

will not bear to be towed along; can bring the Minx lay on our hardfours for three days, and though it blew fresh most of the day, it came off without being bilged, and is in our Pier. I learn from the French-
men, that there are no gun boats at Dunkirk, but are finished, they are all sent to Boulogne. The soldier says, there are not above 4000 men at Dunkirk, but at Boulogne he thinks there are 10, or 12,000. The plan of invading the French kind of craft he says is exco-

—The French gun-boat, mentioned in our being sunk in our Pier, has been got up again. — It appears to be one of the first ever rigged, 68 feet long, 18 feet 3 inches wide, 4 feet 8 inches deep; she is very slight, her beams being only 4 inches square, and her keel 12 inch thick; the short brags gun abaft her is mounted on carbonate; and the one loit in the pier which has been got up, is a long 18-pounder. The French mulkets on board are longer than our own, and smaller bored. A human skull was found on the beach, which it is said they all have, and which they brought when they came to be fixed on a pike, as a trophy of death or victory. One of the French gun-boats was picked up this morning in the pier, the damage received by the gun-boat was in the pier, the anchor having made a hole quite through her; it does not appear to be otherwise damaged. It is the opinion of our sailors that she might answer very well for a river, but would founder if caught at sea in any bad weather, being so very low, having room on deck only for 20 or 40 tons of water, which there is no means of discharge: she is not new.

Dec. 21.—The Leopard of 50 guns, with Sulphur bomb put to sea above a week ago, and was, in consequence of most positive orders, that effect for Boulogne; and soon foundered close in with the French coast. On the 13th, there being a fresh breeze from the S. E., she was along shore from Cape Blanc Nefs to Cape Gréfinz, and the floods being in shore off Cape Gréfinz, about one o'clock on the 13th, they were driven much closer to the shore than they imagined; the enemy opened a very heavy fire on them from their mortars and gun batteries, and the Leopard was in shore of Cape Gréfinz. The Sulphur was in shore of Cape Gréfinz, and all the shot went over her, and struck the Leopard on her larboard quarter, but not hurt any person. Several shells burst, and Sulphur, and several fell close to her with-
out doing any damage. Our vessels then retired to the enemy's range, but they continued to fire for a considerable time after. In the evening they stood in close to Boulogne, where they were about 25 sail of brigs, with their topsails set, and most of them hoisting their topsails, which is a French custom, and they were putting to sea. In the course of the night the Immortalité and Harpy joined the Leopard and Sulphur; and as our people had no reason to expect the enemy out in the night, they were so close in always, that at any time they could hear the sentinels call out. On the 14th the Squadron was joined by the Leda, the Eagle, and Bloodhound. On Saturday morning the 15th, there were 22 sail of brigs, sloops and chaffers, and they got into Boulogne, from the westward. — The Leopard was almost near enough to cut some of our vessels, but they were too well protected by the Leopard. One half the Squadron always anchors in the bay of Boulogne, the other half keeps in the bay, so that it is next to an impossibility for the enemy to get out. The encampments about Boulogne are certainly large, but nothing equal to the encampments at Dunkirk. (says an intelligent officer on board the Leopard.) They are, as well as I can ascertain, as follows:—To the N. E. of Fort De la Pile, a camp of 3,000 men; between Fort De la Pile and Fort De Broche, two camps of

about 1,000 men each. Our Squadron has received information that a large body of troops had arrived for the purpose of being embarked at these ports, but this statement was not much relied on.

The Public may expect very contradictory statements to be circulated, respecting the preparations and movements of the enemy. While, by the late accounts from the ports, the preparations are reported to be at a stand; that neighbourhood, the accounts from more northern ports state them to be in great activity. Lord Moira, it is asserted, has written from Scotland, that he has received certain information of the enemy's intention to attempt a landing in that quarter, and that he is fully prepared to give them a great reception. Writing to a friend upon the subject, the Lordship says, "If you wish to see a battle, and immediately to Scotland.—The enemy, I am fully assured, will speedily make an attempt upon the coast; and should they effect a landing, I will not lose a moment in attacking them."

Dec. 23.—A Dutch Paper arrived yesterday, some of them the 18th instant, containing extracts from the King's Journals to the 13th. The First Consul had left Paris on the 13th. The Russian Ambassador Count Maroff had applied for his passport.

Last week a Court Martial was held at the Royal Marine barracks, Chatham, on Second Lieutenant Smith, a non-commissioned and ungentlemanlike conduct; whether charges being clearly proved, he was dismissed his Majesty's service, and rendered incapable of ever serving again as an officer.

The Melpomene gate, which has arrived at Portsmouth, brings it satisfactory intelligence of the total destruction of the Shannon frigate, which lately ran on shore off La Hogue, by the boats of the Merlin sloop of war, Captain Brenton, who, in the execution of his service showed so much promptitude of mind, accompanied with such cool and determined brave, as to equal, in point of prowess, any action performed this war, and excited the admiration of one who were witnesses of it.—The ship was destroyed by two strong batteries, and the shore lined with troops, who incessantly fired on the boats, yet not a man was hurt. The Frenchmen had taken her sails and all her stores out, and had prepared themselves with the hawser, cables, &c. to get her to which they expected to have done the next morning. She was seen burning to the water's edge on Monday last by the officers of the Melpomene.

DUBLIN DECEMBER 26.

Early on Thursday morning a most affecting accident occurred at an old house in Crane-lane, Dame-street, by the fall, it is said, of a chimney, the weight of which precipitated the floors in a general wreck, burying in the ruins a great number of the occupants. This unlay fabric is one of those buildings which modern extravagance had vamped up and given a new and tedious external appearance to; and was let out in apartments under weekly or very brief tenure, to many families of the working classes. The horrors (such an event, before day-light, and where such number of inhabitants were subject to its calamitous effects, is less difficult to be conceived than represented.

Whatever aid could be divined from the humane assistance of the neighbourhood was promptly administered, and a military band placed at each entrance of the lane to maintain the regular application of that assistance. It late in the evening labourers and others were employed in rescuing those who survived, and digging out those who perished, from the ruins. Among those of the latter description we lament to be informed there are 7 or eight, male and female, together with many others, dreadfully maimed and contused, who have been taken to the hospital. It is hoped this calamitous occurrence, arising from giving out

Milkenny Legion.—Second Company—Daniel Gibbs, Esq; to be Captain; Horatio Townshend, Esq; to be First Lieutenant.—John Bennet Gibbs, Esq; to be Second Lieutenant.
3d Company.—Robert Warren, Esq; to be Captain; John Orpen, Esq; to be First Lieut.; Wm. Boyle to be Second Lieutenant.
4th Company.—Edward Warren, Esq; to be Captain; — Cavendish, Esq; to be First Lieutenant; Angustus Warren, jun. to be Second Lieutenant.
Tully Rifle Corps.—A. N. Burke, Esq; to be First Lieut.; Rich. Morris, to be Second Lieut.

LIMERICK, DECEMBER 28.

At the half yearly examination held at Ennis School, on Wednesday, the 21st instant, the following young gentlemen obtained Certificates in their respective Classes:—Butler, Staunton, adus. Maunfell, 3ius. Fitzgibbon, sen. Peacocke, sen. Moran, Hargrove, Peacocke, jun. and Fosbery, jun.—O'Brien obtained a Certificate in Roman Antiquities:—Lloyd, 2dus. and Maunfell, 3ius. Roman History.—Mahon, 1mus. and Studdert, Declaration.—M'Adam cut for a Certificate in Roman History.—The following obtained Premiums in their respective Classes:—O'Loughlin, Spaight, sen. Spaight, jun. Lloyd, 2dus. M'Adam, Fitz-Gerald, Fitz-Gibbon, jun. White, Mahon, 3ius. Maunfell, 4ius. Richardson, and Fosbery, sen.—Mahon, 1mus. Hawkins, Maunfell, 2dus. Staunton, 3ius. and Mahony, jun. cut for Premiums. The following obtained Medals:—O'Loughlin, Grecian Antiquities; Mahon, 1mus. and Spaight, sen. Roman Antiquities; Spaight, jun. Maunfell, 2dus. Studdert and Fitz-Gerald, Roman History. Stapoole and Mahon, 2dus. Declaration.

We are concerned to state the loss of His Majesty's ship Scaffante, Capt. Heathcote, on Sunday night last, between the Spit and Spike Head, Co. Cork; it was bound from Cove for England with Volunteers, none of whom or the Crew, there is reason to believe, have perished.

Last Sunday being Christmas Day, the Bishop preached at St. Mary's Cathedral Church, and afterwards administered the Sacrament to a numerous Congregation.

Since Monday night last, we experienced an almost continued storm, blowing from W. S. W. which lasted until an early hour this morning.—dreadful apprehensions are formed of the calamities which may have been sustained on our coasts; we have heard of one Boat being dashed to pieces below the Pool;—at which place, the bodies of a Man, Woman, and Child, were driven on shore.

A letter was received on Saturday, by Mrs. Dunn, of this City, from her Husband, Lieut. Dunn, late commander of one of the Gun-boats stationed in this Harbour, stating, that on the night of the 18th instant, a Gun-brig, named the Edward and William, to which he had been just appointed, on its passage from Liverpool to Dublin, was totally lost near Bray;—it is feared that Mr. Dunn has been the only person of the crew who has been saved. The Edward and William was to have taken in her guns at Dublin, and then to sail for the Shannon.

The Hope, —, from London for this Port, passed by Graveland the 21st inst.

DECEMBER.—On Saturday night last of a decline, in the 18th year of her age, Miss Flin, only daughter to Mr. Edward Flin, Printer, sincerely lamented by her family and acquaintance.—Sun day in Mungret-street, in an advanced age, Mrs. Unthank, relict of Isaac Unthank, Esq; M. D.—On Sunday last, the Rev. Patrick Curtis, P. P. of Dyfert, Co. Clare.—Same day, in 3rd street, Mr. James Cuffen, Tobaccoist, a very honest man.—Yesterday, at Thomond-gate, much regretted, the Casey, relict of Mr. James Casey, late an eminent Cooper