

The French fleet is said to have sailed from this port, but taken four ships got from Valparaiso to Leghorn, and with arms, &c. belonging to the Austrian troops. A great quantity of snow has lately fallen in the neighbouring mountains, to that nothing remarkable has pass'd on the hills of Polsevera, Massone, and Voltri.

L O N D O N.

March 7. They write from Plymouth, that the Grand Turk and Amazon Men of War, have taken the Wolf Privateer, belonging to the French; formerly an English sloop of War.

March 14. The Sultana, a French privateer, of 24 guns and 174 men, belonging to St. Malo's, having met with bad weather, sprung a leak, and was oblig'd to throw overboard all her guns except two; the crew, in order to save their lives, run her into Balmuccie, and surrender'd themselves prisoners.

Pertsmouth, March 29. This morning sail'd out of harbour to Spithead the Defiance, capt. Granville. The Lion and Princess Louisa will be ready to follow in three or four days. All the transports from Ireland remain.

London, March 31. The Antelope, Townshend, from Jamaica, is arriv'd at Bristol; who informs us, that 12 days ago he was taken off Cape Clear by the Gloria privateer, of St. Malo's; capt. Bennett, who oblig'd him, on pain of death, to ransom his ship, which he did for 1600*l*.

April 2. By our last accounts from Berlin, military preparations are still carried on in Prussia, whether his majesty propos'd to go in May, and to form a camp near Mamel, of upwards of 30,000 men.

Some advices from Ratisbon say, that a very considerable body of Saxon troops have received orders to march towards the frontiers of Bohemia, but with what view the most penetrating politicians there could not determine.

Some private letters from the Hague say, that a report prevails there, that a peace either is, or will be concluded, between the courts of Madrid and London; as also between the former and the court of Vienna.

April 4. They write from Paris, that a manifesto is actually in the press there, setting forth the reasons which have induced the French king to enter the territories of a certain power, in order to find out his enemies, who have retired thither. It is to be hoped, that that power, the States General, will give an actual answer to this piece.

Lord Ogilvy, who made his escape into Norway after the battle of Culloden, and is since got into France, has obtained a colonel's commission of the French king. His lady, who was prisoner in Scotland, is also landed at Boulogne.

There is advic'd from Holland, that his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, was arriv'd at the head of his army, and that they had already taken the field, and were all in high spirits.

Edinburgh, April 1. Yesterday put into this place the John Thomas, from Waterford for Bristol, William Jeffreys master, who says, that on Sunday last, early in the morning, he saw a large fleet of ships, about 20 leagues to the Northward of him, in St. George's channel, still shaping their course Northward. By his best computation he makes them about 40 sail, about 20 he takes to be ships of war, and the rest transports; and by their course, he believes them to be bound for Ireland, or some part of Scotland.

April 7. The following ships are ordered to be got ready for admiral Anson and admiral Warren; viz. the Monmouth, Prince Frederick, Hampton Court, Namur, Edinburgh, Yarmouth, and Kent, third rates; the Princess Louisa, Portland, Eagle, Lion, Northampton, Centurion, Salisbury, Faulkland, Portland, Prize, and Gloucester, fourth rates; the Ambuscade and Hector, fifth rates; the Inverness, Shoreham, Syren, Falcon sloop, and Viper, sixth rates; the Vulcan and Pluto, fire ships.

Bristol, April 6. Last night arriv'd the Sheerness privateer, from a cruise, very leaky. A sailor belonging to the Blandford privateer is come to town, who gives an account, that he had taken a French privateer of 25 guns and 300 men, after an engagement of five hours, in which they killed and wounded 50 of the French, with the loss only of 3 or 4. They were conveying her to Kinsale, when they met a French privateer of 45 guns, who bore down on the Blandford, and exchanged a few

shots; but no account of either ship coming towards them, the Blandford bore away, and the privateer was recken'd, who having at anchor near a Dutch ship, put his sail for aid some others on board her, who landed in the Well, and came hither this evening.

Gosport, April 6. A court martial was held on board the Duke man of war in the harbour, on Thursday last, on the captains of the Woolwich and Severn man of war; and they were both honourably acquitted, it appearing to the court they had both behaved as able and experienced officers.

Pertsmouth, April 7. This morning arriv'd at this port his majesty's ship Maddone, from Lisbon. And this morning sail'd from Spithead admiral Anson, in the St. George, and admiral Warren in the Devonshire, with the following ships; viz. the Defiance, Lyon, Princess Louisa, Kent, Pembroke, Dover, Chester, Bristol, Shoreham, and Terror bomb.

London, April 9. Yesterday came an account by a cartel ship, arriv'd from St. Malo's, that the Eagle West-India packet, from Jamaica, having on board about 30,000*l* Sterling, as the French say, in specie, was taken by a French privateer, and carried into that place. There is also an account by this ship, that all the privateers were out from St. Malo's, except two small ones, which were almost ready to sail when she came away: But here 'tis said there is but 1600*l*.

By letters from Milan there is advic'd, that a very sharp action has happened between a large body of Austrians, and another of Genoese; which turn'd out to the disadvantage of the latter, who lost a great many men upon the spot, and had 600 taken prisoners.

Yesterday there was a great concourse of people at Mr. Stevenson's, an undertaker in the Strand, to see the coffin of Lord Lovat, which is made of an uncommon width, and cover'd with black cloth, with brass nails, coronet, &c. on the lid of which is the following inscription; *Simon Dominus Fraser de Lovat, decollat. April 9, 1747. Etat. sue 80.*

This day being appointed for the execution of Lord Lovat, about 9 o'clock two troops of life-guards, and one troop of horse grenadiers, and a battalion of foot guards, march'd to Tower-Hill; and about 11 the sheriffs went to the Tower and demanded the prisoner, who was deliver'd to them, and carried in a mourning coach to a house near the scaffold, where he continued half an hour; and was then brought by two warders to the scaffold, where he look'd about him, talk'd cheerfully, view'd his coffin, and then trying the block, put on a white cap, pulled off his coat and waistcoat, then kneel'd down, and immediately gave a signal to the executioner, who took off his head at one blow; after which his body and head were put into his coffin, and carried back to the Tower.

A scaffold near Barking about seven hours fell down, on which were about 400 persons, by which accident six or seven persons were kill'd on the spot, and a great number had their legs, arms, &c. broke.

A N N O U N C E M E N T S.

Capt. Mill arriv'd here yesterday, after a Passage of 7 Weeks. He informs us, that the Admirals Anson and Warren sail'd from Plymouth, before he left it, with 26 Sail of Men of War, and 22 Transports, on a secret Expedition, supposed to be gone into the Bay of Biscay. The Duke of Cumberland was at the Head of the Allied Army in Flanders, which consisted of 135000 Men.

On Friday last the Honourable Thomas Ellison, Esq; our late Governor, his Lady, and Daughter, embark'd on board the Spencer Frigate, Capt. Adam Spencer, for London.

Last Thursday Night died here, after a short Illness, Miss Anne Ogilvie, eldest Daughter of his Excellency our Governor; a very hopeful and promising young Lady, endowed with a surprising Wit, and every endearing Quality, beyond moit of her tender Years, and is greatly lamented.

Yesterday sail'd the Ship *Speidicut*, Capt. James Creagh, for London; with whom went Passenger, Mr. Patrick Creagh, of this Place, Merchant, with the good Wishes of all his Acquaintance, for a safe Passage and Return.

Capt. Isaac Hantley is elected and returned a Member for Somerset County, in the room of Capt. John Dennis, who was made Sheriff since his Election.

The Bill for regulating Officers Fees, and inspecting Tobacco, is not yet brought into the House. Last Wednesday the Question