

were put to Sea from that Port, and were sailing Westward.

March 4. There is the hottest Press for Seamen on the River Thames at present that hath been known for many Years past, not a Ship escaping the Loss of their Hands coming up the Channel, which are navigated into the River by Men of War's Men.

A general Embargo is laid on all the Shipping in our Ports.

A grand Plan of Operation being lately concerted, the Principal, or first Part thereof, is undertaken by the vigilant Right Honourable Lord Anson; to which End he will in a few Days hoist his Flag on board the Prince, a first Rate, at Portsmouth, and Captain Saunders is appointed Commander of the said Ship under the Admiral.

On Wednesday Evening Expresses were dispatched to our several Ports; and we are informed an Embargo has been laid upon all Shipping, for six Weeks in the River. It is supposed the Contents of the aforesaid Expresses were to the same Purpose.

March 9. The Quakers have excommunicated Seven of their People for opening their Shops on the last General Fast-day.

Orders were sent last Week to Scotland to lay an Embargo on all Shipping in that Kingdom, to continue till further Notice.

So strict was the Press for Sailors last Week, that those employed on board the Yachts and Packet Boats were taken away.

It is now no longer a Doubt that a formidable Armament is sailed from Brest, to give some grand Stroke on some of our Settlements, perhaps Minorca, perhaps the Leeward Islands. Our Conjectures are various.

By a private Letter from Rotterdam we have Advice, that the English Transports, to the Number of Thirty, were arrived at Goree, and that the Hessian Troops began their March on the 26th ult.

We hear that some Bomb Vessels are ordered to be got ready.

There are twenty four Transport Ships for Horse, and sixteen for Foot, many of which are 700 or 800 Tons Burthen, now victualling in the River Thames, with Bread, Cheese, Brandy, Beer, and Water (for they dont dress any Flesh) for twenty eight Days. They are designed to bring over 12000 Foot and 2400 Horse, with the Prince of Hesse. They are to embark at Stadt in the Dutchy of Bremen, on the South Coast of the Elbe, and are designed to land at Newcastle.

The last Transports fitted out about three Weeks ago are arrived in Holland, and are expected by the first Easterly Winds to land the 6000 Dutch at Margate, who are to encamp on Barnham Downs near Canterbury, the necessary Preparations being already made.

We hear that Col. Provost, who has left the Dutch Service, will have a considerable Command in the four Battalions of foreign Protestants to be raised in America; and that twenty German Officers, and thirty Engineers, will be sent there. The other Officers are to be named by the Earl of Loudon.

March 11. His Excellency Henry William Littleton, Esq; Governor of South-Carolina, being heretofore prevented by the French from going in the Blandford to his Government, is set out for Plymouth, where he is to embark on board his Majesty's Ship Winchelsea, a sixth Rate, of 24 Guns, compleatly manned, and ready to sail when the Wind permits.

There are as great a Number of Transport Vessels now in Pay, as ever known, and some Persons, who understand Maritime Affairs very well, are of Opinion that our Court intends to return the Compliment of a Decent to our near Neighbours but false Friends.

Extract of a Letter from Portsmouth, March 10. "By the Nature of the Order for unlading the Prizes, it is strongly believed here that they'll be sold for the Benefit of the Crown, not of the Captors.

In pressing Men for the Service of the Navy, no Regard is had to any Protections. Watermen, with Noblemens Badges, have been taken within these two Days, as well as those belonging to the Lord Mayor.

There is Advice from Cadiz, by the Way of Paris, that one of our Men of War has taken, within six or eight Miles of the Bay of Cadiz, a Martinico-man homeward bound, worth about Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars.

The three East-India Ships, the Antigua Planter, Gladman, for Antigua, with several other

Vessels bound Westward, sailed from St. Helen's on Thursday with Admiral Hawke, who had ten Ships of the Line under his Command.

The Prince Man of War is victualled for a Month's Cruize only; by the Expiration of which Time the King George, now rigging at Woolwich, will be ordered to Portsmouth, and Lord Anson's Flag will be hoisted on board her. The two Captains under him will be Saunders and Campbell.

The Rainbow Man of War, now in Dock at Woolwich, is ordered for the Sea with all Expedition, as are several others there and at Deptford.

There are nine Waggon's in the Tower ready laden with Tents, &c. for an Encampment.

We hear that Col. Webb, lately promoted to the Command of Dunbar's Regiment, is to be made a Major-General upon his Arrival in America, and to be placed upon that Staff.

Extract of a Letter from Portsmouth, March 12.

"Since my last Orders have been received for the immediate fitting for the Mediterranean, under the Command of the Admirals Byng and West, the Ramillies, Capt. Gardner, the Buckingham, Capt. Everitt, the Revenge, Capt. Cornwall, the Trident, Capt. Durell, the Culloden, Capt. Ward, the Intrepid, Capt. Young, the Lancaster, Capt. Amburst, the Captain, Captain Catford, the Kingston, Capt. Parry, and the Defiance, Capt. Andrews."

Temple West, Esq; Rear Admiral of the Red, we hear set out Yesterday for Plymouth, to take upon him the Command of a large Squadron for the Mediterranean.

Portsmouth, March 5. Two Expresses have arrived to Sir Edward Hawke and Admiral Osborn, with Orders, as it is said, to augment the former's Fleet with four Ships of the Line and four Cutters. Sir Edward is to be joined at Plymouth by Admiral Moystyn, with seven Sail more, besides Frigates; that Admiral Osborn will speedily be ordered to Sea, it being affirmed that the French Squadron is out, with several Privateers, who have taken some of our Colliers.

March 12. Sir Edward Hawke is sailed with as fair a Wind for the Fleet as can blow out of the Heavens. Pray God send him good Success!

Plymouth, March 9. Admiral Moystyn, in his Majesty's Ship Monarch; the Culloden, Oxford, York, Dunkirk, Revenge, Rochester, Falmouth, Prince Edward, Lyme, Sheerness and Seaford, are all sailed, in order to join Sir Edward Hawke off this Harbour.

Dublin, March 9. One Man from each Company of Foot on this Establishment is ordered up to Town, to learn the Gunners Exercise; as each Regiment on this Establishment is to have one or two Field Pieces, in the same Manner as those on the English Establishment, and a Detachment from several Regiments is arrived.

March 16. Wednesday a Proclamation was issued by his Grace the Duke of Devonshire and Council, setting forth his Majesty's royal Pleasure signified to his Grace, forthwith to lay a general Embargo upon all Ships and Vessels in the several Ports of this Kingdom (excepting such as are employed by the Officers of the Navy, Ordnance, Victualling, Customs, and Post Office in Great-Britain; and such as are employed by the Commissioners of his Majesty's Revenue in Ireland) commanding all his Majesty's Collectors, Surveyors, and Officers of the several Ports of this Kingdom, and all other Officers whom it may concern, that at their Perils they pay due Obedience thereto till further Orders to the contrary.

Cork, March 8. As the Wind came about this Morning to the N. W. 'tis supposed the Men of War and Transports with the two Regiments on board put to Sea about 4 o'Clock this Afternoon. God send them safe.

Cork, March 15. Last Friday an Embargo was laid on all Ships in this Harbour, except those that were cleared out at the Custom-house before the Order arrived.

B O S T O N, April 19.

We have Letters in Town from Gentlemen in London, informing, That Major General Webb was gone down to Falmouth to take his Passage in the Packet-Boat bound to New-York. That a strong Squadron of his Majesty's Ships was lying before the Harbour of Brest, to keep in the French Ships there; and that the Transports with the Troops designed for America, with General Loudon, were ordered to be ready to sail from Cork by the first of April, to be conveyed by Admiral Boscawen, with about 20 Men of War.

Thursday last arrived here the Capt. Spendor and White from London; the former having

Arms, &c. and the latter Powder, for the Use of the Province; Capt. White in his Passage met with very bad Weather, in which he lost his Bow-sprit, Main-top-mast, and had his Mate washed over-board.

By Capt. Dicksey who arrived last Monday at Marblehead from Lisbon, in six Weeks, we have Advice, that they had, before he sail'd, repeated Shocks of the Earthquake, but not very violent; That they had Intelligence by the Post, That the French King had granted Letters of Marque and Reprisals against the British Vessels; and all Vessels belonging to the Subjects of the King of Great Britain; in the Harbour of Bourdeaux, were detain'd; and that a Declaration of War was soon expected.

Extract of a Letter from Annapolis-Royal, dated March 21.

"There has not one Indian been seen since the Inhabitants left this. Undoubtedly you have heard of Mr Neal's Fate, who was taken by 20 Canoes, when all fast asleep; but their Gentry at St. John's will perhaps very suddenly pay dear for their Tricks. A French Deserter says, that the People of St. John's sent for Provisions to Canada, but only brought back a little Flour, being in Want themselves, and greatly so at Louisbourg: Pray God increase their Troubles for their unjust and vile Proceedings."

W I L L I A M S B U R G, April 30.

Since our last arrived the How, Eelbeck, from Whitehaven. This Vessel had but six Weeks Passage, and the Captain informs, that an Embargo was laid on all British Shipping, to take Place the tenth of March.

Several Expresses from Winchester arrived within these few Days, bring Advice, That a considerable Number of French and Indians, in different Parties, still continue in that Neighbourhood, committing the most horrid Barbarities, having lately butchered several Families within a few Miles of Winchester: All Communication between that Place and Fort Cumberland has been cut off for three Weeks past. There were not above 40 Men at Winchester when these Expresses came away, as none of the Militia thereabouts could be collected, so that we are under Apprehensions of receiving dismal News from thence by the next Express. On Receipt of the above Account, his Honour the Governor has ordered out Half of the Militia from the Counties of Albemarle, Caroline, Culpeper, Fairfax, Frederick, King-George, Louisa, Orange, Prince-William, Spotsylvania, and Stafford, which 'tis thought will amount to between three and four Thousand Men; and are to march out immediately to the Relief of the back Inhabitants.

N E W - Y O R K, April 26.

Last Tuesday an Express arrived here from Albany, to his Excellency our Governor, informing him, that an Indian (who had been in the Woods nigh Oswego, and heard a great many Cannon fired) was arrived at the Great Carrying Place, and acquainted Col. Broadstreet, that Oswego was certainly besieged by a large Body of French and Indians. This News gained Credit with some; whilst others looked upon it in quite a different Light; but on Friday, to our great Joy, Letters from Lieutenant Colonel Mercer, Commander of the Garrison of Oswego, dated the 15th Instant, were received here, informing his Excellency that all was well there, and that the Firing abovementioned was occasioned by his ordering some of the Guns to be scaled.

Extract of a Letter from Oswego, dated April 15.

"After our Loss at Onida Carrying Place, I am sure it will be agreeable to you to hear of our Safety here. We have been in a Manner surrounded by Scouting Parties, who have carried off 4 of our Men, and scalp'd another very nigh Fort Ontario. By the Rafts they make for crossing this River, and the frequent Reports of their Fire Arms, I judge they come all from the Eastward, and consist mostly of the Cackawaga and Oswegatchie Indians: The few of ours who were here have left us in great Panic; I am not sorry for it, as they endeavour'd to instill us with their Fears. The Accident at the Carrying Place has roused a Spirit of Vigilance in us beyond my Hopes, or what I thought our Strength could support; for we have been extremely sickly, and lost great Numbers by the Scurvy."

May 3. Wednesday last came to Town from Boston, His Excellency General Shirley. He was accompanied by a Number of Gentlemen, who went to meet him upon the Road, and saluted by Fort George, when he came to his Lodgings in Beaver Street.

Yesterday His Excellency embarked for Albany, as did most of the Officers of the Army. Capt. Richards, from Madeira, on Saturday, the

the 24th ult. took with a Vessel from bound to Maryland, who had been out five Weeks, the Captain of which told War was declared the 20th of March.

We hear that Sir William Johnson is Meeting with the Heads of many different Nations of Indians, at Onondago, the 11th and that the River Indians of Ulster, Orange, Dutchess Counties, in this Province, are incorporated with the Mohawks, at the soms of their Sachems, as well to strengthen, as to secure and impede the former murdering any more of our People, as they formerly practised.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, A

By Captain Cotton from Barbados Confirmation of the Warwick Man of War taken and carried into Martinico. It engaged two French Frigates, of 36 Guns off of Martinico, and made them boot but that a 74 Gun Ship came up, with fought till her Masts went by the Board, was obliged to strike. The Warwick commanded by Mollineux Sheldam, Esq;

Captain Cotton on his Passage spoke Rye Man of War, Captain Forest, Jamaica from Cork, who had taken two Vessels, one from St. Domingo, the other Cape Francois.

May 6. Last Week his Honour our Governor set out for Harris's Ferry, to review the and forward the Expedition to Shamokin, experienced Colonel Clapham. His Honour escorted out of Town by Part of Captain Troop of Horse, and the Officers of Captain Spiegle's Independent Company, who being in their Uniform, made a genteel Appearance.

A N N A P O L I S, May 1

On Tuesday last in the Morning, Died, in this City, ALEXANDER HAMILTON, Aged 44 Years. The Death of this valuable Gentleman is universally and justly lamented: His Abilities, various Knowledge, strictness of Integrity of Manners, and extensive Benevolence, severely gained him the Respect and Esteem of Men. No Man, in his Sphere, has left more friends, or more Friends.

His Excellency our Governor has been pleased to Reprieve for Benjamin Barrett, in Calvert's Molatto Charles, in Prince-George's County condemn'd at last Assizes.

We have received a Letter giving a particular Account of the Death of Mr. Thomas Cresap, junr. who was an Indian on St. George's Day last; but the Substantive unhappy Loss, having been already published, necessary to publish the Letter. We mention Cresap got behind a Tree, which was a Mistake only was behind a Tree, and fired a Bullet and Shot into Mr. Cresap's Breast, the Bullet went into his Body. It is supposed he mortally wounded an Indian, as they lay him fall three Times; but a Laurel Swamp, and disappear'd. These are the same Body of Indians who kill'd Captain Carter (mentioned in our last Gazette), found in their Baggage Mr. Carter's Hat, known at Fort Cumberland. The Indian who and scalp'd, appear'd to have been an old War.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, ENCL. Brig Phillip and James, James Cole, from Barbados. Cleared for Departure, Sloop Swan, James Hanrick, for Philadelphia Schooner Wheel of Fortune, William Palmer, Schooner Rosanna, Christopher Sheldon, for Ship Biddeford, John Cole, for Bristol.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Owners of Anne-Arundel County Tenth of Jans being the Time affix'd paying the Public, Clergy, and Officers draws very near, and as very few have I give this public Notice, to all those who comply, that I must and will (however able to me) collect agreeable to Law, hope every Gentleman will prevent, surely be in every one's Power to bring for Tobacco as soon to the Inspector his Crop. Constant Attendance on every Wednesday and Thursday, at Annopolis, to settle with all Gentlemen indebted for Sheriff's Accounts.

And as very little Notice has been formerly Advertisements, for Payment of Ship's Quit-Rents, I give this public Notice, who do not come and make Payment, collect the Quit-Rents at their Expense. Loss of Time, which I should be glad one would prevent, in doing which very much oblige,

Their most humble Servant, JOHN RAITT, of Anne-Arundel