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News, April 30.

**O**N Sunday the 6th instant, about 5 a Clock in the Evening, was for some few Minutes heard a strange hollow noise, which was thought to proceed from the great Mountain in the middle of this Island, to the Admiration of all People; but immediately after their greater Amazement, began a mighty Earthquake, with that violence, that almost all the Houses in Charles Town, that were built of Brick or Stone, were in an instant level'd with the Ground; and those built of Timber shook, that every body made what haste they could to get out of them: In the Streets the Ground in several places clove about a Foot asunder, and hot stinking Water spouted out of the Earth a great height; the Sea left its usual bounds more then a furlong of a Mile, so that very large Fish lay bare upon the shore; but the Water presently returned again, and afterwards the same strange motion happened several times, but the Water retired not so far as at first. The Earth in many places was thrown up in great quantities, and Thousands of large Trees, went with it; which were buried and no more seen. 'Tis usual almost at every House to have a large Cistern, to contain the Rain Water, of about 9 or 10 Foot Deep, and 15 or 20 Foot Diameter, several of which with the violence of the Earthquake, threw out the Water 8 or 10 Foot high; and the motion of the Earth all over the Island, was such, that nothing could be more terrible. In the Island of St. Christophers, (as some French Gentlemen, who are come hither to treat about the exchange of Prisoners, do report) there has likewise been a great Earthquake, the Earth opening in many places 9 Foot, and burying solid Timber, Sugar Mills, &c. and throwing down the Jesuits College, and all other Stone Buildings. It was also in a manner as violent at Antego, and Monserrat; and they had some feeling of it at Barbadoes; several small Earthquakes have happened since, three or four in Twenty four hours, some of which made the biggest Rocks have a great motion, but we are now in great hopes there will be no more.

**Genoa, May 28.** On the 25th instant, a Ship of this place arrived here in 15 days from Cadix: In her way thither she met the French Squadron from Toulon, Commanded by Monsieur de Chasteau Renault, being 6 great Men of War, the biggest called the *Dolphin*, carrying 110 Guns, and 900 Men, 3 Frigats, and four Fireships, with some Tenders, who were going to joyn their Fleet at Brist. We hear from Turin, That the Duke of Savoy is putting himself into a posture of defence, and that 'twas believed he would declare against France.

**Alicant, May 22.** On the 10th instant we had advice by a Vessel that arrived here, of the departure of the French Men of War from Toulon, bound for Brist; and we hear since, that they have been seen off of Almeria, being about 15 Sail, of which 7 or 8 are Capital Men of War. It's said, there are with them 3 or 4 Merchant Men.

**Malaga, May 23.** We hear that the French Squadron from Toulon has been almost as far as Gibraltar, but that they were forced back by the Current and Westerly Winds; and we are told, that they are now about eight Leagues from this place.

**Cadiz, May 22.** On the 19th instant we had advice from Alicant and Malaga, That the French Toulon Squadron was passed by towards the Streights Mouth, under the Command of Monsieur de Chasteau Renault, who was on board the *Dolphin*, carrying 110 Guns, and had with him two other Ships of 90 odd Guns each, 3 fourth Rates, and 3 Fireships; and about the same time we heard from Gibraltar, that from the Hill, they had seen 9 Ships, which they supposed to be French; whereupon Vice Admiral Killigrew resolved to go out to meet them, which the Commanders of the Merchant Men having notice of, they sent the best of their Men on board the Men of War, to the

number of above 600 Volunteers, who all went with great cheerfulness, and an earnest desire to be employed on this occasion. And their Sick Men being put on board the *Resolution*, on the 20th, (the Wind blowing fresh at West,) Vice Admiral Killigrew sailed out of this Bay in the *Duke*, with Vice Admiral *Allemonde* in the *Gelderland*, Rear Admiral *Everez* in the *Ziericksee*, and with the *Eagle*, the *Mountague*, the *Happy Return*, the *Portland*, the *Falcon*, the *Tyger*, the *Saphire*, the *Richmond* 2 Fireships, and 2 Ketches; with which are to joyn the *Barford*, *Oxford*, and *Greenwich*, and three Dutch Men of War, now at Gibraltar. The *Resolution* and *Newcastle* remain here to set new Main-Masts.

**Madrid, May 31.** VVe have an account from Cadix, that upon advice from Gibraltar, that the French Toulon Squadron had been seen from those Mountains, Vice Admiral Killigrew, and Vice Admiral *Allemonde*, sailed on the 20th instant, with 11 Men of VVar, and two Fireships; and entered into the Streights with a fresh VVesterly VVind, intending to joyn the six English and Dutch Men of VVar that lay at Gibraltar, and then to go and look after the French. The Letters from Malaga of the 23d say, that a great noise of Guns was heard that Evening; and yesterday arrived here an Express from Seville, with the news, That the English and Dutch were engaged with the French, and that in the beginning of the fight they had taken 3 Men of VVar, one of 36, another of 24, and a third of 12 Guns, which were sent to Gibraltar, and that the Battle continued, the French retreating with a VVesterly VVind, but its thought they can hardly escape, having no Port to protect them, till they come to Toulon; the biggest of the French Ships is called, the *Dolphin*, and carries above 100 Guns, and several of the rest are Ships of 80 Guns a piece; they are the best Men of VVar the French have, and in which, they have got all the Seamen the Coast of Provence could afford.

**Zurick, June 4.** The Diet of Baden ended yesterday, where things went generally to the satisfaction of the Ministers of the House of Austria. Count *Loaron* the Emperors Envoy, demanded 4000 Men, to which the Cantons have consented, and he is now finishing his Capitulations, and will presently begin his Levies. Count *Cafars*, the Spanish Minister has already raised 1000 or 1200 Men, and is going on with a further Levy. The Cantons have agreed to an Avocation, whereby they prohibit all their Troops in the French Service, to serve out of France, or in any place, which was not in the possession of that Crown before the year 1663, under Penalty of the loss of Burghership, and Confiscation of Estate. They have likewise unanimously resolved to write immediately a Letter to the French King, in behalf of the Duke of Savoy, and to send it in the name of all the Cantons.

**Turin, June 4.** Monsieur *Catinat* being entred into Piedmont with the French Troops under his Command, and threatening Hostilities in case the Citadel of Turin and Verone were not delivered up to him, and having in effect begun them, by plundering several Villages, the Duke of Savoy after having sent to the Swiss Cantons, and the Prince his Neighbours, to acquaint them with the State of Things on this side, and the Resolution he had taken thereupon, has this day declared VVar against France, which the Nobility, and the People here in general do greatly rejoyce at. There are 8000 Spaniards about 9 or 10 Miles from hence, and the Country People have taken Arms, and already defeated 900 French; another Party of them met with a Body of Swissers, which Monsieur *Catinat* had ordered to march to Casal, to exchange them for other Troops of that Garrison, (which he could better rely upon, seeing the Swissers had declared they would not serve against Spain or Savoy) and prevailed with them to leave the French Service. The *Vaudais* have joyned with our Militia, have defeated 7 or 800 French, and guard the passages to hinder Monsieur *Catinat's* receiving any succour from