

EXTRAORDINARY.

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Whitehall, February 25.

A LETTER this Day received by Milford, Lord Lieutenant for the County of Pembroke, dated Haverfordweft, February 23, Five P. M. contains Information that Two Frigates, a Corvette and a Lugger, appeared off the Coaft of Pembrokefhire the 22d Inftant; and on the Evening of that Day difembarked fome Troops, reported by Deferters to be about 1200, but without Field Pieces.

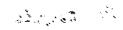
It appears that the moft active Exertions were made by the Lord Lieutenant and Gentlemen of the County, and it's Neighbourhood, in taking proper Meafures on this Occafion; and that the greateft Zeal and Loyalty were manifested by all Ranks of People, who crowded to offer their Services against the Enemy.

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Orchard, commanding the North Devon Volunteers, to the Duke of Portland, dated Hartland Abbey, February 23, 1797.

I Think it my Duty to ftate to your Grace, that I Yefterday received an Express from llfracombe, mentioning that there were * Three French Frigates off that Place; that they had fcuttled feveral lv erchantmen, and were attempting to deftroy the Shipping in the Harbour. * These are the fame Veffels mentioned in the above Letter of Lord Milford.

They begged that I would immediately order the North Devon Regiment of Volunteers under my Command to march to their Affiftance. In confequence of this Reprefentation, I ordered the Men to get ready to march as foon as poffible. I have great Satisfaction in faying, that in Four Hours I found every Officer and Man that was ordered on the Parade at Bideford (Fifteen Miles from Home) ready and willing to march to any Place they should be commanded to go to. I cannot express the Satisfaction I felt on feeing the Men fo willing to defend their King and Country, at the fame Time as filent, orderly and fober as might be expected at a Morning Parade of an old Regiment. The greatest Exertions were made by all Descriptions of People to affift, and to render every Service in their Power. As I was preparing to march, I received an Account from Ilfracombe, that the French Ships were gone from the Coaft, and that Tranquillity was reftored again to the Town. How far the Report was well founded I cannot poffiby fay; but as this Affair may be mifreprefented and exaggerated, I truft your Grace will excufe my troubling you with this Letter; and I flatter myfelf it must give you Pleafure to hear of the Loyalty of this Neighbourhood, and that the Behaviour of the Volunteers and Inhabitants will meet the

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