foreign Intelligence.

THE TAKING OF MINORCA.

From the London Gazette Extraordinary. Monday, December 24.

Downing-street, Dec. 23. Capt, Gifford, ift aid-de-camp to Gen. the hon. Charles Stuart, arrived this afternoon at the office of the right hon. Henry Dundas, one of his majesty's principal secretaries of state, with a dispatch from the general, of which the following is a copy.

Cindadella, Nov. 18.

I have the honor to acquaint you, that his majesty's forces are in possession of the island of Minorca, without having sustained the loss of a single man.

As neither commodore Duckworth or yfelf could procure any ufeful information relative to the object of the expedition at Gibraltar, it was judged adviseable to dispatch the Peterell floop of war to cruise off the harbor of Mahon for intelligence; where after remaining a few days she joined the seet near the Colombrites, without having made any effential discovery. So circumfianced, it was agreed to attempt a defcent in the bay of Addaya, and the wind proving favorable on the 7th inft. a feint was made by the line of battie ships at Fornelles, and boats were assembled for that purpose under the direction of capt. Bowen, capt. Polden, and capt. Pressland: previous to the landing of the troops, a small battery at the entrance of the bay was evacuated, the magazines blown up, the guns spiked, and shortly after the first division, consisting of soo men, was on shore. A considerable exoficen to the westward indicated that the aniards had also abandoned the works at Fornelles. Nearly at the same moment 2,000 of the enemy's troops approached in several different directions, and threatened to surround this inconsiderable force, but were repulled with fome lofs on the left, while the guns of the Argo checked a similar attempt on the right flank; and the post was maintained until the debarkation of the different divisions afforded the means of eftablishing a position from whence the enemy's troops would have been attacked with confiderable advantage had they not retired in the beginning of the night.

The strength of the ground, the passes and the badness of the roads, in Minorca, are scarcely to be equalled in the most mountainous parts of Europe; and what increased the difficulty of advancing upon this occasion was the dearth of intelligence, for although near a hundred deserters had come in from the Swiss regiments, and affirmed that the remaining force upon the island exceeded 4,000 men, no particular account of the enemy's movements was obtained. Under this ainty, it was for a few minutes doubt. ful what measures to pursue, but as quickly actermined to proceed by a forced march to Mercadel, and thereby separate the enemy force by possessing that essential pass, in the first instance, and from thence advancing apon his principal communication to either extremity of the island, justly depending upon commodore Duckworth's zeal and exertion, to forward from Addaya and Fornelles uch supplies of provisions and ordnance bures as might favour subsequent operations.

To effect this operation, colonel Graham was fent with 600 men, and by great exerti-ons arrived at Marcadel a few hours after the nain force of the enemy had marched to-wards Cuidella, making feveral officers and

wards Cuidella, making feveral officers and foldiers prifoners, feizing various small magazines, and establishing his corps in front of the village.

The persevering labour of 150 seamen under the direction of lieutenant Buchannan, during the night, having greatly assisted the artillery in forwarding the battali in guns, the army arrived at Mercadel on the 9th, where, learning that Mehon was nearly evacuated, a disposition was instantly made to operate with the whole force in that directioperate with the whole force in that direction, and colonel Paget detached under this movement with 300 men to take possession of the town; upon his arrival he summoned fort Charles to surrender, and made the lieutenant governor of the island, a colonel of arrillery, and a so of artillery, and 160 men, prisoners of war, removed the boom obstructing the entrance of the harbour, and gave free passage to the Cormovant and Aurora frigates, which were previously sent by commodore Duckworth to

make a diversion off that port. make a diversion off that port.

But these were not the only advantages immediately resulting from this movement, it savored desertion, intercepted all stragglers, and enabled the different departments of the army to procure beasts of burthen for the surface further progress of his majesty's arms.

Having ascertained that the enemy's troops were throwing up works and entrenching themselves in front of Cindadella it was resolved to force their position on The night of

the right inflant, and preparatory to this attime, colonel Paget with 200 men was
withdrawn from Mahon; colonel Moncrief
was fent forward with a detachment to Fevarias three light 12 pounders and a five and a half inch howitzer and go marines landed from the fleet; when in confequence of its having been communicated to commodore Dackworth, that four ships, supposed of the line, were seen between Majorca and Minor-1, feering toward the last mentioned island, and fignified his determination of proceeding with all the armed transports to fea; but weighing the ferious confequences which would refult to the army from the smallest delay on the state of the administration delay on the one hand, and the advantage to be reafonably expected from a spirited at ek on the other, it was thought adviseabl retain them with the army; and, on the bliuz, and from thence proceeded on the 15th of Jupot, colonel Mancrief's detachment reving in a parallel line on the Ferarias road.

The presautions and the appearance of two columns approaching the town, induced

the enemy to retire from their new confirmated defences within the walls of Gindadella; and in the evening of the fame day a small detachment under captain Muter, was fent to take possession of the Torte den Quart; whereby the army was enabled to advance the cash as a control of the cash. the 14th, apparently in three columns, upon Kane's the Ferarias, and Fornell's Roads, to the investment of the two at day break, occupying ground covered by the position the enemy had relinquished.

Thus stationed, in want of heavy artillery, nd every article necessary for a siege, it was udged expedient to fummon the governor of Minorca to furrender; and the preliminary articles were immediately confidered; doubts arising on the part of the enemy, whether the investing force was superior in number to the garrison, two batteries of three 12 bounders, and three five and a half inch howzers were erected in the course of the folowing night within 800 yards of the troops formed in order of battle confiderably to the right of Kane's Road, leaving the picquets to communicate between them and colonel Mocrief's post.

This line, partly real and partly imagina-ry, extended four miles in front of the enemy's batteries, from whence two 18 pound thot were immediately fired at the troops; but at a timely parley, and the diffant appearance of the fquadron, occasioned the celestation of hostilities, and renewed a negociation, which, through the address of major general Sir James St. Clair Erskine termin-

ated in the annexed capitulation.

Four weeks falt provisions for the garrison, besides the enclosed list of the ordnance flores, were found in the town of Cinda-

The affistance received from commodore Duckworth in forwarding the light artillery and provisions, greatly facilitated the rapid movements of the army; and I am happy in the opportunity of declaring my obligations to Lord Mark Kerr, and captain Caulfield; for the supplies they fent from Mahon, and their exertions to land two mortars which in the event of further reliftance, might have proved of the utmost importance in lecuring the army, or compelling the enemy to furrender.

The support I have experienced from major general St. James St. Clair Erskine, brigadier generals Stuart and Oakes, the exertion of lieutenant colonel Stuart my adju tant general, and the zeal and spirit, and perseverance of both the officers and men of the different regiments under my command have eminently contributed to the success of the expedition and authorise me to represent their fervices as highly deferving his majef-

ty's most gracious approbation.

Captain Gifford, my first aid-de-camp, who is perfectly acquainted with every circumstance concerning the capitulation of Cindadella, and the reduction of the island of Minorca, will have the honor to deliver

I have the honor to be, &c. (Signed) CHARLES STEWART. The right honourable Henry Dundas

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VINES.

To the Gentlemen of Philadelphia.

AMONGST froit trees, the superiority of the vine is universally acknowledged, and the reason why there are so few, and why those sew bear so little fruit, is, that the

plants are not properly cultivated.

That part of the culture of the vine which requires most experience and most care, is the pruning, for which the season is now arrived. The subscriber, who has to now arrived. The lableriber, who has to remain fome days in the city, will with pleafure prune the vines (gratis) of any gentleman who will accept of his fervices, and who will fend his addrefs to him at Mr. Moutea's, No. 27, Sugar alley.—His long experience in the culture of the vine, and the extraordinary fuccels of his vineyard at SPRING MILL, must be imagines. be a sufficient assurance, that this inclima-ble plant can never suffer under his hands. LEWIS JOCKY.

Philadelphia 20th March, 1799.
P. S. Mr. Jocky requests the several printers to give the above a place in their gazettes; and, though its insertion can tend to the benefit of their customers alone, he will look upon it as a favour, which he shall be happy to repay by a bottle of his old American Wine, if they will honor him with a vifit at Spring Mill, 13 miles from Philadelphia, on the Ridge Road.

By this Day's Bail.

NEW-YORK, March 26.

Capt. Sells, of the floop Sally Maria, in 16 days from St. Kitts, laft from St. Thomas, arrived last evening. He failed under convoy of the United States' brig Norfolk. apt. Williams, in company with 14 fail of American vessels.

One of the officers of the Norfolk informed captain Sells that a few, days before, they had had an engagement with a French privateer of 14 guns, from St. Martins, in which they flot away her main-top-maft, and kill-ed eight men, when the struck to the Norfelk; but that capt. Williams had not con rage to board ber. A representation of this fact being made to commodore Trexton, induced him to order capt. Williams home, that an investigation of his conduct might take place. The privateer put into St. Mar-

[As myflerious as the above may appear-coming from an officer of the Norfolk—muil-we think, be true.]

Capt. Sells also informs that the day be-

ing place, preparatory to a cruite.
On Friday last, capt. Sells spoke in lat.
37, long. 74, the ship Collier, Norton, in so days from London—She was to flop at Norfolk, and then proceed for New-York. Arrived floop Revival, capt. Mols, 8 days from Savannah. Spoke, March 23, lat. 37 long. 75 the United States' floop of war Baltimore, capt. Terry, 13 days from St. Kitts bound to Baltimore, who defired capt. Mofs to mention him in the New-York pa-

ARRIVED Brig Lydia, Darrah, Savannah Schr. Eleanor, Everitt, N. Carolina Betley, Coffin, Havanna Sloop Almeno, Bird, Philadelphia Rambler, Sturges, Balcimore Revival, Mofs, Savannah Brig Friendship, Buckley, has arrived at

Captain Coffin spoke March 9, the schr. Constitution, Tate from Charleston to the Havanna, out 6 days, they were bearing S. E. diffance 10 leagues; March 25, Sandy-Hook bearing N. N. W. 30 leagues, spoke schooner Swallow from this port.

Captain Moss of the sloop Revival, spoke

March 22, lat. 37, long. 75, 25, the United States floop of war Baltimore, from St. Kitts, out 13 days, bound to Baltimore.

Brig Friendship, Buckley, is arrived at New London; brig Hudson, Fanning from this port to Trinidad, is taken and carried to the state of th this port to Trinidad, is taken and carried into Nevetus, Cuba; hrig Atlanta arrived at New-London; brig Nancy, Coffin, arrived at New-Orleans; brig Hunter, Tilford arrived at Havanna; brig Lucretia, Tabre, arrived at St. Thomas's: sahe George, M. Casse, from Essequibo, has arrived at N. Loudon; schr. Atalanta, Stephens, captured by a French privater; sloop lay Io. tured by a French privateer; floop Jay Jo-fiah Denning, from Wilmington, N. C. bound to this port, has put into Newport 12th inft. with the lofs of her maft.

HALIFAX, (N. C.) March 11. Last week passed through this place, Eli-ah Cooper, a native of Dumfries in Virginia, who fays he escaped on the 28th of Decem-er last, from Gandaloupe, in company with ber latt, from Gandaloupe, in company with a captain Arnold, of New-York, of the fch'r Highlander of 12 guns, 44 men, who was taken by the French privateer L'Esprit, of 15 guns, 168 men, after an engagement of 5 glasses, in which captain Arnold had 4 men killed and 6 wounded, and L'Esprit 25 killed. Cooper further says, that a great discrimination is made by the French in Gandaloupe, between the British and American profess tion is made by the French in Gandrioupe, between the British and American prisoners; the former being confined in the criminal's prison, a large commodious building, with a yard in which they are allowed to walk, with the benefit of a fine ciffern of water, and many other conveniences; and the latter are confined in a folitary church, where they are locked up day and night, and obliged to deyour the miferable pittance of 3 ounces of bad beef, raw, with 11 ounces of black bread; and compelled to work on the fortifications, under the controll of infolent and domineering black foldiers, who beat them frequently on the flightest pretences.

NOTICE.

THE creditors of Benjamin Davidson, esq. of Franklin township in the county of Huntingdon, are hereby requested to produce their accounts and demands against him duly attested, to the subscribers, at the Court House in the town of Huntingden on the first Monday in May next. And all persons indebted to the said Benjamin Davidson, are required to make immediate payment to either of the subscribers. Given under our hands.

Samuel Marshall,

James Hunter,

Alexander Dean,

B. Davidson march 27

New-Theatre.

The last week before the benefits.

THIS EVENING, March 27, WILL BE PRESENTED.

THE DRAMATIST; Or, Stop him who can. To which will be added, ASPEAKING PAN-TOMIME, written by the late David Gar-rick, called

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PHILADELPHIA,

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 27.

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On the morning of the day the Infurgente was taken, she had been chasted by two British frigates, and scaped by her fast sailing. She is described as a very fine frigate, c p fore he failed, the Conitellation's prize, l'In-furgente, dropped down to St. Kitts' trater-and fwivels mounted. She was not much damaged, but had a thot through her main mast, another through her bowsprit, and feveral in the hull.

Soon after the Constellation went into St. Kitts, the Concorde British frigate passed near her, and gave Capt. Truxton three

On Saturday last, a boat loaded with flour, suppoted near 500 barrels, coming down Schuylkill, struck on a rock-split in two, and immediately funk. The boatman escaped by swimming, but a woman and child passengers were drowned.

From the VERGENNES GAZETTE.

ABRIDGMENT OF INCIDENTS.

FOREIGN.

AN account is given, though not with official figuatures, of the affaffination of Buonaparte and his council of French officers. A large proportion of mankind would rejoice to have these disturbers of nations put into " everlassing sleep." The events of the present time will serve to demonstrate to the common fense of mankind, that "the triumphs of liberty are seldom, if ever, those of the sword!"

The French army in Italy has feized upon almost all the property, houses, estates, &c. of the Romans, which they claim as the right of conquest. This is the uniform fruit of modern equality, liberty and the imprescriptible rights of man. What an excellent specimen of freedom! free from property, their own industry had procured! free to despair,

When the French entered Alexandria in Egypt, to show great friendship to its inhabitants, Buonaparte delivered up the city to pillage and massacre for the space of four hours only! What a merciful and fraternal act this! To be murdered and robbed for the short period of four hours enly, when the generous Sansculottes might have indulged days or weeks! There is do doubt the French are as good friends to the United States as they are to Italy, Egypt, Switzerland, Venice &c. What pity our government is not willing a French army should invade this country! Such cities as New-York, Boston, and Philadelphia would be delivered up to purder, rob ery and ravishment not more than the period of a week, a me e point of duration! If the houses and estates of our farmers should be fold, in the justice of the magnanimous nation, in return they would be taught polite arts of dancing and good breeding and finging ca'ira! The conquett of this country is thus viewed by our patriotic democrats, as a kind of commercial treaty, by which the staple commodities of the United States, such as independence, proper y, order, morality and virtue will be exchanged for the staple of the French Republic, such as slavery, massacre, politeness, anarchy, bienseance, licentionsness, the abuse of this life and the disbelies of another!

The French have declared war against the kings of the two Sicilies and Sardinia. No doubt, this declaration originated in bowels of mercies, in love of justice and in the most sincere defines for peace! The discernment of the Directory ought to be commagnanimous nation, in return they would

mest of the Directory ought to be commended; for they foresee that an exterior war is a much lessevilthan a civil one. Scarcely ever was there a nation before, which dreaded the return of external prace, as the greatest cala mity which could befal it!

Spain feems to be in a figuation fimilar to that, which preceded the French revolution. The court favorites are full of expences and licenticulnels.—From the extreme rigidity of morals and religion, it is flying to the other extreme of total infidelity.—Where so lately reigned the horrors f the inquisi-

Personal merit has wound the eversiving laurel around the brow of admiral Nelson, the favorite son of Britania. He has been actually in 120 battles with the enemies of his country. He has lost his right eye and right hand. The ardent expressions of patriotism fall with better grace from such mutilated heroes than from wooden sword bearers and Virginian support advisors. rers and Virginian slave drivers!

Mr. LYON is not expelled from Conrefs. Only four more than half voted gainst him. The Constitution requires to thirds. None of the members of the New-England flates voted in his favor, ex-Freeman and Varnum — Fearing least Mr.
Lyon should not be released from prison on
account of wanting money, a democratic march 27.

fociety in Stamford, Connecticut, voted to contribute fix pence a member for this pa-riotic sufferer!—Mr. Haswell, ever eager to do honor to his hero, gives us repeated accounts of boys being released from school to make speeches to Lyon and immortalize his pure same. The laures, gathered from this quarter, multindeed be beth young and green. If they cannot confer bonor on the object in view, they may, at eall, ferve to intimate that they are either born democrats or are promiting pledges of emulating parental virtues !- Prefident Adams feem to be making another attempt to negociate with the French Republic. Mr. Murray, Mr. Elfworth. & Mr. Henry, have been nominated by the Executive. I he continued spoliations, however, are no good omen of the success of any further nogotiation. A truce with an enemy, who will keep no measures, is as insecure as dishonorable. The French Dir story disclaim the idea of spending much time in such matters as making treaties; it is certain they spend as little rime in keeping them ! " Punica

Gazette Marine Lift.

Port of Philadelphia,

DAYS. ARRIVED. Schr. Adventure, Devereaux. Baltimore George, Weaver, Georgetown
Lively, Swain, do
op Sally, Gardner, Bofton
Mary, Smith, New-York
Harmony, Elwood, Virginia
CLEAFED, Bofton 4 New-York & Virginia 8

Ship Brothers, Hawkins, Terrifie, Kingfron. Brig Lively, Alcorn, Flora, Crefwell, Porto Rico Sehr. Friendship, Delastatur Polly, Mitchell, Baltimore Virginia, Grupret, Friendship, Sawyer, Betfy, Collins, Virginia Sloop Maryland, Gray, Svlvia, Macey,

Arrived at Glouc fter point, the Norfo loop of war, Capt. Williams, 19 days from St. Kitts, with dispatches from Commodore Truxton, to the Secretary of the Navy; came out with 16 fail under convoy for the continent; left there the Infurgent frigate, nanned and taking in her water for a

The fchr. Dick left at La Guira the brig Lovely Lafs, -, and brig Clariffa, Nic ols, of and for this port, to fail foon. The brig Nymph, Hardy, and schooner Minerava, Andaule, of this port bound to Europe,

came out in company with the Dick.

Arrived yesterday evening a d fired a salute, the schooler Adventure, Devereaux, om Baltimore.

Ship Farmer, M'Cellon, his port, was at La Guira when the Dick failed, to leave there for Curacoa in a few days.

The Kingston, Hodge of this port, was spoke off Cape Heary the 24th inst. bound

Brig Betsey, Howard, from hence to Havannah, was spoke off the Moro, all well a-

has arrived at Havanna, in 17 days from N.

Brig Experiment, Dolby, from hence arrived at Havanna the 7th 10ft.

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