

Our Correspondents at Vienna assure us, that in Consequence of the Modena Treaty, a Negotiation of a very interesting Nature has been lately set on Foot with the Court of Naples, and that the Ministers of their Imperial Majesties scarce make a Doubt of their fixing the System of Italy upon a solid and permanent Foundation.

They write from Paris, that they talk much there of a War, and that Orders have been actually sent to Flanders to hold a considerable Force ready to march into Lauguedoc the latter End of February, or the Beginning of the Month following.

A few Days since some Expresses were sent for Jamaica, which, it is said, contain some fresh Instructions to the Governor, in regard to the Treatment of the Guarda Costas.

Jan. 10. Letters from Madrid advise, that when the Spanish Ministry are talked to about Captures illegally made by the Guarda Costas, they immediately answer, that full Satisfaction shall be given for every illegal Procedure; but when any Methods are proposed to prevent such Captures for the future, they mutuate, that the Care of preventing a contraband Trade with their Settlements in the West Indies, must be left to them.

Yesterday it was agreed to put into Commission seven Ships of the Line, to be got ready early in the Spring, which Ships will be named next Board Day.

Jan. 15. It is said both Houses of Parliament will be dissolved on Thursday the 18th of April next, with a most gracious Speech from the Throne, and Writs issued out to elect a new Parliament, the Writs to be returnable on Thursday the 19th of June.

By a private Letter from Algiers it appears that the Dey is resolved to persist in the ill Treatment given to the French Nation, since upon hearing that the Consul was coming to complain of the Death of the Captain, he sent him Word he might if he had a Mind to meet with the same Usage. He is said to have confiscated an English Ship, under Pretence of carrying on a clandestine Trade; but in Reality, upon Information that she had a considerable Sum of ready Money on board.

Our Correspondent at Paris acquaints us, that an Express from Madrid has brought some News, which from the Bustle it created at Court, is supposed to be of the last Importance; that several Persons, who are known to be Contractors for Forage, Provisions, and other Requisites for Armies and Garrisons, have proceeded lately, with the greatest Privacy, into Italy; and that the present State of Foreign Affairs is looked upon as an unanswerable Reason for recalling the Parliament.

It is said that some Expresses, lately arrived from the Court of Spain, contain many Complaints against the Governors of some Places in the West Indies, for detaining some of the Subjects belonging to that Crown, and their Goods, under Pretence of their being Pyrates.

The Design of sending two Ships and a Sloop of War this Summer to discover the North West Passage, is for some particular Reasons laid aside for the present.

Yesterday, in several Parts of the Suburbs, proper Officers beat up for Volunteers.

Four Men, that belonged to a Collier, which lay off Limehouse, on a Prefs Gang boarding their Ship, jump'd overboard, and were all drowned.

We have an Account that War has been declared in the East Indies, between the Natives in the Interest of the English, and those of the French. The Manner of doing it, we are inform'd, is, by sending an Axe from one Party to the other.

It is reported, that a considerable Fleet will sail the ensuing Summer for the Mediterranean.

Upon some Dispatches received on Saturday last, Prefs Warrants were issued; but Mr. White, the Messenger, being robbed in Deptford Road of the Packet, prevented their coming out till Tuesday, which gave Time and Opportunity for many able Hands to withdraw themselves from Rotherhithe, &c. &c.

The Prefs was so warm on Tuesday Evening and Yesterday, that they took Hands out of outward bound Vessels.

We hear that Sir Edward Hawke, Knight of the Bath, will command a Squadron of Men of War to the East Indies, on an Expedition of great Importance.

Extract of a Letter from Gosport, Jan. 21. "Yesterday Morning his Majesty's Ships Torrington, and St Alban, were getting under Sail for Plymouth, but the Wind coming foul, they moor'd again."

"The same Day the Right Hon. Sir Edward Hawke, Vice Admiral of the Blue, made Signals from the Terrible Man of War for a Boat with an Officer from the following Ships, viz. Menarch, Capt. Martin; Captain, Capt. Catford; and Tyger,

Capt. Marshall; when the Officers came on board they received Orders to get their respective Ships with all Expedition ready for the Sea, in Pursuance of which the Ships Companies began unrigging their Topmasts."

There is a Picquet Guard of 100 Men ordered to be in Readiness at the Tower, upon a Minute's Warning, to quell any Disturbance that may happen on Account of the Prefs for Seamen.

It is said that our Court has demanded a categorical Answer from that of Versailles, concerning the Destination of the French Men of War sent to the East Indies.

The Hon. the East India Company have ordered their Ships that were intended for Bombay, to go to Fort St. George.

The Imperial Court has given Orders for completing all the Regiments in its Service against the first of May. A great Number of Cannon, cast at Vienna, have been sent by Water to Olmutz.

Wednesday Night at Ten o'Clock, a Cabinet Council was held at St. James's, which did not break up till Four the next Morning, after which Dispatches were sent from the Secretaries Office to the Earl of Albemarle at Paris.

Thursday Sir Edward Hawke received his Commission, appointing him Commander in Chief of a Fleet consisting of ten Ships of the Line, and two of forty Guns, three of twenty, and four Sloops, designed for the East Indies.

At the same Time their Lordships ordered the Royal Sovereign and Britannia Men of War, both first Rates, at the Nore, to be as Hospital Ships, and receive all impressed Men, to man the Fleet for the above Expedition.

We hear that General Skelton's Regiment of Foot will be ordered on board the Fleet bound for the East Indies.

Notwithstanding the Prefs Warrants were so privately delivered out, and so suddenly executed, we are informed, the Suffolk Coasters were previously provided with Protections.

The Master of a Vessel arrived at Leghorn from Algiers, reports, that the French Consul and all those of his Nation had received Orders to leave Algiers; and that a Rupture with France was looked upon as inevitable.

Letters received Yesterday from Paris advise, the greatest Diligence is used in fitting out the Men of War in the Harbour of Toulon; and that several Regiments are on their March to Provence.

We learn from Madrid that the Spanish Court has received Advice from the Commissioners of the Navy at St. Andrea, that the three 70 Gun Ships, built at that Port, were safely launched; and that three others of the same Size would be immediately put upon the Stocks.

The following Men of War are, we hear, ordered for the East Indies, under the Command of Rear Admiral Watson and Commodore Pocock, viz. The Culloden and Cumberland of 74 Guns, the Kent of 64, Eagle of 60, Bristol and Salisbury of 50, Bridgewater of 24, and the King's Fishing Sloop.

Extract of a Letter from Gosport, dated Jan. 13. "On Thursday Evening arrived at Spithead his Majesty's Ship Torrington, from Nova Scotia but last from Lisbon, having on board Col. Hopson, the Governor of Nova Scotia; at his going on Shore he was saluted with several Guns from the said Ship."

Jan. 17. We hear from Dublin, that on the 2d Instant, Arthur Jones Nevil, Esq; was heard by Council, before the Privy Council, against the Bill for subjecting his Estate to make good all Contracts for building, re-building and repairing the Barracks according to the Resolutions of the House of Commons. And on the 4th he was heard again in the same Manner, when the Bill was laid aside.

Jan. 19. Yesterday it was reported that a Sickness or Plague is broke out in the Province of Normandy; and that strict Orders have been sent to the proper Officers on our Coasts, with Regard to their Conduct towards all Vessels coming from France.

By Letters from Paris we are assured, that the epidemical Distemper which now rages in Normandy is a Military Fever; that the poor People are most severely attacked with it; and that Six Thousand of the French Troops are ordered to draw Lines of Circumvallation, to prevent, if possible, the Contagion spreading. It is to be wished some Care would be taken here, to prevent the Smugglers bringing it over to the Coasts of Hampshire, Suffolk and Kent.

We hear that some considerable Military Promotions will soon take Place, and that the ensuing Summer a Camp will be formed, but upon what Spot is not yet determined.

Jan. 19. Yesterday an Order was sent by the Secretaries of State to the Commissioners of Customs, requiring them to cause an Embargo to be laid on all

Ships which shall arrive from the Coast of Normandy, and to oblige them to perform Quarantine, on Account of an Epidemical Distemper which rages in those Parts.

Last Wednesday died at Hungerford Park, of an Inflammation in his Bowels, the Hon. EDWARD TRELAWNY, Esq; aged 54, late Governor of Jamaica.

Jan. 24. Impress Warrants having been issued by the Lords of the Admiralty, the Boats belonging to the several Guard Ships, &c. came up the River on Tuesday, and carried off about a thousand Seamen from on board the Merchants Ships in the River. And we hear they have got in all 3000 Men within these two Days, to man the Squadron intended, it is said, for the East Indies, on board of which a Regiment of Foot will be embarked.

Jan. 25. There is Advice that four Algerine Corsairs were cruising off the Western Islands, and gave Chase to all the Ships they met with. Capt. Edwards, in his Passage from Lisbon to Philadelphia, was brought to by them; but, after they had examined his Pass, permitted him to proceed on his Voyage.

Jan. 28. His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant Colonel Walsh to be Colonel of the Regiment of Foot in the West Indies, lately commanded by Colonel Trelawny.

Last Wednesday arrived in the Dock Yard at Portsmouth, an Express to the Commissioners from the Lords of the Admiralty.

On Thursday Morning arrived there another Express, and in the Evening a Third.

Col. Aldercon's Regiment, which is now upon the Irish Establishment, is order'd for the East Indies, and to be augmented to seven hundred Men by Draughts from the different Regiments in Ireland.

On Thursday the Shipwrights, &c. working on his Majesty's Ship Kent, in the Dock Yard at Portsmouth, received Orders to work on her all Night, as did the Mastmakers and Carpenter House. Capt. Speake is arrived at Portsmouth, to take up on him the Command of that Ship.

On Wednesday sailed from Spithead for the Nore, the Torrington Man of War, Thomas Howard Hutchinson, Esq; Commander.

It is rumour'd that the French Fleet, lately sail'd for the East Indies, has considerably more than 2000 Land Forces on board, with great Quantities of warlike Stores for Land Services.

The last Letters from Madrid bring Advice, that an Officer, dispatched by the Governor of Ceuta, was arrived there with an Account, that on the 17th ult. in the Night, the Garrison of that Place made a Sally, in which, without losing a Man, they destroyed the greatest Part of the Works raised by the Moors in the Neighbourhood of that Town.

Jan. 31. They write from Paris, that a Proposal is talked of there for sending Commissioners to Dunkirk from England, France, and Holland, in order to take proper Inspection of the Works of that Port, and to agree upon what Condition they are to remain in, so that all Complaints in regard to Non-observance of Treaties may be obviated.

A large Quantity of Naval Stores are ordered to be shipped for Gibraltar and Port Mahon.

Two Vessels are fitting out in order to carry the Transports in Newgate and the New Goal to his Majesty's American Colonies.

Letters from Dublin advise, that the Levies of the four Gentlemen lately discarded, who were all Members of Parliament, were crowded with Persons of the highest Distinction the Day after their Dismissal. It was computed that there could not be less than 100 Coaches attending at the House of Anthony Malone, Esq; to compliment him on his Dismissal. The Monday following being the first Effigay Day in Hilary Term, certain eminent Lawyers appeared in common Bar Gowns. It is rumoured that several other Persons will be turned out of their Employments.

'Tis said the Italian Infantry are to be completed in March, when his Catholic Majesty will be enabled to march an Army of 30,000 Men upon an Emergency.

Feb. 1. The Frost has been so severe for a few Days past, that Yesterday Morning the Thames was almost froze over at Brentford.

A few Days since Capt. James Dobbins, Commander of the Thames Frigate, in the Maryland Trade, was married to Miss Ayland, of Corabill.

Gosport, Feb. 2. Yesterday, Afternoon, Impress Warrants were issued out, and the Gangs were out all Night at Cowes, &c. and this Morning it continued very brisk in the Harbour, not a Boat being suffer'd to pass without being search'd. They have pick'd up a great many useful Hands.

Feb. 4. On Saturday there was a Board of Admiralty, which sat late, and on their rising, Messengers were dispatch'd to several Sea Ports.

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