

There is an account from Kinghorn this morning, that Ballie Hamilton, of that place, examined a man from the north, upon oath, who declared, that one of our men of war had taken the two French ships seen off Aberdeen, the day before our army arrived there.

As the rebels entered Inverness on the 18th of February, 'tis not doubted but by this time they are masters of the castle, in which were 100 men. Several young gentlemen, whom the rebels took prisoners along with them, have made their escape.

The corps of gentlemen volunteers, distinguish'd by the name of *Yost's Hunters*, are arrived here.

By a letter from Aberdeen, wrote by an officer in the army, and dated the 28th ult. there is advice, that four French transports are taken near that place; one was drove on shore, and had on board some horse belonging to Fitz James's regiment, together with a military chest; the other three were taken off at sea by the men of war. It is added, that a detachment of dragoons had been sent to escort the prisoners.

Extract of a letter from Fort-William, Feb. 22.

On the 15th inst. George M'Farlane of Glenrolach, a lieutenant of the Argyllshire militia, was, in presence of many spectators, shot dead within gun-shot of this fort, by three of the rebels; on which a party was immediately detached after them, who pursued them three miles, without coming up to them; but on their return, burnt the house of one of the murderers. We are informed that 700 of the rebels are within 6 miles of this place; but cannot learn whether they intend to come out war, or go to join those at Inverness.

From the London Gazette.

Whitehall, March 8. Letters from his royal highness the duke of Cumberland, dated at Aberdeen the 28th of February, mention, that advice had been received there that Fort-George had been taken by the rebels. They have published a paper, importing that they propose to lie still 'til the spring, and then to assemble a great army of Highlanders, and make a fresh irruption. Sir James Grant's people were in arms for the king, headed by his Son, Mr. Lewis Grant, who, with 300 of his men, was within 8 miles of Aberdeen. His royal highness was preparing to march up to the rebels at Inverness. Capt. Dyves of his majesty's ship the *Winchelsea*, had destroyed the dogger which lately landed the French soldiers, with saddles, &c. at Aberdeen. Lord Loudon and lord President were on the 22d of February at Balmagown, waiting his royal highness's orders.

Deal, March 9. Wind N. N. E. Remain his majesty's ships the *Eagle*, commodore Mitchell, and the *Mermaid*, with the homeward-bound ships from Virginia.

L O N D O N.

March 11. According to the freshest advices from Aberdeen, dated the 5th instant, his royal highness continued in perfect health; a great number of the loyal gentlemen in the neighbourhood daily resorting thither, to pay their duty; and his royal highness having lately given a ball, there was a great appearance of ladies, who seemed all of them extremely sensible of the honour done them on that occasion.

The same letters say, that as soon as the roads were practicable, his royal highness intended to pursue the rebels, who talk now as positively of fighting at Inverness, as they did a day or two before their precipitate retreat from Sterling; and when pressed, will in all probability behave with the same resolution, as they shewed there.

The cartel ship is arrived that carried back lord Fitz James to Dunkirk, by which we have advice, that eight transports, with troops on board, (which sailed from that place in company with the two taken by commodore Knowles,) are returned to port with the troops on board; not having been able to land any where on the coast of Scotland.

There is a great want of provisions at Brussels, occasioned by the communication being stopp'd with Antwerp, by way of the canal. This contributes to make the poor people enter into the new regiment of Walloon guards, which is there forming, for Don Philip. Attempts are making to get this communication again opened, but with what success is not yet known.

According to letters from Berlin, it is no longer a secret that his Prussian majesty has proposed a plan for a general peace; and that he is preparing an army of 100,000 men, to give the necessary degree of weight to his mediation.

The lords of the Admiralty have appointed capt. Frankland, late commander of the *Rose*, to be captain of the *Dragon* man of war, of 60 guns, now fitting out at Woolwich.

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 put under the care of four men of war.

The merchant ships for the West-Indies are ordered to be at Plymouth by the latter end of this month, by which time there will be nine men of war ready to convoy them to their respective ports.

The *Swallow* packet, capt. Blewer, with the West India mail, failed from Falmouth the 4th instant; wind at N. N. E.

By a Portuguese ship arrived at Cork from Lisbon, we have advice, that the *Zepaire*, a French man of war, on the 22d ult. in Lat. 49. Lon. 10, who had taken, and was sailing to Brest with, the Maynard, Brooke, from Virginia for London; the *Plain Dealer*, Dobbins, from London for Maryland, with convicts; and the *Nancy*, Murray, from Faro for Cork. Capt. Dobbins engaged the man of war three hours before he struck.

'Tis said that the common people of Holland had burnt several great men in effigy.

Letters from Paris take notice, that there are the greatest contests in the councils of the administration of that kingdom, that ever were known upon any occasion.

Private Letters from the Hague assure us, that the preliminary points, in reference to the approaching campaign, are settled amongst the allies, to their mutual satisfaction.

Yesterday Mr. Parry, one of his majesty's messengers, arrived at the duke of Newcastle's office, with dispatches from his excellency Mr. Trevor at the Hague.

This day a new 2d gun ship, called the *Hare*, was launched at Rotherhith, the command of which is given to captain Isaac Wilton.

[Thus far the General Evening Post.]

L O N D O N, February 8.

ACCORDING to Lists published in France, the Forces of the French King and his Allies will amount to 360,000 Men for the next Campaign: But they expect that the Allies, in War with France, will have 392,000.

The Letters from Petersburg are all full of the great military Preparations there carrying on, both by Sea and Land, against the approaching Summer. There is to be an Army of 45,000 Men in Livonia and Courland, besides a Body of 15,000 near Smolensko.

The King of Prussia has been sending a Body of Troops into the Duchy of Cleves, and talks of sending another into East-Friesland. Some Letters say he will follow the former himself, and others make him only going to Pyrmont. We will form to Conjectures concerning the Intentions of this Monarch.

The Kings of France and Spain have granted Licence to all British Subjects to trade in their Ports, provided they furnish themselves with Passports from the young Pretender; but we have not yet heard that any one Ship has made use of this licence.