

POSTSCRIPT.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

THE Madrid Gazette of Sept. 24, contains a particular account of the destruction of their floating batteries on the 14th of Sept. by the fire from the garrison of Gibraltar. The following are the names of the floating batteries, viz. Pastora, 24 guns, Tallapiedra 23, Paula 23, Rosario 21, St. Christopher 19, Pr. Charles 10, St. John 9, Paulas 9, St. Anne 9, and Dolores 7, all of which were burnt or blown up. This Gazette also contains a list of the killed, wounded, and prisoners, which amount to about 900 men.

This day it was currently reported on the change, that Baron Hallin, the Bavarian Ambassador, had received some dispatches from Lord Bruffin, with the agreeable news of Lord Howe having, on the 21 instant, fell in with the combined fleets of France and Spain, when a severe conflict ensued, which lasted the whole day, but that victory at length declared in favour of his Lordship—Report says, the enemy, in taken and destroyed, lost 12 sail of the line, and his Lordship five.—He would have taken more, but night coming on, favoured their retreat.

We do not announce the above intelligence to our readers as a fact; though from the quarter through which it came, much credit was given to it in the city, the Baron being the first person who received an account of Lord Rodney's success in the West Indies, which was fourteen days before Government received any official account.

Tuesday a letter was received at the Secretary of State's office, which says, that the united forces of the House of Bourbon had raised the siege of Gibraltar.

Several Cabinet Councils have been held lately on the present state of affairs in America: it has been proposed, the offers on the King of independence are rejected, still to pursue the war with vigour.

The command of the fleet now equipping for the China service, is not yet disposed of; but several Gentlemen are in nomination for the same, whose respective merits seem equally to entitle them to the above distinction.

Couriers travel in Spain and Portugal so much slower than they do in England, that no certain intelligence can ever be received at Lisbon from Gibraltar in less than 22 or 24 days unless the event happens.

Yesterday a Board of Admiralty was held, when several new Officers were appointed and several promotions took place.

Last night an express arrived in town from the Duke, with intelligence of the Achilles, being arrived at that place from Lisbon. She sailed from thence the 5th of Sept. and being advised of the July market being over, she was ordered to sail for the 10th of Oct. the 27th of June, was arrived at the Cape of Good Hope, where she was wrecked on the 17th of August a terrible fire hap-

pened whatever was given them, proceeded with the greatest violence to destroy whatever came in their way; and to add, if possible, to the terror of the family, which such behaviour occasioned, fired a pistol, when, and not before, the workmen who were in the house seizing those riotous intruders into the street; where, from the mob, they experienced part of the punishment they so justly merited.

The Mayor accompanied by the Sheriffs, &c. in the evening went to the Barracks to demand the men who had occasioned the riot, and fired the pistol—they were received politely by the officers, and assured that the men were not then in the barrack. As they were going out of the gate, they heard some expressions from a young hero, how finely they had humbugged the Mayor. On which the Magistrates returned, and after a diligent search, found the two culprits committed to gaol. Two of the Fencible Officers who insulted the Mayor, were committed to the same prison with their non-commissioned friends. No lives were lost.

The Volunteers mounted guard to prevent any further disturbance.

The Mayor of Drogheda being informed that 5 troops of horse were coming to town, he went and informed them that every thing was settled, when they instantly turned back.

A Privy Council sat yesterday evening on the express received at the Castle, respecting the disturbance at Drogheda; immediately after a messenger was sent off express to London from his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.—Another express will set off this night.

We hear, that a few nights ago, the offices and out-houses of the Rev. Mr. Daniel, near Drumquin, Co. Tyrone, were destroyed by fire, and that several horses perished in the flames. It is said, that this misfortune was occasioned by the wickedness of some unknown persons, who maliciously set fire to the offices and houses.

Mr. Dunlap Adams, an ingenious inhabitant of this city, has found out a much cheaper mode of bleaching lincens, than that at present used, whereby an annual saving of at least 50,000l. will be made to the nation, in the single article of ashes.

The Henrietta, Sparks, from Lisbon, is arrived in the river; they fell in with Lord Howe's fleet to the Northward of the Tagus, on the 24th of last month.

Our Lincen Trade, if not in danger of total annihilation, is now in the most deplorable state. The credit of our staple manufactory, is ruined in every foreign market; no lincen has been sold at Chester fair; and a factor in London has had 200,000 shirts made of Irish lincen returned upon his hands as rotten. There are melancholy facts; and yet the measures taken by Parliament by the advice of the principal lines drapers, were afterwards openly opposed by the very men, who furnished materials for the act, and a commotion raised which threatened the worst consequences.

Last Saturday the commission of Oyer and Terminer was opened in his Majesty's court of the Right Hon. the Lord

Archdeacon Maunsell acknowledges to have received from the Mayor, for the poor of St. John's parish, seven Shillings and four pence, raised by auction of goods exposed to sale on the Sabbath day; and also of one loaf and five bricks of bread, seized for deficiency of weight.

By Particular Desire, On Friday next, being the Anniversary of the King's Accession to the Throne, There will be a DRUM at the Assembly Room.—Price as usual.

MARRIED Yesterday Mr. Leif Steengrove, Captain of the Anna Catharina, of Bremen, to Miss Honora Barrett, daughter of the late Alderman John Barrett, a very agreeable young lady, with a handsome fortune. DIED. Last Friday, at Eunis, Mr. James Lewis.

The large CELLARS under the Methodist Preaching-House, late in the Possession of Mr. PHIL ROCHE, to be Set by CHARLES HARRISON or ALEXANDER PALMER. Oct. 3. 1782.

To be SOLD. A CHAISE and Pair of HORSES, with Harness, and every other Necessary, all in excellent good Order.—Application to be made to Mr. James Sexton. Oct. 10.

All Spirited Young Men, who are willing to Enter into the MUNSTER REGIMENT, commanded by the EARL of INCHQUIN, are desired to apply to VERE HUNY, Esq; Major of said Regiment, who will give them every Encouragement. And (if required) give any of his Countrymen who wish to join him, Security of One Hundred Pounds that they shall not be Sent out of Ireland, or Drafted into any Regiment whatsoever. Oct. 3.

JOHN O'BRIEN, BEGS Leave to inform his Friends and the Public, that he has lately supplied himself with WINES and SPIRITS of all Kinds, of the most Genuine Qualities, and fit for immediate Use, which he will dispose of on the most Reasonable Terms, at the large Vaults and Cellars lately kept by Mr. JAMES BROWN, Deceased.

N. B. All those indebted to the late Mr. JAMES BROWN, are again requested to Pay in the Amount of their respective Debts to the said JOHN O'BRIEN, (as the House wherein Mr. BROWN lived) he being properly authorized to receive the same. Oct. 24. 1782.

DESERTED From Capt. FITZGERALD's Recruiting Party. DENNIS FARREL, aged 29 Years, 5 Feet 4 Inches high, pale Complexion, black Hair, and black Eyes, by Trade a Labourer, born at Rathkeal, in the County of Limerick. Also, JOHN LEAHY, aged 20 Years, 5 Feet, 4 Inches high, tresh Complexion, red Eyes, born at Balingarr I.

London, Oct. 18. On Friday last the ship Tona, of Liverpool, put into Laughlinswilly, she was taken on her passage from St. Louis, by a Boston privateer, and she returned to London, by one of his Majesty's frigate, and carried into Halifax. By this vessel we learn, that the transports for New York, with the German reinforcements for New York, were obliged to put into Halifax, in order to avoid a French Squadron which was cruising off Boston, and that they would remain at Halifax, until the British fleet arrived on that coast.

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