

“equally mistaken,” A pretty excuse! acknowledges that all his conjectures were wrong: but comforts himself that he had err’d by giving credit to the deceitful comments of the enemy’s officers, in contempt of the most glaring appearances.

If we now turn our attention to the appearances of an invasion of *England*, they will vanish, as in the former intelligences. The first advices of this sort in Lord *Holderness’s* office, mention an embarkation talked of at *Dunkirk*; and that such ships of war as were not appointed to convoy the embarkation for *Canada*, would be employed to facilitate an invasion: that there were as many ships in the port of *Dunkirk*, *Calais*, and *Boulogne*, as might carry four thousand men; and ten ships in the road of the *Isle de Dieu*: that cannon, &c. were sent to *Havre*; fifteen thousand muskets to *Dunkirk*, and several camps of ten thousand men each, would encamp on the coasts of the channel in *May*, in such a manner, as to be able to join in a few days²: that it was believed there would be a *serious attempt* to land a *great number* of troops in *England* or *Ireland*. And in the advices to the admiralty, we find the collector of *Wells* transmitting the information of one *James Gardner*, master of the *Friends Adventure* from *Rotterdam*, who said, that on *Sunday, April 11th*, ten leagues from land, he fell in with the

² See letters dated 2d, 7th, 13th, 16th, and 19th of *April*.
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