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**W**HEREAS all Merchants, Commanders of Ships, and others who have Commissions or Letters of Marque, or Commissions for private Men of War against the Enemy, are, by the 21st Article of the Instructions deliver'd to them with their Commissions, oblig'd from Time to Time to observe all such other Instructions and Orders as Her Majesty shall think fit to direct: And whereas Her Majesty, for the better carrying on of Her Service, has thought fit to add the Additional Instruction hereafter infer'd; all Persons concern'd are to take Notice thereof, and to conform themselves to the same accordingly.

**T**HAT all Prisoners which shall be taken abroad by any Ship having Letter of Marque, or Commission for private Men of War, and which shall be afterwards oblig'd to put in any Foreign Port, shall be deliver'd to the French Consul or Agent there, whose Receipt is to be demanded and taken for them, expressing not only their Names, but their Qualities; except such Prisoners only as the Commanding Officer of such private Men of War, or Ship with Letters of Marque, shall think proper to bring home to be examined, in order to the Condemnation of any Prize wherein such Prisoners shall be taken; the said Receipts are to be transmitted, by the very first Opportunity which shall present, to Her Majesty's Commissioners for Sick and Wounded Seamen, and the Exchange of Prisoners of War, at their Office in Westminster, the better to enable them to demand from Time to Time, from the said Officers of the French King, the like Number of Prisoners, Her Majesty's Subjects, in lieu of them. But in case there shall be no French Officers at the Foreign Ports where the aforementioned Ships shall arrive, then the like Receipt be taken from the Commanding Officer of the Prize-Ship wherein the Prisoners to be taken on Shore at the said Ports shall belong, and transmitted to the Commissioners for the Exchange of Prisoners of War, as aforesaid.

**Vitna, Dec. 28. N. S.** Orders are given throughout the Hereditary Countries for raising the Recruits demanded of them with all possible Expedition. The Levies for the Infantry exacted from this and the other Provinces amount to 20000 Men: To compleat that Number, each Country is to bring in its Proportion according to the following Regulation: There will be raised in Upper Austria 1158 Men, in the Lower Austria 2314, in Moravia 2176, in Stiria 868, with Money for raising 868 more; and in Carinthia 1013: Carniola is to pay a sufficient Sum for raising 723. 4033 are demanded from Silesia, besides a Sum of Money for levying 319 more: The other 6528 Men are to be raised in Bohemia. These Men are to be brought into the Service compleatly clothed, with Swords on, and receive their Fire-Arms from the Emperor. Several of our General Officers from Hungary and the Upper Rhine are arrived at Court, in order to assist in the Consultations relating to the ensuing Campaign. The Count of Castelbarco, Administrator of the Dutchy of Mantua, has publish'd his Imperial Majesty's Edict, whereby the Duke of Mantua, in assisting the Enemies of the Empire, is declared to have forfeited his Dukedom; his Subjects absolv'd of their Obedience to him, and required within a limited Time to take the Oath of Fidelity to the Emperor and Empire. The Cardinal of Sax-Zeis is returned to Presburgh. A Courier arriv'd here yesterday from Barcelona, who left that Place on the 30th of November. At his Departure from that Court the two Armies were in Winter Quarters.

The greater Part of the Infantry of King Charles's Army lay between Tarragona and Tortosa, and the Cavalry in Barcelona and the adjacent Country.

**Berne, Dec. 31.** On the 29th Instant the great Council of this Republick, after a long Debate, resolv'd unanimously to grant the 4000 Men Count Metternich demanded for the Defence of the Principality of Neufchatel; and order'd that Number of their Troops to march as speedily as possible to their own Frontiers on that Side, so as to be ready to enter the Country on the first Alarm. In the mean time they are sending Deputies to view the Borders of Neufchatel on the Side of Franche Comté, that they may find out the most convenient Passes for defending the Entry into the Country, and disposing their Troops in the most advantageous manner. They have also written a Letter to the French King, to know his last Resolutions upon that Subject. Our latest Advices from Neufchatel tell us, That the French are in motion in Franche Comté.

**Falmouth, Dec. 29.** On the 27th Instant came in here the Concordia of and from Norway, Ejick Johnson Master, and the Jacob of and from Rotterdam, John Soldade Master; bound for Rochel. This Day came in the Unicorn of and from Flushing, John Richards Master, bound for the Streights.

**Dartmouth, Dec. 30.** Yesterday, by the Extremity of Weather, a small French Vessel of about 20 Tuns, with five Men only, in Ballast, was driven over from the French Coast into Torbay, and there ran on Shore, in order to save their Lives in Binham Peer, where she was seiz'd on for the Lord High Admiral. She came from Sebastian, and was bound for Rotterdam. The Men are to be sent to Plymouth. The two Dutch Privateers bound to cruise, and the Doggers bound for Ireland and France, are still detain'd here by the stormy Weather. A Dutch Privateer of above 50 Guns came in this Day from Sea, and is gone for Torbay.

**Plymouth, Dec. 30.** On the 27th Instant came in two Swedish Vessels in Ballast, bound for France. This Day sail'd Her Majesty's Ships the Kent, Mary, August, Salisbury, the Tartan and Charles Galley, with the Eagle and another Victualler, and the Morton Galley, for Spithead.

**Tarmouth, Dec. 31.** Her Majesty's Ships the Mermaid and Lime, with a Fleet of Merchant Ships under their Convoy, bound for Holland, sail'd this Day out of our Road.

**Portsmouth, January 1.** Yesterday Sir John Norris, on board Her Majesty's Ship the Exeter, sail'd from Spithead, with the Guernsey, Bristol, Monk, Canterbury, Burlington, Warwick, Hampshire, Greyhound, and Oxford, which sail'd directly out of the Harbour to join them, having under their Convoy the Virginia Fleet, and several Ships bound Westward. They were out of Sight of this Port before the Evening, and the Wind continues still fair. There are at Spithead Her Majesty's Ships the Nassau, Northumberland, Sunderland, Adventure, Tilbury, the Rye and Experiment Gallies, the Hunter-Fireship, with two Dutch Men of War, part of the Convoy for the Lisbon Fleet.

**Deale, January 2.** All the outward bound Vessels sail'd last Night to the Westward, under the Convoy of Her Majesty's Ships Ranelagh, Essex, Le Firme, Assurance, and Alborough. Here remain Her Majesty's Ships the Revenge, Shrewsbury, Nottingham, St. Albans, Newark, Anglesey, Newcastle, with the Gosport; which last came in this Morning.

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