

for the delay of a measure that is now well known was intended this year, is the almost unsurmountable difficulties that have presented themselves to the Ministers on the other side of the water in the preparation of this arduous business.

England never incurred a single debt, during all the wars she carried on, till the reign of William the Third, though their naval and military preparations were very great in the time of Elizabeth, in the wars afterwards with the Dutch, and those carried on during the Protectorate of Oliver Cromwell. After the Revolution, the funding scheme was struck out and adopted, not only for the purpose of carrying on expensive Continental wars, but also to ensure the loyalty of the people, who, by a change of government, and the confusion attending, would run the hazard of losing what they had lent on the public security. The French immediately pursued the same mode, but the credit of the Court of Versailles was soon hurt by some unfair proceedings of Louis the Fourteenth. It is however remarkable, that though the national debt of France is not near so great as that of Britain, the annual interest of both is nevertheless pretty nearly alike, and almost similar methods are now using by the Ministers of each country to reduce those heavy and oppressive incumbrances.

It was the great capital and low interest on money, that secured to Holland for such a length of time the carrying trade of the European nations, for while money could be procured at four per cent. by the Dutch merchants, about the middle of the last century, it was not in England, ten in Ireland, and proportionably great in every other country. The British legislature found the good policy of reducing it twice in Queen Anne's reign, till it was at length brought to the present standard, and the Irish Parliament followed the example. The States of Holland lowered theirs to three, but their carrying trade is at present very inconsiderable, as each nation has so greatly increased their shipping. As a striking proof of the vast augmentation of wealth in England to what it had been four centuries since, the Jews and Lombards lent their money at from twenty to thirty per cent, and the revenues of the Kings did not exceed thirty-six thousand per annum, till the time of Edward the Second. The British Sovereigns are now dependant on the Parliament, but formerly they had their Royal demesnes.

We are informed that Pat. Levinge, publican, in King-street, Oxmantown-green, who was apprehended and lodged in gaol, James Kelly, who was tried and found guilty of robbing the North mail, on the 22d of November last, and for which he was since executed, has been paid the full reward of 200l. offered by the Postmasters General for that purpose.

seared will not be got off.

Captain Molony who is arrived from Youghal, was, on Wednesday very being lost off Dungarvan, by a sudden gust wind which lasted about ten minutes. by who happened to be aloft at the time, wantonly carried away and drowned

Last Tuesday his Majesty's frigate Squirrel, of 24 guns, Capt. Drew, arrived Passage, from Plymouth.

Tralee, Jan. 3. Tuesday last, at 1/2ert. Richard Grady, the younger, (a Constable of Police) having obtained a warrant against one Lawlor, for rioting, in attempting to apprehend him, some resistance being made, and discharged a pistol, the contents of which lodged in Lawlor's belly, and he now languishes without hopes of recovery. Grady has rendered himself to the Rev. Dean Gray a Justice of Peace for this county.

L I M E R I C K.

Last Thursday morning, the Swan, James Garnet, master, bound from London to port, with Iron, Porter, and Hops, was overtaken by a mountain sea, near Kilkidrane point in the river Shannon; the effects of which were equally sudden and dreadful; the masts, yards and rigging being totally carried away, and the master with two men, who were on deck, unfortunately lost. The remaining five of the crew who were under deck, with husband and cargo, were brought by a pilot into Kilkidrane creek. The vessel was insured by the Irish Insurance Company.

Last night about six o'clock, a dreadful fire broke out in a House on Pennywell-road, which threatened destruction to the entire range of Cabbins, but was happily got under without further damage than destroying an adjoining Cabin, the Houses at each side being pulled down.

A correspondent begs leave to remind his countrymen, that the year 1787 has given to this island two HUNDRED dry days, without one drop of rain.—Compare this blessing with the earthquakes, the inundations, the storms and the tempests of the nations around us, and be grateful to God for the fertile land and the temperate climate we have so much cause to rejoice in.

We are happy to find the death of Mrs. Arthur, as mentioned in our last, is not true. It ought to have been the mother of Mr. Joseph Arthur, who died at the great age of 102, and remembered many circumstances of the siege of this city.

Birth. Last Friday, at Faha, the Lady of Christopher Tuthill, Esq; of a Son-and-Heir. Died. A few days ago universally regretted by her friends and acquaintance, Mrs. Leslie, relict of Collector Leslie,

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FROM the 25th either in the Whole or for such Terms as may be agreed for the Lands, the Estate of J. Esq; situate in the South within 3 English Miles of viz.

BALLYCLOGH containing TOUREEN containing CARRIGAPARSON &c. There are two good Dwelling-houses and Turbary, on the Premises. PROPOSALS will be received of LA TOUCHE, Esq; CHRISTOPHER KNIGHT (3p e n.)

New Garden

IN the greatest variety of Seed, with Seeds of Turneps and Split Peas, are this year Elizabeth and Ann, from PHILLIPS, Apothecary, with Red Bark, and Sundry other Quality. He has now prepared his Peppermint Tablets Medical virtue of that Plant are formed, being so fully explained in Comment on its Utility. They are commodated for Travellers, as the Best Peppermint Water can be made from them, each Bottle 1s. 6d. Pure French Essence of Waters, Oil and Colours.

Lime

Notice

To the several Creditors of the late of Killaderry, in the County of Wick, and also of Aungier-street, Dublin, Attorney, deceased.

THE several Creditors of R. Evans, are requested to their respective Demands of CHARDEVANS, the Security they have for the same, on or before the 20th inst. in order that the same may be intended to be proposed for immediate and effect.

To be

ALL the Sallows of ELM, consisting of Hoop-poles, three years &c. proposals to be received at Elm (3p)