

this wealth, with the assistance of two or three of the crew, (the vessel being his father's) threw the young Spaniard over-board, and on his return appeared greatly distressed by the loss of his friend, who he pretended had died of a fever.—For some time this succeeded, but at length on a quarrel between two of the sailors concerned in the murder, the whole business transpired: the men were seized, and instantly accused young De Burgh.—The wretched father was obliged to mount the tribunal, to sit in judgment on his only son, and with his own lips to pronounce that sentence which left him childless, and at once blasted, for ever, the honour of an ancient and noble family.—His fellow-citizens, who revered his virtues and pitied his misfortunes, saw with astonishment the fortitude with which he yielded to this cruel necessity, and heard him doom his son to a public and ignominious death on the following morning.—Their compassion for the father, their affection for the man, every nobler feeling was roused, and they privately determined to rescue the young man from the prison that night, under the conviction that De Burgh, having already paid the tribute due to justice and his honour, would secretly rejoice at the preservation of the life of his son.—But they little knew the heart of this noble magistrate.—By some accident their determination reached his ear; he instantly removed his son from the prison to his own house, and after partaking with him the office of the holy communion, and giving and receiving a mutual forgiveness, he caused him to be hung at his own door; a dreadful monument of the vengeance of Heaven, and an immortal proof of a justice that leaves every thing of the kind in story at an immeasurable distance.

The father immediately resigned his office, and after his death, which speedily followed that of his son, the citizens fixed over the door of the house a skull and bones, which remain there to this day.

AMERICA.

The following is a Statement of LAND, belonging to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE whole territory of the United States contains by computation a million of square miles, in which are 640 millions of acres; deduct for water 51 millions of acres. The total amount of acres of land in the United States is 589 millions.

That part of the United States comprehended between the West temporary line of Pennsylvania on the East; the boundary line between Britain and the United States extending from the river St. Croix, to the North west extremity of the Lake of the woods on the North; the river Mississippi to the mouth of the Ohio on the West, and the river Ohio on the South—the afore mentioned bounds of Pennsylvania, contains by computation about 411,000 square miles, in which are 26,340,000 acres. Deduct for waters 4,340,000 acres. There remains 220 millions of acres.

The whole of this immense extent of unappropriated western territory or vacant unsettled land, containing as above stated, 220 millions of acres, has been by the cession of some of the origina