

Sir John Norris proceeds from Sardinia to the Coast of Italy.

Having conducted the Vice-Roy to *Sardinia*, where all things were quiet, he returned to the Coast of *Italy*, and was at *Livorne* the 6th of *May*, where he order'd Corn to be bought up for the Troops, and receiving an Account that Monsieur *de L'Aigle*, with his cruising Ships, very much annoyed our Trade, a Squadron was appointed to go in quest of him, but they had no greater Success than the taking a Ship called the *Prince of Frieze*.

Agreed to send a Squadron in quest of some French Ships.

Advice being received from Mr. *Crow*, Consul of *Barcelona*, that eight *French* Ships of War, and their Convoys, were about the latter end of *April* at *Scio*, laden, and ready to sail with Corn to *Thoulon*, a Council of War was held in *Vado* Bay the 24th of *May*, and upon considering the said Letter, and other Intelligence, it was resolved that six *English* and four *Dutch* Ships should be sent to cruise off of *Cape Thoulon*, for intercepting the Enemy, and to continue until Sir *John Norris* arrived at *Barcelona*, and then to join him, which they were to do, if they had certain Advice the *French* Ships were gone into the Harbour of *Thoulon*.

Agreed to send some Ships with Troops to Sardinia.

Another Council of War was held three Days after, upon Intelligence that the *French* Ships were sailed from *Porto Longone*, with two thousand Men, for the Island of *Sardinia*; and the King of *Spain* having desired, that when the Troops should be embarked, they might be conducted thither, it was at this Council of War, and another held the next Day, determined, that as soon as three thousand Soldiers were embarked, four *English* Ships and six *Dutch* should proceed with them to the aforesaid Island, and there adjust with the Vice-Roy whether the whole, or part of them should be landed, if the Enemy made a Descent on *Sardinia*, otherwise to repair to *Barcelona*. It was also agreed that two Ships of War should convoy four hundred Horse to *Catalonia*, and then cruise along the Coast from *Carthage* to *Gibraltar*, to protect the Trade; that three of ours and four of the *Dutch* should be stationed off of *Thoulon*, to intercept the Enemy's Convoys with Corn, and that the Senior Captain should take the three Frigates with Captain *Stuart* under his Command, if he met with them in those Parts; but if they found the *French* were harboured at *Thoulon*, they were to join Sir *John Norris* at *Cagliari*, or, if not there, at *Barcelona*. It was farther resolved to send Orders to Vice Admiral *Baker*, by the Ships which convoyed the Horse to *Barcelona*, to appoint two of the Ships to join those cruising off of *Thoulon*, or to proceed himself thither with three, if he judged it more proper, leaving the rest at *Barcelona*, until Sir *John Norris* himself should arrive there; and two Days after he appointed a Ship of the Third Rate, and another of the Fourth, to cruise to and fro near the *Streights* Mouth, for protecting our Trade.

Ships appointed to several Stations.

A French Ship forced on shore.

Pursuant to these Resolutions Sir *John Norris* sailed the 1st of *June*, and his Cruisers which were a-head of him chasing a *French* Ship, forced her on shore at *Bastia*, the principal City of *Corfica*, where he had Advice that the Duke of *Turisy* was sailed with his Gallies from that Island, in order to make a Descent on *Sardinia*. In his way thither he crossed the *Bocca di Bonifacio*, and so on to the

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