

into confusion. They afterwards fled with the greatest precipitation to the city of Liege, where they were refused admittance. A dreadful carnage is said to have taken place in the battle and retreat. Seven thousand men is said to be the number of the slain. A great many prisoners were also taken, of which three or four hundred were immediately hanged as rebels against the state. Among these were upwards of 200 priests of various orders.

BRITISH NEWS.

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SIR Robert Boyd had a long interview with the King in his Closet yesterday after the Levee at St. James's. Sir Robert is expected to go out soon with full power as Governor of Gibraltar.

Admiral Barrington took leave of the King at St. James's, and of the Lords of the Admiralty yesterday, and in the evening set off for Spithead to take on him the command of the grand fleet in the absence of Earl Howe, who was also expected to set off for Spithead this day.

His Majesty was detained at St. James's yesterday till a very late hour, in expectation that the Lord Chancellor would arrive, and be present at the Cabinet Council which had been summoned to meet on urgent business after the Levee.

His presence was thought so essentially necessary on the present momentous occasion, that the Cabinet Council was postponed until eleven o'clock last night; and the final determinations of that meeting kept open until the Chancellor's sanction or opinion can be obtained.

A Board of Admiralty was held last night, which did not break up before nine o'clock. Four more frigates were ordered to be put into commission.

A promotion of General Officers is considered as fixed; new regiments are expected to be raised; and Parliament will be assembled next month.

The fleets are so delighted with the idea of our Court engaging in a war with Spain, that provisions of all kinds are continually pouring in from the whole Barbary coast to the garrison of Gibraltar.

Since Monday the 13th inst. upwards of 120 sail of merchant ships from the West Indies and America all laden with sugar, rum &c. have arrived in the River, and as many more are daily expected to arrive.

Orders have been sent to Plymouth to

prepare for commission the Glory, Namur, and Atlas of 60 guns each. They are now along side the hulks, and the caulkers are at work upon them.

No Council of State is expected to be held on the subject of the dispatches from Spain, until after the interment of the Royal Corps. His Majesty will have a Levee to-morrow at St. James's, when it is supposed all the Cabinet Council will attend. Lord Howe and Admiral Barrington will certainly attend, and it is expected that they will receive their failing and fighting orders.

Certain it is, that the preparations for some time past in the naval department have been such, as if the Minister expected that the negotiation must soon be terminated by action.

Yesterday afternoon was dispatched the packet which was engaged by the East India Company to convey theirs and the Government advices to Lord Cornwallis; they are said to be of the first importance. It is reported, that one of the objects is to request his Lordship will remain in India, at least till the present hostilities with Tippoo are concluded.

Extract of a Letter from Chatham, Sept. 26.

According to the present exertions here, by the different artificers and workmen of this dock yard, there appears very little probability of peace; as our artificers are still employed, some at the rate of double days, others at two days and a half, which induces the people to carry on work in their respective occupations with great alacrity.

Yesterday Mr. Slater, the long expected messenger from the Court of Spain, arrived at the Duke of Leeds's office, Whitehall, with letters from Mr. Fitzherbert, his Majesty's Ambassador at that Court. The packet was immediately carried to the Duke of Leeds, at his house in Grosvenor square, who on receiving it came to the office; but there being no other of the Cabinet Ministers in town, his Grace dispatched letters by his messenger, in waiting, to the King at Windsor Lodge, the Lord Chancellor at Dolwich, Mr. Pitt, and Mr. Secretary Grenville at Holwood House, Kent, to Earl Howe at Porter's Lodge, Herts, and to Admiral Barrington, commander of the Grand Fleet at Spithead.

From what has transpired of the above dispatches, it appears that the Spanish Minister has again waved giving any definitive answer to the remonstrances of our Court, and that not in terms of a very conciliatory nature. The pretext for this further delay is, that the Spanish Monarch had ordered the various documents