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Venice, April 20. N. S.

They are fitting here 4 Ships of War, which will be ready to sail the next week; with divers Transport Ships for the Levant, whither they are to carry 3000 Soldiers, and 200000 Ducats in Money, with Stores and Provisions for the Fleet and Army.

Vienna, April 24. The Imperial Regiments who have had their Winter Quarters in the Lower-Hungary, are marching to their Rendezvous near Pest. The Elector of Saxony is expected here in the beginning of the next month, and after a few days stay at this Court, will repair to the Army.

Hamburg, May 3. The Mediators for composing the Matters in difference between the King of Denmark and Duke of Holstein Gottorp, will meet here in few days. The Duke will take a Review of his Troops on Tuesday next.

Paris, May 4. The French Guards marched on Tuesday last towards Flanders, being 22 Companies; Part of the Regiment of Swiss Guards have Orders to follow them in 2 or 3 days: And the Marechal de Villeroi, who is to command the French Army in Flanders, intends to begin his Journey thither the 9th or 10th of this month. They write from Calais, that Monsieur Louvigny, the French Intendant, continued to send away in the night the Transport Ships that were designed for the Invasion, to the Ports to which they belong. The late K. James went the 25th past from Bologne to St. Omor, and is shortly expected again at St. Germain. The last week a Gentleman coming out of the *Thouilleries*, where he had been walking, was apprehended for having spoke too freely of the late Conspiracy in England. We have no certain advice concerning the French Fleet, since that of their being seen the 3d of the last month off *Alicant*. A Detachment of 125 Musketeers out of each of the two Troops is ordered to Flanders. The Brigade of Carabiniers, who have Wintered in *Artis*, are to serve in the Army on the *Meuse*, which is to be commanded by the Marechal de Boufflers.

Brussels, May 6. The Prince de Vandemont is returned hither from *Aix la Chapelle*, and will go in a day or two to Flanders, where the Forces of the Allies are drawing together, their Rendezvous being appointed at *Deynse*; The Regiments from *Maastricht* and *Liege* passed the Canal yesterday at *Vilvoord* in their march thither, and several Regiments are gone and going from hence. The French have marked out a Camp at *Givry*, between *Mons* and *Mauberge*; and design another Camp on the *Meuse*. The Duke of *Wurtemberg* went hence yesterday for Flanders.

Hague, May 8. N. S. Prince Charles of Denmark who came hither some days ago from *Utrecht*, went from hence this morning to *Aix la Chapelle*. The Rotterdam Convoy is arrived at *Helvoetsluis* from London. The French Letters say, they had yet no news of the *Touan* Fleet's having passed the *Straights*, but it was supposed that they had suffered very much by the Storm. They write from Flanders, that His Majesty's Army is to Rendezvous at *Deynse*, whither the Forces are marching accordingly; and that the French Troops are likewise in motion in order to encamp near *Pieten*.

Edinburgh, April 21. The Duke of Queensberry, and His Majesty's Troop of Guards under his Grace's Command, have unanimously subscribed the Association in the same Terms with that of the Privy-Council of Scotland, which good Example of Zeal for His Majesty's Service will be speedily followed by the rest of the standing Forces of this Kingdom.

Deale, April 30. Sir George Rooke with the Fleet under his command sailed yesterday out of the *Downes* to the Westward.

Portsmouth, May 1. Yesterday in the afternoon Sir George Rooke came with the Fleet to an Anchor at *Spithead*.

Whitehall, May 1. This Afternoon being appointed for the Public Audience of their Excellencies Signior Soranzo, and Signior Venter, Ambassadors Extraordinary from the State of Venice, the Earl of Denbigh, and Sir Charles Carterell Matter of the Ceremonies, and 6 Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber, received them at the House, where they were entertained by His Majesty's Appointment, and conducted them in His Majesty's Coach, followed by their own,

and a great many other Coaches with six Horses apiece, and attended by a Numerous and Splendid Retinue, to their Audience of His Majesty in the Banqueting-House at *Whitehall*, with all the Ceremonies and Honours that are usual on the like Occasions. About Nine at Night they took their Leave privately of the King at *Kensington*, and His Majesty Knighted Signior Soranzo, the Eldest of the Ambassadors, (as has been practised by His Majesty's Royal Predecessors, and made him a Present of his Sword.

Kensington, May 1. His Majesty was pleased to declare this Evening in Council, That he has appointed Thomas Lord Archbishop of *Canterbury*, Sir John Sommers Kt. Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, Thomas Earl of *Pembroke* and *Montgomery* Lord Privy Seal, William Duke of *Devonshire* Lord Steward of His Majesty's Household, Charles Duke of *Shrewsbury* One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, Charles Earl of *Dorset* and *Middlesex* Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household, and Sydney Lord *Godolphin* first Commissioner of His Majesty's Treasury, to be Lords Justices of *England* for the Administration of the Government during His Majesty's Absence.

His Majesty has been pleased to create Sir John Lowther of *Lamher* Bar. a Baron and Viscount of this Kingdom, by the Style and Title of Baron Lowther of *Lowther*, and Viscount of *Lonsdale* in the County of *Westmorland*.

His Majesty has been also pleased to create Sir John Thompson Bar. a Baron of this Kingdom, by the Style and Title of Baron *Haversham* of *Haversham* in the County of *Bucks*.

His Majesty has been pleased to constitute Sir Thomas Littleton Bar. one of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

His Majesty has been pleased to give to Christopher Musgrave Esq; the Office of Clerk of the Ordnance, and to James Lowther Esq; that of Clerk of the Delivery of the Ordnance in this Kingdom.

Kensington, May 1. His Majesty was pleased this day to confer the Honor of Knighthood upon Theodoro Janssen Esq; for his good Services, and the Zeal he has on all Occasions expressed for His Majesty's Government.

Kensington, May 1. The Association of the Clergy of the Diocess of *Canterbury*, as also, The Association of the Clergy of *Carlisle*, were presented to His Majesty by his Grace the Lord Archbishop of *Canterbury*.

The Association of the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, Grand Jury, Justices of the Peace, Officers of the Militia, Gentlemen, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the County of *Worcester*, was presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable the Lord Herbert of *Cherbury*, Sir James Rushour, and several other Gentlemen of the County, introduced by his Grace the Duke of *Shrewsbury*, Lord Lieutenant of the said County.

The Association of the High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of *York*, subscribed by above 24000 Hands, was presented to His Majesty by John Bradshaw Esq; High Sheriff, the Right Honourable the Lord Fairfax, and Sir John Kay, Knights of the Shire, with several other Gentlemen, introduced by his Grace the Duke of *Leeds*, Lord Lieutenant of the County.

The Association of the Borough of *Leeds* in the County of *York*, was presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable the Lord Fairfax, and Sir John Kay.

The Associations of the General Officers, as also of the Colonels and other the Officers of the several Regiments of Horse, Foot, and Dragoons, now in *England*, were presented to His Majesty by his Grace the Duke of *Schenberg*, and other General Officers here in *London*, accompanied by several other Officers of the Army.

The Association of the Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Officers of the Militia, Gentlemen, Clergy, Freeholders, and other substantial Inhabitants in the Vale of *Berkshire*, as also, The Association of all the Gentlemen, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Ancient Market Town of *Wantage* alias *Wantage* in the County of *Berks*, were both presented to His Majesty by Richard Fox Esq; introduced by the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary *Trumbull*.

The Association of the High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Officers of the Militia, Grand Jury at the Assizes, the Grand Jury at the Quarter Sessions, and other Gentlemen, and Freeholders in the County of *Derby*, sub-