

Glasgow, of *Glasgow*, *Robert Story* master, who informed him that he left *Havre* on the 8th instant, and that the *French* were at that time embarking troops, some of which he actually saw going on board; but did not say what number of transports were in that harbour.

BUT certainly all this must amount to nothing, when the very same authorities assured that the ships in the ports of *Dunkirk*, &c. were, for the chief part unrigged^a. That there appeared no dispositions for an invasion of *England*^b: that the *French* were in a most terrible situation; their finances disordered, councils divided, &c.^c and that after the resolution of transporting ten thousand *Hanoverians*, they had judged an invasion impracticable.

H O W E V E R, nothing more was done this month towards the defence of *Minorca*, only Admiral *Byng* made shift, after almost a whole month spent in equipping his squadron, to sail with ten ships of the line, having on board one regiment, 100 recruits, and forty-two officers belonging to the four regiments at *Minorca*^c. A delay, which cannot be well accounted for, con-

^a Letter in Lord *Holderness's* office, *April* 2d.

^b *April* 9th, *ibid.*

^c *April* 7th, *ibid.*

^d *April* 20th, *ibid.*

^e He was joined at *Gibraltar* by two ships of the line and five frigates under Mr. *Edgewcombe*, and 270 soldiers from the garrison at *Gibraltar*.