

How often has any one of you all met the Dublin Gazette—Consider how often you all may become liable to punishment under this clause? Suppose your own son dines at your table, and is charged by a false accuser of this crime, for entertaining him, you become guilty of a felony, and are liable to be transported, and for a second offence are subject to the penalty of death. In short, Sir, this clause makes the offence worse than murder, and he will only have acted cunningly who perpetrates murder; for he brings himself within the ordinary purview of the law. This clause, I say, tends to produce a confusion which is not just in the forms of law. I wish to ask if the offence, for which it provides a remedy, be a higher offence than any known by our law.—If it be, you ought not to have a less degree of evidence.—If it be a less offence, then you ought not to put the criminal in a worse situation than a greater offender. I am not a sufficient master of futurity to see to what this clause may be perverted, though I can now feel that every Gentleman may be brought within its criminal purview without his knowledge.

Mr. Mason approved of the clause, as did Sir Henry Cavendish, as it was amended.

Mr. Browne, of the College.—I humbly beg leave to say, that no one gentleman has tonight attempted to shew one reason for the departure, in the present instance, from the line of the constitution.—It has been said, that this is a great offence. Granted. So is murder, so is felony; yet it has not been thought proper to add any such mode with regard to them. It is well for the revenue officers, who have so many friends in the house.—These friends knew that there was an act already, making it a felony of death maliciously to shoot at any man; and knowing too, that no man can be hanged twice. They have only, to prevent shooting at revenue officers, ordained, that they, who are guilty of that fact, should be hanged without any trial. For my part, I am a lawyer, and would wish to extend the privilege to my brother-lawyers. I am sure, Sir, that if this bill be prosecuted with the proper spirit of the mild framer of it, in half a year it will have the effect of depopulating one-half of the kingdom.

Every person who knows any thing of the criminal practice of this country, knows that the indictment being found is no notice. And, I am sure, if the Gazette can be notice to a common felon, he is much happier than I am; for I have not seen the Gazette these two years. The Gentlemen on the other side of the house refused the bill for the better population of the country from my honourable friend; and now to complete that measure, they here produce a clause for the depopulation of the country. I am sorry to see, that a wish to depart from the principles of the constitution, and a desire of adopting summary convictions, has become the fashion of the times.

Rt. Hon. Mr. Beresford.—It is objected that the example of England, where this law has existed near forty years, is not a reason why we should adopt it here. I think if in that length of time it has been found useful, it is a very strong reason why we should apply their experience to our advantage; and if ever it could be necessary in Ireland, 'tis now, when the late regulations in Great-Britain may be supposed to have driven the smugglers from that country into this.

It has been said that there is no occasion for such a law here; I shall shew Gentlemen that there is very great occasion.

The smugglers now carry on their trade in large vessels of considerable force, and manned with a great number of desperadoes, and who not content with defending themselves, attack every revenue cutter they meet to any advantage.

Every one remember the death of Capt. Vickers, who was murdered by smugglers.—Every one knows that the Black Prince and the Black Princess, two smuggling vessels from Rush, were the most mischievous privateers that during the course of any war committed depredations on our coast; they brought cargoes of goods which they run to the injury of the revenue; and they plundered and destroyed a greater number of vessels than any other pirates that ever went before them.

But to come nearer the present day—very lately a smuggler, called the Shilala, mounting 18 twelve pounders, fired into the Mary revenue cruiser, and had nearly sent her to the bottom. The Dogger Bank smuggler did the same twice.

Within this month one of the King's cutters has been taken and burnt by the smugglers.

Mr. Beresford here proceeded to shew many other instances of violence and outrage; and concluded with giving his assent to the clause.

A very long debated now took place, which was terminated by the Recorder's moving some

bill, as being of a most mischievous tendency; as did also

Mr. Boyd, who moved that the Chairman quit the chair. Mr. Boyd's arguments went to prove that this bill gave a power of decision to the Senechals of Manor Courts, to which they were inadequate.

Mr. Curren spoke also against the bill, afterwards on the motion of Sir Henry Cavendish, progress was reported; and leave given to sit again.

The order of the day was then read, for the House to resolve into a committee on the revenue bill; after which the House adjourned to next day.

Friday, May 20.

The House sat in committee on the bill introduced by Lord Kilwarlin, to render more easy the recovery of small debts in manor courts.

Mr. Curren opposed the principle of the bill, as tending to encourage the breed of those vermin of the law, low pettifogging attorneys, who would, he thought, if the bill took place, disperse themselves through all the land, and for ever keep alive that spirit of litigation, too prevalent already among the lower order of the people;

Mr. Boyd proposed to have the fees in courts manor reduced as low as possible; that no lawyer or attorney should be admitted either to practise as senechal, or to act as solicitor in any of them; but that the suitors should be permitted to come in and tell their own simple tale, and that judgment should be given by a plain country gentleman upon the verdict of twelve honest men of the vicinage; always referring to the Court of King's Bench, power to punish with proper severity, a mal-administration of justice.

The Committee then proceeded, and having made some progress, reported the same, and the House adjourned.

It is asserted that about 1800l. per ann. of the late Lord Ely's estate still remains for litigation, these lands were not included in the ejectment, or the trial of which a late appeal was brought before the House of Lords, and on which their Lordships determined in favour of Mr. Loftus.

One of the resolutions propounded in the British House of Commons on Thursday last by Mr. Pitt, goes directly, if agreed to by our Parliament, to a complete surrender of its independence: it runs thus, "That it is essentially necessary to the common interest of the empire that nothing from India or beyond the Cape of Good Hope, be imported into Ireland, till it be by the consent of the British Parliament."

A Privy Council will, it is said, sit every day this week, on the dispatches from Whitehall, relative to the Propositions, and in order to prepare their re-introduction in their new clothing to our houses, as almost all the old ones, as well as the new matter, must become a subject of deliberation.

It is reported at the Castle, that Mr. Orde will be under the necessity of making another journey to London before the commercial system receives the sanction of acts of Parliament to give it operation; while he is in London, a fortnight's recess it is thought will take place, for the purpose of giving the Right Hon. John Foster an opportunity of going also to England on the same important business.

It is with unspeakable concern, we see every day some new, and we are sorry to find successful attempt, to abrogate, in many instances the trial by jury in this kingdom; the Revenue bill now pending in Parliament, has added another, for by it we find, that if one or more Custom-house officer or officers, shall swear, that he or they has been shot at, while on duty, by any person, and that the person so sworn against shall not, within forty days, surrender, to take his trial for this crime, of which he is to have no further notice, than the publication of a proclamation in the Dublin Gazette, which it is ten thousand to one he never sees or hears of, that paper being quite obsolete, he is, without any trial whatever, to suffer death. Folks may talk of the Bastille in France, the Council of Ten at Venice, or the Inquisition in Portugal, but in what instance can their summary and sanguinary tribunals exceed the power of a Revenue Board, that without any trial at all, may, on the simple deposition of a vindictive villain, thus doom a man to the gallows, who, perhaps, (as a Member of the House of Commons last night very justly observed) only fired at a sea-gull, or a curlew?

MARRIED. At Willsborough, co. Londonderry, the seat of James Scott, Esq; the Rev. James Lowry, the younger, of Tullyhog,

LIMERICK.

Last week the House of Mr. Redding, Clothier, at Broadford, was broke open in the night, and a quantity of Worsted stole thereout, part of which was sold in town by one Dalton, a noted offender, who was apprehended and lodged in Goal on Saturday night, by Mr. John O'Brien, High Constable.

Extract of a letter from Galway, May 14.

"Two of the murderers of Mr. Belfew, Cusack and Grehan, had almost perforated the wall of the gaol that joins a merchant's ware-house. It took them up several days, and being provided with files for cutting off their bolts, it is supposed that they would have effected an escape if they had not been informed against by a female prisoner, with whom they quarrelled."

A Post Chaise and Able Horses, will Set out for Dublin, any Day required until Monday next, from John Halloran's, outside Thomond Gate, Limerick.

Port-News May 22. Sailed Resolution, Barns, Dronheim, meal and ballast; Mary, Caulfield, Peterbro', ballast;—23. Sailed Fanny, Withers, Cork, beef, pork, hoops and household furniture.

Died, The 10th Inst. near Cullen, Co. Tipperary, Mrs. Dwyre, wife of Mr. John Dwyre, of Ballyheven, whose death is deservedly regretted by a numerous acquaintance.

Mr. LYONS, will give 60s. per Cwt. for BUTTER of first Quality, in Full Bounds. 57s. per Cwt. for Second Ditto.—He recommends to the Country to be supplied with Full Bounds from his Coopers, Edmond Magrath, and James Sarsfield, as he has not had the smallest complaint of any Full-Bounds, or other Casks, which were received by them for his Use, not of the Quality of the Butter.

N. B. He will receive Well-made Full-Bounds, from any of the other Coopers of this City, who will make them equally Good.

Mr. PHILIP ROCHE JOHN, acquaints the Country, that he will now give for real New Grass Butter, in strong, tight, full-bound Firkins,

60s. per Ct. for First Quality, 57s. per Ct. for Second ditto, and he recommends to add more Salt, than has hitherto been practised, the Limerick Butter being remarkable at every Foreign Market, for this Deficiency, and though under the marks of First and Second Quality, has become Tal lowish and only fit for Grease, after being but a short time in the Cask.—Edmond Ryan, Cooper, has good full Bounds and Casks of all sizes, branded with his Name for Sale.—Cattle of all kinds to be received for Grazing, at the Lands of Drumahy, in the South Liberties. Apply to Dan. Keogh adjoining said Lands, Limerick, May 16, 1785.

STOLEN out of Lieut. HILL's Room in the Barrack, on Sunday last,

A PLAIN GOLD WATCH, Makers Atkinson and Dawson, Bath, Number not certain, but supposed 10,523. Whoever brings it to Mr. HILL, at the Barracks, or to the Printer hereof, shall receive TWO GUINEAS. No greater Reward will be offered. Limerick, May 23, 1785.

Mr. WILLIAM WHEELER's, NOTED BALD JACK.

WILL Cover Mares this Season at Rossinagher, at so low a Price as HALF-A-GUINEA each Mare, and a SHILLING to the Groom. May 23, 1785.

TO THE PUBLICK.

HAVING received information last Saturday, of Stolen Goods being Concealed in the houses of one Carly, who is now in Clonmel Gaol, and one O'Brien near Glanomara, near the road leading from Limerick to Akillagolla, which were searched, and therein found different articles of Men and Women's wearing Apparel, Two and half yards Superfine Broad Cloth, Four patched Quilts, One fine Blanket, a plain Gold Ring, a pair of silver Sleeve Buttons, and a Tea Kettle, any person proving Property, and paying the expence of Advertising, will find them at the House of GEORGE LLOYD, Esq; Mt. Catherine, near Donags. May 23, 1785.

John Howly, & Amy Howly, otherwise Scanlan his Wife, PLAINTIFFS. Michael Scanlan, William Masly, and Robt. Hickson, Esqs. Executors of Mich. Fitz. Mich. Scanlan, Esq. deceased, and others. DEFENDANTS. Pursuant to the Decree of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer in Ireland, made in this cause, bearing date the 18th day of February last, I will on Friday the third day of June next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at my Office

THOMAS BURKE, Jeweller, Quay-Lane, Limerick, informs his friends and customers, that he has just returned with a most fashionable and brilliant assortment of every article in the Jewellery Way, with Silver and Plated Work, Hard and Japan'd Ware, Papier Macbe Tea-chests, Coasters, Teaboard, Fribit and Bread Baskets of Irish Manufacture, Elegant Silver and Metal Watches, Gold and Gilt Seals, with Cyphers to match every Name at 4s. 4d. each, and Coats of Arms 5s. 5d. Silver and Plated Shoe Buckles of the newest Patterns, Star, Pearl, and Corican Diamond Pins, Bracelets, Lockets, and Rings, with curious Paintings and Devices, Silver and Plated Teapots, Cruits &c. with an uncommon Collection of Articles in the different Branches of his Business, which are too numerous to insert, which on inspection must give general satisfaction in respect to Quality and Cheapness.

LANDS OF BALLYBRICKEN.

TO be Let during the Minority of HUGH I. MASSY, Esq; and entered on immediately, the Lands of BALLYBRICKEN, in the Parish of Cahirelly, and County of Limerick, late in the Possession of Mr. Charles Dunn, containing 210A. 2R. 38P. Proposals to be received by JAMES NASH, Esq; at Pennywell, and Mrs. MARY ANN PURDON, at New-Garden, near Limerick, and also by CHRIST. KNIGHT, of the City of Limerick, Esq.

N. B. These Lands lie within Six miles of the City of Limerick, and are of excellent Quality, so well known that they need no description. No promise of Preference has been, or will be given. May 16, 1785.

FOR LONDON.

THE Good Brig CHATHAM, JOSEPH WOODALE, Master, will be ready to Sail for London, in 12 Days from this Date.—For Passage, or small Packages, apply to the Master on Board, at the Custom-House-Quay, or to Mr. JOHN MULLOCK, Broker. May 18, 1785.

TURNPIKE ROAD.

NOTICE is hereby Given, that if the several Mortgagees and Contractors, for the Repair of the Turnpike Road leading from Limerick to Newcastle, do not immediately begin, and effectually repair their respective Parts thereof, that the Treasurer cannot pay them their Interest and Repairs, and that He, with the Approbation of any two of the Commissioners, will Agree with other Persons for the Repair of the same, and Pay the Expences out of the Persons Interest and Repairs, so Neglecting.

May 16, 1785. By Order of the Commissioners, GEORGE LEAKE, Treasurer.

TO BE LET,

FOR SIX MONTHS, And if not then REDEEMED, for Three Lives, THE Lands of MILLTOWN, near Bruff, Proposals to be received by the Rev. Doctor PARKER, Castletown, near Killybeg, or the Rev. JOHN PARKER, Fedamore, near Limerick. May 16, 1785.

LONDON BROWN STOUT.

THIS Day arrived to STEPHEN STRITCH from London, per the William, and now Landing on the Custom House Quay, Three Hundred Hhds. of best LONDON BROWN STOUT PORTER of a quality superior to any hitherto Imported, and will be Sold off the Quay and at his Stores, he being determined to be constantly supplied, will give every Encouragement to the Dealers in that Way. Limerick, May 9, 1785.

FRANCIS JENKINSON, Son and Successor

to Richard Jenkinson, deceased, late Proprietor of the LIMERICK STAGE-COACH, returns grateful Thanks to the Public, for the Encouragement that the said Richard experienced in his Undertaking, and begs leave to inform the Public, that he is determined to exert himself in carrying on that Business with Spirit, and has fitted up the Coach in such a manner as must give universal Satisfaction, provided it with able Horses and a Careful Driver.—It leaves Dublin and Limerick from the same Houses, and Hours as usual; through O'Brien's Bridge and Nenagh.

Said Francis Jenkinson continues the Noted Inn, at Naas, the Eustace's Arms; where Post Chaises and Horses are ready for Passengers, as he has hitherto kept them, at the shortest Notice, and the House well laid out, and accommodated for all who honor him with their Company.

THE Inheritors of the several Estates of which the late George Rose, Esq; died Seized or Possessed, think it unnecessary to make any Reply to the Advertisement inserted in this Paper Signed Wm. John Talbot, the Tenant of said Estates being fully apprized of and satisfied with their Titles thereto.—Mrs. Rose, sole Executrix of the late Husband, &c.