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Newcastle, April 14.

**Y**esterday failed hence the remainder of our laden Fleet, being near eighty sail, whereof 12 bound to the Eastwards.

*Hull, April 15.* On Monday last went out from *Humber* three ships for *Rotterdam*, one for *Amsterdam*, two for *Dantzick*, all of them belonging to this place and laden with the Commodities of these Countreys, and with them two Danes, and two other vessels of this Town for *Norway*; having for some time been detained in the River by contrary winds.

*Venice, April 7.* Our Convoys under the command of Seignior *Catarin Cornaro* may in few days put to sea for *Candia*, being already well stored and furnished with those necessaries, and conveniences which may be of use for the defence of that place; The Marquis de *St. André Ambrun* with about 40 Officers which have followed him hither from *France*, being ready to embark on the same Convoy. The young Baron *Sparr*, on whom the Senate has conferred the charge of General of the foreign forces employed in *Candia* with a pension of 4000 Ducats, will also in few days take the way of *Zante* in a lusty ship fitted up for this service, intending to put himself into *Candia* as soon as the winds will permit him.

We are confirmed in the report that the Turks begin to renew the Siege with much eagerness, and although the General *Morofini* with a Squadron of 17 Gallies and 2 Gallies continues still with much diligence cruising in the *Archipelago*, yet such care is taken by the Turks in sending recruits from all convenient parts of their dominions, that by this means some of them have already reached them. The Turks from the new raised Mount still continue firing upon the Port, but 'tis hoped by the prudence and valour of the besieged they may in little time be obliged to quit the Battery and leave the Port again open for the free passage of our ships.

From the *Levant* we are told that the Grand Visier has by his Letters to far prevailed upon the Sultan, that he seems now more than ever inclin'd to prosecute that Siege both by Sea and Land, to which end he has given strict orders to his Bassa General at Sea, to fit up all his Gallies, and to impress what numbers of other ships he shall think convenient for the Convoys of men and other necessaries to *Candia*. That Commissions were dispatch'd to the Bassa's and Commanders of all the Provinces, to make levies, and prepare stores which might be in readines on all occasions for Transportation. That all their Feudataries should according to their duty be in readines to serve in the war, and that already divers Companies of Janaries, with other Soldiers were ready upon severall occasions to embark with great numbers of Pioneers and Laborers to be employ'd in the works and Mines; and for the greater encouragement of his people, who seem not over forward and active for this employment, the Grand Seignior was resolv'd in person to pass into *Aegeropont*, to give such further orders as might be needful for the carrying on of that work.

In the mean time the Senate as they omit nothing that can be done to prevent the loss of a place of so much concernment not only to this Republick but to the whole Christian world, so are they also endeavouring to experiment what can be done by the way of Treaty. To which purpose they have ordered Seignior *Andre Valier*, General of the three Islands now at *Zante*, to hasten forward on his employment to the Ottoman Court, under the character of Envoy, and to attend the

Grand Seigniors Orders at *Suda*, and have during his absence, committed the care of his charge in the three Islands to Seignior *Pietro Valier*, his kinsman.

Count *Wrangle*, Nephew to the Field Heer of that name being sometime since return'd hither from the *Levant*, where he has served in the Fleet as a Volunteer, is now endeavoring to obtain some command against the Turks.

*Vienna, April 8.* Since the return of Major General *Keyserlein* with an account of the state of *Brifgow*, the Foot Regiment de *Gensague* quartered in this City, have been ordered to march towards those parts; but the four other Regiments designed for the same service, have not yet any farther Orders, but continue still in their Quarters; but 'tis believed the said Major General, who is lately by His Imperial Majesty made Marshall General of the Camp, may this week depart for *Tyrol*, with the Regiments of *Fortia* and *Lesle*.

The Emperour is expected here from *N<sup>o</sup> dt* the 18th instant, about which time the Venetian Ambassadors, who is at present lodged in the Suburbs, may make his Publick Entry.

The Barons de *Blomendael* and de *Grisfenclaw* Envoyed here from his Electoral Highness of *Brandenburgh*, the other from the Elector of *Maryence*, intend this week to return homewards, having dispatched the business for which they were sent.

The Deputies from the Upper *Hungary* having had a favourable Audience and Reception from His Imperial Majesty, departed hence some time since infinitely satisfied, in that they had obtained the re-establishment of their Churches and a re-settlement of their Tolls, which had been formerly taken from them by the Prince *Ragotsky*; which obstacle, being taken away, 'tis believed they may in little time agree upon a General Diet, and expedite affairs for the Coronation of the Empress as Queen of *Hungary*; in Order whereunto, the Emperour has been pleased to give leave to the States to meet in a more private Assembly for the proposal of their Grievances, which are to be more fully handled in the General Diet.

*Legorn, April 9.* The 6th instant arrived here the *Asia* in 25 days from *Smirna* with letters importing, that the Turks are there pressing all ships in the Port, as well Foreigners as those of their own Subjects, to transport provisions and men for *Candia*, but the English ships who had been taken in, (tho' loading) had hopes of getting their discharge from the employment; and that the Grand Seignior was content upon the reduction of *Candia*, and highly concerned for the great loss already received before it, had some time since set up his Standard at *Constantinople*, and was since passing into *Malvasia*, to encourage by his presence the transportation of his Soldiers and necessaries for *Canea*; and that about the beginning of the last month about 7 in the evening appeared a dreadful Comet, resembling a Lance, which much terrifies the people with the expectation of some dreadful events.

By the same ship we have farther advice, that a ship belonging to one Captain *Dominico Dracelli*, lately sent from *Smirna* laden with Corn and 44 Tuns for *Canea*, was by contrary winds diverted from her Port, and afterwards attached by Captain *Bassell*, a Privateer of *Malibus*, and after some resistance taken, and 38 of her men made prisoners and sent with the Prize to *Mile*.

They farther inform us that on the 8th past; seven of the Venetian Gallies cruising in the *Archipelago*, were in the Night fiercely set upon by twelve Beiler Gallies sent from *Canea*.