

prive him of the just Rights and Possessions of his Crown, or disturb the Tranquillity of his Kingdom.

The House of Commons, in Consequence of the above Message and Address, resolved that the Sum of one Million be granted to his Majesty *upon Account*, towards augmenting the Forces by Sea and Land, and taking such Measures for the Security of his Majesty's Dominions as may be necessary in the present Conjunction.

Now, whether it was not high Time for the Nation to take Alarm, may be judged from the formidable State of the *French Navy* at this Juncture: For about the latter End of *March*, it was computed that at *Brest* there were one of 80 Guns, four of 74, three of 70, six of 64, one of 60, one of 50, one of 46, four of 30, and one of 24. At *Toulon*, one of 80, five of 74, three of 64, two of 32, and one of 24 Guns. At *Rochefort*, one of 80, one of 74, three of 64, one of 50, and one of 32 Guns; with a large Number of Land Forces ready to embark on the first Notice; to which might be added those already sailed to *America*, which were not a few.

But however terrible this Fleet might appear in the Eyes of the *French*, it gave but little Uneasiness to the *English*, who, with Pleasure, saw ready to enter upon Action, riding at *Portsmouth*, *Plymouth*, *Chatham* and *Woolwich*, one of 100 Guns, five of 90, four of 74, fifteen of 70, one of 66, nine of 60, three of 50, one of 40, and four of 20 Guns. Besides Sloops, Yatchts, &c. Also, Ships under Orders for fitting, one of 100 Guns, one of 72, five of 70, one of 60, three of 50 Guns. To which may be added, those stationed in the *East* and *West-Indies*, *Africa* and *America*.

Provision was likewise made for an Augmentation of our Forces both by Sea and Land to the Amount of 35,000 Men, that is, 20,000 Sailors, 10,000 Marines, and 5,000 for Land Service.

Mean while, let us for a Moment leave our Officers fully employed in raising Recruits, and exercising and fitting them for Service, and see what is doing in *America*. The Men of War and Transports, with the Troops that lately sailed from *Ireland*, arrived safe at *Virginia*, in *April*. Soon after, all the Governors on the Continent, with General *Braddock* and Commodore *Keppel*, had a Meeting at *Annapolis*, when a Plan of Operations was concerted. They went afterwards to the Camp of *Alexandria*, and reviewed the