

His Majesty's Hired Cutter Lord Duncan,
SIR, *Downs, 20th December 1800.*

I Beg Leave to acquaint you of my having seen the Convoy safe into St. Helen's agreeably to your Directions; and that on my Return; (Thursday the 18th Instant,) being off Shoreham in a thick Fog, I fell in with and captured L'Eclair French Cutter Privateer, commanded by Jacquier Touffaint le Terrier, carrying Three Two-Pounders, small Arms, and Twenty Men; from Cherbourg Two Days, and had not taken any Thing.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

W. WELLS.

Vice-Admiral Lutwidge, &c. &c. &c.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, December 18, 1800.

NOTICE is hereby given, that there will not be any Levee at Saint James's till further Notice, nor any Drawing-Room until Thursday the 15th of January next.

Downing-Street, December 23, 1800.

A DISPATCH, of which the following is an Extract, dated Head-Quarters, Muhlendorf on the Inn, Thursday, 4th December 1800, has been received from William Wickham, Esq; by the Right Honorable Lord Grenville, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Foreign Department:

THE Army marched in the Night of Tuesday, and before Day-break Yesterday Morning, towards Hohenlinden in Three Columns; the Centre along the Great Road to Munich, which passes through Hohenlinden; the Right and Left in the Woods on each Side of the Great Road.

The Corps of General Kienmayer, which was destined to take the Enemy in Flank, marched from Dorfen in the Direction of Schwaben.

The Columns ought all to have arrived at their Destination a little before Day-break, or at the latest between Eight or Nine o'Clock; but from a heavy Fall of Snow and Sleet, which continued all Night and the greater Part of the Morning, the Centre Column only was at its Destination at Eight o'Clock, whilst both the Left and Right were still considerably behind; and the Left, under General Risch had, besides, lost its Way, and marched to the Left towards Ebersberg, instead of turning to the Right, in the Direction of Hohenlinden.

In this State of Things it appears, that the Division of General Richepance pierced between the Left and the Centre about Nine o'Clock, got upon the Great Road behind the Centre, and fell upon the Left Flank and Rear of that Column at the Time that it had formed in Front, and had just begun to attack the Enemy's Position.

I have not yet been able to obtain any accurate Account of what passed afterwards; but it seems that the Disorder soon became irretrievable, and that the Retreat towards the Heights of Ramfau was made with very heavy Loss, particularly in Artillery. Generals Spaniorchi and Loppert are Prisoners. I have not yet heard of the Loss of any other Officers of the same Rank.

General Kienmayer was attacked on his March by Two Divisions from Aerding, and suffered also

severely in his Retreat, which he made upon Isen in good Order, on learning the Disaster that had befallen the Main Army.

By the LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL and GENERAL GOVERNOR of IRELAND.

A PROCLAMATION.
CORNWALLIS.

WHEREAS His Majesty hath signified unto us His Royal Pleasure that the Parliament of this Kingdom, which now stands prorogued to Wednesday the Twentieth Day of December instant, be further prorogued to Wednesday the Thirty-first Day of December instant: We do therefore publish and declare, That the said Parliament be, and accordingly the said Parliament is hereby further prorogued to Wednesday the Thirty-first Day of December instant; whereof the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament, are to take Notice accordingly.

Given at His Majesty's Castle of Dublin, the Seventeenth Day of December One thousand eight hundred.

By His Excellency's Command,
CASTLEREAGH.

GOD save the KING.

NOTICE

To the Relations and Friends of Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers,

War-Office, 20th December 1800.

WHEREAS numerous Letters are received at this Office from Persons making Enquiry relative to the Existence or Non-existence of Non-commissioned Officers and Private Men in His Majesty's Army; and as these Enquiries are too frequently made by Persons in no Degree of Relationship to the Parties, nor having any other adequate Cause for such Enquiry, and sometimes with a View of discovering what Pay may be due to the deceased Soldiers, in order to institute Claims for fraudulently receiving the same:

The Secretary at War feels it necessary to give this public Notice, that no Attention will be paid, or Answers given, to any Letters from Persons making the above Enquiries, unless those Enquiries are accompanied by a Certificate from the Minister or Churchwardens of the Parish in which such Persons reside, stating, either that they are related to the Party in one of the following Degrees, viz.

WIFE,	BROTHER,
CHILD,	SISTER,
FATHER,	UNCLE or AUNT,
MOTHER,	NEPHEW or NIECE,

or that they are materially interested in the Information required.

For the Purpose of facilitating the Examination of the Muster-Rolls, it is particularly desired that, in all Applications so made, it may be stated at what Time the Man was enlisted; at what Time and Place he was last heard of; and the Regiment (and Battalion, if the Regiment has more than one) he was then in; and if Two or more Regi-