

We are well assured, that the Embargo laid on Provisions from Ireland is to continue for 5 Months; and that this Measure, being taken just in the Nick of Time, hath so disconcerted the French, who, it seems, had not provided against it, that their Men of War have been obliged to take the Provisions out of their Merchantmen, which by that Means are laid up for some Time.

March 10. We hear that his Royal Highness Prince Edward has desired Leave of his Majesty to go to Sea with Lord Anson, in Case of an Expedition; and 'tis said his Majesty has granted his Request.

March 12. A new Proclamation was issued for continuing the Bounties to Seamen of 3 l. and 40 s. to the last Day of this Month; for granting to such as had entered on or before the 6th of February last, in Consequence of the first Proclamation, the like Bounty with those who have since entered; for continuing the Rewards for discovering such Seamen as shall conceal themselves, and promising a Reward of 20 s. to such able-bodied Land-men as have entered since the 23d of January, or shall enter before the last of this Month.

March 27. Letters from Whitehaven in Cumberland advise, that the Officers appointed to raise Seamen there, could not get a single Man, until the Merchants and Gentlemen of the County raised a Fund, and offered Twenty Shillings additional Bounty to every able-bodied Seaman who would enter into his Majesty's Service; who being thereby fully persuaded there will be a War, begin to flock in Apace, to have a hard Blow with the perfidious French.—Such is the Spirit in the northern Parts, as well as in the whole Kingdom.

We hear, that two Companies more for the Royal Regiment of Artillery, are to be raised immediately.

Yesterday, and the two preceding Days, a great Number of Tent-poles, Mallets, Pins, &c. were brought into the great Store-Room at the Tower.

Two Gentlemen at Hull have a Wager depending with Regard to Peace and War, on the following Terms, viz. One gave the other Forty Guineas in Hand, and he, in Return, is to pay him Three Shillings a Day till War is proclaimed. Several Wagers of the like Nature are laid there.

March 28. The French seem to attack our Understandings as well as our Colonies, when they offer to impose on us with Preliminaries, &c. and at the same Time we all know, they do it only to get Time, and are sending their Forces away as fast as possible.—Pretending to draw their Troops back (a little) is very poor Recompence for the Expence of fitting out so noble a Fleet, which, if now suffered to act with Vigour, will much sooner and more effectually put an End to their ambitious Projects, than by that tedious Way of negotiating.

We hear that a Vote of Credit will be granted to his Majesty for One Million, for the Service of the current Year.

And likewise that 5000 more Marines, and 10,000 Land Forces, are to be raised directly.

It was never known in Britain, that within the like short Space of Time, such a Naval Force has been equipp'd and got in Readiness for Action. Though France, surreptitiously, had the Start of us above a Fortnight, yet have we now considerably out-stripped them.

On Wednesday Night six Expresses were dispatched to different Courts of Europe.

It is reported, that a noble Admiral has declared, that if any Captain is defective in the Discharge of his Duty, during an Engagement, he will make a Signal for the First Lieutenant of the Ship to command her.

Wednesday 10,000 lb. of Gunpowder was shipped for Barbados, and 25775 lb. for New England.

March 29. On Thursday the Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels, and Majors, were appointed by his Majesty for the Marines to be raised.

And Yesterday, the Captains to the said Forces were also appointed: They are all to be under the Direction of the Lords of the Admiralty.

They write from Plymouth, that on the 25th Instant arrived there from Rochelle, the Trimmer, Capt. Bellamy, who brings Advice, that the French have fifteen Men of War and twenty Frigates at Brest; five Men of War at Toulon, four of them seventy-four Gun Ships, and two Frigates lying at Anchor near the Isle of Dieu; and it is reported, that they have 20,000 Men ready to embark on the Island of St. Martin.

We hear that the Terms of the Negotiation with France are, that the French King formally renounce all Claim to the Peninsula of Nova-Scotia, refer the Settling the Frontiers of that Province, known by that Name, to Commissioners, demolish his Forts at Crown Point, Niagara, and on Bear River, and give Hostages for the Performance of the last men-

tioned Article. To all which France, it is said, has submitted, except the Delivery of Hostages.

Some Gentlemen of great Credit and Reputation assure us, that, by their Advices from Spain, the Duke de Huescar, the Prime Minister at Madrid, as well as Mr. Wall, are both disposed to preserve a Neutrality on the present Occasion, if the King is not influenced to take Part with France, by the Queen Dowager and the Jesuits, which, it is hoped she and they will not have Power to accomplish.

We hear that by the last Expresses from the Court of Spain, they have been very full as to Promises of observing the exactest Neutrality.

March 31. From Paris they write, that a Frigate is sailed from the Port of Brest on a private Commission; and that the Appearance of a War so much affects their public Funds, that the India Company's Actions are fallen to 1722 Liv. 10 Sols.

The Melicent, Capt. Scroggum, who arrived last Week in the River from South-Carolina, met three Sixty Gun Ships the 13th Instant, and being very leaky, made Signals of Distress; but they took no Notice thereof, and from the Course they steered, Capt. Scroggum judged them to be bound to America; and as they had no Colours out, nor any Men appeared on Deck, one may conclude they are French Men of War, that have slipped away from Brest before the rest of the Fleet.

#### A List of SHIPS in Commission, March 1755.

Ships Names.	Commanders.	Guns.	what Place.
Royal George	Roger Martin	100	Portsmouth
Barfleur	Ld. Harry Paulet	90	Chatham.
St George	John Storr	90	Portsmouth
Prince	Charles Saunders	90	Chatham
Ramillies	Francis Halborn	90	Portsmouth
Prince George	G. Br. Rodney	90	Ditto.
Torbay	Charles Colby	74	Chatham
Culloden	Henry Ward	74	Nore
Monarch	Henry Harrison	74	Portsmouth
Terrible	Philip Durell	74	Ditto
Buckingham	Michael Everit	70	Chatham
Yarmouth	Harry Norris	70	Nore.
Nassau	George Cockburne	70	Chatham
Somerset	Francis Geary	70	Nore
Fougeux	John Douglas	70	Portsmouth
Mars	John Amburst	70	Plymouth.
Vanguard	Hon. John Byron	70	Ditto
Captain	Charles Catford	70	Portsmouth
Grafton	Charles Holmes	70	Ditto
Elizabeth	John Montague	70	Ditto
Ipswich	Tyrrel	70	Plymouth.
Orford	Lord Northbrok	70	Chatham
Chichester	John Bret	70	Portsmouth
Northumb.	Lord Colwill	70	Plymouth
Edinburgb	Thomas Stanhope	70	Ditto
Lancaster	Hon. John Hamden	66	Chatham
Dunkirk	Hon. Robert Howe	60	Ditto
Augusta	Saltrin Willet	60	Plymouth
Anson	Robert Man	60	Portsmouth
Nottingham	Samuel Marshall	60	Ditto
Kingston	William Parry	60	Chatham
Weymouth	Thomas Harway	60	Plymouth
York	Hugh Pigott	60	Ditto
Litchfield	Charles Stephens	50	Chatham
Winchester	Edward Le Cras	50	Woolwich
Newcastle	William Holbourn	50	Portsmouth
Medway	Peter Dennis	60	Woolwich
Defiance	Thomas Andrews	60	Plymouth

#### Thirty-Eight Ships.—In all 2652 Guns.

Ambuscade	Joshua Rowley	40	Portsmouth
Lyme	Samuel Falkner	20	Plymouth
Winchelsea	Francis Drake	20	Ditto
Arundel	Lloyd	20	Portsmouth
Blandford	Richard Watkins	20	Ditto

Befides Sloops, Yachts, &c.

#### Ships under Orders for fitting.

Royal Sovereign	100	Hampton Court	72
Bedford	70	Manmouth	50
Sterling Castle	70	Greenwich	60
Swiftsure	70	Rochester	50
Prince Frederick	70	Falmouth	50
Essex	70		

#### The following is an Account of the Armament at

Brest.	Ships Names	Guns	Ships Names	Guns
	Le Formidable	80	Le Heros	74
	L'Enterpretant	74	L'Descentur	74
	Le Bizarre	64	La Dauph Royal	70
	L'Alcide	64	Le Ly	64
	L'Ilustre	64	Le G. G.	72
	L'Opiniatre	64	La Syrene	30
	Le Leopard	60	Le Kerouin	30
	L'Apollon	50	La Comete	30
	La Melisse	30	Le Fleats de Ly	30

Le Palmier	74	L'Abif	64
L'Acquilon	44	L'Esperance	74
L'Etoile	64	L'Inflexible	64
L'Aigle	50	La Diane	36
La Fidelle	30		
		Total Guns	1524

At Brest are 8 Regiments of Soldiers, fifteen Battalions of 500 Men in a Battalion, making 7500 Men.

The Report of a War between Great-Britain and France has raised the Price of Coffee and Sugars at Hamburg one Third.

On Saturday last 1000 Ounces of Gold Coins, with 20000 Ounces of Silver, were shipped for New-England.

April 12. We hear that twelve Ships of the Line are sailed from Portsmouth, under the Command of Admiral Hawke.

And that 25 more Men of War of the Line, are to be compleatly fitted up, to be ready on any Emergency.

'Tis reported that some Regiments of Dragoons, &c. will encamp on Blackheath this Summer.

The Regiment of Scotch Grey Dragoons, who were on their March to Scotland, are counter-manded, and are on their March from Lancashire, to Suffex and Kent.

We hear that fifty Companies of Marines are to be quartered at the following Places, viz. 22 Companies at Portsmouth, 16 at Plymouth, and 12 at Chatham. And it is reported that fifty more Companies will be raised.

We hear his Majesty intends to make a considerable Augmentation to his Troops in his Electoral Dominions.

All the Officers of the Guards, &c. have received Orders to get their Field Equipages ready with all possible Expedition.

We hear from Carmarthen in South Wales, that the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in that Place, have ordered their Treasurer to give Twenty Shillings (over and above his Majesty's Bounty) to every able-bodied Seaman within the Port of Carmarthen, who shall voluntarily enter to serve in his Majesty's Navy on or before the 25th Instant.

We hear that there will be a Lottery to raise 500000 l. towards defraying the Expences of the current Year.

Extra of a Letter from Portsmouth, April 9.

Last Night arrived Admiral Boscawen, and this Morning hoisted his Flag on board the Nottingham, till the Torbay arrives. Crowds of Nobility and Gentry daily come to this Town, to view the Fleet at Spithead, which consists of Twenty-six Men of War.

Edinburgb, March 17. It is currently reported here, that the French intend to invade England in three different Parts at once, and here we expect them every Day; but if they should make such a rash Attempt, and land even 40,000 Men, they will only sacrifice them, as they will scarce get one of them back again; for the whole Country is engaged against them. Numbers of able-bodied experienced Seamen enter themselves daily as Volunteers, and are desirous of nothing more than to come to an Engagement with them.

Dublin, March 16. Richard Archbold publicly abjured the Errors of the Romish Religion in St. Auden's Church, and was received into the Church of Ireland by the Rev. Mr. Cobb, Minister of the Parish. This Convert was educated in the College of Jesuits at St. Omers, and admitted into their Society, and was sent by them into Maryland, where he continued to discharge the Office of a Missionary for the Space of Ten Years.

Plymouth, March 4. The Otter Sloop, Capt. Graves, arrived this Day from a Cruise of about ten Days; and it is reported that they have been off the Harbour of Brest, where being seen, two French Men of War weighed Anchor, and pursued the Otter. They took the French Ships to be one of thirty and another of fifty Guns.

#### B O S T O N .

May 19. Saturday last Capt. Trent arrived here from London: He has brought several hundred Barrels of Gunpowder, and a Gentleman is come Passenger with him, who is Paymaster-General of the Forces now on Foot in America, who has brought Fourteen Thousand Pounds Sterling in Cash for their Use.

The same Day the Master of a Vessel arriv'd in Town from Louisburg, and gives the following Account, viz. That having met with bad Weather at Sea, in which he lost his Mast, and suffered much other Damage, he put into Louisburg to refit, and that while he was there a 36 Gun Ship came in from France, and upon her Arrival, 500 Men were immediately set to Work on their Fortifications, which

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