

21. It is confidently said that the Duke of York will shortly pay a visit to this Kingdom, and that the greatest preparations are making at Carton and Castletown Houses for his Royal Highness's reception. Last week failed from Londonderry the ship Sally, Captain Miller, with 280 passengers, for Philadelphia; and the ship Happy Return, Captain Ewing, with 300 passengers.

We are sorry to learn, by letters from the county of Armagh, that the animosities which for some time past have subsisted between those persons denominated Defenders and Peep-of-Day Boys (Roman Catholics and Dissenters) are arrived to such an outrageous height as to require the interference of Government. Two troops of the 4th dragoons were dispatched for the North from this garrison on Sunday last, and farther detachments are under orders to follow immediately.

The letters which bring an account of those unhappy differences, mention an engagement between the adverse parties at Lisnagada on the 13th of this month, (the day set apart for commemorating the anniversary of King William's birth) which was attended with very serious consequences, several having been killed and a great number wounded.

Many persons belonging to each party have been committed to the jails of Downpatrick and Armagh, chargeable with those mutual hostilities and that spirit of unkindness which are disgraceful to an enlightening people who not long since exhibited so noble an example of fraternal love and union.

Prayers for fair weather were offered on Sunday last in the various houses of worship throughout the city.

AMERICAN OCCURRENCES.

New-York, July 16.

CONGRESS, this day, have agreed upon the Compensation, viz. To
The President, 25,000 dollars per ann.
The Vice-President, 5000 do per ann.
The Senators, and the Representatives,
6 dollars per day.
Speaker 12 dollars per day.
Twenty miles travel; one day's pay.

August 18. On Thursday last that venerable patriot Charles Thompson, Esq; resigned to the President of the United States his office of Secretary to Congress—a post which he has filled for nearly fifteen years, with reputation to himself, and advantage to his country.

Sept. 8. Yesterday the house took up the report of the committee of the whole, on the subject of fixing the permanent residence of Congress—The report was agreed to after much debate;—that a spot for a town, be selected somewhere within the state of Pennsylvania, on the banks of the Susquehanna. That 100,000 dollars, be appropriated to erect the necessary buildings—which are to be completed in four years.—And, that until the proper accommodations are provided, Congress will reside at New-York.

A committee, consisting of Mr. Ames, Mr. Lawrence, and Mr. Clymer, were appointed to prepare a bill for the purpose of carrying the said resolution into effect.

Portland, July 24. On the evening of the 16th instant, a sloop, of about 80 tons, made a harbour in Cape-Elizabeth, about 9 miles from this port.—On Monday a person from the Cape gave information of her having on board, iron, steel, pepper, elephant's teeth, gold dust, &c. and that the people of her were very profuse in distributions to those who discovered them—to whom they gave information that they sailed from England, and had lost one of their hands—they had a small negro on board, who appeared to be from the African coast.

This information induced Mr. Fordick, the Naval-Officer to repair to the Cape, where he found the sloop; but the Marooners were so much at the service of the strangers who gave them goods without money and without price, that he did not think himself safe in executing his design of seizing and bringing her to Portland, for breach of the revenue law.

In the evening a sloop and schooner went in pursuit of her, having previously heard, that she was towed out of the harbour by the Cape people, and piloted out to sea.—On Wednesday the schooner commanded by Captain Baker, fell in with, and took her—and she arrived here the same evening.

The crew, much confused, told various stories—but by the confession of one Hanson, it appeared, that in March 1738, the sloop sailed from London, commanded and owned by one John Conner—that they proceeded to the coast of Africa, and purchased a cargo of ivory, pepper, &c.—that in December last, they killed, and flung overboard, Captain Conner, and appointed one Josias Jackson, Captain, who commanded her when taken.

Philadelphia, Sept. 1. On the 28th of July, the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church met here. The following are extracts from their Journals:

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