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*From the Camp at Massagana, May 2. N. S.*

**O**UR Troops having possessed themselves of Moraleja and Coria, were ordered to advance to Casuella, where there was great Store of Provisions. We accordingly marched from Coria the 26th past, and encamped near the River Alagon. which we crossed the next day. The Conde Surmani was sent with 400 Horse to summon the Town of Galefco, situated upon the same River; from whence we had Assurances privately given us, That tho' they did not think it safe as yet to declare for us, they would do it as soon as our Army came up, which they performed; and their Example was followed by Mirabel, and several other Places. The Marquis das Minas having received Advice the 28th, That the Duke of Berwick was at Placentia, the Army was ordered to advance thither; but he having Intelligence of our Motions, retired to Las Ventas de Mezangana. Placentia immediately submitted to King Charles III. and the Marquis das Minas went directly to the Cathedral, where *Te Deum* was sung; and his Catholic Majesty was Proclaimed with great Acclamations and Expressions of Joy from the People. The 30th he ordered the Army to march forward to attack the Enemy; and the first Instant we arrived on the Banks of the River Massagana, and found that the Duke of Berwick lay on the other side very well entrenched, with all his Horse, and 10 Battalions of Foot he had drawn out of Badajos, and some Militia. Our Army began to pass the River; the Enemy pretended to dispute the Passage with us, but soon retired, and our Troops pursued them some time; after which we returned to this Place, and here we encamped, being the same Ground where the Enemy lay, 5 Leagues beyond Placentia, and in the High Road to Madrid.

*Lisbon, May 5. N. S.* Sir Charles Hara, Lieutenant-General of the English Forces, joined the Army at Alcantara the 16th of the last Month, as the Enemy's Garrison were evacuating the Place. Our Troops marched from thence the 20th, and came the 24th to Coria, where they were very well received, and found a considerable quantity of Provisions. The next day a great Council of War was held, all the Generals being present, and it was unanimously resolved to proceed to Placentia, where they had Intelligence the Duke of Berwick was with the Forces under his Command. The Army marched accordingly the 26th, and got thither the 28th. The Duke of Berwick had been in the Place, and had used all the Arguments he could to persuade the Inhabitants to stand upon their Defence; but finding he could not prevail, he would have carried away their Provisions, or have destroyed them, with those of the neighbouring Country, which abounds in Corn, Wine, and Cattle, being one of the fruitfulest Parts of Spain; but the People, and especially the Clergy, would not suffer it. He carried away with him the Governor and the Bishop. The moment he left the Town, they declared for their natural Sovereign King Charles III. as all the Places thereabouts have likewise done; and the Magistrates, with the whole Chapter of the Cathedral, came out a League to meet our Army. Our Troops were received at Placentia with all the Demonstrations of a sincere Joy, and of an entire Disposition towards the House of Austria; which Inclination discovers it self the more the farther our Forces advance into Spain; and they are very plentifully supplied with Provisions by the Country. The Duke of Berwick retired about 5 Leagues off, to a little Place called Las Ventas Mazangana, where there is a small River, behind which he posted himself, and cast up some Works upon the Fords of that River; but by an Express just now come in from the Army, we have Advice, that our Troops being marched thither, attacked the Enemy with great Bravery, the Foot wading up to the middle in Water,

and having forced their Intrenchments, became Masters of that Post, from which the Duke of Berwick retired with great Precipitation, and considerable Loss. There is a flying Report, said to come from some Deferters, that the Earl of Peterborow having brought a Reinforcement into Barcelona, the Enemy had thereupon raised the Siege; and we have great Reason to hope, by the Silence of the French, that they do not meet with that Success in the Siege which they expected. A Dutch Ship came in here the first Instant from the Straights; the Master whereof says, That the Squadron of English and Dutch Men of War under the Command of Sir John Leake was sailed from Gibraltar; and that he met Sir George Bing's Squadron the 28th past very near the Straights-Mouth, with a strong Wind at North-West, which has blown several days, and still continues.

*Lisbon, May 6.* Orders are sent to the Viscount de Fonte Arcada, who commands our Forces in the Province of Beira, to take the Field, with 10 Battalions of Militia, and some Horse, which had been left behind to cover that Frontier. Don Tortudo de Mendocça, who commands in Alentejo, is likewise to march out into the Field, with 8 Battalions of regular Troops, and 15 of Militia, including those of Lisbon, commanded by Don Pedro Dacunha, which began their March the 4th Instant: Besides which, he is to have with him 600 Horse, of regular Troops, and 1000 of the Militia of that Province.

*Dublin-Castle, April 23.* This Day being the Anniversary of Her Majesty's Coronation, the Lords Justices met at the Castle, where they received the Compliments of the Nobility, Gentry, and Principal Officers of State, upon the Subject of the Day: After which they entertained several Persons of Distinction at their respective Houses; and the Day ended with ringing of Bells, Bonfires, and other Demonstrations of Joy and Loyalty, suitable to the Occasion.

*Dublin, April 30.* Letters from Galway give an Account, That a French Privateer of 8 Guns and 60 Men having lately been forced on Shore near the Coast of Connaught, Sir Henry Bingham, Governor of the County of Mayo, having drawn together about 50 Men, marched towards the Shore, and the French immediately surrendered themselves Prisoners of War, and were sent to Galway.

*Falmouth, April 29.* On the 27th Instant at Night the Great Rose-Tree, a Dutch Privateer, sent in here as Prize the St. Matthew of Nantz, homeward bound with Wooll and Iron from Bilbao.

*Plymouth, April 30.* A Squadron of Her Majesty's Ships passed by this Harbour yesterday Morning to the Westward, with several Merchant-men under their Convoy. At the same time came in here the Adventure of Bristol, homeward bound from Rotterdam, with a Dutch Merchant-man, and 3 Coasters from London, and the May-flower from Fowey.

*Yarmouth, May 3.* Her Majesty's Ships the Ruby and Nightingale came yesterday into our Road from the Southward, with about 100 Sail of light Colliers under their Convoy, bound for Newcastle; and this day several more are likewise come in here.

*Deal, May 3.* The Delitia arrived here yesterday in the Afternoon from the Canaries. This Morning several of Her Majesty's Ships came into the Downes.

*Kensington, May 4.* An humble and loyal Address from the Council and General Assembly of Barbadoes, and a like dutiful Address from the Grand Inquest for the