

with terrible Thunders and Earthquakes: the Sea near *Catania* during all this time roaring and beating the Shoars with extraordinary violence.

The Bishop of *Catania*, with the Magistrates, fearing the ruin of that City, had sent to *Messina* and other Neighbour Ports, for all the Felucas, Barks and other Vessels that could be gotten, to take in such Goods as were brought in thither from the Countrey; the Monks and Religious Persons, as well as others, being ready to embark themselves upon any nearer approach of danger; but by Letters of *March 17* from these parts, they write, that the Flames were much abated, and 'twas hoped the danger of them was over.

*Genova, April 17.* Here are now entering this Port about 17 sail of Merchant Ships from *Legorne*, under the Conduct of the *Leopard* Frigate.

From *Milan* we are told, that the Marquis *dotes Balbases Spinola* having about the end of the last month taken a view of all the Infantry belonging to the several Garrisons upon the Frontiers, on the 2d instant, was present also at the General Rendezvous of the Italian and German Horse and Foot at *Pavia*, assisted by the Prince *Bozzolo* and most of the Principal Captains and Officers of the Army; but has not yet made any considerable Reformation as was expected.

He has ordered a considerable quantity of Provisions and Ammunition to be sent for *Vizale*, with some Companies of Foot, which according to the late Orders from the Court of *Spain*, are to be there embarked for the succors of *Candia*.

The Count de *Grammont* is lately arrived at *Milan* from *France*, and has had some Conference with the Governour about the affairs of *Burgundy*; he intends from thence for *Lucerne*, to confer with the Spanish Ambassadors, and with him goes Don *Gasparo Barceta* Lieutenant General and Chief Engineer, who isto continue some Months in *Burgundy*, to assist them in their Fortifications.

*Dantzick, April 20.* From *Warsaw* we are told, that the General of the Polish Army had some intentions to be present at the Election of a Successor to the Crown, the better to preserve the Publick Peace, in a time wherein the whole Kingdom is engaged in several parties by the several Princes Competitors. The General of *Lithuania* informs, that the Muscovites are marching some of their forces towards the Borders, but pretend to have no design to use any Violence in the Promotion of their young Prince; desiring rather to change the Truce betwixt both Kingdoms into a Perpetual Peace; which till they have effected, they resolve to suspend the restitution of *Novia* to the Poles, which is contrary to their late Agreement.

The Count de *Schasgotz* is suddenly expected at *Warsaw* under the Character of Ambassador Extraordinary from His Imperial Majesty, as also is the Bishop of *Besiers*, for whom lodgings are already assigned.

Three Muscovite Ambassadors are said to be upon their way with the young Prince of *Muscovy* whom they intend to present to the Republick at the election. 'Tis yet uncertain which way the Electors may be most inclined, but at the present those of *Lithuania* seem most inclined to the Muscovites; the Duke of *Neubourg* has many friends, his interest being carried on by *France*, *Sweden* and other Princes; that of the Prince of *Lorraine*, principally by the Religious; but the Army and Officers of the Crown seem most concerned for the Prince de *Conde*.

From *Muscovy* they write, that on the 13th of *March* last, the Dutchess of *Muscovy* dyed in Childbed, together with a Daughter, of which she was delivered.

*Paris, May 4.* Since the return of the Constable of *Castile's* Answer to His Majesties Letter and Desires for the taking off the Customs charged upon such Goods as pass into and from his late Conquests in the *Netherlands*, His Majesty is appointing some Commissioners to confer with

others from the Constable for the ending and determining that affair; as also for giving satisfaction to the Spaniards in their Demands.

A Courrier lately arriving from *Aeth*, informs, that by Order from the Constable of *Castile* several Boats have been lately seized on at *Cande* and *St. Guillaume*, laden with Coals and intended for several Towns belonging to the late Conquests; of which Complainments have been made to Don *Hieronimo de Quignones*.

The Camp is prepared and ready near *St. Germain's* for the reception of the Forces of His Majesties Household, which 'tis said will take up their lodgings there on Monday next, and will consist of about 10 thousand men; great care is taken for their supply with Necessaries during their continuance in the Camp; and a moderate rate ordered to be set upon all provisions.

About 60 Officers, Captains, Lieutenants, and Ensigns, are sent from *France*, to serve as supernumeraries aboard the Fleet commanded by the Duke de *Beaufort* for the relief of *Candia*, to supply the rooms of such Officers of the Fleet as may die or be otherwise disposed of; the Captains having received an advance of 500 Livres, the Lieutenants 300, and the Ensigns 200.

The Venetian Ambassador has by an express newly arrived, received information, that the Grand Segnior was going from *Larissa* into *Dalmatia*, with an intention to be a siege *Cattaro*, the better to divert the Republick of *Venice* from the Defence of *Candia*.

Letters of the 27th past from *Rochelle* advise us, that the Sieur de *Turville* was put to sea with four men of War to joyn with the rest of our Fleet at *Thoulon* assigned for the *Levant*, and that the Sieur *Gabaret* had taken the same way with three others, some Fireships and other Vessels their attendants, and was since followed by the Chevalier de *Bovillon*, and the Commander d' *Illiere* with two other ships well a med and furnished.

From *Thoulon* Letters of the 23d past tell us that the Duke de *Beaufort* had received a Brief from the Pope, declaring him General of the Ecclesiastical forces sent for the relief of *Candia*, in the absence of Don *Vincenzo Rospigliosi*, with his Standard to carry aboard the Admiral in the Expedition: The Fleet is said to be in readiness to put to sea, expecting onely the arrival of the men of War from *Rochelle* and his Majesties Orders.

*Lyme, April 24.* The 21th instant arrived the *Sarah* of this place from *Morlaix*, and the *Thomas* from *Croylick*, telling us that the French are every where upon those Coasts pressing men to serve aboard their ships designed for *Candia*; and that on their way home they discovered off the *Start* between 70 and 80 sail of ships; which the next day passed by in sight of this place, supposed to be Merchant Ships from the *Streights*.

*Lyme, April 26.* Yesterday arrived hither the Expedition of this date from *Madaga*, from whence the came out about the midst of *March* in company of several other Merchant ships bound for *London*, *Bristol*, and other ports; telling us, that they had advice of 5 Sally Men of War which were fitted up for Sea, which 'twas feared might give some interruption to the Trade in those Seas.

*Weymouth, April 26.* Yesterday about 30 large Merchant ships, supposed to be all of them English, were seen turning up the Channel towards the *Isle of Wight*, one of them the *Agreement* of *London*, stopped for one side on the back-side of the *Isle of Portland*, where she put on board some Passengers; who speak much of the thriving condition of that Plantation, and that a Fleet of Privateers were at their departure (about 11 Weeks since) plying to the windward, but with what designs they know not.

*Portsmouth, April 27.* Yesterday arrived at *Spithead* the *Deptford* Keelch from the *Streights*, with one Merchant ship of *London* from *Zante*. A small Vessel from *Burdedux* informs, that 6 French Men of War are lately put to Sea intending for *Madagascar*.