

ly exalted, are various forts frowning upon you, till you proceed under Wallace's Battery, which is seated on the summit of a rock in the form of a sugar-loaf, or cone, independant of the other batteries, and which was planted and received its name from its late gallant Governor Vice-Admiral Sir James Wallace; who, when Admiral Richery invested the island in 1796, with seven sail of the line and three frigates, defended it with an inferior force, and by his wife and judicious arrangements, added to his firmness and coolness, ultimately succeeded in compelling the enemy to abandon their project.

(To be continued)

SPEECH OF M. DE MONTESQUIEU.

The following speech of the President MONTESQUIEU, at the opening of the Parliament of Bordeaux, is copied from the "SUN" of the 13th Oct. and was translated for that paper from his posthumous works, lately published at Paris.]

May the man amongst us who would make the Laws slaves to the iniquity of his judgements, perish on the spot! May he every where find the presence of an avenging God, and the celestial powers arrayed against him! May fire burst from under the ground and consume his house! May his posterity be for ever degraded! May he seek his bread and find it not! May he be a frightful example of the Justice of Heaven, as he was an example of injustice upon the earth!

It was nearly thus Gentleman that a Great Emperor spoke; and these words in themselves so sad, so terrible, are to you full of consolation. You

* Romney, 50, Captain Sotheron, Venus, 32,
T. Graves, Mercury, 32, — Byng,
Shark, 16, — J. O'Brien, Pluto, 16, —
Amb. Crofton.

FRENCH FORCE. Le Jupiter, 74 Admiral
Richery, Le Censeur, 84, La Victoire, 84, Le
Le Beuwick, 74, Le Duquesne, 74, Admiral Al-
lemande. Le Barrier, 74, La Revolutionnaire 74,
Le Ambuscade, 36, La Felicite, 36, La Triponne,
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may say to the people here assembled, with the same confidence as one of the Judges of Israel "If I have committed injustice, if I have oppressed any of you; if I have received presents from one against another; let him raise his voice; let him speak against me, before the Lord.

I shall not then speak to you this day of THESE GREAT CORRUPTIONS WHICH IN ALL TIMES WERE A PRE-
SAGE OF THE FALL OF STATES; of these arts of injustice committed with a formal design, of that systematic wickedness, of those lives stigmatized with crimes, where one day of iniquity is regularly followed by another; of Magistracies exercised amidst the reproaches, tears, murmurings, and fears of all the Citizens. For such Judges, for men so flagitious, shame and reproach go for nothing.

Thus, supposing in a Magistrate that essential virtue which is justice, a quality without which he is a monster in Society, and possessing which he may be a very bad citizen, I shall only speak of those accessories which may make that justice more or less consummate: It ought to be enlightened, it ought to be prompt, it ought to be austere, it ought to be universal.

Since we have left of our savage manners, since conquerors of the Gauls and of the Romans, we have adopted their Police, since the Military has yielded to the Civil Code; since above all, the feudal system ceased to be the only Law of the Noblesse, and that by this last change, commerce and labour have been encouraged, that the riches and avarice of individuals have increased; since we have had to unravel great interests; almost always concealed, since good faith has confined itself to some affairs of little importance, while artifice and fraud are employed in contracts, our Codes have been augmented; we were obliged to call in the