

sent out Parties to secure Posts, and cut off the Rebels Provisions. Our whole Army will be 15 Battalions of Foot, and 6 Squadrons of Horse.

*March 13.* The French court has not only taken a resolution to remove the Dutch prisoners of war out of the Low Countries; but also to send the most of them into the heart of France, and some of them as far as the frontiers of Spain.

Orders are given for transports to be taken up, for the immediate embarkation of a considerable number of forces for Cape-Breton; who are to be convoy'd by four men of war: And nine men of war are appointed to convoy the merchant ships bound to the West-Indies, to their respective ports.

It is said, that admiral Mayne will soon sail to the West-Indies to relieve admiral Davers.

Some letters from Argyleshire assure, that Fort-William made a brave defence; and by throwing some bombs, which luckily fell amongst the rebels, several were killed, and the rest retir'd.

*Glasgow, March 24.* From Argyleshire we are informed, that 26 villages in Marven, and the places adjacent, have been burnt, by a party sent ashore from the sloops of war on the west coast; these villages were chiefly possessed by the Camerons.

We are as much in the dark concerning the motion of the rebels as ever. In a letter from Aberdeen, dated the 15th instant, it is said the main body is at Fochabers, a quarter of a mile off this side of the Spey; on hearing of which, the duke ordered 4 regiments of foot to Laverury, Kintore, and Oldrum; and that morning an express arrived, adv'ing that 150 of the rebels were advancing towards Inverury; on which his royal highness detached 4 more, with some dragoons and some cannon to that place; so that a battle is soon expected.

*London, March 20.* They write from Constantinople, both by the Way of Vienna and Venice, that the Shah Nadir had only amuse'd the Grand Signior with Proposals of Peace, and that he was endeavouring to march with an Army of 120,000 Men towards Anatolia, and so directly to the Capital, which had occasion'd a prodigious Consternation, and the Resolution lately taken of marching all their Forces on the Frontiers of Hungary into Asia, and assembling there the whole Force of the Ottoman Empire in the Spring.

On the 9th of this instant, in the afternoon, prince Lobkowitz died at Vienna, universally lamented.

Major-general Frampton's regiment, consisting of 1000 men, was ordered from Cape-Breton; and we hear draughts will be made out of the several regiments, to be sent thither to defend that place.

Last Sunday his majesty's ships the Canterbury and Edinburgh, having on board 300 of col. Frampton's regiment of foot, sail'd from Portsmouth to Spithead, to join the fleet at Plymouth, commanded by commodore Knowles; and after convoying the West-India trade, will go to Cape-Breton.

*March 25.* His majesty has been pleas'd to appoint ——— Warburton, Esq; to be governor of Cape-Breton; on whose arrival there, admiral Warren will embark for England.

*March 27.* Yesterday came advice, that the Hazard sloop, which has been so useful to the pretender's affairs, in passing and repassing between Dunkirk and Scotland, is drove ashore near Ostend, and destroy'd, by one of our men of war.

There are letters from Lyons in France, dated the 16th inst. adv'ing that the king of Sardinia had penetrated into Villa-Franca; and that they, by the assistance of some English men of war, had made themselves masters of that place.

From the London Gazette.

*Whitehall, March 10.* This Day an Express arriv'd from his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, with the following Intelligence.

*Aberdeen, March 5.* The whole Army arriv'd at this Place by the End of last Week; and we shall have within these four or five Days a Recruit of 700 recovered Men from Edinburgh and England, besides the Regiment of Bligh, which is coming up by Sea; and as the Hessians are moving forwards towards Perth, the Scotch Fusileers are also to come up this Way from that Place, as soon as the first Division of the Hessians draw near it; and the Duke of Kingstons Regiment of Horse is within a March of us. The Day after his Royal Highness came hither, he detached Lord Ancrum with 100 Dragoons, and Major Morris with 300 Foot under his Command, to a Castle at the Head of the River Don, 45 Miles from hence, call'd Corgarf, and situated in the Heart of the Rebellion, in order to get Possession of a Quantity of Spanish Arms and Powder which were lodged there; his Lordship took them without Resistance, the Rebels having quitted the Castle upon his Approach; but as they had driven away the Horses of the Country, he was forced to destroy most of the Arms, and 30 Barrels of Powder. Lord Abercrombie is here, and shows the greatest Zeal for his Majesty's Service. Lord Findlater, and his Son-in-Law Mr. Grant, are also come hither, the latter of which offers to bring out 600 of his People arm'd, which he will do as soon as every Thing is ready for our March.

The last and best Accounts we had of the Rebels were, that Lord Lewis Gordon, with the Person call'd Lord John Drummond, were at Gordon Castle, on this Side the Spey, with about 100 Men just to cover their Quarters. The Main of their Body, which they call 2000, is on the other Side of that River, making a Shew of Retrenching themselves, tho' they have but two Pieces of Cannon with them, and these without Carriages, which they coasted along from Montrose thither.

The Pretender's Son is still at Inverness, with 3 or 4000 of the Clans, according to their own reckoning, so that if a Star'd is made at all, it will be probably there. We move but slowly, being obliged to carry Magazines of all Sorts of Provisions with us, which incumbers and retards us. The March from hence to Inverness will take some Days to form; as that of the Highlanders, of whom we have a considerable Body, must be concert'd and settled at the same Time; but we shall be again in Motion as soon as possible.

'Tis assur'd from Perth, that when the Duke of Cumberland took Possession of Drummond Castle, (the Duke of Perth's Seat) before any of the Provisions found there were used, his Highness order'd some to be given to Dogs, which it poison'd and kill'd immediately.

*London, March 13.* We hear, a Number of Colliers, now in the River, are taken up to carry 2000 of the Guards to Aberdeen.

We are inform'd, by Letters from Edinburgh, that the Rebels are said to be 5000 strong, having been join'd by the Lowlanders, who separated from them when they went to Tay-bridge.

The Retreat of Lord Loudon to Cromarty, to take Shelter in that important Place, and our preventing its falling into the Hands of the French, are generally applauded as the best Steps that could have been taken at this Juncture, as Nature seems to have form'd that Haven for the Reception and Securing of Fleets, it being the finest, and beyond all Denial the safest in Britain; that is, most capable of being defended either by ourselves or an Enemy. For it is scarce more than Pistol-shot over it at its Entrance, betwixt Rocks that are naturally impregnable; yet expands it self within, to an Extent, and full Depth of Water, that are scarcely any where else to be met with; and has a Bottom the cleanest in the World, and most proper for Anchorage.