

*Constantinople, February 24.* The Persian Minister is still here, but it is thought he will very soon have his Audience of Leave of the Sultan, and that some Preliminaries have been agreed upon between this Court and the Shaugh.

*Oporto, March 8, N. S.* By Advices from Galicia of the 24th past, all the Ships of the Ferrol Squadron, after being at Sea ten Days, had returned to anchor in the Bay, at the Entrance of the River of Ferrol, and had brought in with them two large Vessels supposed to be Prizes.

*Oporto, March 12, N. S.* The Return of the Ferrol Squadron was owing to a terrible Storm they met with at Sea, in which the Castilla, a 60 Gun Ship, lost her Main-mast, and the Glorioso, of 70 Guns, was separated from the rest in a very leaky Condition. A small Vessel was getting ready to go in Search of the missing Ship. The said Squadron, after they had got an Offing of about 10 Leagues, stood away to the Westward, and kept beating off Cape Finister with South West and Westerly Winds, till the Misfortune happened to the Castilla, and the Glorioso separated.

*Faro, March 15, N. S.* All the Azogues and Register Ships outward bound, put to Sea the 27th past in the Evening, excepting one of the Azogues, and one Register Ship, the former of which failed the next Day, but the Weather being bad, she ran upon the Sands of Sipiona, received some Damage, and was obliged to return to the Bay of Cadiz again, where she is refitting, in order to proceed the second Time; and the Register Ship, it was said, would be detained to accompany her. The Spanish Squadron continued at Carthagena the 4th Instant; and no Advice had reached Cadiz the 5th, of the Arrival, in any of the Ports of Spain, of the Men of War expected with the further Treasure from the Havanna.

*Oporto, March 22, N. S.* We have received Advice from Galicia, that the Vessel sent from Ferrol, to search for the Ship of War that was missing, had put into Vigo, without having heard any News of her, so that it was apprehended she must be lost; that the Damage suffered by the rest of the Ships was repairing with all Diligence, and that it was reported they would put to Sea again as soon as they were refitted, which would not be till towards the latter End of next Month; that they had landed a great Number of sick Men, which had occasioned the Issuing of Orders for a new Supply from the respective Ports; that a Frigate belonging to the Havanna Company was arrived at the Groyne with 100,000 Dollars on Board for the King, 200,000 for the Commerce, besides a large Cargo of Merchandizes computed to be worth above half a Million; that another Ship as rich came out in Company with her, but that they were parted by bad Weather a few Days before the first put into the Groyne, and that no News had been received of the latter Vessel five Days after the Arrival of the other. The Letters from Madrid mention, that the Court was very assiduous in

making Preparations for this Campaign in Italy. Upon the 12th Instant in the Evening the Convoy from England appear'd off this Bar, and the next and the following Days all the Ships bound hither got into the Harbour. The rest proceeded on their Voyage with a fair Wind. At the same Time the Trade from hence to England failed for Lisbon to join their appointed Convoy. A Spanish Privateer has been driven on Shore upon this Coast (where she was lost, and most of her Men drowned) by one of his Britannick Majesty's Ships, by whom another has been taken: And his Majesty's Sloop Fisher hath brought a small one into this Harbour, commanded by one Frazier a Scotch-man.

*Turin, March 19, N. S.* Marshal Maillebois, after passing the Tanaro, is retired into the Genoeese State between Gavi and Novi, where we are preparing to harrafs him on more Sides than one. The French have evacuated Acqui, the Castle of which we have again garrison'd: That of Casal is now besieged in Form by the Austrians, and our Artillery will begin to play upon it To-morrow or next Day. The Jealousies and Animosities between them and the Spaniards are grown to such a Height, that not only M. de Gages has not sent a Man to M. de Maillebois, but also that in Tortona, where there are 12 Spanish Battalions, and in Valencia where there are three, they would not admit any French or their Equipage. By our Account General Brown is at Pizzighitone with above half the Forces expected from Germany, and we have Reason to believe the Whole will be at Mantua by the 25th Instant.

*Turin, March 22, N. S.* The Night before last an Officer of Colloredo's Regiment came hither to Prince Lichtenstein, dispatched from Milan by General Bernclau, with an Account of the Spaniards having left that City, and their evacuating the Milanese with no small Precipitation. General Bernclau, though then in the greatest Hurry, writes Word, that he had with his Body, about 8000 strong, attack'd their Rear Guard near Codogno, two Hours before dark, and forced them to abandon a Village they were in, with the Loss of some Men killed and taken, and that they were hastening to their Bridge on the Po, which he supposes they would lose no Time in passing towards Placentia. He adds, that the next Day he intended to attack the Head of their said Bridge, in which he hoped to succeed; and that on the 21st he would present himself before Pavia, where they had lodged all their Artillery, with a strong Garrison, and were preparing to fortify the Town, and intrench themselves to the utmost of their Power. In the mean while Prince Levingstein has been sent to Milan with a Detachment, to take Possession of that City; and, on the other Hand, General Brown with his Body proposed to harrafs the Enemy in the Parmesan and the Plaisantine, which, together with the Fatigue of a hasty Retreat, and the Want of Subsistence, will soon cause such a Desertion as will thin them.

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