

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following is a list of the wars between Great Britain and France, with the terms of their duration, since the one which commenced in the year 1116, and continued two years:—War commenced in the year 1116, and continued 75 years; 1201, fifteen years; 1224, nineteen years; 1294, five years; 1339, twenty-one years; 1368, fifty-two years; 1422, forty-nine years; 1492, one month; 1512, two years; 1520, six years; 1594, one; 1556, two years; 1562, two years; 1627, two years; 1666, one year; 1689, ten years; 1702, eleven years; 1744, four years; 1756, seven years; 1778, five years; and 1793, which terminated March 27, 1802.

Battle of the Nile, (August 1st, 1798.)—On approaching the coast of Egypt, Admiral Nelson discovered the French fleet of thirteen sail of the line and four frigates, moored in a compact line in the Bay of Aboukir. It instantly struck him, that where there was room for an enemy's ship to swing, there was room for one of his to anchor;—and he explained to his Captain his mode of attack.—The action commenced at six in the evening. As our squadron advanced, the French opened a steady fire from the starboard side of the whole line, full into the bows of the British ships.—The *Goliath*, Captain Foley; *Zealous*, Capt. Hood; *Orion*, Sir J. Saumarez; *Theseus*, Capt. Miller; *Audacious*, Capt. Gould, dashed ahead of the enemy's van ship, *le Guerrier*, doubled her larboard side, and then attacked the enemy's ships in succession. The *Vanguard*, Admiral Nelson, anchored outside of the enemy's third ship, upon which he immediately opened a tremendous fire; under cover of which the *Minotaur*, Capt. Lewis; *Bellerophon*, Captain Darby; *Defence*, Captain Peyton; and *Majestic*, Captain Wescott, sailed on ahead of the Admiral. The defence engaged the *Franklin*, 80 guns, Admiral Blanquet, the sixth ship of the enemy, on the starboard bow; and thus nine of our ships were so disposed as to bear their force upon six of the enemy.—The seventh of the French line was the *Orient*, of 120 guns, the Admiral's ship, against which the *Bellerophon* opened her fire. The other four ships of the British squadron were at a considerable distance when the action began, and the shades of night began to close before they reached the scene of action.—The *Culloden*, Captain Trowbridge, took the lead of these ships till she suddenly grounded on the tail of the shoal of *Bequieres*. She served as a beacon to the *Alexander*, Captain Ball; *Swiftsure*, Captain Hallowell; and *Leander*, 50 guns, Captain Thompson, who entered the bay, and took their stations. At this juncture, the *Bellerophon*, overpowered by *l'Orient*, 200 of her crew killed or wounded, all her masts and cables shot away, was drifting out of the line, when the *Swiftsure* came up, and, taking her station, opened her fire on the quarter of the *Franklin*, and the bows of the *Orient*.—The *Alexander* passed under the stern of the *Orient*, and anchoring within side of her larboard quarter, raked her.—The *Leander* also took her station in such a position, as to rake both the *Franklin* and *l'Orient*. The conflict was now carried on in the darkness of the night. The British Admiral