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Genova, April 5.

THE French had been long preparing at *Thoulon*: for some great design to be executed in the *Mediterranean*, by which they hoped to wipe off the Remembrance of their last years ill Successes at Sea, and not only to raise the Reputation of their Arms in these Parts, but to Create new Impressions, in their Allies the Turks, of their Naval Force. It since appears, that they had Projected the Destroying the Spanish Fleet in the Port of *Naples*, but when they arrived there, the Difficulties of the Execution seem'd to them so great, and they were so easily discouraged by them, that having only shewed themselves before the Place, they returned without attempting any thing; which has not added much to the Opinion they would have People entertain of their Courage and Conduct, and has put their Friends in *Italy* somewhat out of Countenance, who expected great Advantages from this Expedition. On the 28th of the last Month the French Fleet appeared off of this place, and by Reason of the bad Weather took shelter in *Porto Venere*, where they staid till the first instant, and then Sailed to the Westward; and on the 2d they were seen off of *St. Rimo*, so that it is believed they are gone back to *Thoulon*. A Merchant Ship, called the *Berkeley Castle*, Captain *Barret* Commander, who departed the 21st past from *Leghorn* for *England*, met on the 27th with a French Man of War of 44 Guns, Commanded by Captain *Dudon*; They engaged at Sun-rising, and the Fight lasted till Night, being near the Island of *St. Marguerite*, about 15 Leagues from *Thoulon*; The French Man boarded the *Berkeley Castle* thrice, but was as often beaten off with great loss, and at last having his Fore-Mast and Main-Top-Mast Shot away, and his Stern torn all to pieces, bore away, and stood in for the Shore, and Captain *Barret* proceeded on his Voyage; This Advice comes by a French Bark; The Patron whereof says farther, That he Spoke with Captain *Dudon* after the Fight, and that he owned to him that he had 52 of his Men killed, 35 wounded, and that 15 were left on Board the *Berkeley Castle*.

Venice, April 10. This Week arrived at the *Lido* 500 new raised Dragoons, who are to pass with the next Convoy to the *Levant*. The Doge intends to set out the beginning of the next Month; and in the mean time all imaginable diligence is used in fitting out the Men of War and Gallies that are to attend him. The Letters from *Moscova* say, That the German Troops, who have had their Winter-quarters in that Country, are ordered to begin their march on the 20th instant towards *Piacenza*.

Vienna, April 11. Their Imperial Majesties

went this day to *Neustadt* to pass a few days there. The Recruits that have been raised in the Hereditary Countries are on their march to *Hungary*; and great quantities of Provisions and Ammunition are sent thither by Water; but the Emperor has not yet named a General to Command his Army on that side. Count *Hamilton* is arrived here with the Character of Envoy Extraordinary from the Elector *Palatin*, and has had Audience of the Emperor. By Letters from *Adrianople* of the 13th of *March* last, we are told, That my Lord *Paget*, Ambassador from Their Majesties of *Great Britain*, had had Audience of the Grand Visier, by whom he was very well received, and that he expected his Audience of the Grand Signior on the 16th of the same Month; These Advices say, That the Grand Visier seems inclined to a Peace, but that the *Mufti*, and those of the Law, with the *Aga* of the *Jannisaries*, do earnestly oppose it. Other Letters from the Frontiers tell us, That there are great Discontents among the *Asiaticke* Troops, and that by reason thereof they march but slowly towards *Hungary*.

Frankfort, April 19. The Confederate Forces, designed to act on the *Rhine*, are preparing to take the Field; which they will do by the middle of the next Month: Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* has adjusted every thing with the Circles of *Franconia* and *Suabia*, in relation to the Troops they are to furnish for the Service of this Campaign; And Magazines are providing here, at *Mentz*, *Hydelberg*, *Hailbron*, and other Places. We hear from *Alsace*, That the French are drawing some Troops together about *Landau*, under the Command of *Montieur de Melac*; and that the *Marschal de Lorge* is shortly expected at *Strasbourg*.

Hamburg, April 21. The Troops of *Saxony* are now at their Rendezvous near *Torgau*, and after having passed in review there, will begin their march towards the *Rhine*. The Prince Royal of *Denmark* went this Morning incognito through this City in his return towards *Copenhagen*.

Cologne, April 21. Count *Guido* of *Saxenbergh* arrived here the 18th instant from *Dusseldorp*, where he had been to Confer with the Elector *Palatine*; and parted again on the 19th for *Coblentz*, from whence he will return to *Vienna*, to serve in *Hungary* this next Campaign. The *Brandenburg* Troops are marched to the *Meuse*, except 3000, who continue in this Diocess, under the Command of Major General *Dewitz*, and are quartered about *Lechenich*. From the *Moselle* we have advice, that several French Regiments are marched from thence towards *Flanders*. And from the *Upper Rhine* they write, That the Imperial and Confederate Forces are ordered to Rendezvous on the 10th of *May* near *Hailbron*. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* is expected here the next Week in his way toward *Holland*.

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