

whether belonging to patriots or non-patriots, were all pillaged by the Prussian soldiers; he saw a looking glass sold there for a few ducats which was worth twenty guineas, and he himself bought a good horse, belonging to a farmer, at the same low price, which he gave back to the owner. He thinks it must be many years before Holland can recover her former state. When the Prussians entered Holland, there were not less than an hundred thousand patriots in all the provinces under arms, and one fine body of them mostly enlisted in the Prussian service.

The people called Quakers have, in several instances, shewn most laudable examples to the rest of mankind; they have lately made a most wonderful addition to the stock of human liberty; the people of that profession in America have discharge their slaves, made them free men, erected a very capital school at Philadelphia for their instruction, which they have liberally endowed, and such of these poor Africans as choose to continue in service, are paid wages, and placed on the same footing with the Whites. Does not this prove their justice and humanity? And may not this be the means of transmitting liberty and happiness to nations yet unborn? By this means they will be converted to Christianity, and by the mild and uniform operation of Christian principle, slavery itself will at length be totally abolished.

DUBLIN, January 8.

Last night the post boy, conveying the North mail to the General Post-office, was stopped on the road to this city, by two footpads, who opened the mail, out of which they took the bags from Letterkenny, Carrickmacross, and Ughnacloy, with which they effected their escape.

It is confidently reported, that the present administration has avowedly set its face against the infamous and corrupt system of reversionary grants, and does not hold itself in the least bound to make good any promise of the kind, made by any predecessors.

So much is the film of bigotry cleared from the eyes of the French nation of late, that the people of Paris talk, as a most-desirable event, a matrimonial alliance between the kingdoms of Great Britain and France, in the persons of the Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, with the adored, beautiful and accomplished lady Elizabeth of France, sister to the King: in such case, they say, no difficulty would be made on her part to conform to the religion of her husband. *Paris a la main.*

Every day gives rise to some new report respecting the removal of great persons from their employments under Government, as nothing of this kind has as yet been officially announced; we take the liberty to caution our readers against any reliance on such meer hear-say intelligence, which is generally calculated to satisfy the spleetic disposition of envious characters.

In consequence of the sudden and unexpected fall on the brewers, distillers, &c. of the city of Dublin, for their excise, within the holidays, twenty-one distraining warrants have been issued, and several sales are expected to take place.

and distressing journey, arrived in this city, to seek redress for the cruel and inhuman treatment they have received; and it must be the sincere wish of every honest breast, that those poor people may obtain from the laws of their country, that full satisfaction which the oppressive wrongs they have suffered, justly entitles them to demand.

One striking circumstance at present, among various others, which points out the rising state of the Company of Undertakers of the Grand Canal, and also the general confidence reposed in the success of that very important undertaking, is, that they are calling in the 6 per cent. debentures, in order to pay them off, and will, no doubt, readily procure a capital amply sufficient to carry on their future works at one per cent. less. This is in some measure following the example of Government, who called in a considerable sum of the four per cents of the national debt last year, and raised a similar sum at half per cent. less, which example will be certainly followed each session, until a very considerable saving will accrue to the nation every succeeding year. As the Navigation shall still be further extended, the profits resulting will necessarily be increasing in proportion, but in time become not only a source of the utmost wealth and advantage to the country, and also of emolument to the spirited individuals who have so long indefatigably endeavoured to promote that grand national design. It is confidently expected, that in the space of a very few years, the junction with the Shannon will be effected, as likewise many of the collateral cuts which are either going forward, or intended shortly to be begun.

Though the Chambers of Commerce and manufactures in this country, are not under the sanction of a parliamentary or patentee establishment, no more than they are in Great Britain, yet we are informed from the best authority, that the present administration holds them in an honourable light, and intends on every necessary occasion, to consult with Committees of those respectable bodies, and not, as we are sorry to say, has too often been the case, rely on the hasty information picked up by gentlemen from a few ignorant or interested individuals.

A correspondent on the above subject, judiciously observes, that though the example of arbitrary and despotic governments, should by no means be followed in all cases, yet there are some, where it is highly wise and expedient to do it, and in no case more so, than the method pursued in France, when any material change is proposed that relates to the commerce and manufactures of that kingdom, where previous to the measure receiving the stamp of a law, the Monarch by a mandatory letter calls upon all the Chambers of Commerce and manufactures throughout his realm, to send delegates to his Ministers, and consult with them on the business.

DIED. At Waterford, the Rev. Alexander Alcock, A. M. Archdeacon of Lismore.—In said city, Mr. Richard Walsh.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Kilkenny, Jan 5. On Thursday a meeting of the freeholders of this county was held at the County Court-house, the High Sheriff in Chair; when a congratulatory address to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant on his re-ap-

pearance who murdered Mr. Francis M'Namara, at Ardnacrusha, on the 26th of December last.

LIMERICK.

§ **AT** the Commencement of the New Year, the Proprietors are bound to return Thanks to the numerous Persons who in the last Year subscribed for the

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the Circulation of which is so much increased in all the Neighbouring Counties, that the superior advantage of Advertising herein, must appear obvious. They can truly assure the Public, it has been their constant Study to render this Paper equal to any other in the Kingdom, in point of Information and Amusement, blended with Instruction.

BY desire of many respectable Persons, I request a Meeting of the Inhabitants of this City, at the Court House, on Monday the 14th Instant, at the Hour of TWELVE at Noon, to take in their Consideration an Address to Parliament, on the State of the Canal between Killaloe and this City, and for other Purposes.
JOHN CREAGHE, MAYOR.
Limerick, Jan. 10, 1788.

The Pegasus sloop of War, of which his Royal Highness Prince William Henry, is commander, arrived safe at Plymouth the 29th ult.

Notwithstanding some delays might have happened by contrary winds to the Waterford mails, they now appear to be of great service to this city. This delay happened only once or twice; but we have often had mails regularly from Waterford in four days, when there were several due by way of Dublin; and so attentive is the proprietor of the packets at Waterford to convenience the public, that although the post arrived from thence last Monday night, an express followed it, and arrived early on Tuesday morning, with three English mails, which did not arrive by Dublin until Wednesday evening; and three more last night, which have not yet arrived from Dublin. A proof of the great utility of the Waterford post.

Last Monday, Mr. Downs, Inspector of Excise, and Mr. Francis Hayes, L. C. Officer, assisted by a detachment of the 9th Dragoons, seized in the town of Loughrea, a large quantity of tobacco and spirits, which was lodged in his Majesty's store.

DIED.—On Monday last, in John's-street, Mrs. Pinchin, relict of Mr. Michael Pinchin, sen. a tender mother, and sincere friend, whose death is much regretted by her acquaintance.—Yesterday at Curra-bridge, co. Limerick, the Rev. Cecil Westropp, Prebendary of Ardcanney in the Diocese of Limerick; a Gentleman much esteemed by a numerous and respectable acquaintance.

Port News. Jan. 7. Sailed the Active, Bourke, Bourdeaux, beef, pork and butter.—Arrived the Endeavour, Campbell, Londonderry, ballast.—The Swan, of Limerick, (late) Garnet, London, porter, iron and staves.—The May Guest, Dublin, Household furniture and rod Iron.

MICHAEL CASSIDY, Land Surveyor, Teacher of the Mathematics and Book-Keeping, will engage to INSTRUCT Youth with the greatest Expedition and clearest Demonstration,