[illegible] a few particulars of these crimes, they conceal their felons; but I have taken such measures as will soon enable me with certainty to discover them.

I had the honour to inform you, that I had received intelligence of various bodies of rebels who were forming, in the islands of St. Thomas and St. Bartholomew, now plots against Guadaloupe. I have obtained certain information of this circumstance, by the return of the frigate in Didon, which I had dispatched to demand these rebels to be given up, by the respective Governors of these two colonies.

Some vessels belonging to rebels, who had escaped from Guadaloupe, and which were employed for keeping up a communication with their confidential friends in that island, were there found. One of them had still on board a small quantity of ammunition, part of which they had thrown into the sea when they saw the French frigate approaching. But notwithstanding the precipitation employed in this business, they had not time to complete it when the frigate cast anchor close to them. The brigands abandoned the vessel, and went to conceal themselves in the woods. M. de Waterthorf, Commandant of the Danish islands, has given strict orders for their being arrested. But at Saint Barthalomew, M. Hankerheim, the Governor, did not think himself authorised to pursue the same steps.

I send you my correspondence with the Swedish Governor, in order that the Government may deliberate on the conduct, which the tranquillity of the colonies requires from all the powers of Europe;—for it is not certainly the intention of the Swedish Government to give an asylum in its possessions to brigands, who, after having polluted with all their crimes the French colonies, hope to make preparations with impunity for the commission of new ones, in a neighbouring territory in friendship with the Republic.—Health and respect.

(Signed) LACROSSE.

ENGLAND.

SHEERNESS, Jan. 19.—Arrived the ship Caron of 250 tons Frederick Sobelius, master, from London, bound to Alicant, in Spain, in ballast, with the loss of her cables and anchors, and otherwise injured. The Patriotel, Captain Beut Ogrady, from London bound to Havre-de-Grace, in France, laden with indigo, linen, and other valuable merchandize, has also been obliged to come into harbour for safety, having lost two cables and anchors, and it is feared her cargo must be taken out.

A great deal of damage has been done her by the late tempestuous weather; part of the wrecks of several vessels have been picked up. Seventy tubs of foreign Geneva have been washed up, supposed to have been sunk by smugglers. The damage done by the oyster grounds is estimated at 700l. sterling.

On Monday night the 10 instant, during the heavy gale from the eastward, the Hussar, of 38 guns, commanded by Captain Wilkinson, lying at Blackstakes, caught fire by accident in the gunner's store-room, close to the magazine; and from the explosion of some combustible matter, the ship's company rushed on the quarter-deck, and [illegible] from thence into a boat, which was hanging in [illegible] it was tackles astern; and from too great a number [illegible] into her for the purpose of saving them[illegible] grocer and [illegible] davit by which the ses hoist up gave [illegible] throw the whole of them overboard; by [illegible] and the generous accident, two Master's-Mates, [illegible] procured, fortunate accident, two Master's-Mates, [illegible] a portion of the Chief, 14 men, and one woman, were [illegible] the whole [illegible] reduce report of the Captain, Of[illegible] trade, furniture, &c. was horrible of the ship's company, [illegible] of the Sun Fire-Office [illegible] without any damage [illegible] Banfield the [illegible] William [illegible] of FIVE [illegible] We are misinform[illegible] which will be [illegible] their [illegible] Gibbon, men[illegible] Reed Limerick, December 19, [illegible] rapidity [illegible] MAHONY, Clerk Gen[illegible] and [illegible]

vessel off.

The John and Robert of South Shields, Wm. Whittingham, master, had finally weathered the storm of Sunday, but the crew, from the storm continuance, found they could not keep off the land, and endeavoured to get into Coquet roads: from the loss of their try-sail they could get no further up than under the lee of the North Steel where they cast anchor; but being long in taking hold, by the time she got her cable, the vessel struck upon a sunken rock called the Pan Pans. They cut their cables in order to get over the rock, which they effected, and got into deep water. They then let go the other anchor, but having struck hard upon the rock, she was filling fast with water, and they were obliged to cut and run her on shore about noon on Monday, near the mouth of the Coquet, where she now lies on the edge of the Pan Rock, much damaged. The crew, 14 in number were with great difficulty saved by their boat.

LONDON, JANUARY 20 & 21.

It is said that the claims of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales are adjusted to the satisfaction of all parties, and that it will be proposed to Parliament, that Government shall take upon itself payment of the unliquidated balance of his Royal Highness's debts, for which the deduction from his income, of 65,000l. per annum stands pledged, and which balance now amounts to about 240,000l. and that his Royal Highness shall have the enjoyment of his whole income of 125,000l. per annum, for the purpose of refuming and supporting the splendor suitable to his rank.

The Special Commission, issued for the trial of the persons concerned in the Oakley-street meeting, was opened at the New Sessions House, in Southwark, yesterday morning. After hearing one of the most able, impartial, and humane charges ever delivered by a Judge on such an occasion, from Lord Chief Justice Ellenborough, the Grand Jury retired, and at a quarter past eight o'clock in the evening returned a true bill against thirteen of the persons namely; Edward Marcus Despard, William Lander, Arthur Graham, Thomas Broughton, Thomas Philips, Dan. Tindall, John Doyle, George Sedgwick Wratton, John Wood, John Francis, Tho. Newman, Samuel Smith, John Macnamara. The Court then adjourned to the 5th of February, when the prisoners will be arraigned; and on the 7th their trial will commence.

LIMERICK, JANUARY 26.

On Saturday last, a man was found in a bog near Creacora, County Limerick;—it is supposed he was the accomplice of Ryan, otherwise *Captain Lightfoot*, who was shot on the night of the 2d instant, in the act of setting fire to Mr. Benson's house, of Green-hill, and that he received a wound from said shot, of which he also died.

At a Meeting of the Common Council held on Monday last, it was unanimously resolved to present the Freedom of this City, in a Gold Box, to the Right Hon. William Wickham, Chief Secretary to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

Christopher Lysaght, of Woodmount, Esq; is appointed High Sheriff of the County of Clare, for the ensuing year.

The Lord High Chancellor has appointed Hickman Rose, Esq; a Justice of Peace for the County of Limerick.

Last night a man of the name of John Toomy, went into the shop of Mr. Carroll, jeweller, to purchase a silver Crucifix, with which he ran off, but was pursued and taken by Mr. Carroll,—he this day underwent an examination before the Rt. Worshipful Joseph Sargent, Esq; Mayor, and was fully identified as the person who lately swindled Mr. Fitz-Gerald, Goldsmith, out of four Gold Rings, and five Guineas in Bank Notes.

The Chairman in addressing the Grand Jury, charged them to enquire into the state of the three Baronies, which compose the western division of the County, as to the tranquillity or disturbance of those Baronies; and as he expected a full meeting of Magistrates on Monday, that they should then be ready to report to the Bench, the result of their enquiry—and seeing a large concourse of the lower classes present, he mentioned that he was authorised by General Payne, the Commanding Officer of the District, to offer 100l. reward to any person who shall give the General such effectual Information of an intended unlawful meeting of 50 persons or upwards, as shall enable the army to come up with or surprise such assembly—and in the name of several Magistrates of the County, he offered a Reward (which he undertook personally to pay) of 200l. for the like effectual information given to any Magistrate of the County, and to be paid in the following proportions:—50l. for any unlawful assembly of ten persons or upwards; 100l. for twenty persons or upwards, and 200l. for thirty persons or upwards.

Monday the 24th.

Present on the Bench, Gerald Blenerhasset, Bolton Waller, Brudenell Plummer, Rev. John Graves, Rev. Thomas Westropp, Thomas Odell, Michael Scanlan, Richard Harte, Henry Brown, Edward Lloyd, and Carroll Nash, Esqrs.

It being then reported, that there was no unlawful meeting or disturbance in Upper or Lower Connelloe, but that partial disturbances had taken place in Kenry. The Chairman addressed the Bench—

Gentlemen,

While I congratulate you on the relative tranquillity of this division of your County, I cannot recommend to you to overrate your security. The nature of disturbance, where it is not watched and prevented, is rather to increase than subside.

Disturbances of a venalious sort have lately taken place in several parts of the other division of the County, and these disturbances call for your vigilance, because the tranquillity that is preserved is less expensive than the tranquillity that is restored. Another motive for vigilance arises from the nature of the lower classes of the people of this country, shut out by their language from all the advantages of cultivated Society; they still continue like the Indians in the Back Settlements, without morality or religion, without any guide but their passions, and without any restraint but their apprehensions. To govern those, therefore, not only the exertions of the Magistrates, but the union of all the better classes is necessary, and for this purpose a system has been digested with much deliberation, which, if acted upon with proportional diligence, will not only secure the peace of this County, but may set an example to the other counties of the kingdom.

This system I am this day to recommend to the Magistrates, Gentlemen, Land-holders, and Farmers of the County; a system, that while it holds out to the better classes, the means of evincing their loyalty, and uniting in one common bond, to support the ascendancy of the Laws, will either guard against every movement of the lower classes, or render their motions more immediately liable to detection. And what adds, in my mind, to the value of this system is, that it is conceived in the spirit, and bottomed upon the basis of our Constitution. The outline of the system is as follows:—That the Magistrates of every barony, should hold petty Sessions in their respective baronies once a week, or as often as may be necessary, according to the state of the barony. That there should be four rolls opened in each barony for enrolling such persons as are desirous to become members of this constitutional association. That those four rolls should be for four respective classes; the 1st class paying two guineas, the 2d one guinea, the 3d half a guinea, and the 4th a crown. That from the members so associated, a proportionate number of Constables should be appointed, to watch every breach of the peace, to attend the Magistrates at their petty sessions, to take up offenders, and