

sons: to Mr. Gilmour my first Lieutenant, the greatest praise is due for the prompt manner in which he caused my orders to be executed in bringing the ship to anchor under a heavy fire from the enemy. I therefore take the liberty of recommending this zealous good officer to your protection; he is an old follower of mine, has been two voyages round the world with me, and was one of the three young midshipmen that remained with Lieut. Riou during the distresses of his Majesty's ship Guardian; I therefore hope, my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty will deem him worthy of promotion. I have given him the temporary command of the Batavian Republican brig Gier, and shall send her round to the Texel as soon as possible. She mounts 14 long Dutch 12-pounders, with a complement of 80 men. She is a most complete vessel, quite new, copper-bottomed, well found, and never yet at sea, and in every respect fit for his Majesty's service, only wanting men. I mean to take four of her guns out for the purpose of arming four schooners to act hereabouts, either on the defensive or offensive.

Underneath is a list of killed and wounded, on board his Majesty's sloop Arrow, and also a statement of the British and Batavian force.

Killed; John Shean, seaman.—Wounded; Capt. Porriock, William Wilson, master's-mate, dangerously; Francis Yeats, carpenter's-mate, slightly; Joseph Thompson, dangerously, John Speak, badly, Philip Sanders, badly, William Palmer, slightly, Philip McGarret, slightly, Jas. Graves, slightly, Seamen; Richard Haines, boy, slightly.

Statement of the British and Dutch force.

British—Arrow, 28 guns, 38-pound carronades. Wolverene, 12 guns, 2 long 24-pounders.

Total—40 guns and 180 men.

Dutch—Draak, 24 guns, six 50-pound brass howitzers, two 32-pounders, 16 10-pounders.

Gier, 14 guns, 12-pounders, long guns.

Two schooners, each 4 guns, 8 pounders, long.

Four schooners, each 2 guns, 8-pounders, long.

Total—54 guns and 380 men.

I must in justice to the Captain of the De Draak say, that he fought very gallantly; I wish for his honour it had been in a better cause.

I have the honour to transmit this dispatch by Lieut. Reddy, commanding the brig Speedwell.

Admiralty-Office, Sept. 28.

Copy of a letter from the Earl of St. Vincent, K. B. Admiral of the White, &c. to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 24th inst.

Sir,—I enclose, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a letter I have received from Capt. Digby, of his Majesty's ship Alcmena, giving an account of the capture of a Spanish ship and brig laden with naval stores for the arsenal of Ferrol, and a French sloop from St. Domingo.—I am, &c. St. Vincent.

His Majesty's ship Alcmena, River Tagus, My Lord, 30th July, 1799.

I have the honour to acquaint you, that I stood into the harbour of Vivero, on the 18th instant, towards sunset, and running between two Spanish vessels at anchor, distant from each other near two cables length. I sent Lieutenants Warren and Oliver with parties armed to board them and make out, which service they executed in a spirited and masterly manner. On their appearance under sail, two torts and a detached gun opened round us, which I returned; the heavy smoke of my guns, and day closing, prevented the enemy directing theirs to effect.

One of the prizes named La Felicidad, a ship between 7 and 800 tons, pierced for 22 guns, is

the orders of the Cabinet of Vienna, is no longer master of the rapidity of his own operations.

The Prussian Minister Count Gortz has left Berlin for Holland.

The Dutch General Daendels, on the 8th ult. issued an order, that every place displaying the Orange flag should be set on fire, and that the Batavian troops should fire on every person wearing a cockade of that description.

A Dutch battalion, of 140 men, who first gave way in their army in the affair of the 10th, are dismissed, and 14 persons officers and privates, are to be shot for misconduct.

A levy of Recruits has been ordered in the Russian Empire, at the rate of one man out of 350, which is less than that of last year, when one out of 250 was drawn.

A letter from Dresden, of the 18th inst. states the following extraordinary occurrence:—"On Friday last, the Princess of Hohenlohe and Suite arrived here, and alighted at the Hotel de Pologne. This morning the doors of her apartments were found open, the bed of the Princess and the floor of her bed-room stained with blood, and neither she nor her jewels, money, clothes, and other effects to be found. None of her servants or equipage are missing. Horsemen have been dispatched in different directions, and every body is anxious to unriddle this mysterious circumstance."

Lord Mornington, on his arrival in India, began to act like a man who was determined to do business, as well as to keep up the proper dignity of his high situation. Every body saw that he did not come as a mere figure of state, but to be an effective Agent of the Country he represented. Vigour and alacrity seemed to receive a new impulse in proportion as the character of his Lordship and his intentions became more apparent, and it is evident that the British Cabinet could not have selected a man more happily adapted to discharge with honour and advantage the great trust committed to him.

Colonel Cunningham, who died of his wounds in Holland, is now, we find, the Officer who was wounded at Lincelles, and taken prisoner at Ostend, but his brother. The Colonel who underwent the Military hardships alluded to, is now on his way to join his Regiment, the 68th Foot, in Ireland.

The West India Merchants at a meeting on Thursday last, agreed not to expose any sugars to sale until there should appear to be a demand in the market for the article.

D U B L I N,—OCT 3.

War-Office, Dublin-Castle, Sept. 30, 1799.

His Majesty has been pleased to make the following Promotions in the Army on this establishment:—

Cambridge Fencible Dragoons—Cornett Chas. Moore, to be Lieutenant, vice Walker, removed to the 8th Light Dragoons.

New Romney Fencible Dragoons—Cornet Neville, to be Lieutenant, vice Webb, resigned.

—Mr. Peter Brereton, to be Cornet, vice Key, resigned.

41st Foot—Mr. John Fitz-Gerald, to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Thomas, promoted

Essex Fencibles—Captain-Lieutenant Thomas Thornley, to be Captain, vice Scott, resigned—

Lieutenant Wm. Hughes, to be Capt. Lieu—

Ensign George Moffat, to be Lieutenant;—and

Mr. Martin Dane to be Ensign.

Reay Fencibles—Ensign John Sutherland to be Lieut. vice Scobie, resigned;—and Mr. D. Logan, to be Ensign.

Saturday the Kildare Militia marched into town on their way to Cove, &c.

This morning Captain Warren and the Mullerry Yeomen, with their usual indefatigable exertions, apprehended and lodged in the Co. gaol the following persons charged with the murder of the two M'Carthy's, near Blarney:—John Hennessy, John Murphy, alias Purtheen, Darby Murphy his son; Michael Callaghan, Dennis Callaghan, brothers, John Callaghan and Daniel Corkery.

This day Michael Busted, Esq; was sworn into the office of Mayor; Thomas Pope, and Richard Digby, Esqrs. Sheriffs of this City for the ensuing year. At the same time Philip Bennet, Esq; late Mayor, was sworn a Charter Justice of Peace.

Died. This morning in Mallow-lane, in the 77th year of his age, Mr. Peter Comerford, much lamented by an extensive acquaintance.—He was a generous and most disinterested friend, an indulgent landlord, a loyal subject, and an honest man. This morning on Bachelors-quay, Mrs. Stevelly, wife of Robert Stevelly, Esq;

LIMERICK,—OCTOBER 5.

A Correspondent has favoured us with the following authentic, and interesting particulars of the action between the English frigate La Sibille, of 44 guns, and La Forte, of 50 guns, 32 of which were 32 pounders.

The French frigate La Forte, was at anchor off the head of the Sand Banks, near the mouth of the river Hughley, and had taken several vessels; the Osterley Indiaman is mentioned as one, but it is understood she is retaken, the names of the others not mentioned—the Sybille was sent from Fort St. George in search of her, and on the night of the 27th February, seeing a flash from a gun of La Forte, the Sybille bore up for her, and Captain Cooke ordered some soldiers that were on board, to draw up on the fore-castle, instead of the poop, the ports shut, and the common lights put out, at the same time, he directed lanthorns to be drawn out from the bowsprit, in such a manner as to lay horizontally, at such an elevation from the sea, and at such a distance from each other, as to appear like lights placed by the ship's guns, when preparing for action.—In this manner, the night being very dark, the Sybille approached La Forte, who fired her first and second broadsides (as was looked for), at the lanthorns, descending from the bowsprit, and not receiving any return, hailed the Sybille, to know whether she had struck, Captain Cooke answered no, and gave his broadside, so close that every shot took effect, and from the confusion which ensued, and the deception of the lights continuing to appear where no ship was, added to the men acting as marines, firing from the fore-castle, instead of the poop, the Frenchman's wrath continued for some time to vent itself in air; some random shots, at the latter end of the engagement, however, unfortunately wounded the gallant Cooke, (he is in a fair way of recovery) and killed five or six men, the ship, however, receiving little or no damage, when La Forte surrendered, after suffering the loss of all her masts, her side torn to pieces, and about 180 men killed and wounded, amongst the former the Captain, and second in command, are to be reckoned. Never, perhaps, in the annals of history, can such an engagement be paralleled, where in close fight, an inferior force succeeded with so little comparative loss, in overcoming the superior. The morning after the action, having secured La Forte, the Sybille with studding sails set, proceeded towards Cal-