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FROM TUESDAY, JAN. 3. TO FRIDAY, JAN. 6. 1797.

At the Court at St James's, Dec. 28. 1796, PRESEMT.

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint Geo. Earl of Macartney to be Governor and Commander in Chief-in and over the fettlement of the Cape of Good-Hope, in South Africa, with the territories and-dependencies thereof, his Lordship this day took. the oaths appointed to be taken by the Governors of his Majesty's plantations.

WHITEHALL, January 3. 1797.

By dispatches received on Sunday evening from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland by his Grace the Duke of Portland, his Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, it appears that a part of the French fleet, confilling of eight two-deckers, and nine other vessels of different classes, had anchored in Bantry Bay on the 24th ult. and had remained there, without any attempt to land, till the 27th in the evening, when they quitted their station, and have not fince been heard of. The wind, at the time of their failing, blowing hard at S. S. E.

From their first appearance, every exertion was made by General Dalrymple; the Commanding Officer of the district; and a considerable force was

collected to repel the enemy.

The accounts further state, that the yeomanry and volunteer corps displayed the utmost zeal and alacrity, in undertaking the guards in those places from whence the regular troops were withdrawh; and the univerfal readiness shewn by all descriptions of people. to forward the preparations for defence, left no doubt of the event, in case the enemy had ventured to make

a descent. In particular, the spirit, activity, and exertions of Richard White, Efq. of Seafield Park, deferve the most honourable mention.

An officer and feven men were driven on shore in a hoar halonging to one of the French ships, and were immediately made prisoners. This gentleman was conveyed to Dubin, and, upon examination, states that the seet, upon its leaving Brest, consisted in all of about sifty sail, having an army of 25,000 men on board, commanded by General Hoche, and that it was destined for the attack of Ireland.

Admiratty-Office, Jan. 3. 1797.

Copy of a letter from Capt. Sterling, of his Majelty's fhip Jason, to Mr NEPEAN, dated off Cape Clear the 24th of December 1796.

I had the honour to inform you, on the 20th instant, by Le Suffrein, a French vessel, armé en flute, which we had taken with 250 troops, arms, &c. on board, that my intentions were to cruize fome days, to endeavour to intercept any of her con-

The prisoners have since informed me, that she failed on the 16th, in company with 16 fail of the line and transports, having 20,000 troops. As the wind has been easterly since the date of my letter, and blowing very hard, I hope they have not reached a port; and as the troops had only ten days provisions, they must be badly off.

I faw a large ship of war last night, and I am persuaded the body of the sleet cannot be far from me. A rudder and other pieces of wreck have floated past us to-day.

For remainder of Gazette, &c. see last page.

AVERAGE PRICES OF CORN,
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Admiralty-Office, Jan. 3. 1797.

Copy of a letter from Capt. JOHN DREW, Commander of his Majesty's ship Cerberus, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated in Cawsand Bay, the 29th of Dec. 1796.

I beg leave to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty of my arrival here, with his Majesty's ship Cerberus under my command, having captured La Didon French cutter privateer, nine days out of Granville, and had taken nothing, carrying four brass four pounders, with swivels, small arms, and thirty men. I am, Sir, &c. JOHN DREW.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Jan. 3. 1797.

Extract of a letter from Admiral Sir Peter Parker, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Portsmouth, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated on board the Royal William, the 1st of Jan. 1797.

The Diamond has fent into this port L'Ama? ranthe French national brig, of twelve fix-pounders and nine men, from Havre, bound to Brest, which she captured yesterday off Alderney.

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF SUGAR,

Computed from the RETURNS made in the Week ending the 28th day of December 1796,

is Sixty-two Shillings and Three Pence Halfpenny per Hundred Weight,

Exclusive of the Duty of Customs paid or payable thereon, on the Importation thereof into Great Britain.

BANKRUPTS.
Alex. Le Normand of Thomas Street, Southwark, merchant.
Maurice Ahern of Tooley Street, Surry, cheefe-monger.
John Bell of the Strand, Middlefex, bookfeller.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

ROBERT BLAIR, Merchant in Perth. —
Charles Husband, writer in Perth, being chosen trustee on the sequestrated estate of the said Robert Blair, and his nomination being confirmed by Lord Essgrove, Ordinary officiating on the bills, he hereby gives notice, that the Sheriff of Perthshire has appointed Thursday the 19th January current, and Saturday the 4th February next, for the public examination of the said Robert Blair, in the Sheriff Court-room, Perth, at II o'clock forenoon.

TO THE CREDITOR'S OF FRANCIS SHARP & ALEX. GARDNER, who fome time carried on business as Merchants in Edinburgh, in the name of the faid Francis Sharp.

The truftee upon the fequestrated estates of the said Francis Sharp and Alexander Gardner as a company, and as individuals, requests a general meeting of the creditors, to be held within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse on Monday the 23d day of January 1797, at 12 o'clock noon, being the first lawful day after the clapse of two years from the date of the sequestration.—No dividend will then be made, as no funds have been recovered since the second dividend.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

JAMES DAVIE & HENRY GARDNER,
carrying on business as Merchauts in Edinburgh, under
the Firm of Davie & Gardner; and of James Davie and
Henry Gardner, the individual partners.

That the trustee has made up a state of the sunds recovered and unrecovered, which lies open for the inspection of the
creditors and their agents, in the hands of the trustee—And
the trustee hereby intimates, that a general meeting of the
creditors shall be held within John's Costeehouse, Edinburgh,
upon Monday the 9th January, at 12 o'clock noon, being
twelve months from the date of the sequestration, for the
purpose of the creditors receiving a second dividend, and giving directions to the trustee as to the surrer management of
the estate.

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