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Hull, March 19.

THis Evening failed hence three Vessels of this place with their Lading of Lead, Cloth, and Rapeseed for Rotterdam; one other for Dordrecht with Cloth, and one for Ziericksee with Lamproons; besides several ships laden with Corn bound for London.

Plymouth, March 19. Here is newly arrived a Ketch which the 6th instant came out from Corunna in company with the *Portland* one of his Majesties Frigates upon their embarkation the Prince of Tuscany the next Night they parted company, but 'tis believed the *Portland* may be taken upon the Coast.

Bristol, March 20. Yesterday arrived here the *Samuel* and *Mary* of this Port from Lisbonne laden with Sugars, Oyle, &c. and a small Ketch from Bourdeaux with French Whites & the Easterly wind gave them much difficulty in their passage up the Channel, which keeps out several other ships which we suppose to be part of our Virginia Fleet and may be expected here with the first fair wind.

Legorn, March 15. Yesterday arrived here a Genoese Bark in 20 dayes from Tunis, informing us, that at *Ponno Farins* ten of their ships lay ready fitted up for the Grand Signiors service, and 3 others to cruise upon the Mediterranean, and that a few dayes be ore their departure one of their ships returned into Port, bringing in a French Bark laden with Corn from *Tabarka*, having aboard her 25 persons, whom they put to the Oar and sold afterwards for Slaves.

They farther tell us, that about 30 dayes since Monsieur *Durante* a French man, who resided at *Tunis* as Consul or Resident from His Most Christian Majesty, was seized upon suspicion of holding a private correspondency with the Moors about *Tripoly* inviting them to make war upon *Tunis*; and persuading them that the French would be ready at the Spring to assist them with a strong Fleet; which so incensed them, that after they had dragged him about the Streets, and broken the bones of his Legs, Thighs, and Arms, they burnt him yet alive near the House of the English Consul, burning also a Moor whom they had seized and charged with the carrying of Letters to this effect.

This day arrived here the Dutch Convoy from *Holland* and *Cadix*, having on their way touched at *Cagliari* in *Sardinia*; they are onely six merchant ships and one man of war, and may suddenly proceed for *Smirna* and *Scanderon*.

The *African* is departed hence for *Cyprus* and *Scanderon*, and the *Pictory* for *Smirna*, which later may in few dayes be followed by the *Mary* and *Guiny*. The *Lucas* and divers other ships are bound hence and may suddenly depart for *Anglia*.

Venice Mart. 16. Letters from *Legorn* inform us of the arrival there of a vessel in few days from the *Archipelago*, affirming that in *Candia* the Garrison is daily in action with the Turks, either defending themselves against their assaults, or revenging them by their sallies which they frequently make with success, and return with many heads of their Enemies, and loose no time or opportunities of repairing the breaches made by the Enemies Cannon.

They farther say, that the Grand Visier being informed that the greater part of the French adventurers were re-embarked and returned homewards, immediately called a Council of his Officers, where after a long debate it was resolved, that the Army should be drawn out, and that an assault should be made at the same time upon the *Bulwarks*

and *St. Andres*, hoping that the departure of the French might have much abated the courage of the besieged, and opened a way to them for an easie and speedy Conquest; and accordingly 4000 men were appointed in the night at each place, to fall on with all the fury imaginable, which they put into execution, and for two hours continued the assault with much oblinacy, but they found such warm entertainment in both places, that despairing of success, they retreated to their posts, leaving the ground covered with their dead, and carrying off a great number of wounded men, the besieged having not in this assault lost above forty men.

Three Renegado Turks which fled into the Town of *Candia* inform that the Visier has not in his Camp above 20 thousand men, and of these, many hundreds wounded or sick, and unfit for service, but that he suddenly expected a recruit from *Scios* of 6000 men, for whose transportation there attended them several ships of *Barbary*, and some Beiler Gallies; where also waited divers Saichs laden with Provisions, designed for the Camp, whose wants and necessities were very urgent.

They farther affirm, that our Admiral being informed of their intention to put to sea, had sent out a considerable Squadron of his men of war to attend them on their passage, to endeavour to intercept the Saichs, and if possible to engage the men of War and Gallies.

On Monday last arrived here the remaining part of the *Luxembourg* forces, who were immediately Mustered and entered into pay, and will be speedily embarked on the Convoy designed for *Candia*. The Senate has lately ordered the raising of 600 Horse in *Terradevona*, which are to be transported also for *Candia*, and to be manned with the 200 Horse which are already there, finishing this Summer with the assistance promised from the Pope, His most Christian Majesty, and other Princes, to form a Body of an Army in that Kingdom, with which they intend to oppose the Visier, and if by any means they can, oblige him to raise his Siege.

The Gally which lately arrived here from *Dalmatia* has taken aboard Moneys for the payment of their soldiers and seamen, besides the summe of 30 thousand Ducats to be employ'd by the General *Antonio Priuli* in the necessary provisions for the defence of that Countrey, and may sail on Tuesday.

The Protectors *Andrea Contarini*, *Battista Nani*, *Nicolo Sagredo*, *Piero Baradonna*, chosen Ambassadors Extraordinary of Obedience to the Pope, are ordered to hasten their preparations for their journey to *Rome*, being instructed not only to congratulate the Pope in his succession to the Pontificate, but to negotiate in other affairs of greatest concernment to the safety of this Republick.

Prussia, Mart. 24. Upon the promise of the Constable of *Castille* to suppress the Office of *Wilhebror*, and to set up again the Plates of Copper, Raising the Taxes upon all sorts of Merchandises going out of and entering into the City, the Common people which began to use violence to the House of the chief Pourgomaster were persuaded to retire to their houses; The Colledge of the nine Nations are in few days to be again assembled where they may come to some resolution upon the Constables demands.

Letters from *Frankfort* of the 20th instant inform us, that the Elector Palatine is with all his Family returned from *Manheim* to *Hildelbourg*.

From *Nancy* we are told, that the Duke of *Lorraine* having a desire to re-establish Trade within his jurisdiction, which