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Lisbon, May 8. N. S.

ON the 2d of this month, a Fleet of Merchant Ships; under Convoy of 5 English Men of War and a Fireship, arrived here from England. The 2th being St. George's Day, and the Anniversary of Her Majesty of Great Britain's Succession to the Crown, it was Celebrated on Board the Fleet with all possible Demonstrations of Joy and Affection for Her Majesty's Person and Government, and there was a general Discharge of all the great Guns on Board all the English and Dutch Men of War. The 5th, four English Men of War came into this River from England. This Afternoon Sir George Rooke sailed out of our Harbour with the Fleet under his Command, having on Board the Prince of Hesse Darmstadt, two Companies of Foot made up of Spanish Deserters, as also as many Spanish Officers who are come over to us, as will be sufficient to Command 2 Regiments. It is said, That the Fleet is to sail directly for the Streights, and that they are to Land the Pr. of Hesse Darmstadt, and the Spanish Forces abovementioned in Catalonia, where all things appear very well disposed towards an Insurrection in favour of their King Charles III. His Majesty and the King of Portugal intended to have set out from hence this day for the Army, but upon some Alteration that has been made in the Designs for carrying on the War, they have put off their Departure till next Week. It is at last resolved, That we shall attempt to enter into Spain by the Province of Abeira, and all the necessary Preparations are making for that purpose. Our Ingeniers, with the Train of Artillery, are gone down by Water to Abrantes, in order to proceed from thence towards Guardia, where the general Rendezvous of the Army is appointed to be; all the Auxilliary Forces which were in the Province of Alentejo, being already in motion towards that Town, as well as the greatest part of the Portuguese Army; so that it is not doubted but by the 20th of this month they will all be upon the Frontiers of Abeira, and in a readiness to enter into Spain. The principal Advantages of opening the Campaign on that side, are; That the Climate being much Cooler, the Forces will not be obliged to go into Quarters of Refreshment during the hottest Months, as they must have done had they marched into Estramadura; and that if our Army once gets beyond Ciudad Rodrigo, they will then come into an open flat Country, very fruitful, and the best furnished of any in Spain with all manner of Provisions both for Man and Horse. By our last Advices from Spain; The Duke of Anjou continued still at Placencia, and every thing there was in the same Condition as before, none of the Grandees being come to him, besides those who having Offices in his Household, could not excuse themselves from attending him. We have a Report this Afternoon, That the Spanish Troops are in Motion near Alcantara and Valenca, with a Design either upon Salvatarra in Abeira, or Castel de Vide, or Portalegre in Alentejo, but it wants Confirmation. The King of Portugal has lately published two Manifestoes; one in Latin, To justify to the whole World his taking up Arms to restore the Liberty of the Spanish Nation oppressed by the Power of France; and to Assert the Right of his Catholick Majesty Charles III. to that Monarchy; the other in Spanish,

Addressed more particularly to that Nation; containing a Justification of his Majesty's Resolution to assist them in shaking the French Yoke, and in placing upon the Throne their Lawful King Charles the III. His Catholick Majesty has also published a Declaration, setting forth his Title to the Crown of Spain, and promising a Pardon to all such of his Subjects as will Declare for him within three Months time. His Grace the Duke of Schomberg, Captain General of Her Majesty's Forces in Portugal, has likewise issued a Proclamation, declaring, That all Irish and others Her Majesty's Subjects, both Officers and Soldiers, who are at present in the Service of the French King, or the Duke of Anjou, and will return to their Duty, and come over to the King of Spain, or any other of Her Majesty's Allies, shall have Her Majesty's most Gracious Pardon for all Crimes and Offences committed by them in Adhereing to, or Serving under Her Enemies; and that such of them as are qualified to Serve in Her Majesty's Forces, shall be received and entertained in the same Quality as they enjoy'd in the Service they leave; and that such as by reason of their Religion cannot Serve in Her Majesty's Forces, shall be received and entertained in the Service of the King of Spain, or such other of Her Majesty's Allies where they shall best like, in the same Quality, and with the same Pay, as they enjoy'd under Her Majesty's Enemies.

Rome, April 26. The Cardinal Legat of Ferrara has sent Advice to the Pope; That the Imperialists since their quitting of Revere, have posted part of their Forces within the Ferrareze. An Express arrived here two days ago from France, being dispatched by the Cardinal d'Estrees, to acquaint the Pope with the Death of the Cardinal de Furstenberg; and that the Abbey of St. Germans, which is worth 35000 Crowns a year, being thereby become Vacant, the French King had bestowed it upon him: By this Cardinal's Death, there are now 15 Places vacant in the College of Cardinals, yet we do not hear that the Pope does hitherto entertain any Thoughts of making a new Promotion. Cardinal Durazzo is dangerously ill, and it is believed by reason of his great Age, that he will hardly recover. The Count de Laquas arrived here some days ago from Poland, with a Commission from that King to the Pope, of whom he has had several Audiences. There is Advice, That a Bark belonging to Segna, one of the Imperial Ports in the Adriatick Sea, being at Runino, a Sea-Port Town in the Pope's Dominions, lading some Goods, two French Ships came and seized her there; which Violence in a Neutral Place, has given great Offence to this Court; And Signior Corsini, has thereupon been sent with an Ingenier to view all the Sea-Ports belonging to this State, in order to their being put into a Condition to protect all such Ships as shall come thither. The Duke of Monteleone's lately arrived from Naples, and has been to wait upon the Pope, to return him Thanks for the Promotion of his Brother Pignatelli to the Dignity of a Cardinal; and to the Archbishoprick of Naples, and will shortly leave this Place, intending to proceed to Spain. Letters from Naples of the 22th past say, A general Review had lately been taken of all the Forces in that Kingdom, and particularly of two new raised Regiments of Foot which are to be sent from thence into Spain.

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