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STOCKHOLM, May 16.

HE first Embarkation of the Troops which are to be sent to Finland was made a few Days ago, and consisted of 3000 Men. The remaining 5000 will be embarked as soon as possible, and in the mean Time great Quantities of Ammunition and Provisions will be sent to supply the Magazines. These Troops are commanded by the Majors General de Wirtemberg and Hamilton, and it is confirmed that they are to be set to work upon the Fortifications of the Frontier Places of Finland.

Berlin, May 25. On the 22d Instant the King made a Review of thirty seven Battalions, and thirty one Squadrons, upon the Plain of Tempelhoff. These Troops form'd a Body of 28000 Men, and went through the whole Exercise in Presence of his Majesty and the Royal Family, attended by all the foreign Ministers, and most of the principal Nobility; and among them were ten Swedish Officers, who came from Stockholm on purpose to see this Review, which gave a general Satisfaction to all present. Yesterday the whole Army was exercised, and To-morrow his Majesty will review the Cavalry. His Majesty intends to return after To-morrow to Potsdam, and set out the first of June to visit his Provinces on the other Side of the Veler.

Rouen, May 21. In Consequence of a Contract made with some Ship Builders here, for building Men of War for the Government's Service, two are already finished of forty-five Guns each. They are building Ships with the same Eagernefs in all the other Ports of this Kingdom; and we have certain Advices from Canada, that twenty-two Ships and Frigates have been built there since the Peace.

Paris, May 28. It is pretended that the Cession of the Kingdom of Corsica in Favour of a certain Prince, will be brought upon the Carpet at the Congress which is to be held at Toulon for adjusting the Affairs of that Kingdom. The two Men of War lately fitted out at Brett, will sail very soon under the Command of Mr. Dubois de la Mothe, but the Place of their Destination is not known. Another considerable Armament is talked of.

From the Utrecht Gazette.

London, April 20. N. S. The Government received Advice a few Days ago, that near 200 Ship Carpenters had gone over to Boulogne, with an Intent to take a Passage from thence to Fretol, on board a Ship freighted in the Port of London, for that Purpose, and that they had engaged in the Service of the Crown of Spain, in Consideration of high Wages. As those Men could not contract an Engagement of this Nature, without Breach of Loyalty to the Government, the Custom House Vessels belonging to Dover, have been order'd to lie off of Boulogne, to intercept the Ship in Question, and bring her to England, as a Smuggler, to the End that such British Workmen as shall be found on board may be secured, and prosecuted according to Law. Supposing this Account to be true, may it not be lawful to enquire, Whether there are any Circumstances that can extenuate their Guilt? How many Quarters may be due to them? How often have they been forced, by long Delays of Payment, to take up Money at exorbitant Interest, or else sell their Wages for fifteen or ten Shillings in the Pound? In private Concerns, if a Master does not pay his Journey men on the Terms agreed upon, he is liable to be sued, the Law is clear in the Case: But a poor Labourer in the public Yards and Docks, does not know how to come at his Wages, he must wait the Leisure of bad Economists, who will never be out of Debt, whilst dirty Jobs make up a great Part of the System of Politics.

If then Oppression makes Men mad, can't an honest Jury,

according to Circumstances may appear to them, bring in a Verdict of Lunacy for the Prisoner?

From the same Gazette, London April 27.

The last Dispatches the Government received from Barbadoes from Mr. Greenville and Commodore Holbourne, import, that an English and a French Man of War, having failed to the four Neutral Islands, and caused the French Court's Orders to be read there for evacuating them, the Inhabitants refused to obey it, and quit their Dwellings, alleging that they had been too long in Possession, and that they had been at too much Labour and Expence to abandon thus their old Habitations. Several Conferences have been held on this Occasion, and a Courier was dispatched to Paris the 22d Instant, with Orders for the Earl of Albemarle to make Representations to the French Ministry, and to insist on the French King's dispatching Orders to the Governors of the Caribbee Islands to second the English Men of War, and force the Inhabitants of the said Islands to quit Possession; because his Majesty does not consider them as Subjects of his Most Christian Majesty, but rather as Banditti and Rebels, and that he will dispatch Orders in Consequence to his Men of War in those Parts. The Earl of Albemarle is ordered to subjoin, That as the King has punctually performed his Part of the Treaty of Aix la-Chapelle, his Majesty does not doubt but the Most Christian King, actuated by the same upright Principles, is ready to concur in the necessary Measures for procuring the Evacuation in Question.

It is indeed almost too late to puff and bluster about this Affair: The French and Prussian Interests are now firmly established in Sweden: The Turks begin to show a true Copy of their Countenance, and Great Britain's Situation is much worse than it was two Months ago. Why a Squadron was not ordered to drive the French out of the Neutral Islands two Years ago, might be best answered by those who are in the Secret, and know to a Hair's Breadth what is to be got by tedious Negotiations with France.

Edinburg, April 18. A remarkable Instance of the Power of the Electrical Aura has lately happened in this Place. Robert Moubray, who in the Beginning of January was struck with a compleat Palsy of his Tongue, and since that Time entirely lost the Use of his Speech, was taken into the Royal Infirmary some Weeks thereafter, where, by the Use of Remedies, he was, in a great measure, relieved of other Symptoms that attended him; but the Palsy of his Tongue remaining obstinate, he was at last ordered by the Physicians to lay aside the Use of all Medicines, that he might fairly try what Electrifying would do in such a Case: Accordingly last Week it was begun, and by Saturday he was able to extend and put out his Tongue, which till then had remained dead and motionless. On Monday he could plainly articulate a few Words; and, after repeating the Experiment on Tuesday, he spoke distinctly to his own great Joy, and the Surpriza of all who were present.

L O N D O N.

May 6. Yesterday Morning an Express arrived at the India House, with the agreeable News of the Arrival in the Downs of the Elizabeth, Capt. Wills, which has been so long missing. It appears that this Ship sailed from Fort St. David's the 14th of February, 1749, and losing her Foremast 1000 after, and springing a Leak at the same Time, she beat about several Months, till at length she reached the Island De PAgoo, on the other Side of the Cape of Good Hops, the 13th of July 1750, where the Captain sent a Boat ashore for Provisions, but it unhappily overset, and all the Hands in it were drowned; however, he made shift afterwards to get the Ship into a Creek