

1783.

J A N U A R Y.

28. Lord Howe appointed First Lord of the Admiralty *vice* Lord Keppel.
 30. Congress remonstrate on the refusal of the States of Rhode Island, Virginia, and Connecticut, to pay 5 per cent. on importation.
 31. The national debt 252,584,986l. Interest and management 9,008,986l. and the whole revenue of the kingdom 12,000,279l. Cost of the late war 115,654,914l. Additional annual burthen by ditto 4,557,575l. since January, 1775.
 - The Quebec merchants in London present a memorial to Lord Shelburne, on their boundaries with the States of America, as fixed by the Peace.
 - The Hon. Gen. Murray acquitted of 27 out of 29 charges exhibited against him by Sir Wm. Draper.
- A Spanish ship of 20 guns, laden from the Havannah, taken into Bermudas by the Arbuthnot of 16.

F E B R U A R Y.

2. Ten prizes made by Lord Hood's Squadron at Jamaica since December 20, 1782.
3. The Articles of Peace with France ratified at Paris.
 - The recruiting service in England, &c. suspended.
 - The Tobago planters and merchants resolve on a memorial to the Courts of London and Paris.
4. French King's decree concerning the terms of the cessation of hostilities at sea.
5. The Illustrious Order of St. Patrick instituted.
 - First American ship in the Thames, from Nantucket.
- and 7. A most dreadful earthquake in Italy and Sicily, destroying the cities of Messina, &c. and a country of 150 miles, including 132 towns and above 26,000 inhabitants.
- Treaty of commerce between the King of Sweden and the States of America signed at Paris.
7. Comte de Moustier, Minister from France, introduced to his Majesty, as successor to M. Gerard de Rayneval.
9. The Articles of Peace with Spain ratified at Paris.
 - The extent of country on the Ohio, the Lakes, the Mississippi, and East-Florida, ceded to Spain and America, is said to be 456,230 square miles, and the United States, before the Peace, to be 207,050.

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