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THE transports lately arrived in the Downs from Gibraltar, have brought over the two Hanoverian regiments, which are the last foreign regiments in the pay of Great Britain, which remain to be discharged. The garrison of Gibraltar is now completed for the peace establishment, consists of 6400 men, including officers, all British; the corps of artillery alone amounts to 1200 men, of which 300 are bombardiers. This last regulation has taken place by the advice of the Governor.

By the Gazette of yesterday, there is advice from Constantinople, dated Aug. 24, which says, that after a continuance for some weeks of the hottest weather ever remembered in that country, the contagious disorder seems to have entirely ceased in that capital and its environs, so that there has been no appearance of the plague for this last fortnight. The same cause has operated the like happy effects in the islands of the Archipelago, where the contagion had nearly ceased.

It was imagined, that on the death of the Pretender and his brother, the race of Stuart would have become extinct, but it seems now in a fair way of being continued by a lady, whom the old Chevalier has lately declared to be his legitimate daughter. The following are the particulars received by the last mail:—Lady Charlotte, now Duchesse of Albany, is daughter of the Pretender, by a Scotch lady of great quality. Her father had hitherto neglected her, and she lived in the convent of St. Mary, on a pension of 60,000 livres, granted her by the Cardinal of York, her uncle. She was not a little surprized a month ago, to receive from Florence a packet, containing a letter from her father, in which she was invited to attend him in his old age; and with the letter, documents to ascertain her birth, legitimacy, title of Duchesse, and her being appointed, by will, heiress to all his possessions in France, exempted from the *droit d'aubaine*, by a dispensation of the Parliament of Paris. These possessions, with his personal property, amount to about two millions of livres; so that the recently recognized Duchesse will not be in want of property to support her rank. It is remarkable, that in the letters the Pretender wrote to the Count de Vergennes, to secure the inheritance of his daughter, he does not demand of the King of France the title of Duchesse, &c. but does those acts of his own authority, and only asks his Majesty's ratification, which has been accordingly granted.

A well chosen collection of books is arrived at New York in the French packet le Courier de l'Amerique: they were sent by order of the King of France to his Consul General, to be presented to the Universities of Philadelphia Oct. 1784.

and Williamsburg. They have been given at the joint request of the Count de Vergennes, and of the Chevalier (and since his brother's death) Marquis de Chattellaux.

Yesterday Aldermen Hopkins and Bates were sworn in Sheriffs at Guilhall, in the room of the late Sheriffs, Picket and Skinner; and Mr. Crowther and Mitford Young appointed Deputy Sheriffs; Rev. Mr. Lucas, Chaplain to Sheriff Hopkins, and the Rev. Mr. Clarke, Chaplain to Sheriff Bates.

The number of guardships is reduced to 17 sail of the line, which are distributed in the following manner: at Plymouth seven—Portsmouth seven—Chatham two—and Sheerness one: on board of which according to the last returns, 9427 seamen were employed, including marines, officers, officers servants, and persons of every description.

A letter from Dublin, dated Sept. 21, says, Yesterday there was a most numerous and respectable meeting of the freemen and freeholders of this city at the Tholsel, in order to appoint five delegates to represent them in national Congress, on Monday, the 25th of October next, when the High Sheriffs came forward, and produced the following letter from the King's Attorney General.

"Gentlemen, I have read with very great surprize a formal summons signed by you, as High Sheriffs for the city of Dublin, calling upon the freeholders and freemen of your bailiwick to meet on Monday next, for the purpose of electing five persons to represent the city of Dublin in national Congress. I must inform you, that in summoning the freeholders and freemen of your bailiwick to meet for such a purpose, you have been guilty of a most outrageous breach of your duty: that if you proceed to hold any such election, you are responsible for it to the laws of your country; and that I shall hold myself bound, as the King's Attorney General, to prosecute you in the Court of King's Bench for your conduct, which I consider to be so highly criminal that I cannot overlook it."

The meeting then adjourned without the chair being taken, and of course without any of the friends of a parliamentary reform offering their sentiments upon the occasion.

Friday, Oct. 1.

The Warren Hastings, Larkins, from China; the Walpole, Churchill, from Esneoolen, and the Fox, Blackburn, from Bengal, are arrived in the river.

The Earl of Oxford East Indiaman is arrived off Weymouth from St. Helena. She left no ship there.

Letters from Paris, by the last mail, mention, that the celebrated Madame D'Éon is shortly