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The Cabinet of Versailles have adopted a measure, planned by Count d'Estaing, which is intended to be put in Execution, towards the latter End of April, or the beginning of May, and that is to make an Invasion upon Great-Britain, or Ireland, with twenty two thousand Land-Forces; & the better to conceal their Intention, they are now fitting out Vessels, under the denomination of Transport-Ships, from three to four hundred Tons burthen in several of their smaller ports, on board of which they embark these land-forces for a few hours twice or thrice every week, in order to habituate, and by degrees accustom them to the Sea-Service, or at least to make them not dread that boisterous Element.

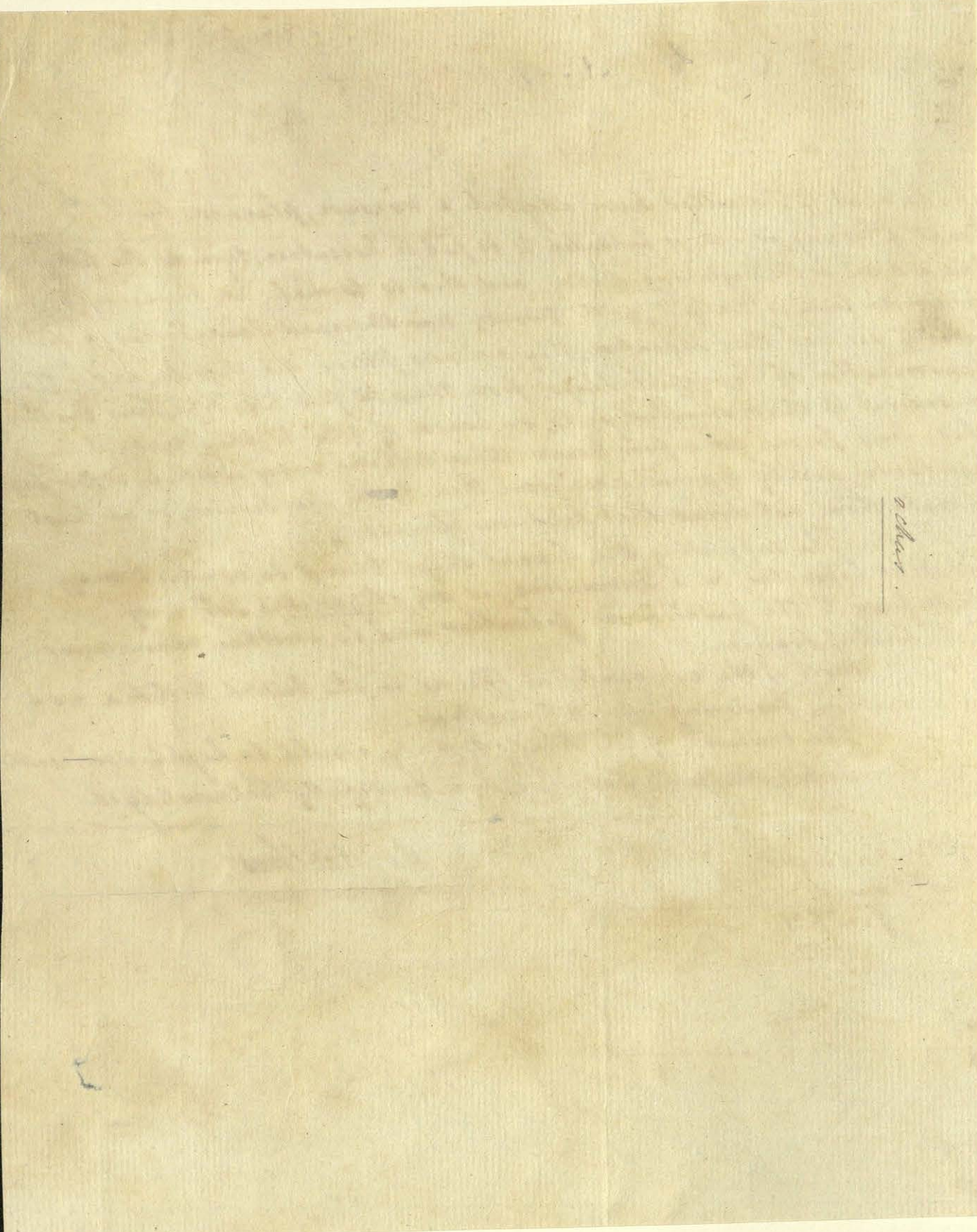
The subjecting the Levant Ships bound to, or which may touch at Gibraltar, to a Quarantine, is an oligarchic Job, very distressing to the Garrison at Gibraltar, and is another manoeuvre of the Court of France.

Most of the now-qualified Officers in the British Militia are in a motion, bordering upon a Commotion.

The renewal of the King's Bounty would be highly serviceable to his Majesty's Interests, and gratefully acknowledged by

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