

linen trade into the southern counties of the kingdom, than that there is actually at the fair of Chester a considerable quantity of linens shipped at Waterford.

Phelim O'More was, some years since, indicted at a country assize, in Ireland, for a rape.

His defence was ingenious.—He gave in proof that he had a garden of beans, in which the prosecutrix committed, nightly, trespasses and depredation—

That having caught her stealing his beans, he declared, if she came again, he might expect such consequences as those she swore to on the trial.—

She came—and he kept his word.

The Court were of opinion, that the notice and the trespasses in the bean garden, purged the act of felony by shewing consent *a priori* in the prosecutrix—and the culprit was acquitted.

As he departed from the bar, Mr. Costello, who had been Counsel against him, said—'My good friend, you have made an excellent defence to save your Bacon, but a very bad one to save your Beans.'

And it was remarked, that poor Phelim could never afterwards keep beans in his garden;—'the women,' as he said, 'would be after continually pulling and pulling them.'

## AMERICAN OCCURRENCES.

Boston, Dec. 16,

A LETTER from the Western Territory of the United States, dated October 8, mentions, That there are reports in that part of the Union, that the British forces on the frontiers are preparing to evacuate the Western Posts, and to build new ones on the other sides of the rivers on which they are situated.

We had the satisfaction to announce in our last, the ratification of the American Constitution by the State of North-Carolina. By the last mails from New-York, we have a confirmation of the intelligence. The twelve states of America, convened in Federal Convention, which proposed the Constitution, have now all adopted, ratified and confirmed it. The Edifice may now be declared complete—and on its completion we most cordially felicitate our country.

The following are the periods at which the several States adopted the Constitution of the United States, viz.—

Delaware, Dec. 3. Pennsylvania, Dec. 12. New-Jersey, Dec. 19, 1787. Geor-

gia, Jan. 2. Connecticut, Jan. 9. Massachusetts, Feb. 6. Maryland, April 28. South-Carolina, May 23. New-Hampshire, June 21. Virginia, June 25. New-York, July 25, 1788. And North-Carolina, Nov. 20, 1789.

It will be recollected, that Vermont is on the eve of entering into the Union. Those therefore, who are attached to the number *Thirteen* will not long remain ungratified.

Isaac Tichenor, Stephen R. Bradley, Nathaniel Chipman, Elijah Paine, Ira Allen, Stephen Jacob, and Israel Smith, Esquires, are appointed by the State of Vermont, Commissioners to run, with the New-York Commissioners, a boundary-line between that State and New-York, and finally to determine on all matters that obstruct a union of that State with the United States.

Captain Blaidel, lately from Newbury-Port in a new schooner, on his passage to the West-Indies, shipped a sea which overfet the vessel, by which he and all on board, except the mate, lost their lives. The mate (Mr. Eliot) floated on a spar nine days, seven of which he held a boy in his arms, who then died.—The ninth day he was taken up by a British vessel and carried into the West-Indies, where a handsome subscription was raised, and on his recovery was immediately put into business again.

## DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

Halifax, Dec. 22.

At a meeting of the Society for promoting Agriculture in the Province of Nova-Scotia, held by adjournment, at Halifax the 17th December, 1789.

The President not being able to attend, through indisposition, the Vice President took the chair.

THE following gentlemen were afterwards unanimously chosen Directors for the ensuing year.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of Nova Scotia,	} Halifax.
His Excellency J. Wentworth	
The Rev. Andrew Brown, D.D.	
The Hon. Charles Morris,	
The Hon. Thomas Cochran,	
John Newton, Esq;	
James Morden, Esq;	
Doctor William J. Almon,	
Winckworth Todge, Esq;	
John Clarke, Esq;	
County of Hants.	} John