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Kinsale, April 16.

**O**N Wednesday last came in here the *Robert* of this place from *Legorn* and bound for *Dublin*, informing us, that on the 22 past, they pass'd by three Holland men of War of 45, 50, and 56 Guns, which were engaged in Fight off the *South-Cape* with two *Algier* men of war; of 44 Guns apiece, between whom pass'd many Broad-sides, but with what success they can give no account.

The same day came in here the *Joseph* of *Bristol* laden with Tobacco from *Virginia*, and homewards bound with the first fair wind.

*Falmouth*, April 11. Yesterday arriv'd here the *Fortune* of this place from *Amsterdam*, telling us, that the Squadron of 12 men of war designed for the *Sireights* under the Command of the Heer *Van Ghent*, are fitted up for that Voyage, and may sail with the first fair wind.

The same day arriv'd the *Virgin* of this place from *Rochelle*, informing that the French *West-India* Fleet are put to sea, and that several men of War may in few days put to sea designed for the succors of *Candia*.

*Malaga*, April 2 The 28th past sail'd hence 15 sail of English ships, three of them bound for *Cadix*, the rest for several Ports of *England*; the 30th past; came in here 13 sail more of English from *Zante*, *Apulia*, *Legorn* and *Tunis*.

We are here inform'd of a late encounter between three Dutch men of War and two of *Algiers*, which lasted for some hours, but the Commander of the Dutch Squadron *Vander-Zaen* being unfortunately slain by a Broad-side, the Turks had the opportunity of getting away.

*Venice*, April 12. Letters of the 5th past from *Constantinople* inform us, that the French Ambassador having not been able to obtain leave of the *Caymakan* for his return home, was then ready to pass thence for *Larissa* to desire it personally from the Grand *Seignior*, that in the mean time four French men of war were enter'd into the Port at *Constantinople*, where 'twas said they were arrested; at the same time, 3000 men lay ready at *Constantinople* to be sent to the assistance of the *Visier* in his Siege of *Candia*, but these were not Janissaries as was given out amongst the people, but men rais'd in haste for that service, and not at all vers'd in the wars.

The Count *de Furstemberg* is daily expected here, who is to command the Regiment of 1000 men, who are on their march from *Bavaria*, and are every day expected at *Verrona*.

The Senate is providing for the defence of *Catara*, for which a large *Fregat* is now loading with all sorts of provisions, and the next week several Companies of Foot may be sent away for the better defence of that place.

*Venice*, April 20. A ship arriving here from *Messina* confirms to us the great irruption of the Flames and Ashes from several Mountains near *Aetna* ruining all the Countrey for above 15 miles in length within two miles of *Catania*, accompany'd with Thunder and Earthquakes.

The Master of this ship tells us, that leaving *Messina* the last of *March*, he met with a *Pirk* which came from the *Levant*, intending for *Malitha*, who told him, that the Captain *Bassa* was at *Negroponte* fitting up his Gallies, expecting the arrival of several others from *Constantinople* laden with Men and Provisions for the succor of the *Visier* before *Candia*, but had not as yet many men aboard him for the service; adding, that two Squadrons of our Fleet

were cruising in the *Archipelago* attending the motions of these Gallies, with a design to engage them, and had already taken several Saichs and other Vessels laden with Men and Provisions for the relief of the *Visiers* Camp, who is more then ever earnest in his Siege; intending to use all his Arts for the gaining of the place before the arrival of those great succors which are expected this Summer, which he fears may oblige him to raise it, to his great dishonour after the expence of so much time, men and Moneys; to which end he plyes them with his Cannon and Granados, and especially by his Mines in which he reposes most confidence, and upon all advantages he receives by them gives furious assaults to the Town, but by the excellent conduct of the General and Monsieur *de St. Andre Montbrun* (who to the great satisfaction and encouragement of the besieged, is perfectly recovered of his hurt) they have hitherto been in all places entertained with such infinite courage and success that they have in all their attempts been beaten off with great loss of men, and little hurt and prejudice to the Town.

From *Constantinople* we are assur'd, that the ill success of the *Visier* in his Siege, has fill'd the City and Countrey with great discontents and murmurings against the Government, on which the people warmly charge all their wants and sufferings.

Two Gallies arriv'd yesterday from *Dalmatia*, who are to be paid off their Arrears, to be refresh'd with men and other necessaries and sent away for *Candia*.

Here is now in readiness a considerable Convoy which may sail with the first fair wind for *Candia*, by which the Senate has sent the summe of 200 thousand Ducats to be distributed amongst the Soldiers within the Town; with this Convoy is sent as Commander the Noble *Ahuise Priuli*.

*Legorne*, April 16. Letters from *Messina* in *Sicily*, confirm to us the great consternation of the inhabitants near *Catania* and the adjacent places at the terrible flames which lately issued out of the *Aetna*; affirming that on the 11th of *March* last there happened an extraordinary Thunder and Lightning, which was immediately followed with such violent tremblings of the Earth, that many Buildings were thrown down by its violence; and the Mountain above *Malpasso* opening at the same time, threw up such quantities of Brimstone, Fire, Smoke, and Ashes, as infinitely terrified the Neighbourhood, and seem'd to threaten the whole Island with destruction. This great body of Fire in little time divided it self into three parts, one branch of it falling upon the Lands of the *Anunciata di Buonpeleri*, *di Massa Lucia*, and *di Santo Pietro*; every where destroying all things in its way, with several of the people, who had not timely convey'd themselves to a great distance. The second drove with as much fury upon *La Guardia di Puzielli*, the Town of *Malpasso*, and *Campo Rotondo*; and the *White Monastery* within three miles of *Catania*. The third coming on with as much violence as far as the Plain of *Catania*, warmly alarming the City, which had immediately their recourse to Heaven; exposing their most Sacred Relicks as in a time of the greatest danger and extremity; and to adde to their calamity, and to drive them farther into despair, some few nights after this first Eruption, the Mountain above *Buonpeleri* sent forth as great a flame as the other; with such a prodigious quantity of Ashes as covered the whole Countrey; then and the following days so filling the air, that the day could scarcely be distinguish'd from the night; and all this accompany'd