By the last advice from the West Indies, we learn that Sir Samuel Hood had openly declared his resolution of attacking the French fleet in case they put to sea from Martinico: it is therefore not improbable but an engagement hath taken place between the two fleets before this time.

The loss of St. Eustatia of itself is trifling when compared with the manner in which it was taken. That 700 British troops should be captured by 400 Frenchmen, is almost unparalelled in the annals of history. What must all Europe think of our military discipline, of the vigilance and abilities of our modern British commanders?

It is asserted as a fact, that only one man of the garrison of St. Eustatia fired, who was for his rashness immediately shot dead on the spot.

When the last advices left the East Indies, it was said that Hyder Ally was completely blockaded, and that he must either surrender or be cut to pieces.

One of the transports lost by Lord Cornwallis at York town, is arrived at L'Orient, with a cargo of tobacco, loaded on account of the Farmers General of France. She sailed from Virginia in company with five others, on the 15th of November, and brings no recent accounts from the quarter of Charlestown, but that the American army, under General Green, was in great force in the neighbourhood of Charlestown, meaning to invest it. Several French Officers were with General Green; but the French army had embarked on board De Grasses's fleet for the West Indies. Lord Cornwallis's captured army were gone into their different cantonments, and his Lordship was on his way to New York. A report prevailed in Virginia, that there was an expedition on foot by the Spaniards against St. Augustine.—Monsieur Barras's squadron of 10 ships of the line was left upon the coast of America.

Colonel Cochran, who commanded at St. Eustatius, knew so little of the transaction, that he was captured on horseback on his return from bathing in the sea to the Fort, which he found possessed by no more than 40 French soldiers. The above event astonishes all who have heard of it! How will it read in history, than an island which Sir George Rodney, and Major General Vaughan, went down against, with *eighteen sail of the line, and four thousand troops*,—and *scaling ladders* in abundance,—*where there was not one stone upon another* to carry a gun, and defended *only by 48 Dutch soldiers*—should afterwards, when fortified by strong and expensive works, on which were mounted 49 of the Sandwich's guns, and garrisoned by 700 of Britain's best troops, be taken by *two French frigates only, and three hundred men?* This surely is a *solecism* in the *art* military, which, we hope for the honour of the British arms, will be strictly enquired into!

The Dutch, according to the latest accounts from Holland, are building at Hetvoetsluys the Dendumonde of 64 guns, Julia of 60, and Prince D'Orange of 54; at Middleburgh, Flushing, and Rotterdam, they have laid down 5 more, all of the line.

The fleet which has sailed for the West Indies under the command of Admiral Rodney, consists of the following ships, viz. Formidable, Namur, Conqueror, Repulse, Anson, Fame, Hercules, Yarmouth, Arrogant, Marlborough, Prothee, and Nonluch, besides frigates, &c.

The Collector cutter, taken within a few hours sail of Gibraltar, was surrounded by seven sail, great and small, yet would have escaped, had it not been for the Santa Barbara, a remarkable fast sailing frigate, of which the Spaniards have so few, that they make a practice of sending fresh crews and provisions, and by that means keep them constantly cruizing.

Advices from Minorca mention, that the Spaniards are not likely to be much more fortunate in their operations on that island than they have hitherto been in their attempts on Gibraltar. General Murray has made several sallies, in each of which the enemy have suffered very considerably. The accounts likewise add, that the Spanish army is very sickly, and are very much diminished.

Extract of a letter from Falmouth, Jan. 8.

"Arrived the Sparrow privateer belonging to Jersey, and has brought in with her the Dorothea Sophia, Hanlaw, a Dutch [illegible] laden with hemp, pitch, tar, &c.

As soon as Congress got information of the treatment Mr. Laurens received in the Tower they passed a vote, by which Dr. Franklin, their Minister Plenipotentiary at the court of Versailles, was instructed to demand from the court of London, the immediate exchange of Mr. Laurens for General Burgoyne, who had been permitted to remain in England upon his parole ever since the convention at Saratoga. Dr Franklin conveyed the said resolution immediately to the British Ministry, and with it an intimation, that if the demand of Congress was not instantly complied with, Lord Cornwallis should be committed a close prisoner to Philadelphia gaol, and treated with the same severity that Mr. Laurens had experienced since his becoming a prisoner to the King of Great Britain. This resolution was delivered to Lord North the day but one before Mr. Laurens was set at liberty; a Privy Council was the same day convened, when it was unanimously determined to release Mr. Laurens upon such terms as should be most agreeable to himself.

War Office, Jan. 12, 1782.

6th dragg. Cornet F. Bedingfield, of 19th dragg. Comet, vice Vaughan.

11th. John Rocke, chaplain, vice Leighton.

Cornet W. Trevillian, adjut. vice Richards.

16th. Ensign Patrick Leeson, of 62d foot, Cornet, vice Mason.

19th. Cornet C. R. Vaughan, of 6th dragg. Cornet, vice Bedingfield.

20th. Wm Robison, Cornet, vice Duffield.

H. W. Shirton, Cornet, vice Davis.

21st. Cornet Francis Hammond, Lieut.

14th foot. Ensign Sir John Pelham, Bart. of 85th foot, Ensign vice Lenaon.

Ensign John Clunes, of 28th foot Ensign

16th. G. Sloper, Ensign, vice J. Forbes.

17th. John Jackson, Ensign, vice Jackson.

48th. Lieutenant G. Airey of 91st foot Lieutenant, vice Southouse.

54th. Thos Exon, Chaplain, vice Davis

85th Ensign Landen Lennon, of 14th foot. Ensign, vice Sir John Pelham, Bart.

91st. Lieutenant E. Southouse, of 48th foot, Lieutenant, vice Airy.

101st. Volunteer Mitchell, Ensign, vice Stanley, Lieut. P. Beatty, Captain, vice Warren. Ensign Dugald Campbell, Lieut. vice Beatty. Henry Hamilton, Ensign, vice Dugald Campbell. Nesbit Seely, Chaplain.

2d foot. Ensign Geo. Gunthorpe of 88th foot. Lieut. Ensign J. Stanley, of 101st foot. Ensign, vice Heron. Lieutenant R. Catherwy, of Captain Lynch's independent company. Lieut. F. Flood. Ensign.

Lieut. Thos Saunders, of 97th foot, Captain of an independent company of foot.

Captain William Lyon, of 45th foot, Major of a brigade of the forces.

DUBLIN, Jan. 22.

It is worthy of remark, that the Irish corps of Dillon and Walsh, who are now so successfully fighting against Great Britain in the West Indies, are those from whom a deputation from the Officers, just before the breaking out of the war with France, made a tender of their services to his Majesty, and which from a religious prejudice, that exists only in the dominions of the British Crown, were rejected.

We are informed by the master of a ship, who came passenger in a vessel arrived in Cork from the West Indies, that a large Spanish ship laden with military stores, and pierced for 50 guns, bound from the Havanna to Martinico, was sent into Antigua, the 20th of November, by one of his Majesty's frigates. She is valued at 30,000l.

The following is the address of Handy Pembertos, Esqr to the Gentlemen, Clergymen, and Freeholders of this city.

I humbly request the honour of your votes, to succeed your late most worthy representative Dr. Clement in the important trust of being returned your Delegate into Parliament. My father was a merchant of this city, who though dead many Years, was, I believe, known to several persons yet living among you, and I may venture to assert that I am born of a family which in a considerable degree promoted the manufactures of Dublin. But notwithstanding, Gentlemen, that to be the son of a citizen is certainly one claim to your favour, I might well be ashamed to solicit your suffrages had I no other or no better claim. Conscious as I am of the utmost rectitude of intention, and convinced that an unbiassed integrity, with a very moderate share of talents, will enable me to [illegible] present you in a manner neither disagreeable [illegible] the line, [illegible] restraints, under which they have for a century laboured. At a time when these unfortunate people are persecuted in Scotland all the rage of fanatical frenzy, it will peculiarly become the Protestants of Ireland, to shew themselves superior to such wretched and illiberal prejudices, to prove that they consider the innocence of a man's life, as the most infallible test of the purity of his faith, and that with a divine philanthrophy which wishes well to all, they have adopted the opinion of Mr. Pope.

"For Modes of faith let graceless zealots fight,
"His can't be wrong whose life is in the right.

It is not without sentiments of entire deference and cordial esteem,

I subscribe myself, Gentlemen, your's, &c.

Waterford, Jan. 22. Wednesday sailed from Passage, for Plymouth, the Admiral Spry tender, Lieutenant Hore, with 90 entered and impressed men.

Extract of a letter from Marazion, Jan. 7.

"I thought and was in great hopes that this would give you an account of Faul's cutter, who took your sloop, and would be, erethis, in St. Michael's Mount Pier. The Carter's cutter and lugger with about 80 men went in pursuit of this rogue, and on the 25th ult. they met her off Padstow, about 12 o'clock, when a smart engagement ensued, and continued for three hours, when the lugger in the top of a sea, received a shot low under her bow, which obliged her to go out of action, and in about an hour and a half went down, 14 out of 37 were drowned.

LIMERICK

Last Monday night arrived at his Father's House at Parteen, Captain George Vincent, of the 9th Regiment of Foot; he was one of the Officers under General Burgoyne, and has been in America, since the Convention at Saratoga.

In the Lands advertised by Charles Minchin Esq; for Ballymackey, read KNIGHT, near Nenagh.

MARRIED. Last Saturday at Nenagh, Mr. John Cantrell of this city, to Miss Eliza Smyth of Nenagh.

DIED. A few days ago, at Edinburgh, the Revd. Mr. Robert Madder, a young Gentleman whose many amiable qualifications and abilities, rendered him a most useful member of Society, and make his death sincerely and deservedly regretted by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, particularly his Friends who are inconsolable for the loss of one whose value was inestimable.—This morning at Wight-field in the liberties of this city, David Wilson, of Ballyvoir, county of Clare, Esqr universally and most deservedly lamented by a numerous acquaintances he was a loving husband, a tender parent, and a sincere friend. His easy and polite manners, with a readiness to oblige, secured to him the general esteem of every neighbour: In short he was possessed of every quality requisite to constitute the gentleman.—This day at Cragg, co. Tipperary, universally regretted, Mrs. Walsh, relict of the late Andrew Walsh, Esqr her loss will be severely felt by the poor, to whom she was a kind benefactress.

NEW GARDEN SEEDS.

GEORGE DAVIS, Apothecary, near Baal's-Bridge, Limerick, hath this Day arrived to him from London, his First Importation of New Garden Seeds, Early PEASE and BEANS, Boiling Split Peafe, &c, with a particular kind of ONION SEED; (the Onions from said Seed will keep two Years) all which he is determined to Sell free from any Mixture of Ola Seeds, and on the most Reasonable Terms. Dec. 24.

SUCH Persons as are indebted to JOHN FERRAR, of the City of Limerick, for Rent, or by Bond, Bill, Note, or Book Account, are required to pay them to Mr. GEORGE ALPS, Attorney, in Limerick, who is duly impowered to receive the same; and as the State of said FERRAR's Health will not at present permit him to attend to Business, he is the more inclined to think his Debtors will comply with this Request. Jan. 24, 1782.

A [illegible]oid Servant Wanted,

SHE [illegible] Dress Meat, and Bake extremely [illegible] she will have the Care of a [illegible] House [illegible] Limerick entrusted to her, for [illegible] the Years and as Good [illegible] none will be Hired [illegible] be [illegible] by Persons of [illegible] recommended [illegible] Reputation [illegible] be particularly [illegible] THOMAS [illegible] Wages [illegible]