NAMES OF HIS MAJESTY'S SHIPS ON THE STATION.

Commander in Chief, Rear Admiral EDWARD GRIFFITH,

NEWCASTLE, 60 gs Lieuts George Bague | As Sur James Ellis Geo Woolcombe Purser, Thomas Cox. Capt Arthur Fanshawe Ld H F Thynne CYRENE, 20 guns Lieuts John P Baker H Walker (a) Charles Gordon | Captain Aaron Tozer Geo C Yeo Lt Mar, George Griffin Lieuts W Lutman Master, Alex Louthian John A Monat P Drummond Ed A Haughton Surgeon, S J Swayne | Master, Thomas Read Maj Mar J Bartleman Asst Sorg Hugh O'Neil Sorgeon, G M Caldwell Lieut do D Marlay Purser, William Willie As Sur W M'Auley, Master, Jas Napier, Perser, A Penprase. Surgeon, J M'Carogher MERSEY, 26 guns BELETTE, 18 guns As Sur George Roberts Capt Edward Collier Capt George R Pechell Andrew Small Lieuts R Beanmont, ac Lieuts P G Panton Chaplain, Jas N Pigott! L A Robinson James Cheape Purser, John Fillis. Henry Reneau Master, T Hayden, act Lt Mar. S Dymock Surgeon, Wm Falls Master, J E Harfield ACTIVE, 46 guns As Surg M Quin Capt Sir Jas A Gordon Sur Ebenezer Johnston Purser, Thos Minds.

SIR ROBERT MAXWELL OF ORCHARDSTON.

Sir Robert Maxwell, of Orchardston, in the county of Galloway, was the descendant of an ancient Roman catholic family of the South of Scotland. He was the only child of a religious and bigoted recluse, who sent him, while yet very young, to a college of Jesuits in Flanders, for education, the paternal estate being, in the mean time, wholly managed by the boy's uncle, the brother of the devotee, to whom he resigned the guardianship of the property, in order that he might employ the remainder of his days exclusively in acts of devotion. In the family of Orchardston, ast indeed, in most great families of that day, the younger branches were but ill provided for, and looked to the inheritor of the family estate alone for the means of supporting their rank in society; the liberal professions, and the employments of trade, were still considered somewhat dishonourable; and the unfortunate junior, nursed with inflated ideas of his consequence and rark, was doomed in after life to exercise the servility, and experience the mortification of a humble dependant : In this case the calpable negligence of the father had transferred the entire management of a large estate to his younger brother, who was so delighted in the possession that he resolved to retain it to the exclusion of his nephew, the rightful heir at law. He consequently circulated a report that the boy was dead, and on the death of the old baronet, which took place about this period, he laid claim to the title and estate. In the mean time our young hero was suffering (but very reluctantly) the severe discipline of the Jesuit's college, his expences being defrayed by occasional supplies sent him by his uncle, which were to him represented as the bounties of the college, a story which he could not but discredit, as he had been placed there at an age too young to know distinctly either who he was, or whence he came; he was intelligent and docile, and was deemed of sufficient capacity to be-