

Havre^d: though it was said that 500 flat-bottomed boats were to be transported from *Havre* to *Rouen*, in twelve ships: and that a considerable train of artillery had passed *Soissons*, in the way to *Havre*, *Calais*, and *Rockfort*. Though the whole nation was put into a panic with an account^e that FIVE flat-bottomed boats of forty-five feet long and ten feet wide, were *on the stocks* to conquer this island! and that all the ships in the ports of *Calais*, *Graveline*, and *Dunkirk*, had been measured to know how many people they could transport: though twelve bylanders were arrived at *Calais* with cannon, bombs, and balls, and numbers of seamen were sent daily from those ports to *Brest*^f: tho' it was reported that *the embarkation* would be supported by *all* the King's ships at *Brest*, *Rockfort*, &c. and that the said embarkation would be undertaken as soon as possible, at *Brest*: though a great quantity of biscuit^g was sent down to *Normandy* and *Britany* for the use of the transports after landing in *England*; and a plan had been made for forming a camp almost as strong as a fortified town: and though Mr. *Barnham* was informed on the 10th of *March*, that 600 bomb-shells were brought into *Calais*, and that

^d See the list of the marine at *Brest*, and letter received 2d *March*. Also letter dated *March* 9th, Mr. *Villetes* multiplied this account to the number of 7 or 800 flat bottomed vessels. See advices *January* 31st, received *February* 24.

^e Letter to ditto, *March* 7th.

^f Letter to ditto, *March* 8th.

^g *March* 22d.