and the adjacent counties, and a few days ago they marched from Southampton to Portsmouth, and there embarked immediately for Ireland.

All the avenues immediately leading to the House of Commons were crowded at an early hour yesterday by anxious multitudes, who eagerly flocked thither in expectation of hearing the intended debate on the rejection of the late pacific overtures of the French Government.—The great interest excited on this occasion continued undiminished for several hours; when at length the general anxiety was relieved by an intimation from the Speaker to the Lord Mayor, and some other Members, that the order of the day for the consideration of his Majesty's Message was, on the meeting of the House, to be postponed, on account, as we afterwards learned, of the indisposition of Mr. Pitt.—Mr. Fox had promised to come down to deliver his sentiments on the subject, but timely intimation of the determined postponement of the business saved him, and many other gentlemen, the trouble of an unnecessary attendance.

It is expected that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will make a loan of four or five millions in order to enable him to go on with his preparations for the campaign, before he opens his grand budget in May next.

The Purser of the Seringapatam extra ship arrived at the India-house on Friday evening last, with his dispatches from the Government of Fort St. George. He left the Seringapatam safe at anchor in the Cove of Cork on the 18th inst. in company with the other East Indiamen lately arrived.

Commodore Blanket, in the Mosambique passage, captured the Appollo French privateer, of 20 guns, and has fitted her out as a sloop of war. The French crew he landed on the Island of Johanna.

Whilst Commodore Blankett was embayed and becalmed on the coast of Africa, it was frequently necessary to land for the procurement of water; and on these occasions, notwithstanding the greatest possible caution, several seamen of the squadron were cut off by the savage natives.

Letters from Babelmandel, dated June 27, state, that the British squadron on that station, under the orders of Admiral Blankett, consists of the Leopard and Centurion, of 50 guns each; Fox and Dædolus of 32; Albatrois and Orestes, of 18; and the Princess Charlotte Indiaman, armed en flute: all well provisioned.—A sloop of war which the French were carrying overland from Alexandria towards the Red Sea, had been burnt by a party of Arabs, a short distance from Suez, and 200 Republicans, who accompanied this extraordinary enterprize, had been put to the sword.

A detachment of the 84th regiment, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Murray, and comprising Captains Bower and Horner, Lieutenants Horton, Cockburn, Serral, Maghan, Vincent, and Budgeon, and Mr. Hay, Surgeon,—Captain Ince, and Lieutenants Morse and Carpenter, of the Artillery, and Captains Cliff and Blachford, and Ensign Brown, of the Engineers, lately sailed from Bombay, for the Straits of Babelmandel.

DUBLIN,—Feb 2.

The Petition of the Corporation of the city wa[illegible] Dublin, against the project of an Union, is guns, [illegible]livered to the City Representatives on [illegible]suspension [illegible]xt, at the Royal Exchange, under all [illegible]ary of form which the importance of [illegible] demands; and we trust it will [illegible]ive [illegible]ure that effect so necessar[illegible] the [illegible] this kingdom [illegible] he [illegible]dhee called [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] at [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] Mat[illegible]

In the Commons, the High Sheriffs having taken the Chair,

Mr. Howison observed on the necessity of the two bodies of the Corporation having a conference previous to the Petition being formed, in order to obviate any inconvenient or embarrassing difference of opinion. He accordingly moved, that a Message, desiring a conference, be sent to the upper house, which being agreed to, the conference was permitted, and having taken place.

Alderman Howison—opened the business by representing in a clear, able, and spirited manner, the necessity of the act for which the Corporation had assembled. He stated that the resolutions heretofore entered into by the Corporation on the subject of Union, however they may have been supposed to operate on the conduct of the immediate representatives of the city of Dublin, could have had no necessary influence on the Legislature at large, and therefore it was absolutely necessary to convey to the assembled Parliament the sense of the Corporation. However desirable the adoption of a different mode might be, this could only be done in the form of a petition, but in framing that petition, particular care should be taken not to recognize in the most distant manner, a right in the representative to vote away the liberties of the Constituent: on the contrary, every expression of it should go to the disavowal of that right, and should breath the most determined spirit in the petitioners to support the Constitution of their country in its present form and on its present basis, unmodified and unchanged. With respect to the measure of Union in relation to the ill consequences which would flow from it to this kingdom, it had already been so amply discussed and so clearly exposed, both in and out of Parliament, that he thought it unnecessary to say more, than that it involved as the only certain thing the surrender of their liberties, and that its promised advantages, if advantages could flow from national subjugation and dishonour, were only known by the doubt and insecurity with which they were featured. One thing only occurred to him as new on the subject, which was, that if in a moment like the present, when the liberties of Ireland were at issue, the question of Union could be narrowed into a less than national limit, the Corporation of Dublin, as a chartered body, must feel most seriously alarmed for the security of its privileges, many of which had been derived under the present Constitution, and had no guarantee than what its existence and integrity afforded.

The worthy Alderman was followed to the same effect by his brother, Mr. Howison, of the Commons.

Mr. Giffard said that on the present occasion, however he might differ from what he perceived the prevailing opinion, he would not break in upon that unanimity which was evidently the general wish. He did not deny the right of the Corporation to petition the Legislature against any measure which they conceived to be injurious to themselves or their country, and as he respected the sense, even when erroneous, of so loyal and respectable a body as he had then the honour of addressing, he would desist from giving a contradictory vote. He however felt it his duty to bear his testimony to the benefits of an Union, and to repeat the opinion which he had already so often given, that it was the only measure which could be permanently beneficial to this country and to the empire. In the present temper of the Corporation and of the public mind, he was convinced that his opinion had no chance of influencing his hearers, who were not disposed "to listen to the voice of the charmer, charm he we[illegible] so wisely," he was, however, confident th[illegible]ur eye many months would elapse, the gen[illegible]n then heard him, would acknowledge [illegible]resent, as on [illegible] other occasions, [illegible] by the [illegible]ined regret that the [illegible]ge.

D'Olier, Powel, Carleton, and Magrath.—The Petition having been accordingly prepared, reported, agreed to, and ordered to be presented to Parliament by the City Representatives, the Assembly broke up.

DIED. Lately in the Island of Martinique, Lieut. Milerius Magrath, of the 14th Regiment of Foot; only son of Capt. Magrath, and brother to the late Lieut. William Magrath, of the 87th.

Belfast, Jan. 28. We understand that the Bishop of Down, who was unable from indisposition to attend the Meeting, addressed the High Sheriff by letter, expressing his disapprobation of an Union.

Cork, Jan. 30. Yesterday Rorke, Lynch, Cleary, Burne, and Mary Connor, were executed at Gallows-green, pursuant to the sentence of a Court Martial.—Edmond Connor, gardener, one of the gang, is sentenced to be transported to Botany Bay for life.

Died. Last Thursday at Tralee, Christ. Collis, Esq; one of the Aldermen of this city, sincerely lamented.

Waterford, January 30. Yesterday the light company of the Galway Militia marched in from Athlone to join the remainder of the regiment quartered here.

Died. On Tuesday evening, at his house in New-street, after a few days illness, the Rev. Richard Ryland, D. D. Treasurer of the Cathedral, &c.—Same day, the Rev. Mr. Meany, P. P. of Rirsk—a man of excellent character, and justly regretted by his parishoners and all who knew him.—In Quay-lane, Miss Phelan, daughter of Mr. John Phelan, publican.

Clonmel, February 1. A few days ago, David Walshe, of this town, Esq. was elected a Member to serve in Parliament, for the Borough of Ballinakill, in the room of the Hon. Montague Mathew, who vacated his seat by accepting the place of Escheator of Munster.

This morning, between six and seven o'clock, the post-boy, conveying his Majesty's mail from this town to Carrick-on-Suir, was stopped before he got more than a mile from the town, by three foot-pads, who robbed him of said mail, and made off without doing him any other injury.

Monday last, one Connors was committed to the co. Gaol of Kilkenny, charged with various robberies, burglaries and treasons.

LIMERICK,—FEBRUARY 5.

On Sunday last, Major Waldron, of the Roscommon Militia Regt. fell down in a fit, on the Parade of Tarbert,—and we are concerned to add, instantly expired.

Sunday night Col. Darby, commanding the 54th Regt. received a route for Cork, in pursuance of which part of said Regt. marched hence yesterday and this morning, and will be followed by the remainder to-morrow:—the 54th is nearly completed by Volunteers from the Clare, Roscommon, Queen's County, and Longford Militia, they are supposed to be destined for foreign service.

Yesterday the Worshipful Frederick Lloyd, Esq; Mayor, sent 80 Loaves of Bread to the House of Industry;—40 do. to the Widows in Alms-House, and distributed 100 do. to poor Room Keepers.

MARRIED. A few days ago, Edmond Crips, Esq; of this City, to the amiable Miss Smyth, daughter to Richard Smyth, of Sereville, in [illegible] County, Esq.

DIED. Last week, George Bennett, of Co[illegible]crea, in this County, Esq.—This morning, deservedly lamented, William Bourke, Es[illegible] Madeboy, in same County, Esq.—At Bank-last night, sincerely lamented, Richard [illegible] Esq; late a Captain in the 27th Infan[illegible] which Regiment he distinguished himself [illegible] West-Indies and America, as a brave and [illegible] Officer.