In the passage between the retiring room and the drawing-room was an object which attracted her Majesty's eye —the chandelier lent to the corporation by the Goldsmith's Company composed of solid chased gold, weighing 1,000 ounces.

In the course of the evening Mr Thomas Dighton the artist was permitted to enter to take a drawing of the scene with the company as they appeared at the banquet from which an engraving is to be taken which the Queen has permitted to be dedicated to her.

Since the memorable day when so many of the crowned heads of Europe did honour to the ancient hall by partaking of a civic welcome there has been no attempt till now of eclipsing the splendour then for the first time displayed by gas illumination. The committee spared no expense.—The chief addition made consists of the splendid chandeliers constructed from the classically elegant designs and under the tosteful eye of Col.ins. Between the pannels of painted glass which compose body of these gigantic lamps were placed most scientifically some hundreds of glass ornaments which by their refractive powers becomposed the rays of light into showers of rainbow illusion.—The chanceliers were placed high enough to prevent any interference in the line of sight between the royal table and the brilliant display of gas made at the west end of the Hall, above which the star shone with its wonted refulgence from 1,530 gas lights encircled with the words "God save the Queen." The number of burners in these two devices (the star and motto) were 4,500, and the weight of cut-glas was nearly one ton. The arabesque scroll at the eastern window under the motto of "Welcome," and initals 'V. R.," contained more the 2,009 jets of light. But, after all the brilliancy which we have attempt to describe as belonging to the two ends of the Hall it was by the unique and most effective disposition of the lights hung as it were in air yet attached to the hold cornice and Gothic compartments composing the walls of this stately building that the almost overpowering flash of light was obtained.—It is here the magic art of gas-lighting was furnished with an unrivalled opportunity of displaying itself. The architectural contour of the overhanging cornice and lofty arches of the east and west windows was made out in lines of the inque and most effective disposition of the lights hung as it were in air yet attached to the hold cornice and Gothic compartments composing the walls of this stately building that the almost overpowering flood of light was obtained. It is here the magic art of gas lighting was furnished with an unrivalled opportunity of displaying itself. The architectural contour of the overhanging cornice and lofty arches of the east and west windows was made out in lines of light. It scarcely required the aid of Aladieu's lamp to imagine these jets of light as so many endless beads of brilliant diamonds.—The number of these jets was estimated to be 5,600, and each jet gave the light of three wax candles. Hence can be imagined the flood of light cast all around yet so equally was it diffused as not in the slightest degree to weary the eye and they contrasted beautifully with the silvery and sparkling brightness produced by the star and motto in the western window. If to those we add the light produced from the various devices on the east and west windows we shall find a calculation from the date before mentioned that astounding as it may appear there could not on the whole be a flow of light of less intensity than would be produced by the combustion of 46,000 wax candles. The great purity and strength of light produced from the gas used on this occasion was we understand in part owing to the mixture of Scotch with the most birtuminous coal procurable from Newcastle coal field.

The total value of the articles of gold plate used at the Queen's table and sideboard was about £150,000.

Besides the above vast quantities of gold and silver plate were lent by different private gentlemen making an entire value little short of half a million sterling

Amongst the most novel as well as splended of the illuminations last week was that of the Bank of England. It consisted of 14 splendid gas stars upon the lamp posts in front and festoons of variegated lamps reaching from one lamp-post to another producing a most beautiful and magnificent effect.

On Saturday we made inquiries at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and were informed by one of the surgeons that in the course of Thursday and Friday night no less then 19 persons were carried in with broken legs and arms through various accidents but that none of them are likely to prove fatal.

We had thought Lord Byron had laughed to scorn the puerile absurdity or the childish affectation which induces Englishmen to have recourse to French gibberish for the names of English dishes; but we were wrong The general bill of fare at the Guildhall feast on Thursday was in English but the bill' for the table of the Queen of England was in French.

LOWER CANADA.

MONTREAL, Dec. 9.

The remains of the late Lieut. Weir, of Her Majesty's 32d regt., were yesterday interred with the usual military honors. The circumstances attending his late atrocious murder whilst in the discharge of his duty to his country, have excited feelings of the liveliest detestation of his murderers, and induced the citizans *en maese*, to follow his remains to the silent tomb. All the Ward and Volunteer Associations joined in the procession, four deep, which was certainly the most numerous we ever saw in this country. The West Ward Volunteers, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Maitland, lined the Main street of the Quebec Suburb, leaning on their arms reversed. The bands of the 32d and Royal Regiments headed the procession, playing the solemn & appropriate Dead March. The Pall was borne by the officers of the 32d regt. behind whom were Sir John Colborne and every officer of the city who was not at the time on duty. Lieut. Weir was in the 29th year of his age. It is impossible to state how many individuals attended the funeral, but they must have numbered 7,000 or 8,000. A military gentleman of long experience reckoned more than that number, but we think our estimate is correct. The shops and counting houses in the city were closed from 1 to 3 o'clock. The windows of the houses in the streets through which the procession passed down to Queen's square were crowded with females The Rev. Mr. Esson officiated at the burying ground, and in beautiful language, which found a response in every breast, alluded to the untimely fate of the gallant young officer.

UPPER CANADA.

IMPORTANT FROM TORONTO

Kingston, Dec. 9.

By the stage which left Toronto on Saturday and arrived here this afternoon we lern that it was expected at the seat of government that His Excellency the Lieut. Governor would on Monday, issue an order to call out all the militia of the province.

It is mentioned on good authority that the radicals are actively engaged in drilling in the vicinity of Toronto and even that an attack on that city had been expected on Saturday last.

Office of the Secretery of the province Quebec Dec. 5.

His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief has been pleased to authorise and command by Royal Commission, Lieut.—General Sir John Colborne, K. C. G. C. H. Commanding Her Majesty's forces in this province to execute MARTIAL LAW in the district of Montreal, and to punish all persons acting aiding or in any manner assisting in the conspiracy and rebellion which now exists within the said district according to Martial Law, either by death or otherwise for the suppression and punishment of all rebels in the said district.

A reward of £1000 was offered by Lord Gosford for the arrest of Papineau on the 1st. A similar proclamation dated Quebec, 26th Nov., states that "Whereas upon information upon oath it appears that Dr Wolfred Nelson, of St. Denis in the country of Richilieu; Thos Storrow Brown, of the City and Country of Montreal; E B. O'Callaghan, of the same place, M. P. P.; Cyrile Hector O. Cote, of Napierville in the County of Acadia H. P. P.; Joseph Toussaint Drolet, of St. Marc' in the County of Vercheres, M. P. P.; Joseph J. Girouard of St. Benoit, in the County of the Two Mountains, M. P. P.; Amury Girod, an alien and Jean O, Chenier of the County of the Two Mountains, are severally and respectively charged with the crime of high treason and offers a reward of five hundred pounds current money of this province, to whomsoever shall so apprehend any one of the said abovenamend individuals, and deliver him up to justice."

The guns are all now mounted on the ramparts of the town and citadal, and the whole is in such a complete state of defence the Military arrangements so well orginazed and the seal and progress in disclipine of the volunteers so conspicuous, that it is evident any attempt to creat confusion in the city or suburbs, if (which we do not believe) such an attempt is contemplated, would be immediatetly put down and we have not the slightest doubt that the tranquillity for which Quebec has hitnertobeen conspicuous will continue.

M'Kenzie, with about 350 insurgents took possession of Montgomery House, a large building near Toronto, on the 14th, and instead of making an immediate attack upon the Town, as was the wish of his followers, he sent his demand to the Governor, that he should dissolve the Provincial Parliament and leave the Province within 14 days. This gave offence to Rolph and others, who contended that it was only giving the Governor time to strengthen himself, and they therefore abandoned him. The Governor, without replying to the demand, placed his family on board the Transit steamer, and ordered her to lie at anchor off the port—in the meantime despatching a steamboat to Niagara, and sending into the interior in every direction for aid. On the return of the steamer, they found the Governor with 1100 volunteers under arms, who on the 6th, attacked and dispersed M'Kenzie and his force, burning Montgomery House, and taking Dr. Morrison prisoner, & capturing M'Kenzie's Printing press.

We of course judge with confidence, in the present state of our information, what is likely to be the extent of this popular movement. But from what is known to us of the state of things in that Province, we have reason to suppose that the people are prepared for a revolution. We encline to the opinion therefore, that with so active an officer as Sir Francis Bond Head in the charge of the Government, this sudden insurrection will soon be suppressed.

It is understood that the President, through the Secretary of State, has requested the Governors of *New York*, *Vermont*, and other frontier *States*, to take measures to guard against a violation of the laws of the United States, which have been passed for the preservation of the relations of amity with foreign powers, and of the obligations of treaties between us and Great Britain. It would seem there is need of some such interference to prevent such violations of the laws on the Vermont border. It is said that the northern part of the States is rendered almost destitute of cannon and other arms and ammunition, by the supplies which have been furnished to the insurgents in Canada.

KINGSTON, U. C., Dec. 9.

We regret to learn that several gentlemen have fallen into the hands of the rebels. It appears that on Monday a party of 6 or 8 gentlemen rode out on Yonge street for the purpose of reconnoitering, when unfortunately some of them were taken prisoners, viz. Mr. Bellingham, Mr. Brock, and Mr. Macdonnell. The history of Mr. Macdonnell's capture (says the *Patriot*) is thus related. He was captured with John Powell, Esq., when they were stopped by four on horseback, one being *McKenzie*, with "who goes there?" and were ordered to surrender on pain of being instantly shot. One of them drew a pistol and presented it at *Mr. Powell*, who instantly shot the rascal dead on the spot. *McKenzie* then snapped a pistol in *Mr. Powell's* face, and *Powell* presented another at him, which actually touched him, but unfortunately missed fire, *Powell* then spurred his horse toward a wood, slipped off, and escaped with the loss of his horse, and is now here.

Col. Wells and his family, Col. Cameron and his son, and Captain Stewart, are among the prisoners.

His Excellenco (says the *Patriot*) with the humanity becoming a brave British officer, and the representative of Her Majesty, requested Dr. Rolph and Dr. Baldwin to visit the head-quarters of the rebels and to entreat them, in the name of mercy, to reflect on the miseries they were about, by their rashness, to inflict on their fellow subjects, and on themselves and families, and to desist from their evil purposes ere it is too late. Drs. Rolph and Baldwin returned with a reply that the rebels would retire peaceably to their homes, provided His Excellency would agree to have all differences settled by a convention—His Excellency returned for an answer—NEVER!

THE STAR

WEDNESDAY, January 17, 1838.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased appoint Edward Brabazon Brenton, Esq., to be Acting Chief Justice of this Island in the room of the Honorable Henry John Boulton, absent on leave, and George Lilly, Esq., to be Acting Assistant Judge, in the room of the said Edward Brabazon Brenton, Esq

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to issue a Commission under the Great Seal appointing Benjamin Greer Garrett, Esq., to be Sheriff of this Colony and its Dependencies (except Labrador); and Mr. Garrett this day in the presence of his Excellency, accordingly took the Oath for the due execution of his said office—*Gaz.*

By the latest private advices from Lower Canada, we learn that of the 17 among the chief rebels which had been taken, 11 had been shot by sentence of court-martial—enough. we trust, to cool the ardent aspirations of the lawless faction in Newfoundland, who sympathise so very cordially with their Canadian fellow-rebels.—*Ledger, Jan.* 12.

[FOR THE STAR.]

VERSIFIED FROM OSSIAN.

SONG OF THE BARDS ON RAISING CUTHULLIN'S TOMB.

By the dark rolling waves of Lego they raised the Hero's Tomb.

THE SONG OF BARDS ROSE OVER THE DEAD*

"*Pleasant be the spirits dwelling
Mighty Semo's Son;
Awful 'mid the battle's swelling
Was thy dread arm known:
Like the torrent's strength thy might.
As before the Eagle's pinion
Depths etherial yield;
So thy flaming sword's dominion
Own'd the battle-field.
Death behind thee took delight
Undisturbed may'st thou lie
Car-borne chieftain of Dunscai!"

"Yet 'twas not the strong man's weapon
That thy death-wound gave;
Neither did thy life-blood drip on
Jarelin of the brave;
Like to death's blast-shrouded sting,
Came the winged arrow swerveless
On its path of speed;
Neither knew the slayer nerveless
Aught of the dark deed.
Pleasant be thy slumbering
In thy cave unbroke the while,
Chieftain of the misty Isle!"

"At Temora scatter'd—taken
Are the mighty all;
No glad voices now awaken
Lonely Cormac's hall.