Archipelago*, and especially upon the Coasts of *Natolia*, where several Saichs and other ships of good value have auey fallen into their hands, one whereof a stout ship with many Guns being taken near *Scios* was lately sent into *Candia*.

From *Dalmatia* we have intelligence of the arrival of several Turkish Merchants from *Constantinople* at *Raguse*, by the way of *Albania*, who inform that in all places through which they passed, the Turks were making great preparations for war; but that the *Spahis* and *Fanisaries* had so ill an opinion of the service in *Candia*, that they were ready to fall into mutiny upon the least proposal thereof; they speak also of one of the *Bassaris* in *Asia* who has lately rebelled, but that the Grand Seigneur having notice thereof, intended to send his *Fanisaries* thither to reduce him to obedience, and by that means to prevent all inconveniences which might happen by their mutinous practices; but being wholly intent upon the conquest of *Candia*, great numbers of men were in several places drawn together, he intending to employ in that service 10 hundred thousand men, with an hundred Gallies, and 50 or 100 ships of force, with an extraordinary supply of all things necessary for that work.

A Gally lately arriv'g from *Dalmatia* for Moneys for the payment of our Souldiers in those parts, informs us, that all things there have been for some time in a quiet posture, the Turks keeping quietly in their Quarters, and the Morlaichs, by reason of the late indisposition of their Captain, having not adventured out upon any design of importance.

Other Letters from *Candia* inform us that the Turks continue from their Battery to play upon the Forts, to the great prejudice thereof; but that the General was taking care to remedy that inconvenience, and so to order the matter, that ships might have a free passage in and out, and that the Turks were invited to raise this Battery by one *Andrea Barocci*, formerly a Captain in *Dalmatia*, but since a Soldier under the command of the Marquis *Ville*, who flying out of the Town for fear of punishment for some Crime committed, had discovered the weaknes of that side to the Enemy.

General *Spar* is ready to embark for *Candia* to command there as General of our Foreign forces.

Hamborough, April 17. Several persons arriv'g here from *Zelle* inform us that a very considerable part of that City hath been lately burnt down by fire, suspected by the people to have been maliciously kindled by some strangers of foreign Nations, two whereof they have apprehended upon suspicion, four others that were of the same company escaping.