

11th. EVERY thing speaks war at hand. The *five* new ships of war are all ready, and will be in the road next week<sup>1</sup>, and M. *Dieschau*, who is to have the chief command by land in *America*, will embark on the 15th.

THESE letters add, that there was some talk of the *Pretenaer*, and of a *descent* to be made on one of the kingdoms of *Great Britain*: and that there were no orders as yet gone for equipping a fleet at *Toulon*: which is very inconsistent with consul *Birtle's* advice of the tenth of *February*; and, indeed, seems to have been wrote at random; for, three days after, this same correspondent delivers it for fact, that orders had been sent to *Toulon* for fitting out *ten* ships of the line; and further adds, that the *French* marine armaments were expected to be completed in a month.

16th. M. *de Cosne* writes that the frigate *La Diane* had been dispatched and sailed from *Rochfort*, on the 27th ult. to *Louisbourg* and *Quebec*, with advice of the succours destined for *America*: that *eight* ships more of the line were ordered to be victualled and fit for the sea in two months: that M. *Macnamara* had received orders to sail this day, if the wind should permit; and that the courier was ordered not

<sup>1</sup> They sailed into the road on or before the 18th day, as appears by other advices.