

Dec. 3.

His Majesty's frigates, the *Thames* and *Leopard*, commanded by Captains *Turnbridge* and *Blunkett*, have sailed from *Portsmouth* for the *Pacific Ocean*; they are to join company with the *Pandora* at *Madeira*, and proceed from thence round *Cape Horn*, to *Nootka Sound*, to see proper indemnification made to the British subjects for the injuries they received there from the Spanish Government. It is said, they have orders to erect a fortress at *Nootka*, and take those erected by the Spaniards, and to take possession, in the name of the King of Great Britain, of that immense tract of country, situated to the northward of *Santa-Fee*.

By the last accounts from thence, the Spanish forces consisted of about 300 men, exclusive of the crews of a forty gun ship, and a small sloop of war, stationed there for the protection of their trade? but we understand, the Court of Madrid, during the late disturbance, ordered two frigates into the South Seas, from *Algerira*, and it is thought they have a fort, mounting 21 guns, and have lately erected a strong redoubt, with other detached works.

Captain *Turnbridge* has, we understand, received orders to explore the country both on the North and South of the *Straits of Juan de Fuca* and, if possible, an extensive sea, lately discovered, stretching to the Eastward. Should this sea (as there is at least a probability) have any communication with the *Atlantic Ocean*, by means of *Wager Straits*, or *Nelson River*, and *Hudson's Bay*, a tedious and dangerous voyage round *Cape Horn*, or through the *Straits of Magellan*, would in future be avoided.

Notwithstanding the Court of London made no formal complaint respecting the insult offered to Captain *Macdonald*, the Spanish Court has given orders to put under arrest the Commander of the Frigate who was guilty of that unnecessary cruelty. A Council of War has already been appointed to try him, consisting of five Lieut. Generals, and four Commodores.

It is a circumstance of high honour to the late British fleet, and deserving of record, that though consisting of 40,000 people, such was the strict discipline enjoined, and such the regularity and order preserved, that but one Court Martial was assembled during the time of their continuing together.

*Warsaw* seems at present the seat of the Northern Congress—and the late victory over the *Turks* will soon cause a development of plans only known to the Cabinet of *Peterburg*.

Letters received yesterday from *Brussels* announce the final adjustment of their disputes with their new Sovereign, who

has given to his revolted provinces nearly all that they could possibly desire. They are to keep their National troops, and their revenues are to be under the controul of their Assembly.

A very melancholy occurrence happened lately at *Nismes*, in France. *M. d'Avejan* had espoused not long since a daughter of *M. de Sauves*. The father-in-law and his new son entertained different political opinions. Some time ago they, it seems, quarrelled in presence of the *Cure*, a good man, friendly to the revolution. The priest a few days after paid a visit to *M. d'Avejan*, conceiving that a casual difference of opinion could not dwell upon the mind, or fill it with rancour and hatred. The good man, however, was mistaken; he was literally cased out of the house. Such a mode of *congé* exasperated the villagers, and they assembled to punish the insulter. *Madame d'Avejan*, some months advanced in her pregnancy, in terrors for the life of her husband, fainted, and shortly after expired: Her unhappy husband, at this sad sight frantic and desperate, drew his sword, and in sight of the crowd approaching him, stabbed himself several times, and expired upon the body of his wretched lady.

When the Emperor *Joseph* and the late King of *Prussia* met at *Nesse*, they happened to come together to the bottom of a flight of stairs; neither would go up first, and take precedence of the other. They stood, bowed, and complimented—each politely willing to give way to the other. At last the King of *Prussia* got behind the Emperor, and pushed him gently forward. 'Ho, ho!' said the Emperor, 'if you begin to manœuvre with me, I must unavoidably go where you please!' and then walked up first.

*History of six busy days of a young fellow in Suffolk.*—Monday apprehended, on a charge of bastardy—Tuesday married—Wednesday scolded by his wife—Thursday broke his head—Friday he enlisted—and on Saturday marched with the party to *Chichester*, to be put under a new commander.

War-Office, Nov. 22, 1790.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint  
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS

*F. Richmond Humphreys*, late 97th Foot—*William Fawcett*, Quarter Master-General in Ireland, *Robert Donkin*, late *Garrison Battalion*, *James Balfour*, 77th Foot, *Norman Macleod*, 73d Foot, *Alexander Campbell*, 95th Foot, *Francis D'Oyly*, 1st Foot Guards, *William*