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LONDON, August 5.

THE Night before the Duke de Mirepoix left London, he expressed himself to the following Effect, to the Grandees at White's Chocolate-House.

Gentlemen,

The high Civilities I have had the Honour to receive from you, having laid me under great Obligations, I should behave beneath the Character of a Gentleman, were I to depart this Kingdom without making those Acknowledgments which you are intitled to, and which I glory in. It is with great Regret, Gentlemen, that I leave a Nation with Animosity which I could have been happy to have made my Exit in. The noble generous Spirit of Freedom which reigns among you, would make every wife Man wish to be a Briton, did not that Liberty degenerate into Licentiousness. You have the Happiness of a brave and wife King to rule over you: A Gentleman worthy of the Race of Heroes from which he descends, and you ought to make it your Glory to demonstrate you deserve him. I will not impeach the Conduct of your Ministry any farther than to observe, their being influenced by the Multitude obscures those great Talents, which in France would make a Blaze that would astonish not only Europe, but the Universe. It is your Misfortune to be a divided People, and yet you are, to the Surprise of the World, a great and powerful Nation; and if you are not happy, pardon my Saying, it is your own Fault. Gentlemen, as I am just setting out for France, I affectionately take my leave of you; and as I fear I shall never have the Felicity of seeing you here again, which I wish I may enjoy, as I shall esteem it so, to meet you in any Corner of the Globe. As I have a considerable Quantity of the best Wines France could produce, I desire you'll do me the Honour of permitting its being sent for your Use.

August 12. The British Navy on the 25th ult. consisted of 150 Men of War and 41350 Seamen, and good and able Men, best Part of them raised in six Months, to the Praise of the present, and an Example to all future Administrations.

We can assure the Public, there are twenty Men of War now building from twenty to sixty Guns, which can be got ready for Service in three Months, some of which will be launched in three Weeks, besides the Royal Anne, which is the largest in the Fleet.

Extract of a Letter from Portsmouth, dated August 11. "Yesterday Morning Commodore Frankland hoisted his broad Pendant on board his Majesty's Ship Winchester, Capt. Le Gros, and is expected to sail with a Squadron very soon."

The Right Honourable the Lord Anson, and several of the Lords of the Admiralty, have been down to Woolwich, to see a Proof of some new invented Guns that are but half the ordinary Weight, and yet will do as much Execution.

A Detachment of the Train of Artillery is in Readiness to embark on the shortest Notice.

Capt. George Fothergill, Commander of the Belfycastle, arrived last Saturday in the River from Dantzick; and we are informed, that all the Northern Powers are making great Preparations for War.

By a private Letter from Toulon, dated the 20th ult. we are informed, that the French Squadron at that Port consists of two Ships of 80 Guns, fifteen from 60 to 74, two of 80 Guns, four Frigates, three Bombketches, and nine Gallies, besides two Ships of the Line on the Stocks.

It is confidently asserted, that Letters of Marque will be granted next Week; and that in Expectation thereof a considerable Number of Hands were engaged on Friday and Saturday last.

August 14. There is a Report that both Houses

of Parliament will sit the latter End of October next for the Dispatch of Business.

Our Correspondents at Falmouth acquaint us, that the Lisbon Packet-Boats are to observe the same Directions as in Time of War.

We hear that Commodore Frankland sails next Week with ten Men of War of the Line to the West-Indies.

There are now 22 Men of War, at the different Yards, fitting for the Sea with all Expedition, and so soon as they are out of the Docks a great Number are ordered in.

Extract of a Letter from Spithead, August 22.

"Yesterday arrived from North-America, with an Express for the Lords of the Admiralty, the Swan Sloop of War, who owed her Escape to her extreme good Sailing, having been chased for two Days by a Squadron of nine French Ships of War."

Orders are given from the Board of Works, we hear, for every Thing to be in Readiness at Kensington Palace, for the Reception of his Majesty by the Tenth of next Month.

His Majesty's Servants belonging to the Yachts, have received Orders from the Board of Green Cloth to go on board, in order to fall down the River on Wednesday for Helvoetsluis, to wait the Arrival of his Majesty, who, it is said, will set out from Hanover, about the Tenth of next Month.

We hear that as soon as his Majesty comes Home Admiral Smith, with the Ships under his Command, and some Transport Vessels, will sail for Gibraltar and Port Mahon.

The Prefs for Seamen continues somewhat brisk down the River, but they take none but prime Hands, so they cannot be very short of them.

August 16. M. Duplex's Lady, who is a Native of the East-Indies, has brought to Europe with her many Curiosities to present their most Christian Majesties; particularly a Crown of Diamonds for the King, a Fan set with Diamonds for the Queen, an Arabian Horse that travels sixty Leagues a Day without halting; a Spider of a monstrous Figure and extraordinary Bigness, that is to spin Silk; and a Monster half Woman half Monkey, an Animal not more rare than mischievous. [Two Mischiefs join'd in One!]

This Morning 23000 lb. of Gunpowder was shipped for the West-Indies.

The British Lion, who has for a long Time past been a passive couchant Beast, or at most been heard to growl and grumble; now begins to roar again. His tremendous Voice has roused the whole Nation, and the meanest of the People breathe nothing but War and Revènge. The Encroachments of the French on our Colonies are the general Topic of Conversation, and the popular Cry now runs, *New-England for ever!* Peace or War has been the Subject of Betts at White's, as well as Debates at the Robin Hood; and "a Fleet roaring, new World's, new Dress, the Colonies in a Rope, &c. were, last Sunday, the Subjects of a Prayer and Lecture at the Oratory in Clare-Market. The Theatres also, before they closed the Season, entertained us with several Warlike Dramas: The Prefs-Gang was exhibited at Covent-Garden; and at Drury-Lane, the same Sea that rolled its Canvas Billows in Pantomime at the beginning of the Season, to carry Harlequin to China, was again put in Motion to Transport our Sailors to North America. At present the Streets ring with the martial Strains of our Ballad Singers, who are endeavouring, like Tyrtæus of old, to rouse their Fellow Countrymen to Battle: While all the Polite World are hurrying to Portsmouth to see Mock-Fights, and be regaled on board the Admiral.

Admiral Knowles is soon expected home from the Government of Jamaica, and we hear he is intended to command a Fleet in the West-Indies.

August 23. It is said that Admiral Hawke has Instructions to watch the Motions of the French Fleet he is now up with at Lisbon, and upon their coming into the American Seas to give them Battle. [It is to be hoped he will watch them with a Hawk's Eye, and when he strikes at them, claw them off.]

Admiral Boscawen is shortly expected home with the largest Ships of his Fleet.

The Hon. Commodore Kepple, Commander of the Centurion, who is arrived in England, this Morning waited on the Right Hon. Lord Anson.

We are informed from good Authority, that the King of Spain has declared he is inflexible in his Friendship, with Great-Britain, and desirous of maintaining Peace with all Europe.

Extract of a Letter from Paris, August 4.

"The Court has dispatched fresh Orders to Brest and other Ports, to fit out 18 or 20 Men of War. The Prince of Conti and several general Officers have assisted at Conferences held at Compeigne on military Arrangements. The Lord Clare, Commandant of the Irish Brigade, has been sent for to Court. We reckon that the wife Administration of M. de Schelles, Comptroller-General of the Finances, together with the Retrenching of superfluous Expences, will procure great Resources for carrying on a successful War, in Case an honourable and advantageous Accommodation cannot be obtained. It is pretended that the new Regulation intended for the General-Farms will actually produce from 12 to 15 Millions of Livres. It is said that four great Officers will be speedily promoted to the Rank of Marshals of France."

September 2. It is rumoured that his Catholic Majesty hath sent to the French Court immediately to withdraw from Madrid his present Ambassador, for having endeavoured to impose upon him by gross Misrepresentations of the Conduct of the English in America. [Strange! that his Catholic Majesty should never find out that his most Christian Majesty was deceitful, still now.]

Sept. 4. Yesterday both Houses of Parliament met at Westminster, and were farther prorogued till the 23d Instant.

Extract of a Letter from Portsmouth, dated Sept. 1.

Last Friday Morning arrived Orders for Reprisals, and immediately sailed the Colchester, Capt. Gardiner on a Cruize; and the Lyme, Capt. Vernon, to Sir Edward Hawke; but the Lyme was forced to return to St. Helen's.

Last Night arrived at Spithead the Colchester; with four Martineco Men she took off of Portland, three of them were outward bound, a Ship, a Snow, and two Brigs; the Ship carries 16 Guns, and is homeward bound.

Remain at Spithead 12 Men of War, mostly Line of Battle Ships.

The Lyme sailed again just now, though it blows a Storm, to endeavour to reach the Remainder of the Martineco Men, who were eleven in Number; and if Captain Gardiner had not had a Convoy for Plymouth to take Care of, he had certainly taken them all.

The Antelope, Capt. Gayton, will sail on a Cruize To-morrow.

The Bedford and Portland are ordered as a Convoy to the Mediterranean as soon as the Wind permits.

The Princess Mary is ordered for the West-Indies with a Convoy immediately.

Death Sept. 3. Arriv'd a Man of War, which we take to be the Roebuck, and has brought in six French Ships.

Dublin, August 30. Private Letters by Yesterday's Packet from London, bring a Confirmation of the Repulse of our Forces under the Command of General Braddock near the Ohio, which was occasioned by the Regiments of Foot commanded by Col. Dunbar and Sir Peter Halkett being struck with a Pannic refused to Fight, and laid down their