

their Parents.—The Inhabitants of this City have hitherto been heavily and partially taxed, for the support of a system of neglect, of cruelty, and of fraud. In saying this, we mean not to reflect upon the conduct of former Overseers of the Foundlings; many, and probably all of whom saw and lamented the evil-tendency of the plan pursued, but they knew not how to remedy it, and did not indeed become sensible of the mischief, (owing to an improper and illegal mode of dividing the duties of the office among themselves, which custom had established,) till the time of their being concerned in it was nearly expired, and thus they were in some measure compelled to pursue the beaten track, though no sooner had they made some progress in it, than they saw it was a wrong one. The grand source of error was a total misconception of the meaning of the Act of Parliament, which ought to have regulated their proceedings, and which prescribes, "that the Overseers of all the Parishes in each City should assemble together, and that they, or the major part of them, should assess upon the Inhabitants of the City at large, such sums as should be necessary for the maintenance and education of the Foundlings within such City, in proportion to the value of the Houses in which such Inhabitants dwell."—Instead of this, it has hitherto been the uniform practice for the Overseers of each separate Parish to provide for the Children, supposed to belong to their respective Parishes, by a Parochial Tax. The consequence of which was, that no concert being established between the Overseers of the different Parishes, and no place provided in which to keep the Children, the expence of maintaining the same Child was frequently borne by each of two Parishes, or more through the fraud of the Women employed to keep them;—Children were often paid for, who were never deserted by their Parents; those who were really Foundlings, were neglected for want of a proper superintendance and controul, and after dragging on a miserable existence here for a while, they were sent to Dublin on cats, under the care of Women hardened in iniquity, and who could not pay due attention to the number they had to take, if they even were so inclined. The consequence was, that what with neglect, what with the length of the journey, what with the severity of the weather, (for, odd as it may appear, they were generally sent in winter,) and the tenderness of their age, they mostly died upon the road, or were delivered to the Foundling Hospital in Dublin in such a state that they could not, and did not in general survive many days.

Circumstances that fully warrant the truth of this statement, were very lately made manifest to some of the Magistrates of this City on an enquiry instituted before them, and fully convinced them, as indeed they must every person who knows the particulars then unfolded, that the mode of conducting this business called loudly for reformation, and was a reproach to all who were any way concerned in it. Two years ago, through the representations and exertions of some of the parochial Clergy, who saw the evil, and were anxious to remedy it, the then Overseers made some progress in a plan intended to put these matters upon a new, a legal, and a humane footing. Owing to some untoward circumstances, and to some defects in the plan itself, as then designed, it was not carried into execution, and the unhappy situation of the Country last year, was such as to render vain any attempt to renew the project. We are, however, happy in being able to state, that this year some Persons of respectability and character, in each of the City Parishes, have voluntarily come forward, and taken upon them the office of Overseers of deser-

blished; and hereafter it is imagined that less will answer. So that the proposed plan not only promises to be more humane, but also more economical, than the former mode, and has every thing to recommend it in preference to the other. It is imagined, from the progress already made, that the sum now to be raised will not amount to more than One-penny in the Pound, upon the computed Rent of each House—i. e. that a House worth 40l. a year, will pay but 40d. which is such a trifle, as scarcely to deserve notice.

We have good authority for the particulars we have stated, and trust that the communication will be received by the public, with the same warm satisfaction that we feel in making it; and that the plan about to be adopted will meet with general approbation. We know the Overseers are anxious to merit it, and will gladly profit by the assistance of every humane and considerate person in the execution of their design. They are men, whose characters, and the zeal they already manifest in the business, give us the strongest hopes that they will persevere in what they have begun, and spare no trouble necessary to accomplish what they have undertaken. We know too, that they desire and expect the co-operation and assistance of their fellow Citizens. To the FEMALE SEX, particularly, they look for much and useful assistance!—assistance that Men cannot with equal propriety, or with equal efficacy, supply. We trust, that this Institution will be to them an object of human attention, that they will embrace the opportunity there afforded them of useful exertion, and that they will find in it a source of pure and considerable satisfaction: satisfaction arising from the gratification of disinterested Benevolence, occupied in an employment so natural and congenial to their feelings, the care and superintendance of helpless infancy.

DIED. On Wednesday last, at Rathkeale, Mrs. Leake, wife to Mr. Samuel Leake, of said town, Merchant; her death is deservedly lamented by her family and numerous acquaintance.—Last week near Bristol, Captain Samuel Willoe, late of this city, a Gentleman of the strictest honour, sincerely and universally lamented by all who knew him.

HARVEY and FISHER have for Sale, a few Hhds. Wrapper Tobacco, Russia Iron, Indigo, White and Rock-salt, Liverpool and Cannel Coal, Cheshire Cheese.

(2 p) Limerick, 15th of 6th Month, 1799.

### A U C T I O N.

O'HOGAN will commence a Sale by Auction, at his Auction Rooms opposite Bridge-street, on Monday next the 17th June Inst. of the following, with many other Articles;—A service of green edged Ware, some China and Glass; all useful Kitchen Furniture; Feather-Beds, Blankets, and Quilts; Mahogany four-post and Camp Bedsteads, with Hangings; a handsome Set of Dining Tables, and an elegant new pair of inlaid circular Card Tables; Drawing-room Chairs and Covers; Conversation Stools and Covers, and Window Curtains to match, (never washed); Mahogany Parlour, Cherry-tree, and Rush Chairs; Oak Tall-boy, Mahogany Desk and Book-Case, Pier and Dressing Glasses, Chandlers, &c.—An excellent Carpet, 5 yards by 6; some very handsome Stairs Carpeting and Brass Stairs Roes, Hall Globes, Stair-case Bells and Shades, Mahogany and Japanned Tea-Boards; Brass Fender, one Set Fire-Irons; a Press-Bed, and a vast many other useful and necessary Articles.—He will Sell any of these Articles by Private Sale, if the Value is offered; and also a good Jaunting Car and Harnesses, but not during Auction Hours, which be from 12 to 4 o'Clock, and will continue the Sale from Day to Day till all are disposed of.

\*†\* From the difficulty which attends collecting Auction Accounts, no Articles can be removed until paid for. Limerick, June 15, 1799.

Post-Office, Tarbert, June 13, 1799.

### OAK, SALLY, and BIRCH.

THE WOOD of Killavalla, consisting of above Timber, about 35 years Growth; also some very large Old OAK, will be Sold mediately;—it is situated between Nenagh Borisoleigh. Proposals to be received by C. Otway, Esq; at Castle-Otway, near said Wood [1 m.] Dated 13th June, 1799.

### T O B E S E T,

FROM the 25th of March last, for such Term may be agreed on, in the whole or in division about 30 Acres of Ballincurra—remarkable for its situation, near the New Barracks, and convenient for Water Carriage;—Proposals to be received by Richard Harte, William J. Harte, Esqrs. and Richard Wilson, Mungrett; the Tenant or Tenants will be declared on the 23d Inst. at Mr. Shea's or sooner if the Value is offered.

Thomas Shea, Ballincurra-House, will shew Lands. June 12, 1799.

### PAWN-BROKER'S SALE.

TO be Sold by Auction, on Tuesday the 11th Inst. at the Home of Mr. Robert Ensk opposite St. Mary's Church, Mary-street, a vast quantity of Plate, Gold and Silver Watches, House Linen, and sundry Articles, &c. &c.

Limerick, June 11, 1799.

### DONASS BLEACH GREEN

JOHN MASSY respectfully informs his Friends and the Public, that he has already returned 500 Pieces of Linen, of this year's Bleaching his Office in Limerick; he trusts the manner in which those Linens are finished, will ensure a continuance of that Protection and Kindness he hitherto so amply experienced.

N. B. The Owners of such Linens as have remained in the above Office for years back, requested to call for them as soon as possible, prevent any mistake.

(2 f) Waterpark, June 6, 1799.

John Smith, Plaintiff. } PURSUANT to an Order of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery, made in this Cause bearing date the Fifth Day of June Instant, I will on Wednesday the 10th Day of July next, at One o'Clock the afternoon, at the Chancery Chamber, Dublin set for Three Years from the 1st Day of May 1799 to the best and highest Bidder, all that part of Lands of Drumnakeenan, in the King's County containing 21 Acres, and one Acre of Bog, together with the Mill, and all other Improvements made thereon, being the Lands and Premises in possession of the Defendant, in said Order mentioned.—Dated this 8th day of June, 1799.

(3P) THOMAS WALKER.

### W A N T E D,

A PERSON properly Qualified to Conduct a ROYAL COFFEE-HOUSE.

Proposals in writing will be received by the Committee, directed to their Secretary, on or before Monday the 1st of July next.

N. B. None need apply, who cannot be recommended, and has not a Property to Settle the House, &c.

T. C. WADE, Secy Limerick, 7th June, 1799. (2 p)

THE Public are informed, the finest Bleached Linens of this Season, are sent finished to the Linen Office, Lower End Water-Gate, Limerick, from the Registered Bleach Yard, Singland—which for Whiteness, Strength and good Bleaching, are superior to any sent before to this City.

Grey Linens, &c. left at the above Office, should be thankfully received and speedily returned, completely Bleached, by HERMAN J. POE.

Singland, May 28, 1799.