Ships sailed from Rochfort, officers and guns.

Le Veille,	De Fountais, de Rochec	hamart, captain,	64
L' Aigle,	Du Consaque Billy,	do.	50
La Diane,	Rigaudiere,	do.	30
Fidelle,	La Jonquiere De,	lieutenant,	26
Inflexible,	Guebriant l'Aumont l'A	line, captain,	64

² ships of 64 guns.

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Total of both ports,

18 ships of the line.

9 frigates.

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N. B. Those ships marked with * served as transports for the troops, and only carried from 18 to 22 guns, although pierced as above. The others were completely armed, and were the convoy to the ships for transporting the troops.

However, though the orders from court were so positive, and every thing was ready, the wind would not permit this fleet to sail till the 3d of May; of which our ministry received

^t This delay created various conjectures; for the public began to think that some other reason, besides contrary winds, occasioned it: as appears from the advices dated May 2d.

this

r of 50,

² frigates.