

Washington meditates an immediate attack upon Rodrigo before Marmont can approach to relieve him. A division of the light troops, probably those of general Erskine, had already arrived within a lance of that fortress. The project of the French to occupy the shores of the Tagus, and from thence to communicate in all directions with their commanders, will be now completely destroyed.

We have this morning received New-York papers to New-York, and Boston to the 30th ult. but they do not seem to form any opinion as to the state of the negotiations now going on at Washington.

The Albatross, of 18 guns, the Tartarus, of 18 guns, and the Juniper, of 8 guns were all in waiting to receive Mr. Foster's dispatches to England.

It is reported from off Flushing state, that the French fleet has moved out, apparently with intent to put to sea, but they have returned again into the harbour.

It consists of seventeen sail of the line, and a large proportion of frigates besides these, there are three ships of the line at Goree, and five in the Texel.

## GENERAL ADVERTISER.

WEDNESDAY—TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1811.

On Saturday morning, at a very early hour, Francis Esq. Mayor, went to the neighbourhood of the city, with a strong detachment of the 90th Regiment of the German Dragoons, and succeeded in capturing, and committing to our jail, four persons, who have been identified as concerned in the outrage committed on Mr. Herbert, as mentioned in our paper of the 27th inst.

We have the pleasure of informing our readers, that we have been favoured with a copy of Mr. Grady's poem, so well known in the circles of taste, but not yet published. "On the miseries of a Winter Day in the Country," and that it shall appear in our next issue.

On Friday last, a company of the Royal Artillery arrived in this city from Athlone, under the command of Major Dyas, a detachment of which proceeded this morning for Fermoy.

On Friday last, Major-General Trotter inspected the men of the Royal Artillery at this station, under the command of Major Brough, when he was pleased to express his entire approbation of their soldierlike appearance, and the entire regularity of the Ordnance establishment.

The gentry in the country, particularly in the neighbourhood of Castle Connell, are requested to beware of itinerants, under the character of fowl-workers, who have been in the custom of taking the fatted geese from the houses where they are permitted to visit, and with the connivance of some of the class of servants, substituting their lean and unproductive western fowl in their stead.

It is said to be the intention of Ministers that Parliament shall assemble in October, for a short session, the chief business of which will be the removal of the restrictions imposed upon the present exercise of the authority of the courts.

On Friday, Thomas Welsh was whipped through this city pursuant to his sentence at the last Assizes, for stealing a silver table. Mr. Sheriff Morony, with propriety, exhibited him after his punishment in the most public and frequented passages leading to his cell in the New Prison.

On the date of the latest accounts from India, great preparations were making at Java, to oppose the landing of the British troops, and defeat the object of the British fleet fitting out against that place. There is no probability of the capture of the place; but it was thought assistance of the Dutch would be very obstinate—and forces amounted to 12,000 men, under Sir S. B. P. besides a strong naval force.

As this fellow was seen to have the amazing coolness to look at this intended murderer, and without betraying any audible emotion whatever, that might point out the exact spot which he was standing in, he calmly calculated his own safety, from the shot which was prepared for him. He saw that the contents of the piece was likely to pass close to his breast without menacing him with at least any serious wound, and in this state of firm and manly expectation, he stood without flinching until the piece was fired and its contents harmlessly lodged in the wall.—It was loaded with a brace of bullets and three slugs. As soon as the robber fired, Sir John made a pass at him with the knife and wounded him in the arm, which he repeated again in a moment with similar effect; and as the others had done the villain upon being wounded retired, exclaiming that he was wounded. The robbers immediately rushed forward from the parlour into the dark room, and then it was that Sir John's mind recognized the deepest sense of danger, not to be oppressed by it, however, but to surmount it. He thought that all chance of preserving his own life was over, and he resolved to sell that life still dearer to his intended murderers, than even what they had already paid for the attempt to deprive him of it. He did not lose a moment after the villains had entered the room, to act with the determination he had so instantaneously adopted—he struck at the fourth fellow with his knife, and wounded him, and at the same instant he received a blow on the head, and found himself grappled with. He shortened his hold of the knife, and stabbed repeatedly at the fellow with whom he found himself engaged. The floor being slippery, from the blood of the wounded men, Sir John and his adversary both fell, and while they were on the ground, Sir John thinking that his thrusts with the knife, though made with all his force, did not seem to produce the decisive effect which they had in the beginning of the conflict, he examined the point of his weapon with his finger, and found that the blade of it had bent near the point. As he lay struggling on the ground, he endeavoured, but unsuccessfully, to straighten the curvature in the knife but while one hand was employed in this attempt, he perceived that the grasp of his adversary was losing its constraint and pressure, and in a moment or two after, he found himself shortly released from it—the limbs of the robber were in fact by this time unnerved by death. Sir John found that this fellow had a sword in his hand, and this he immediately seized and gave several blows with it, his knife being no longer serviceable; at length the robbers finding so many of their party had been killed or wounded, employed themselves in removing the bodies, and Sir John took this opportunity of retiring into a place a little apart from the house, where he remained for a short time. They dragged their companions into the parlour, and having placed chairs with the backs upwards by means of those they lifted the bodies out of the windows, and afterwards took them away. When the robbers retired, Sir John returned to the house, and called up a man servant from his bed, who during this long and bloody conflict had not appeared and had consequently received from his master warm and loud upbraiding for his cowardice.—Sir John then placed his daughter in law, and grand child, who were his only inmates, in places of safety, and took such precautions as circumstances pointed out, till the day light appeared. The next day the alarm having been given, search was made after the robbers, and Sir John having gone to the house of the prisoner, Maurice Noonan, upon searching, he found concealed under his bed the identical short gun, with which one of the robbers fired at him. Noonan was immediately secured, and sent to gaol, and upon being visited by Sir John Purcell, he acknowledged that Sir John "had like to do for him," and was proceeding to shew, until Sir John prevented, the wounds he had received from the knife in his arm.

An accomplice of the name of John Daniel Sullivan was produced, who deposed, that he was one of the party that met at Noonan's house to rob Highfort-house—that they were nine in number, and had arms—

by the Grand Jury, to be transported for seven years. Pat. Kehily, stealing from the dwelling-house of Mrs. Waterhouse, Innishannon, to be hanged 4th December next.

Stephen Trant Moriarty, Esq. for endeavouring to take forcible possession, to be imprisoned two years, and fined one hundred pounds.

Mr. John White, for the like, and assaulting Denis Mahony, to be imprisoned nine months.

On Monday night last a most melancholy accident happened in Tralee harbour.—Four men belonging to a brig lying in the bay, who had spent the evening at the Race Course, where it is supposed they had drunk too freely, were on their way returning to the vessel in a small boat, when owing to some mismanagement and a sudden squall coming on, the boat was upset, and melancholy to add the four unfortunate men perished.

Thursday the Louth regiment of militia under the command of Col. Foster, marched into Dublin, from the camp in the Phoenix-park, and proceeded to the Pigeon-House, from whence they embarked on board transports for England.—The Roscommon regiment was to be embarked on Saturday.

Thursday se'night an alarm of fire was given, on board a transport that had arrived at Portsmouth from Ireland, with part of the North Cork militia on board; when several of the men jumped overboard. Captain Burgoyne, of the Tyrian, instantly hastened to the spot, and came just in time to save two of them from sinking. Several were drowned.

Friday a detachment of the 92d regiment, under the command of Major James Mitchell marched in to Cork from Fermoy, on their way for embarkation to join the first battalion, now in the Peninsula.

With very painful emotions of regret we have to announce the untimely dissolution of Mr. Joseph Barrett of Ennis; and it is melancholy indeed to have to state that it resulted from an unfortunate accident which befel him on the evening of Thursday last. Having been on his return from Edenvale, at a late hour in the afternoon, he, in order to avoid a more circular walk, availed himself of the bye path which leads towards Ennis, but had not long taken this direction when from the mistaken course he went, he found himself suddenly immersed in a dangerous trench or quagmire, from which he found it impossible to extricate himself; and notwithstanding the most prompt assistance was afforded to rescue, and other means used to restore suspended animation, he fell an innocent sacrifice! In the course of the evening, an inquest was holden on the body by Mr. O'Mara, coroner, when the following verdict was returned. "We find that the said Joseph Barrett came by his death in consequence of his having on the evening of the 29th day of August inst. attempted to come across the end of the lake between Rockmount and Edenvale in said county, whereby he was drowned."

Thursday, in consequence of a cart encountering a ladder, whereon a painter was at work, in Hammond Lane Dublin, the poor man was precipitated to the ground and his brains literally dashed to atoms!

The Portuguese artillery are vigorously occupied in fortifying Oporto.

Thursday the Sheriff of the county Tipperary received a respite, until the 14th September, for Daniel Hyland, who was to have been hanged in Clonmel on Saturday, pursuant to his sentence at the last Assizes, for horse stealing.

MARRIED.—This morning, at St. John's church, Mr. Richard Ivers, to Miss Anne Massy, daughter to the late Mr. John Massy, of Bailinnee, near this city.—In Dublin, on the 27th inst. Michael Fox, of Stephen's-green, Esq. to the amiable Miss Susanna Lloyd, second daughter of R. J. Lloyd, of Smith-hill, in the county Roscommon, Esq.—On Tuesday last, in Tralee, Daniel McGillycuddy, Esq. to Miss Sophia Denny, fifth daughter of the late Sir Barry Denny, bart.—At Arley, Worcestershire, Lieut. Gen. Sir J. C. Sherbrooke, K. B. to Catherina, eldest daughter of the Rev. R. Fynder, of Arley house.