DREADFUL SHIPWRECK, AND LOSS OF TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIX LIVES.

We extract the following melancholy intelligence of the loss of life, from the Hobart Town Courier of the 3d July:—

"We have this week the melancholy task to record another most distressing shipwreck almost contiguous to our island, attended with the loss of life more extensive and awful than that of the late ship George the Third. The female convict-ship Neva, commanded by Captain Peck, left Cork on the 8th of January last, bound to Sydney, having on board 150 female prisoners, with 33 of their children, nine free women, 22 children, and a crew of 26 persons, under the charge of the Surgeon-Superintendent, Doctor Stephenson, R.N. They had proceeded prosperously on their voyage until, on Wednesday, the 13th of May last, anticipating in a few days to arrive at their destination, and being, by the reckoning kept, about 90 miles from King's Island; so early as two in the morning, the men on the look out observed land in sight, and about four a reef of rocks suddenly appeared right ahead. Orders were instantly given to tack about, but while yet in stays the vessel struck and unshipped her rudder. The ship then became altogether unmanageable, and obeying the impulse of the wind only, was driven upon her larboard bow with violence on the rocks, and swinging round immediately bilged. The boats speedily lowered, but they had no sooner reached the water than they were upset, and in a few minutes more the vessel parted and fell asunder in four pieces, when, dreadful to relate, with the whole of 22 persons, who clung to the fragments, the whole on board perished! After enduring unspeakable hardships, the survivors reached King's Island, but seven of the number were so exhausted, that they died soon after, leaving only fifteen saved out of the entire complement of 241, namely, six of the prisoners and nine of the crew viz. the Captain, B. H. Peck, the First Officer, Joseph Bennett, Thomas Sharp, John Wilson, Edward Calthorp, Thomas Hines, Robert Ballard, John Robinson, William Kidney; and six women—Ellen Galvin, Mary Slating, Ann Culler, Rosa Heland, Rosa Dunn, Margaret Drury. Mr. Charles Friend, in his small vessel, providentially discovered them on King's Island, and has brought the whole with the exception of one of the women and two of the crew, to Launceston. It appears that the ill-fated Neva was lost about six weeks after the unfortunate George the Third."

The female convicts whose names are annexed, tried at Assizes and Quarter Sessions in this City last year, there is little doubt, perished with their unhappy associates on board the Neva transport, with one exception—Ellen Galvin—who is reported amongst the fortunate survivors of the above calamitous shipwreck:—Catherine Shanny, Johanna Sweeney, Bridget Hayes, Johanna Galvin, Catherine Ryan, Ellen Galvin, Lucy Minahan, Elizabeth Greaney, Mary Hickey, Ann Frawly, Honora Sheedy, Honora Peaton, Bridge Stapleton, Mary Malone.