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Naples, May 19.

THe Spanish Fleet lies now ready to Sail. We have an account from *Messina*, that a Vessel was come in there, the Master whereof reported, that off of *Malen* he saw about 16 Sail, which he took to be Men of War of *Algiers* and *Tunis* that were going to join the Ottoman Fleet in the *Levant*.

Rome, May 23. On Monday last was held a private Consistory, where several Bishopricks were proposed, but nothing was said about the French Bishops, that matter being wholly at a stand till an Answer comes to the last Project that has been sent to the Court of *France*, of a Letter to be written to the Pope by all the Bishops who were present in the Assembly of the Clergy in 1682, and signed the Four Propositions; The said Project is to this effect; *We do solemnly declare to Your Holiness, that our Intention never was to decree or do any thing to the prejudice of the Holy Apostolick See, or against the Rights of the Bishopricks; and whatever was done in that Assembly, which may be thought to be prejudicial to the Apostolick Sec, we do esteem the same to be Null and Void, as also whatever was Deliberated or Resolved on against the Rights of the Bishopricks; Besides this another Project has been formed, and already accepted by the French Bishops, about the Four Propositions; and there is a third upon the Anvil for revoking the Declaration by which the French King claims the Right of Regale over all the Bishopricks of France; This they think here the French King will at last agree to, and that instead thereof he will content himself with a Concession from the Pope of the Regale over those Bishopricks that were not before subject to it, he shewing a great desire at this time to put an end to the Differences that have continued so long between him and this Court; and having withal a design, as 'tis very confidently said, to procure the Popes Leave to alienate a Sixth part of all the Ecclesiastical Revenues within his Dominions for the use of the present War. The Differences about the Inquisition of *Naples* are not yet adjusted.*

Venice, May 29. The 24th Instant being appointed for the Doge's departure, he came, accompanied by the Foreign Ambassadors, the whole Body of the Nobles, the Patriarch and other Persons of Quality from the Palace to *St. Marks Church*, where *Te Deum* was Sung, and the Great Standard was blessed by the Patriarch, after which

they went in a solemn Procession round the Place of *St. Mark*, (which was richly adorned and filled with a vast number of Spectators) and so returned to the Palace, the great Guns being fired from the Ships and Castles, as they were before at his setting out. At the Palace was provided a very splendid Banquet, and the Doge designed to have Embarked towards Evening, but by reason of the bad Weather deferred it till next Morning, when he went to the *Lido* in the great Galley called the *Bucintawe*, attended by several other Galeys, and a great many Galeots, Gondoles, &c. and having taken Leave of the Ambassadors and Nobles that accompanied him, Embarked with the two Senators, *Augustin Sagredo*, and *George Benzoni*, (who are to assist him with their Advice during the Expedition) on the *Ducal Galley*, which is new built, and very richly Gilded. His Serenity continues still at the *Lido*, waiting only for fair Wind and Weather to sail for the *Levant*, whither he will be attended by 8 Galeys, and 6 Ships of War, with a great many other Ships and Vessels laden with Soldiers, Provisions, and Ammunition. The whole Fleet of this State, when joined together, will consist of 6 Galeasses, one Bastard Galley on which the Doge is Embarked, 28 other Galeys, 24 Ships of War, 20 armed Vessels of several sorts, 4 Fireships, 4 Ketches or Palanders carrying Mortar Pieces, and 6 Bregantins; besides which there are 4 Galeys, and 12 Galeots in *Dalmatia*; The Land-Forces of the Republick are computed to be of Horse, Foot, and Dragoons, 22000 in the *Morcia*, and 8 or 10000 in *Dalmatia* and *Albania*. The General Officers under the Doge, are *Francisco Mocmigo* Lieutenant General, *Bastian Mocmigo* Captain or Admiral of the Gulf, *Imperiale Contarini* Captain of the Ships, *George Foscarini* Captain of the Galeasses, *Anthony Zeno* Proveditore or General of the *Morcia*, *Count Trautsmansdorf* General of the Land-Forces, *Prince Cesar d'Este* General of the Horse, but his place is supplied by *Count Ferdinand de Saltzburg* who is Lieutenant General of the same.

Turin, May 30. The German and Spanish Troops are upon their march to join the rest of our Forces, who are now encamped between *Viggon* and *Pignerol*, and when they are all joined, will make an Army of 40000 Men. We hear little of the French on this side; They have some few Troops about *Pignerol* and *Susa*, and their whole care at present seems to be to defend their Frontiers. The *Vandois* continue very much to annoy

annoy the Enemy by their continual Excursions: On the 25th they fell upon a small Convoy that was going to *Pignerol*, which they defeated, and took several Prisoners.

Vienna, May 30. The last of the Recruits that have been raised in the Hereditary Countreys were Shipt this week, and sent down the *Danube*; Great quantities of Stores are likewise sent to the Army, which has its Rendezvous at *Mohatz* 3 or 4 Leagues on this side *Esseke*. We expect our next Letters from *Upper-Hungary* will tell us, that General *Peterini* has attack'd *Jeno*. The Turks do not yet appear in any considerable Bodies on our Frontiers.

Mentz, June 6. Yesterday the Landgrave of *Hess*, and General *Van Teungen*, our Governor, took a Review of the *Hessian* Infantry, which is encamped at *Hochst* between this City and *Frankfort*; They consist of 7 or 8000 Men, and will be reinforced by the *Munster* and *Lunenburg* Troops quartered in and about *Coblentz*. Our Elector, who upon the taking of *Hydelbergh* retired to *Alschaffenburg*, thinking the Enemy had also a design upon this place, is returned hither again.

Thuringen, June 6. This day passed through this place the Commissary-General of the *Saxon* Troops in his way towards *Frankfort*, who assures us, that the said Forces do march with all the diligence possible, and that they will in 5 or 6 days have joined Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* in his Camp near *Hailbronn*.

Cologne, June 9. They write from *Ratisbonne*, that the Imperial Plenipotentiary, with the Ministers of several other Princes, are wholly employed in endeavouring to adjust the matter about the Ninth Electorate, which they hoped shortly to effect, seeing the Electors of *Trier*, *Cologne*, and *Palatine*, who have not yet consented to the Establishment of the said Electorate, began to shew a Compliance therein, and that 'twas not doubted but the other Princes that have opposed the same, will be brought over by their Example.

Edinburgh, June 3. The Parliament sat on Monday and Tuesday last, and had under consideration several publick Acts; and then Adjourned till Friday. Yesterday the Parliament was taken up with a Debate upon an Act brought in about Regulating the Proceedings of the Lords of the Session. Among other Acts recommended by the Lord Commissioner, to be brought in by the Committee for the Security of the Nation, is one about Church Affairs, viz. for the Comprehension of all such of the Clergy as do take the Oaths; after which the Parliament was Adjourned till Monday. Several Persons who were under Bail have been summoned this week before the Council, who rendered the Oaths to them, and such as refused were committed to Prison, among whom were the Earl of *Hume*, the Lord *Drumcairn*, the Lord *Oxenford*, and the Lord *Stormouth*; The two first were committed to the Castle of *Edinburgh*, and the others to the Castle of *Sterling*. 'Tis said that *Nevill Payne* will be brought to his Tryal the next week.

Plymouth, June 6. On the 4th Instant arrived in *Mounts-Bay* the *Walter* and *Thomas*, Capt. *Jeremy Fay* Commander, from *New-England*, who on the 3d Instant saw the English and Dutch Fleet to the Southward of *Scilly*. This day the *Oxford* and *Bridget* Galley sailed from hence to the Fleet.

Balmouth, June 5. This day came in two Ketches belonging to some of our French Ships, who say, that our Fleet is gone toward's the French Coasts. The *Adventure* of *London* is come into this Port from *Jamaica*, whence she came in Company of the *King William* Yacht and 5 Merchant Ships, but in few days after was separated from them by bad Weather.

Yarmouth, June 7. Yesterday about 100 Sail of Light-Cruisers, with their Convoy, sailed out of this Road to the Northward, and this day came in about 60 more from the Southward.

Dunkirk, June 10. On the 8th came into the *Duinais*, from the *River*, Three great *Gonave* Ships bound to the *Stragots*. And yesterday came in a *Fishing* Privateer of 20 Guns, with 200 French Prizes laden with Wine and Brandy, bound to the East Country, which he took on the Back of the *Golden Sands*. The *King-Fisher* and the *Hired Bonaventure* are both arrived in the *Duinais* from *Portsmouth*.

Worcester, June 11. By Letters from the Admirals, dated on Board the *Britannia* the 8th Instant, we have an account, that the Fleet had been about 50 Leagues W. S. W. of *Ujant*, where they parted on the 6th Instant with Sir *George Rooke* and the Ships under his Command, and then returned to Leagues N. W. of *Ujant*, not having seen or heard of the Enemies Fleet. The rest of the outward bound Merchant Ships were likewise proceeded with their Convoys on their respective Voyages.

Advertisements.

Three Sermons Preach'd on several Occasions. By *John Coman*, D. D. Minister for Richard Chiswell at the Rote and Crown in St. Paul's Church-Yard, and *Tho. Cockerill* at the Three Legs in the Poultry over-against Stocks-Market.

The Life of Monsieur Des Cartes, containing the history of his Philosophy and Works; as also, the most remarkable Things that befall him during the whole Course of his Life. Translated from the French, by S. R. Printed for R. Simpson at the Harp in St. Paul's Church-Yard.

The Ninth Volume of the Athenian Mercury, with a general Title, Preface, and Index to it, is now published, containing all the most Nice and Curious Questions proposed by the Ingenious of either Sex, from Tuesday Decemb. 20. to Saturday April 5. 1693. Printed for John Dinton at the Raven in the Poultry, of whom it is to be had the entire set of Athenian Mercuries, or single ones to this time.

The Library of Mr. John Cropper, containing an incomparable Collection of about 200 Volumes in Folio, with a proportionable number of Quarto's, Octavo's, and of Critical and Philological Learning, Gr. Lat. curiously bound, will be sold by Auction on Monday the 19th Instant, at Will's Coffee-House in St. Pauls Church-Yard, from 4 in the Evening. Catalogues are given by Mr. Miller in St. Pauls Church-Yard, Mr. Wilkinon in Fleetstreet, and Mr. Hensmans in Westminster-Hall.

Next Saturday, being the 17th Instant, will be performed in Villers-street in York-Buildings (for that time only) Mr. Frank's Consort, which will consist of English Dialogues and Songs, (the Words by Mr. Moutoux) with Instrumental Musick proper to them, beginning exactly at Seven.

A Curious Collection of Prints; by Mark Anthony, after Raphael, Permen, Guido, Annibal Carratz, Salvator Rosa, Beretia Corton, Cyrus Ferrus; and fine Italian Drawings; To be sold by Jo. Lloyd in Salisbury-Exchange in the Strand.

Whereas Mary the Wife of John Young, being a fat short Woman, of a fresh Complexion, (lately Inhabiting in the Mint in Southwark, aged about 24) stole out of Lieutenant Tho. Tothall's Lodging at Mrs. Parkers in Dean-street in Holborn, the Sum of 36 l. in Silver. Whoever gives notice of the said Mary Young to Lieutenant Thomas Tothall at his Lodging aforesaid, shall have Two Guinea's Reward.

Whereas the Creditors of Edmund Eyre Adderley, deceased, had notice given them to prove their Debts before Sir Miles Cooke, before the last day of Hilary-Term last; and whereas several of them have proved their said Debts, but neglected to take out a Report thereon, this is to give notice to the said Creditors, that unless they take out their said Report before the first day of next Trinity-Term, they will be excluded from having any share of the Purchase-Money.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Sackford Goson of London, Grocer, intend to meet at the Irish-Chamber in Guildhall, London, on Monday the 26th Instant, at 10 in the forenoon, in order to make a Dividend of the Estate already discovered, and the Creditors are then to prove their Debts, and pay their Contribution Money, otherwise they will be excluded.

Thomas Evans, a Seaman, formerly a Lieutenant in a Privateer of Rye, being middle-sized, well-set, has long thin Flaxen Hair inclining to red, a fresh Complexion, in a dark Cinamon-colour'd Coat, the Buttons headed with Gold, Calamanco Waistcoat and Breeches, with red stripes, and spotted with black, speaks a little of Foreign Languages, but very good English, broke Dover Prison on the 4th Instant. Whoever secures him, and gives notice to Mr. Holmes at the Mitre-Tavern near Stocks-Market, or to Mr. Crumden at Dover Prison, shall have 5 Guinea's Reward.

On the 28th of May, in the afternoon, from Mr. Maffers his House in Red-Lyon Square next the Fields, a little Spanish Bitch, Liver-colour and white, a white slip up her Face, two Liver-colour spots on her Rump, and one on each side, a long white curling Tail, long Liver-colour'd Ears, and spots on her fore feet. Whoever brings her to Mr. Maffers his House, shall have a Guinea.

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