

vice also of the arrival of *Gallasfioniere*, and of a report that part of this embarkation was designed for *America*; and concludes ^r his intelligence in this month with an account, that they had taken up more ships for transports; and that at *Toulon* were three ships of 74 guns, four of 60 to 64, three frigates of 30, one of 24, and one of 20 in the road to be joined in three or four days by the *Foudroyant* of 80 (which in other lists has been erroneously called a 90 or 100) guns, two others of 64, and one of 50 getting ready with great dispatch, only waiting for half their guns: besides five others in total want of cannon, four frigates and an 80 gun ship on the stocks, which will require time for want of timber and artillery.

CONSUL *Banks*, at *Cartbagen* in *Old Spain*, after mentioning 120,000 men in the southern provinces of *France* ready to march, besides a grand train of artillery, stores, &c. preparing for the coast of the *Mediterranean*, and that they were busy in building a particular sort of flattish vessels to carry one gun of 26 pound-ball, and company of soldiers, besides seamen; adds that he expected the fleet would sail with the transports from *Toulon* about the end of next month: that it was to be augmented by six more ships of the line, and eighteen vessels to be fitted out as frigates, and that he that very day had seen a letter from an officer of distinction at *Paris*,

^r Letter of *March* 27th, received *April* 13th.

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