

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

(From the Southern Reporter of Jan. 1.) We beg to point the attention of our Readers...

Far our own part, we have not now—we never had, since the nature of the disturbances...

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—The paper determined, at a meeting of the Magistrates and Gentlemen of this neighbourhood...

It is unreasonable, then, that these peaceable and well-conducted people should expect that they would not be subjected to the dreadful provisions of the Insurrection Act...

I have the honour to be, Your obedient humble Servant, D. McSWINEY, P. P. of Bandon.

Bandon, Dec. 30, 1821. To the Editor of the Southern Reporter.

Sir—I have just read in your Paper of the 27th inst., a report of the proceedings at a meeting held in Skibbereen, on the 13th of this month...

The Rev. Mr. Tuckey, Rector of Drimoleague, with that goodness of heart for which his family have been always remarkable...

Upon this statement, (after returning the unknown Reporter my thanks for the compliment which he has been pleased to pay my family...

lished Church in a neighbouring Parish, who had some opportunities of forming a judgment of the temper of the people...

That Reporter, I have stated, is entirely unknown to me; but wherever he be, I do not presume to charge him with any, I am from my heart disposed to acquit him of, wilful misrepresentation...

It is painful to me, Mr. Editor, to bring myself before the Public, and notwithstanding the considerations I have stated, it is with considerable reluctance I have prevailed on myself to do so...

THOMAS TUCKEY, Minister of Drimoleague, December 29, 1821.

To the Editor of the Southern Reporter. Dringalee Cottage, December 29, 1821.

Sir—I shall trouble you to insert in your paper, that the gun which had been taken some time back from the Sub-Constable Connolly...

I remain, Sir, Your obedient humble Servant, JOHN R. SMYTH, Constable of said Parish.

THE COMMISSIONERS.

DUBLIN, JAN. 2.—Yesterday, at two o'clock, the Hon. Justices Fletcher and Jebb, accompanied by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor...

CITY GRAND JURY.

Sir Nicholas Brady, Knight, Foreman. William Carleton, William Poole, Robert Armstrong, John Porter, John B. Fitzsimons, Nicholas Fanning...

caution, and weigh the evidence with cautious deliberation, before you find bills against the parties. It is a circumstance worthy of alluding to...

It was proverbial formerly, that one should believe only the one half of what one heard; on the present occasion, it would be wise and necessary to credit only the nineteenth or twentieth part...

A horrible, and, we fear, too successful, attempt at assassination, took place in this City on last Friday night. In our publication of last Tuesday week, we announced the death of Mr. John Gallagher...

STOCKING OCCURRENCE.

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CHILD MURDER.

On Wednesday, the 26th instant, an inquest was held before Thomas Cost, Esq., J. P., an infant, found the day previous, lying on the road...

THE FARMING SOCIETY AND EARL TALBOT.

The following address was presented to his Excellency the Earl Talbot on Monday last, by a deputation from the Farming Society of England...

"To His Excellency Charles Chetwynde, Earl Talbot, Lord Lieutenant General and General-Governor of Ireland.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.—We, the Farming Society of Ireland, cannot suffer your Excellency to depart from this Country, without expressing our thankful acknowledgments of the anxiety at all times evinced by your Excellency...

"Had your Excellency, as Chief Governor, been placed at the head of this Institution when Parliamentary aid was not so fettered by general reticement, its usefulness would have been considerably increased by your Excellency's wise and practical suggestions...

most liberal subscription—your Excellency's personal attendance at our shows of cattle—and, above all, that condescension and kindness, with which your Excellency permitted the communications of the Society, and entered into its minutest interests...

(Signed) "LAWSON, Chairman." To which his Excellency was graciously pleased to make the following answer:

"Permit me to express to you my warmest thanks for the sentiments of regard and esteem which I have repeatedly received from you, and particularly for this distinguished mark of your favourable recollection at the moment of my departure from Ireland.

"The progressive improvement which agriculture is making in this Country, under your auspices, testifies, more forcibly than any language of mine could do, the enlightened policy which has directed the judicious and practical encouragement which you have offered to national industry.

"Such efforts, if persevered in, cannot but be ultimately successful. Flattered as I have been by your permission to be appointed in your valuable labours, I assure you I shall quit the Country with an ardent and grateful affection for Ireland, and with an undiminished zeal for its agricultural prosperity."

COUNTY OF KILKENNY. AGRICULTURAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER.

(From the Moderator.) The present Winter has been the wettest recollect for many years, and the rains still continue to fall with almost unintermitted severity...

The Paris Journals of Sunday, and those of Thursday and Friday, have arrived since our last. In the Quillemine of Sunday, it is stated upon the authority of letters of the 23d ult. from Utrecht...

"Robbery of the Skipton and Buxton Mail Post.—About half past four o'clock on Saturday morning, the horse-post, which conveys the letters from Barnley to Skipton, was stopped at a place called Suggill, about three-quarters of a mile from Skipton, on the Barnley Road, by two men...

"MRS. SARAH BOND.—The paper in which the account of the immense wealth left by Mrs. Sarah Bond first appeared has published a letter from a correspondent, signed B. in which the marvellous part of the story is contradicted. For the benefit of all expectant namesakes and supposed relations, it may be well to give his statement:

"MRS. SARAH BOND, residing in an Alley leading from Wellestone-square to Ruffell-high-way, he died about 50 years ago, and left his property between Mrs. Sarah Bond and a sister (the other two children appear to have died in their infancy); the sister died about 20 years since, and left property, £6000, to her surviving sister, Sarah Bond; who, it appears by documents I have seen, bought an annuity of £750 per annum. Living in a most parsimonious manner, she contrived to scrape together about £13,000 three per cent; £1000 four per cent; and £150 per year in the long annuities; and this, at her death, was the whole of her immense wealth.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 4. Stocks this day at One.

Bank Stock 250 3 per Cent. Red 77 3 per Cent. Cons. St. 24 5 per Cent. 97 4 per Cent. Cons. 96 5 per Cent. Navy St. 100

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"DREADFUL OCCURRENCE.—An accident of the most dreadful nature took place on Monday evening, at the Rev. Mr. Murry's, No. 22, Charles-street, Berkeley-square. About half past six in the evening the family were alarmed by the report of a pistol in the upper part of the mansion, and on proceeding to the nursery, Miss Mary Gayton, a beautiful young lady, only 17 years of age, and the sister of Mrs. Murry, was found lying on the ground waltering in her blood, having been shot (unintentionally) by her nephew, a youth of between nine and ten years of age, who had incautiously obtained possession of his father's pistol. The consternation of the family may be more easily conceived than described. Mr. Bradley, a surgeon residing on the spot, was immediately sent for, and arrived within three minutes, but life was instantaneously extinct. The ball had passed in at the left breast, and had divided two of the principal arteries. The deceased reeled against the bed, and exclaimed, 'Oh! James,' the name of the infant aggressor, and immediately fell dead upon the floor. Yesterday, at twelve o'clock, a Coroner's Inquest was taken upon the body by Anthony Gell, Esq., at the Raining Footman, Charles-street, Berkeley-square. The Nursery Maid was examined by the Coroner, and from her evidence it appeared that the deceased was upon a visit to her sister (who, it will be remembered, was the once fascinating and amiable Miss Grayton, of Drury-lane Theatre, the celebrated dancer), and on the evening in question was sitting in the nursery, with the maid and an infant, when Master James Murry entered, and pointing a pistol, said to the deceased, in the most playful and inconsequent manner, 'See, aunt, Pa' has lent me his pistol—I'll shoot you,' and immediately pulled the trigger. The deceased rose, uttered a scream, and exclaimed, 'Oh, James, James!' then reeled round upon the side of the bed, from which she fell to the ground. The poor girl was drowned in tears during the whole time of giving her evidence; and when she spoke of the deceased, described her as the most amiable, kind young lady she had ever known; and that she was beloved by the infant family of her sister, eight in number, the one implicated in this unfortunate affair being the eldest. Mr. Bradley, surgeon, of John-street, Berkeley-square, deposed to the situation in which he discovered the deceased, and stated, that although he was instantly present, life had fled before his arrival. The Jury then proceeded to view the body, and the sight of so beautiful a young creature, thus untimely cut off, drew tears from every eye present. On their return to the house where the inquest was held, the Coroner made some feeling remarks on the dreadful state of mind in which the relatives of this unfortunate young lady must be placed, and hoped it would operate as a caution to every one who keep firearms in their houses, to be rigidly particular in preventing their being placed in improper hands. The Jury instantly returned a verdict of 'Accidental Death, by the unintentional discharge of a pistol.' It appears, on inquiry, that the children had been amusing themselves with an Infantine Procession, and Representation of the Coronation, and on New Year's Day, a little entertainment was to have been given, for the purpose of gratifying the juvenile performers. On Monday, the eldest boy, Master James Murry, requested his father to lend him his pistol, as he was to represent the Champion; to indulge the child, the pistol was brought, it had not been used for upwards of a year and a half, and was very rusty; Mr. Murry examined it (as he thought carefully), and not finding any priming in the pan, and only one flint, it being a double-barrel one, incautiously suffered his child to take it, who immediately proceeded to the nursery, to show his aunt, of whom he was most affectionately fond, his prize. Every heart must sympathize with the afflicted relatives, who are thus plunged in misery and grief, for the premature loss of one whose accomplishments and spotless life endeared her to all who knew her.

AGRICULTURE, &c. ENGLISH MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER.

The long continuance of heavy rains in all districts of the country, has caused a general suspension of agricultural operations, except that of letting water off the lands, which are so extensively overflowed. Great damage has been sustained in the rales of most counties, by the floods sweeping away abundance of corn, hay, and dead stock, and in some parts even the dwelling of the inhabitants. This lamentable visitation has much increased the distresses of the husbandman. The young Wheat on well-drained lands continue their healthy appearance. Beans and other spring corn must be got in very late, from the deluged state of the soil. The Fen countries are in most danger of a general inundation, from the breaking of their banks. Clover-reef dries tight, and will fall short of an average crop. Turnips are running away fast, from the continuing mildness of the season; the Grass feed is still abundant from the same cause. Hay is cheaper. Smithfield has been largely supplied with beasts and sheep through the month. Lean Stock are considerably lower, particularly for which rams and short-horned steers. The wool market is rather brisker for all sorts, at somewhat better prices. Horses of most kinds are hardly saleable on any terms.

LONDON. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8.

We regret to state, that last night by the Turkey Mail this morning, of the 26th November, confirm the intelligence of great excesses having been committed in Constantinople, in several instances, ended in the murder of Christians. These excesses are ascribed entirely to the sailors landed from the Turkish fleet which arrived from the Aegean Sea, on the 25th inst. They brought thirty Greek vessels in as prizes, and on their passing Scutari Point, these barbarians hung each to the yard-arm three or four Greeks as trophies of victory; the crews were afterwards allowed to go on shore where they were guilty of the greatest cruelties. One of the letters we have seen says—"his Excellency Lord Strangford has remonstrated with the Porte; and we trust his influence will be as successful upon this as upon former occasions."

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LONDON. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8.

We regret to state, that last night by the Turkey Mail this morning, of the 26th November, confirm the intelligence of great excesses having been committed in Constantinople, in several instances, ended in the murder of Christians. These excesses are ascribed entirely to the sailors landed from the Turkish fleet which arrived from the Aegean Sea, on the 25th inst. They brought thirty Greek vessels in as prizes, and on their passing Scutari Point, these barbarians hung each to the yard-arm three or four Greeks as trophies of victory; the crews were afterwards allowed to go on shore where they were guilty of the greatest cruelties. One of the letters we have seen says—"his Excellency Lord Strangford has remonstrated with the Porte; and we trust his influence will be as successful upon this as upon former occasions."

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