

ammunition, &c. and 1000 oxen, &c. from *Arles*: that the army was encreased to twenty-five battalions, 800 matrosses, one company of miners, and a company of pioneers ready to embark.

I SHALL conclude these advices with the intelligence sent to the Lords of the *Admiralty*, which, in the course of this month, informed their Lordships that *most* believed the embarkation making at *Toulon* was intended against *Minorca*²: that *eight* more ships were to be added: and that the garrison of *Mabon* expected hourly to be attacked². They also had the following list of the state of the marine on the 21st of *March* 1756 at *Toulon*.

Vaisseaux en mer, *le Pamone* 30 can. relache en *Rochfort*. Vaisseaux en armement, *le Foudroyant*, 80 can. *le Couronne*, *Temeraire*, *Redoubtable*, *Guerrier*, 74 can. *le Content*, *Triton*, *Sage*, *Orphée*, 64 can. *le Tier*, *Hippotomane*, 50 can. *la Junon*, 40 can. *la Rose*, 30 can. *le Gracieux*, *Nymph*, *Topaz*, 24 can. *Pleiade*, 26 can. en tout 17 vaisseaux le escadre de M. de la *Gallassoniere*.

Vaisseaux en etat, *le Hector*, 74 can. *Valliant*, *Achille*, *Hercule* 64 can. *Oriflamme*, 50 can. en tout 5.

² Capt. *Edgewcombe's* letter of *March* 7th, received *April* 5th.

² Capt. *Edgewcombe's* letter dated *Mabon*, *March* 24th received *April* 27, he adds, that the garrison was as much upon its guard and in as good condition for defence as possible, considering our situation, and weakness of the garrison.