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Swansey, May 14.

ON Monday last two ships mistaking their course, came into this road, where they are now waiting for a fair wind; one of them the *St. John of Ostend*, a small Fregate of 8 Guns, bound homewards with 4 or 5 Companies of Spanish Foot, taken in at *Vigo* in *Gallicia*; the other a Merchant ship of *London* from *Marjailles*, with Merchant Goods, bound for *Amsterdam*.

Plymouth, May 15. The 12th instant came in here a Man of War called the *St. Ignatius*, Vice-Admiral of *Flanders*, with 550 souldiers aboard him, which were taken in at *Vigo* in *Gallicia*, and bound for *Ostend*; with him came thence in company the *Salvadore* Fregate, the Admiral, and one other, called the *Conception* of *Barcellona*, from the same place, with 700 men a piece aboard them, bound likewise for *Flanders*; but were three dayes before separated, one of them having sprung a leak; having at their departure left Don *Fern* at *Corunna*. This day arrived here a Merchant ship of *London*, laden with Tobacco from *Virginia*.

Deal, May 18. This day arrived here the *Tyger* a French Man of War of 40 Guns, having the day before had a dispute about 2 leagues to the westward of *Dover* with two Men of War belonging to *Ostend*; one of them of 30 Guns, commanded by Captain *Cary*, the other of 12 Guns; they engaged about 10 in the morning, exchanging two Broadfides, and great quantities of small shot, after which they parted, the French having received some damage in their Rigging, which they are now repairing; and in the fight lost four of their men, whereof one a Lieutenant and Son to the Captain; whose body is brought on shore and buried in this Churchyard, and about 10 others hurt, whereof 4 is supposed to be in much danger.

Lisbon, April 20. The Cortes or Parliament continue still together, and have made several Proposals to the Prince Regent for the settlement of Affairs; but as to their desires of his taking upon himself the Title of King, his Highness has given them his fidal Answer, that he is fully resolved not to accept of it, during the life of the King his Brother.

Proposals have been made by them for the raising of 300 thousand Crowns a year, for the maintenance of 6000 Foot, which is the proportion they intend to keep in Garrison in time of peace; and to fix an imposition of one Re upon every pound of Flesh and Fish, and as much upon every Quartill of Wine which shall be spent within the Kingdom, for repaiation of their Fortifications. They propose likewise the Continuation of the *Decima* for a year longer, for the discharge of those Debts which lie upon the Crown; but to ease the people of all other Taxes whatsoever. The Foot which are to be continued, to be commanded by six Colonels, without any Field or General Officers, and such care taken for the method of paying them, that the moneys shall immediately passe to them from the Countries where they are raised, without any trouble to the Exchequer. The Horse which are now in service, to be immediately disbanded; and the horses distributed amongst the Countrey Gentlemen and Farmers for their own use; but upon condition that whensoever it shall be required, they shall upon the first summons furnish out the like number of horses fit for service.

The 15th instant the Prince and Queen left the *Alcazars*: the Prince going to his Apartement in the Pallace,

and the Queen to Lodgings prepared for her at the Marquis *de Castel Rodrigo's* Houle, formerly the place of Residence to the Prince; from whence a Gallery is made to the Pallace, for the convenient passing of one to the other.

The Marquis *de Marialva* is preparing for his Embassy to *Madrid*, and the Condé *de Prado* for his journey to *Rome*, under the same Character of Ambassadour. Don *Rodrigo de Meneses* having left the Court with some dissatisfaction, is again remanded by the Prince.

From *Brasile* we have advice of the arrival in the Bay there of two very considerable Ships from the *East Indies*; which may in probability be expected here in *June* or *July* following. By them were brought Letters from the Viceroy of *India*, giving an account that being on his way from hence to *Goa*, upon the Coast of *Persia*, he met with two ships from some of the Islands of *India*, one of them having on board a Princess intending for *Metcha*, with Jewels, Gold and Silver to the value of a Million of Crowns, which she designed as an Offering to *Mahomet*; both which ships he seized and carried with him to *Goa*, expecting a considerable Ransome for the Princess.

Venice, May 12. We are daily expecting the Confirmation of the News brought to us by the way of *Legorne*, of a happy Victory gained by our *Armata* against the Turks; which we are the rather induced to believe, because of the arrival here of a Vessel from *Smirna*, which informs us that in the Gulf of *Meteline* they discovered a great number of the Turks Gallies, which were making all the speed they were able, to passe for *Canea*, with forces and provisions for the succour of the Grand Visier; and that the next day they met with our Admiral *Moresini* cruising near *Scio* with his Gallies, Galeasses, and about 16 Men of War, who upon the News of the approach of the Turkish Fleet, made all the sail he was able to engage them; and that the same night they heard a great noise of Cannon, by which they supposed he had engaged them.

Our last Convoy sailing with a fair wind, may in few dayes arrive where they were intended; and care is taken to fit up and lade several other ships with provisions, *Granado's* and *Morra-pieces*, which we hope may prove very serviceable against the Enemy.

From *Dalmatia* we are told that the General is carefully employed in visiting all the considerable places under his Command, where he has made some changes in the Garrisons, and reinforced *Cissa*, *Spalatro*, and *Cattaro*, which were most subject to the violence of the Enemy; in the mean while the Turks lie still, but give out, that they expect daily the arrival of a considerable force from *Bosnia*; with which they intend to take the Field, and attempt upon some of our Garrisons; and by their incursions to revenge themselves for the damage they have frequently received from the *Morlachs* and *Haydukes* of *Cattaro*, who have in strong parties made divers Visits to their Quarrets, returning with much booty.

Several Coraies from *Dulcigno* have been lately at sea, chasing the Christians Ships, and taking some small Vessels with Passengers, which the General taking notice of, has ordered several of his armed Barques with two Gallies, to put to sea after them.

From *Candia* we are advised that two ships laden with provisions from *Soria* intended for *Canea*, were by storm near *Giera Pistrá* in that Island forced on shore and broken to pieces, many of the Turks aboard them cast away; but several Venetian ships coming to, some numbers of the

Turks