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Milan, April 29. N. S.

THE Duke of *Vendosme* intends to take the Field the beginning of next Month, and has accordingly ordered his Forces to draw together out of their Quarters, the Town of *Casal* being appointed for their General Rendezvous. It was given out, That he intended to open the Campaign with the Siege of *Verue*; but the Duke of *Savoy* has caused several Works to be cast up between that Place and the *Po*, and taken such other Measures for its Security, that it is believed the *French* will be obliged to desist from that Enterprize. The Prince of *Vaudemont*, our Governor, has lately published an Edict for the better regulating and for augmenting the Militia of this State.

Venice, May 2. Yesterday being the Feast of the *Ascension*, the Doge, accompanied by the Senators and others of the Nobility, and by the Imperial Ambassador and the Pope's Nuntio, and attended by all the Publick Officers in their Formalities, went on board the *Bucanture*, followed by a great number of Gondolli's, Barks, and other Boats, to the *Lido*, and there performed the usual Ceremony of Espousing the *Adriatick* Sea, by throwing into it a Gold Ring, and pronouncing certain Words to assert his Right to the Dominion thereof, which the *Venicians* claim by vertue of a Grant they say was made to their Republick by Pope *Alexander III.* about 500 Years ago. This Solemnity being over, they returned to the Palace, where the Company was very splendidly entertained. Our Senate has resolved to raise a Million of Ducats, by establishing a Fund for the paying of certain Annuities, to such Persons as shall advance that Sum at the following Rates; Those who are between 15 and 35 Years of Age, are to have 6 per Cent. from 35 to 50, 7; from 50 to 60, 8; and above 60, 9; and as often as any of them shall happen to die, their Annuities are to be distributed among the Survivors. According to our Advices from *Lombardy*, the *French* have not yet made any Attempt upon the Imperialists, who have extended their Quarters along the *Po* as far as *Monachi di San Benedetto*, within 7 Miles of *Ponze di Lago Scuro*, and have posted part of their Troops between that River, the *Tartaro* and the *Adige*, as far as *Garpi* and *Legnago*, whereby they have secured their Communication with *Germany*, from whence they have lately received some Recruits by the way of *Tirol*. The *Marquis Davia*, after his Excursion towards the Lake *di Como*, marched to *Trint*; with a considerable Booty he had got in that Expedition, tho' he failed in his principal Design, which was to have secured *Fort Fuentes*, and is since returned to *Ofstiglia* by the way of *Val Polisilla*. They write from the Duke of *Vendosme's* Quarters at *Casal*, That he had caused the Fortifications of *Asi* to be undermined, intending soon to quit that Place, and to dismantle it.

Kinsale, May 9. This day came in here Her Majesty's Ship the *Benzance*, Captain *Laurance* Commander, from cruising, who on the 6th Instant, to the Westward of *Cape Clear*, fell in with 20 Sail of Merchant Ships, under Convoy of Her Majesty's Ships the

Ipswich, *Pembroke*, *Hampshire*, *Flamborough*, and the Terrible Fireship, being the homeward-bound *Turky Fleet*, with some others: They left *Scanderoon* the 3d of *January* last, and have not been in any Port since. An Express is just now arrived from Captain *Watlin*, Commadore of the said Fleet, which left them yesterday off of *Baltimore*, plying to the Windward, in order to come in here.

Falmouth, May 13. The Expedition *Pacquet-Boat* sailed hence the 9th Instant for *Lisbon*: The next day the *King William Pacquet-Boat* arrived here from thence, having been 13 days in her Passage. Yesterday came in here the *Broughton Galley* of *London*, *Daniel Thomas* Master, laden with Gold, *Elephant's Teeth*, &c. homeward bound from *Guinea*; as also Her Majesty's *Spy-Boat* the *Chatham* Prize from cruising on the *French Coast*. This day *Sir Cloudesly Shovell*, with the Squadron of Her Majesty's Ships under his Command, and a considerable Fleet of outward-bound Merchant Ships, passed by this Place; whereupon the *David* and *Joseph* Flyboat, bound to *Boston*, and the *Laffine* Galley for *Barbary*, sailed hence in order to join them.

Plymouth, May 14. The 11th Instant came in here Her Majesty's Ships the *Ranelagh*, *Coventry* and *Essex*, from the Eastward; Her Majesty's Ship the *Hector* from *St. George's Chanel*, and under her Convoy Four Vessels from *Liverpoole*, laden with *Rock-Salt*; the *Elizabeth* and *Katherine*, *William Bastin* Master, bound thence to *London*; a Merchant Ship belonging to *Middlebourg*, *Cornelius Vander Man* Master, homeward bound with Gold and *Elephant's Teeth* from *Guinea*; and the *Favourite* of *Amsterdam*, *Isaac Rawliffe* Master, laden with *Tobacco*, *Sugar* and *Fruit*, from *Lisbon*, and bound to *Hamburgh*. The same evening Her Majesty's Ship the *Medway* came in here from cruising. The 12th, in the evening, *Sir Cloudesly Shovell* passed by this Place with the Squadron under his Command, and a considerable Fleet of Merchant Ships, and was joined from hence by the outward-bound *West-India Fleet*. Yesterday Her Majesty's Ship the *Hazardous* sailed hence to join them. The same day came in the *Kingston Galley*, *Benjamin Smithson* Master, the *Waller Galley*, *Benjamin Joyee* Master, both from *Jamaica*, and the *Pembroke Galley*, *John Denn* Master, from *Newfoundland*, all 3 bound for *London*; the *St. Joseph* of *Rotterdam*, *Arian Smiers* Master, bound home with *Wine*, *Sugar* and *Fruit*, from *Oporto*; and the *Society* of *Dublin*, *James Thomas* Master, with *Fruit* from *Lisbon*, bound for *London*. Last night came in Her Majesty's Ship the *Triton* from cruising; the *Mermaid* Galley of *London*, *Ralph Thorp* Commander, homeward-bound with *Silk* and other Goods from *Smirna*; and the Expedition of *Cork*, *John Hudson* Master, homeward-bound with *Pipe-Staves* from *Hamburgh*. This day the *Kingston*, *Waller* and *Pembroke* Gallies above-mentioned, sailed hence to the Westward.

Plymouth, May 15. Her Majesty's Ship the *Bristol* is at present in our Road, where several light Colliers are now coming in from the Southward.

Portsmouth, May 16. Her Majesty's Ship they *Weymouth* came to Spithead the 14th Instant. Yesterday Her Majesty's Ship the *Centurion* sailed out of our Harbour to Spithead, and put off to Sea this Morning.

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