

o'clock. The Managers produced written evidence, which being gone through, Mr. Middleton was called to the bar, who underwent a long examination by the Managers for the Commons, the counsel for the prisoner, and the Court, which did not finish till six o'clock, when their Lordships retired to their own House, and the trial deferred till to-morrow.

#### TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.

After the Court was opened, and Mr. Hastings appeared at the bar,—Mr. Adams rose, and informed their Lordships that the managers next intended to bring proof to negative Mr. Hastings's third charge against the Begums, namely, that they had encouraged the Jaghires Dairs to rebel against the English government, and had assisted them in such rebellion. This, as well as the former, was one of the grounds which Mr. Hastings had urged as a reason for seizing their treasures, and resuming their Jaghires. The letters were sent from Mr. Middleton and Col. Hannay to the Board of Calcutta. The minutes of the Council and dispatches from Mr. Hastings were next read. The reading continued until two o'clock, when

Mr. Middleton was again called to the Bar, and examined respecting the contents of the documentary evidence which had just been produced. To speak candidly respecting his evidence, we sincerely believe that he gave the best testimony in his power; but having by his prior conduct unhappily involved his evidence in the labyrinth and mazes of mystery, it is no wonder that his task was arduous. He stands in an awful situation, and the embarrassment which he evidently feels, is a lesson to every man (whatever may be his wealth or influence) to beware of giving the least cause of suspicion before any Court of Justice, much less such an august tribunal as that before which he has appeared.

We shall touch upon a few facts only.—The witness could give no account of the cause of the mutilated book of his correspondence; but being pressed by Lord Loughborough, Earl Stormont, and the Managers, he at last (after various frivolous excuses) acknowledged that the mutilated parts were torn out, but by whom he could not tell.

His evidence respecting the affairs of Fizula Kawn, was equally doubtful. In short, the whole was one mass of doubts, hesitations, and amendments. He was sent from the Bar at half after five, when the Court adjourned to the Upper Chamber.

At half after six adjourned to Tuesday evening, when the High Court of Judicature will again sit.

Yesterday a Chapter of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath was held after the Levee broke up, when Sir G. Yonge and Admiral A. Hood were invested with the red ribband, and other insignia.

There is now a very serious dispute between the Courts of Naples and Venice, in consequence of a Neapolitan Officer having been arrested, and conducted out of the Venetian territories, with menaces of death if ever he should return, on a frivolous charge of attempting to recruit there. On this insult, the Ambassador of Naples having in vain remonstrated, he took his departure from Venice, having received instructions from his Court to that purpose.

Three great houses stopped within these few days, not in the linen-draper branch, but in consequence of connections with the bankrupt houses.

The cause of their quarrel was Mr. S. —'s making free with the character of an American Lady now in England, of repute, which the other resented.

#### DUBLIN, May 13.

By the brig, Betsey, Captain Clancy arrived here yesterday from Malaga, last from Gibraltar, we have certain advice, that the Emperor of Morocco had declared war against Great Britain, and that she left the Southampton frigate cruising off Tangiers, in order to intercept any vessel going in or coming out of that harbour.

By the same channel we are informed, that at the time of the sailing of the Betsey, fresh provisions at Gibraltar were exceedingly dear; and that all kind of communication between Spain and the British Garrison in that Fortress was put a stop to; and that the Spaniards had refused the smallest supply of fresh provisions, even for the accommodation of the Governor, though repeatedly applied to for that purpose.

By a gentleman that arrived yesterday from London, we learn that notwithstanding the report of large subscriptions having been entered into to support the credit of some principal houses, it is only a flattering attempt by the creditors concerned, and that no others have shewed the least intention of generosity on that head. One house only it is said have stopped payment for upwards of one million sterling, and though the Bank of England had refused their paper for the last twelve months, the Directors at a late meeting offered to advance them one hundred thousand pounds for nine or twelve months on proper security, which gentleman offer was declined, as being supposed inadequate. It seems this house in order to extend their trade, and at the same time support their credit, had set up many shopkeepers in various parts of the city and country, who accommodated them with their paper to any amount required, which houses are all now stopped of course, and having carried on very extensive manufactories in Lancashire, where even their five guinea notes of hand paid to their work people, &c. as cash, passed so current, that it is computed there is at this day, upwards of eighteen thousand pounds of them small sums unpaid, which together with the immediate stoppage of from twelve to fifteen hundred hands, is a most distressing circumstance, and it is much to be dreaded that things are not yet at the worst, as many retail linen and cotton houses in London must break, which of consequence will hurt our linen trade here and affect our next market.

Yesterday evening some persons unknown, entered the dwelling-house of Mr. Douglas, on Usher's-quay, and having forced open a desk, they took thereout twenty light guineas, and several papers of value, among which, were notes to the amount of 3000l. and upwards, with which they effected their escape undiscovered.

By a letter from Carlow, we are informed of a very melancholy accident which happened there last week;—seven children walking near the market-cross, found a paper of arsenic, which, conceiving it meal or sugar, they mixed with water, and feasted on; in consequence four died, and the remaining three, with much difficulty, were recovered by proper antidotes.

Sugars have lately fallen 10s. per cwt.—a pleasing circumstance, as this article is now become such an absolute necessary of life.

as the defendant had parried his creditors and absconded from his residence, the place where the bills that had been accepted, were to be paid, and had been demanded; his Lordship therefore observed, that a trader who hides in or absents himself from his house, with a view to delay his creditors, is guilty of an act of bankruptcy, to all intents and purposes. The Jury, without retiring from the box, brought in a verdict agreeable to his Lordship's exposition.

It was remarked last Sunday throughout this metropolis, that there were fewer scenes of intoxication than have been beheld on the Sabbath, for many preceding years. This desirable change has been owing to the activity of the church-wardens in enforcing a due observance of the law.

Two more of the Regiments that compose our garrison were yesterday reviewed in the Phoenix-park, by his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

DIED. On the North-strand, Mr. William Williams, proprietor of the New Baths for ladies and gentlemen, near the point of the North Wall, whereon he expended near 2000l.

#### COUNTRY NEWS.

Cork, May 12. Last week our city was honoured with a visit from the philanthropic John Howard, Esq; F. R. S.

Died. Last Friday at Finn Barry's, Mr. George Tonkins, a very great Mathematician, a man of most amiable character.

#### LIMERICK.

Last Tuesday, the Right Hon. the Attorney General and his Lady, arrived here from Dublin.

The journey from Dublin to Limerick is now made expeditious and agreeable by means of the canal; the passengers who go into the boat at six in the morning, arrive at Monastereven before six in the evening, the expence about eight shillings each; they post to Maryborough and sleep there, and dine in Limerick the next day, the expence of polling, &c. about forty shillings each person.

Last Sunday a man of the name of Prendergast, nicking a Colt, in the Parish of Feakle, in the Co. Clare, received a kick from the animal which killed him on the spot.

Last Tuesday morning, about one o'clock, six or seven ruffians disguised, and their faces blackened, broke into the house of Michael Fowlue, farmer, near Ballyneety, and having tied the family, robbed the house of forty guineas, a piece of linen containing 60 yards, and some wearing apparel.

Birth. Yesterday at Newtown Pery, the Lady of Colonel Lefroy of a Son.

Married. This morning, Peter Monsell, Esq; Attorney at Law, to Miss Crawford, daughter to Captain Crawford, an accomplished young lady, with a large fortune.

Died. On Sunday last, at the house of John Coplin Langford, Esq; near Shanagolden, Mr. Richard Evans, late an eminent Woollen Draper in this City, a man of very fair character.

PORT-NEWS, May 12. Sailed, the Lady Frederick, M'Mullin, Cambleton, oats and oatmeal.—The Biddeford, Barnes, Newfoundland, beef, pork and butter.—14. Arrived, Jenny, Stuart, Galway, ballast.—Sailed, Active, Bourke, Bourdeaux, beef, pork, tallow, tongues.

him a large Assortment of METAL WARE. He is (as usual) well supplied with Spirits, Anchovies, Olives, Capers, Oil, Brandy Fruits, Liqueurs, Situp of Capalaire, Lavender and Hungary Water, Durham Mustard, White Wine Vinegar, and Bottled Porter without the smallest Adulteration, at 3s. 3d. per Dozen; all which he will Sell reasonable for Ready Money.

Genteel LODGINGS Furnished or Unfurnished, to be LET.

Limerick, May 15, 1788.

#### Dog Stolen or Strayed.

ON Sunday morning, the 11th

Inst. was Stolen or Strayed from the House of BENJAMIN FREND, Esq; Square, Limerick, a Red and White English Spaniel Dog, about one year Old, of a good Size and Untaught, a wave in his Hair, a long drooping fan'd Tail, a long Head, dark Eyes, his nostrils black and White, the sign of a slight Scar across the bridge of his Nose, on which the hair has not since grown, rather in low Condition, and answers to the name of RAP. Should he have followed any Gentleman in or out of town, Mr. Friend will be very thankful to have him sent back, and if he has fallen into the hands of any other Person who will return him safe to Mr. Friend, he shall be well rewarded. Should he be concealed after this Notice, the Person in whose possession he may be found, shall be prosecuted as the late Act of Parliament directs.—Mr. Friend requests, that if any Dog answering the above description, should be offered for Sale to any Gentleman, that the Dog may be taken up, and Notice thereof sent to him. (49) May 15, 1788.

#### John B. Westropp

Acquaints his Friends and the Public, that he has commenced Business on Charlotte's-Quay, where he is well supplied with Wines, Spirits, Brandy Fruits, Oils, Olives, Anchovies, Capers, Orgeat, Liqueurs, best Pickling Vinegar, with a choice Assortment of TEAS, &c. all which he will sell on the lowest Terms for Ready Money only. May 12, 1788.

#### THE BEAUTIFUL HORSE

#### Black and all Black,

WHICH was shewn at the last Assizes of Limerick, will serve Mares with CÆZAR

at Mount-Hewson, near Patrick's-Well, County Limerick, during the Covering Season, at One Guinea each Mare, and a British Half Crown to the Groom: Black and all Black is above 15 hands High, strong in proportion; having met an Accident at Tipperary Races, has caused him to be Let out to Mares. He has a long Pedigree, well attested, in the hands of the Groom.

Mount-Hewson, May 8, 1788.

#### PRICE OF GOODS AT LIMERICK,

On Wednesday last, the 14th of May.

RAPE SEED, 14s. to 17s. per barrel.  
Wheat 12½d. to 14d. per stone.  
Oats, 8d. to 8½d. per ditto.  
Beans, 24s. per barrel.  
Potatoes 2½d. to 3d. per stone.  
Barley, 6d. to 7d. per stone.  
Oatmeal 10s. 6d. per cwt.  
Fresh Salmon at the Fish-house, 2½d. per lb.  
Fresh Butter 6d. to 6½d. per lb.  
Mutton, 3½d. to 4d. per lb.  
Beef, 3d. to 3½d. per lb.  
Pork, 16s. to 17s. per cwt.  
Tallow, 6s. 0d. per stone.  
Wool 19s to 20s. 6d. per stone.  
Turf 2l. 10s. to 3l. 7s. a Boat.

#### PRICE OF BUTTER.

34s. per Cwt. for first Quality } in full bound  
32s. — — Second Do. } Firkins.  
32s. the First Quality } in Quarter bound  
30s — Second } Casks and Firkins.