

the revenues of Sicily are at least in a three-  
proportion to those of the Island of Sardinia;  
former is also of much greater extent, and  
richer in the products of nature: its corn  
is equalled by the grain of Egypt; its wines,  
honey, cattle, herbage, &c. most abundant,  
it also yields large crops of sugar. The silk  
factories are there extensively carried on,  
the soil produces large quantities of cotton,  
and hemp; upon the whole, the natives  
on a considerable foreign trade. It was  
ed, in the times of the ancient Romans,  
granary of Italy, so that if the King of Na-  
suffered to enjoy the sovereign possession of  
Island, he will hold a dignified and splendid  
throne, and he may hold his Court either at  
Messina or Syracuse.

The very illiberal (not to say worse) observa-  
tion on the proceedings of the Irish Parliament,  
which have lately appeared in the London New-  
spapers in the pay of the Minister, will, we hear,  
be a subject of animadversion, to-morrow, in  
the House of Commons. [Hib. Four.

A very general report prevails, that the Irish  
Parliament will speedily be dissolved.

Reports have for these two days been pretty  
generally circulated, that the British Minister,  
Mr. Pitt (as we may think) committed himself  
to the Union, and conceiving his influ-  
ence and stability in danger of being shaken if  
he proceed not in carrying that measure, is de-  
termined to strain every nerve to effect its accom-  
plishment. Several circumstances fall under the  
category of timorous persons which seem to give  
weight to this opinion, among others, they  
say that a number of militia troops are tam-  
ing with to volunteer their services in Ireland,  
and when its tranquility appears nearly re-  
stored or at least when there are at present  
no and native forces sufficient to repress  
any species of insurrection. What object, they  
say, are those proceedings meant to establish?  
The arrival of Mr. Pelham, and a resump-  
tion of his office, any promises of his Locum  
tenens may be got over, the business renewed  
in a direct way, and a fresh trial made with  
the ever accession of strength Administration  
maintained since the question was first agitated.  
These considerations have their weight with  
those who apprehend a great evil, and expect little  
good in a short time, however, will develop  
itself in embryo, and notwithstanding those ap-  
pearances which many consider as dreadful notes  
of preparation, we have reason to look forward,  
with confidence, that the public spirit which has  
defeated the snake, will give him shortly the  
same grace that must terminate the general  
consequences.

[Saund. N. L.  
Accounts from the County Westmeath, we  
hear that the house of George Semple, Esq;  
of Mullingar, was attacked last week at mid-  
night, by a considerable banditti of armed  
men, who, on approaching the porch of the  
house, fired a number of shots, and demanded  
ransom. Mr. Semple had no other assistance  
but a man servant, whom he had reason to  
believe had been seduced into a Society of Uni-  
versity men. Mr. Semple asked this man, whe-  
ther he would support him against the attack of  
the banditti, who declared in the honest simpli-  
city of his heart, that he would do any thing  
to give evidence against any of them.

The villains by this time made their way to  
the door, and on Mr. Semple's calling to  
them, and being well prepared with fire-arms,  
one of the banditti who rushed in, was shot  
dead, and the second by the servant, while  
the remainder of the gang fled with precipita-  
tion, and in some time after returned, not to  
the attack, but to carry away the dead  
body, one of which remained in the hall, which

John Darcy, Esq; a gentleman of the long  
robe, we hear, has opposed the Prime Ser-  
jeant, St. George Daly, Esq; in his election for  
Galway.

Yesterday the election of an Alderman came  
on in the room of the late Alderman Greene,  
when Hugh Trevor, of Ardee-street, Esq; was  
elected.

At the late examinations held in our Univer-  
sity, the following gentlemen obtained premiums:  
Mr. Irwin, Mr. Dick, Whitty, Wall, jun. Lit-  
ton, M'Case, Mr. Foster, Smith, jun. Murray,  
sen. Hare, Harty, Mr. Scott, 2dus. Crampton,  
Morgan, jun. Jones, jun. Wilson, Mr. Connel-  
lan, Hall, jun. Blackburne, M'Entagert, and  
O'Regan.

Clonmel, Feb. 2. A considerable number of the  
principal inhabitants of this town, deeming it  
proper to meet and express their sentiments, on  
the important subject of a Legislative Union be-  
tween this Country and Great Britain, signed a  
Requisition to the Mayor to that purpose, which  
was complied with, and Thursday the 31st of  
January, was appointed by him for the Meeting,  
and published in the *Clonmel Journal*; but on the  
Day preceding, a Notice was inserted in the said  
Paper, intimating, that no Meeting could take  
place—in consequence of which the Mayor was  
waited on by several Gentlemen, to assign his  
Reason for such a Notice, when he informed  
them, that the General Officer commanding the  
District, came to him, and desired that no such  
Meeting should take place, and that if it was at-  
tempted, he would disperse it by Military Force.

The Principal Inhabitants of the town how-  
ever, feeling it inconsistent with the duty they  
owed their country and themselves to remain si-  
lent at this momentous crisis, have by their indi-  
vidual signatures, (118 in number) agreed to re-  
solutions totally adverse to a Union, and return-  
ed thanks to the Representatives of the County  
Tipperary, Lord Mathew and Colonel Barwell,  
and to Thomas Newenham, Esq; Member for  
Clonmel, (the other Representative Steph. Moore,  
Esq; being out of the kingdom,) for their patri-  
otic conduct in opposing a Legislative Union.

6.]—We have Authority to state the following  
Reasons for the Meeting of the Inhabitants, ap-  
pointed to be held on Monday last, not taking  
place:

Major-General Sir Charles Asgill requested  
the Mayor would not call together the inhabi-  
tants of the Town of Clonmel *indiscriminately*, as  
he should be obliged to disperse such an illegal  
meeting, assigning as his reason, that the Mayor  
having in his Advertisement, made a distinction  
between the Inhabitants and the Bailiffs, Free  
Burgesses, and Freemen, convening them on dif-  
ferent days, he, as Commanding Officer of the  
District, could not admit either the right or pro-  
priety of any Magistrate, in a *Proclaimed County*,  
assembling the Populace, who were neither Free-  
holders, nor Voters, it being contrary to the  
Convention and Insurrection Acts—at the same  
time, the General had no objection whatever to  
the Meeting of the Corporation and Freemen,  
which has accordingly taken place; (George  
Heaslop, Esq; Mayor, in the chair,) and whose  
Resolutions are as follows:

Resolved, That we entertain the sincerest de-  
sire to maintain our Connexion with Great Bri-  
tain, under our present Constitution, as establish-  
ed by the Parliaments of both Kingdoms, in the  
year 1782, which we conceive to be absolutely  
necessary to the happiness and Welfare of the  
Empire.

Resolved, That we consider also the mainte-  
nance of the Legislative Independence of this  
kingdom indispensably necessary for the safety and  
welfare of Ireland—and that a Surrender of it

who gave evidence at the Court-Martial  
here last Summer, against some men active in  
the late Rebellion, was fought after in the houses  
of his two Uncles, of the name of Dwyer, (who  
lived on Mr. Shuldham's land) on the above night,  
by some of those Rebels who have lately returned  
from transportation, every person to the number  
of eight, were either put to death, or consumed  
by the flames, in the two houses which were  
burnt—even the children did not escape their  
savage fury, one of them was found next morn-  
ing perished by the cold, having been thrown  
out into the snow by those merciless villains;—  
it is not known yet whether Nolan was there or  
not, as the entire rubbish of the houses was not  
cleared away when we received the above intel-  
ligence.

DIED. Last Thursday, in William-street, in  
the 74th year of her age, very much lamented,  
Mrs. Bruce, relict of ——— Bruce, Esq; late  
of Cork, and mother to George Evans Bruce,  
Esq; of Hermitage.

An elegant Variety of Newest  
Woollen Drapery, Fancy Waistcoating & Breeches  
Stuffs, have this Week arrived to

JAMES CANNY, No. 6, Charlotte's-Quay.

He has this Day received Two large Cases of the  
Best and most Fashionable London Beaver Hats,  
for Ladies and Gentlemen.

(2 P) Limerick, Feb. 9, 1799.

PLEASE TO OBSERVE,

The English Scheme this Year consists of 376 more  
PRIZES, and 5370 Less BLANKS, than last  
Year; the lowest Prize is 20l. (instead of 16l.)  
and not Two Blanks to a Prize.

The Drawing Begins on Monday next.

A. WATSON, has for Sale,  
a Variety of Whole Tickets, Halves, Quarters,  
Eighths, and Sixteenths, in the English State Lotte-  
ry, which Commences Drawing the 11th of Fe-  
bruary Inst.—Also a Club of Tickets opened  
for Subscription, consisting of 2 Whole,—4 Halves,  
—4 Quarters, and 10 Eighths

The First Day's Drawing may be expected here  
next Saturday.

Limerick, Feb. 9, 1799.

NEW Garden Seeds, Early Peas and Beans,  
Canary Seed, &c. just arrived per the Ceres  
of London, to

EUSTACE RAHILLY,

APOTHECARY AND SEEDSMAN,

No. 2, Mungret-street, together with a large Sup-  
ply of Drugs, all which he will Sell by Wholesale  
and Retail on the lowest Terms for Ready Money  
only.—N. B. He has a few Dozen Bottles of Cas-  
tor Oil warranted genuine, which he will dispose  
of on reasonable terms.

(3 f) Limerick, Feb. 9, 1799.

New Garden Seeds—Genuine Medicines, &c.

THOMAS RAHILLY,

Apothecary and Seedsman, No. 24, Broad-street,

Respectfully acquaints his numerous Friends  
and the Public, he has just Landed from on  
board the Ceres of London, Captain Flight, his  
New Garden Seeds, Early Peas and Beans, Bird  
Seeds, &c. with a general Assortment of Genuine  
Medicines, which having purchased on the best  
Terms at the first Houses, he is determined to Sell  
at the most reduced price—He returns sincere  
Thanks for the distinguished preference he has ex-  
perienced in his Profession, and shall make it his  
constant study to merit a continuance of it.

(3 f) Limerick, Feb. 9, 1799.

Caution Gentlemen, not to Hire

Michael Cusack, who has lived with me as  
Butler, without their making a previous Applicati-