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commences their enquiry, about Roads
should propose that the investigation
should extend to Ireland what an effect
it might have upon the Nerves of
some of our Squires, and how the
Committee would astonish the
whole Civilized World when they
should put into print the Thous
ands and Tens of Thousands which
is annually drawn from the Pea-
-santry of Ireland to keep their Broges
dry

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April 1819

28[27] Tues 8 AM. 47. Dry

Swallows about the house

29[28] Wed 8 AM. 48. Slight

Rain

30[29] Thur 8 AM 50. Fine

with a tryfling shower

31[30] Fri 8 AM. 48. Heavy

Rain at Night

[Problem - April only has 30 days]

May

1 Sat. Ther at 8½ AM. 46½ Fine

Swifts at Carrickfergus by Mr McScimm

- 2 Sun 8½ AM 55. Fine
Pyrus spectabilis Fl
Potentilla aurea In Flower
- 3 Mon 8 AM 52 Shower
- 4 Tues 8 AM 54. Fine
Azalea nudiflora Var } Fl
Polemonium reptans }
Ranunculus amplexi
-caule [*amlexicaulis*] in Full Flower
- 3
[Repeat of PDF1]
- 4
[Repeat of PDF2]
- 5
May 1819
[Wednesday 5 omitted]
- 6 Thur Ther, at 8 AM 54½ A
Slight Rain at Night
Swifts Come
- 7 Fri 8 AM. 51 Misty
Rain
Narcissus Poeticus Fl
- 8 Sat 8½ AM 55½ Fine
A
- 9 Sun 9 AM 57. Showers
- 10 Mon 8 AM 52½ Wet
day.
- 11 Tues 9 AM. 59 A
Slight shower at Night
Azalea Pontica } Fl.
Syringa vulgaris alba }
- 12 Wed 8 AM. 55. Dry
- 13 Thur 9 AM 51 Fine

Spirea Hypericifolia Fl.

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May 1819

- 14 Fri. Ther, at 8 AM. 56. Fine.
- 15 Sat Fine
- 16 Sun 9 AM. 53. Wet in
the Morning
- 17 Mon A Slight
Shower at Night
- 18 Tues 8 AM 50. Heavy
Showers of Rain and Hail
with tolerably loud Thunder
Crataegus Oxyacantha } Flowering
Orchis maculata In }
- 19 Wed 8½ AM 50 Fine
- 20 Thur 8 AM 50. Slight
Rain
- 21 Fri 10 AM. 51½ Wet day
Received from Mr Mackay
1. *Saxifraga Virginiensis*
2. ----- *caespitosa*
3 ----- *adscendens*
Sax

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May 1819

4. *Saxifraga viscosa*
5. ----- *incurva*
6. ----- *rupestris*
7. ----- *trifida*
8. ----- *quinqulfida*
9. ----- *decipiens*
10. ----- *densa*
11. ----- *spatulata*
12. *Polypodium calcareum*
13. *Aspidium spinulosum*
14. *Cotyledon luteum*

- 15. *Cerastium alpinum*
- 16. *Cyclamen hederifolium*[*hederifolium*]
- 17. *Artemisia sericea*
- 18. ----- *coerulescens*
- 19. *Convolvulus Bryonifolius*
- 20. *Atriplex portulacoides*
- 21. *Statice Limonium*
- 22. *Inula crithmoides*
- 23. *Silene acaulis*
- 24. *Pinus canariensis*

22 Sat. Ther, at Fine
 23 Sun Fine
Rhododendron Ponticum Fl.

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May 1819

24 Mon. Ther, at 9 AM 49. A tri
 fling shower
 25 Tues at 8½ AM. 54.
 26 Wed Fine
 27 Thur Cold NE Dry Day
 28 Fri Ther, at 9 AM 49. Dry cold
 29 Sat 8 AM 45 Some
 Showers

Went up the Canal as a
 Director to view

30 Sun. 8 AM. 45.
 [31 May and 1 Jun missing]

June

2 Wed Very heavy Showers
Aspodellus ramosus [*asphodelus*] } Fl
Azalea flammea }

3 Thur Heavy Showers
 4 Fri. Ther, at 9 AM. 57 Some
 Heavy Showers

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[5 to 20 June missing]
 June 1819

- 21 Mon Ther, at 8 AM. 60 After
a Stormy Night a Breezy day
- 22 Tues 8½ AM 58. Fine
Gladiolus communis } Fl
Rubus corylifolius }
- 23 Wed. 8 AM 61½
A Marten caught at
Mr Leggs of Malone
Dark Chestnut with the
breast and inside of the ears
dull cinereous yellow
the breast on casting the hair became white
- 24 Thur Showers
- 25 Fri 2 Heavy
Showers in the Afternoon
- 26 Sat Heavy Showers
- 27 Sun 8½ AM 53½ Hea
-vy Showers

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June 1819

- 28 Mon Ther, at 8 AM 53. Heavy
Showers
- 29 Tues 8 AM 57.
Showers
- 30 Wed 8 AM 56½ Some
Showers
Ligustrum vulgare Fl

July

- 1 Thur, Ther, at 8 AM 53 Showers
- 2 Fri 8½ AM 54 Showers
- 3 Sat 8½ AM 60 Showers
Rhododendron hirsutum
Philadelphus grandiflora

Fl

- 4 Sun 9 AM 59 Showers
5 Mon 8 AM 58. Showers
6 Tues 8 AM 59 Dry
About 10³/₄ PM I saw a Comet
a little to the West of North eleva
-ted about 14 or 15° above the hori
-zon

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July 1819

- 7 Wed. Ther. At 9 AM 63. Dry
8 Thur 8 AM Very
Wet Morning
Iris Xiphiodes [*Xiphioides*] Fl.
9 Fri 8 AM 55. Show
Wheat in Flower
10 Sat Some
Showers
Oats of the Orchard field and
Crabtree field almost all
shot.
11 Sun 8½ AM. 58. Dry
12 Mon. 8 AM 62 A
very slight Shower or two
13 Tues 8 AM. 66. Fine
14 Wed 8½ AM 63. Fine
15 Thur 8 AM 66 Fine

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July 1819

- 16 Fri. Ther, at 8½ AM 63. A few drops
Lilium vulgaris } Fl.
Penstemon campanu }
17 Sat 9 AM 60. Dry

This day about 3 O Clock in
the Afternoon My Faithful
Old Friend Alexander Dun-
lop terminated his Mortal
course at the 85 year of
his age [blank] of which he
had the Management
of the Farm of Wm. Legg
James Templeton, and
John Templeton, with all
of whom he was considered
more as a disinterested Friend
then a Servant.

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advantages of Literary and
Scientific cultivation might
have elevated him to a place
among Philosophers, but
confined as he was to the
pursuit of Husbandry,
those Talents which might
have attracted more
attention (had he been placed
in a more conspicuous situ-
-ation,) were displayed alone
in the cultivation of the soil
and the care of Cattle,
even in these matters however the
innate vigour of his mind
appeared,
by experience conjoined with ac-
-curate observation enabled him
with experience

to convince
many of his neighbours of the propriety of his
practice

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practice and to lead them to
adopt his plans. He was
among the first to shew in
Malone the utility of Lime
as a Manure, and he soon
without the aid of Chemi-
-cal Knowledge demonstra-
ted the
futility of liming the same
ground a second time
without at the same time
giving the Lime fresh Vege-
table matter for it to act
upon, and also that Liming
wet land without previous
draining was totally useless
In him with strong feelings
of Philanthropy were blended
equally strong feelings of Be-
nevolence, and all the Ani-
mals under his care, received
the

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the most unremitting attention
to their wants while in heat
and every kindness during sick-
-ness
To every improvement in Agri-
-culture which he heard of he gave a candid exa-
-mination, and prejudice never
prevented his adopting a new
plan as soon as his reason

was convinced of its utility
and its capability of being
reduced into practice consi
-dering the Climate, the Soil
and the expense
Throughout the eventful
period of the Rebellion a Peri
-od which proved such a Touch
-stone to Man's Hearts he ex
-hibited the Man of Peace,
by his candour and advice
he endeavoured to prevent
Mischief, and to soften the ex
-aspirations

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-aspirations of Party Spirit.
The exhibition of this Charac
-ter I presume not to offer to
the high in rank for perhaps
they would scorn it, But it
is presented to those in the
Humbler walks of Life, and
those who had the best oppor
tunities of observing him can
say He was a Man of whom
they may justly be proud
for in him was exhibited
the true dignity of Human
Nature. For this did he live
innocently and usefully em
-ployed, giving and receiving
kindnesses.
Loving Mercy, acting Justly
And walking humbly before
God.
And if this sketch can induce
even

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even a single individual to
resolve that they too will endea
-vour to Merit the like Eulo
gium when their days are
at an end, the object of the
writer will be completed

- 18 Sun Ther at 8 AM 58 Wet
Morning and Heavy Showers
- 19 Mon
- 20 Tues. Ther at 8 AM 57 Fine
- 21 Wed 8 AM 57 Fine
- 22 Thur 8 AM 60. Fine
- 23 Fri 8 AM 68 A Slight
Shower
- 24 Sat 8 AM. 63½ Misty
Moist Morning
Lysimachia vulgaris Fl.
- 25 Sun 8 AM 64 Heavy
Showers towards Night

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July 1819

- 26 Mon,Ther, at 8 AM. 60. Dry
- 27 Tues 8 AM 61. Fine
- 28 Wed 8 AM at 3
PM 70 Fine
- 29 Thur 8 AM 63 Fine
- 30 Fri 8 AM 65½ Fine
- 31 Sat 8 AM 68
Robinia glutinosa in
full Flower

August

- 1 Sun. Ther, at 8 AM. 68½ Fine

2 Mon 8 AM. 65. Thun
-der at a distance and a
heavy Shower

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3 Tues Ther, at 8 AM 65 Fine
Found in a ditch on the
right side of the road to
Carrickfergus in the Bel
-fast side of the Milewater
Bridge

Typha angustifolia

4 Wed. Ther, at 8 AM. 65. Fine

5 Thur 65 Some Rain
at Night

6 Fri 64. Dark dry

7 Sat 62 Dark with
a few drops

8 Sun Dark with a few drops

Campanula versicolor Fl.

9 Mon 8 AM 65. Fine

Found *Centaurea Cyanus* among
Flax at James Wards Fields

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August 1819

10 Tues Ther at 8 AM. 61. Fine
Cat hair with small clouds
and some light brownish
clouds driving along un-
-derneath

11 Wed at 8 AM. 63 Light
Shower

12 Thur 8 AM. 60. Some
Showers

- 13 Fri. 8 AM 64.
Tigridia pavonia Fl
- 14 Sat 8 AM 64 Dark
 dry day
- 15 Sun 8 AM 65. Fine
- 16 Mon dry dark
 Received from Mr Mackay
Glob

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Globularia vulgaris
Ophrys apifera
 Slips of *Androsace villosa*
Parietaria tomentosa
 Seed of *Reseda phyteuma*

- 17 Tues. Ther, at 8 AM. 68. Fine
 without
- 18 Wed 8 AM 65 Fine
- 19 Thur Fine
- 20 Fri Fine

Dracocephalum denti
culatum Fl

- 21 Sat
 Today I was delighted with
 seeing an instance of thought
 and affection in a Duck
 one of her young ones ha
 -ving

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ving fallen on its back in
 a dish of meat, the mother
 uttered a scream and run
 to its assistance, and lifting
 it's gently in her bill placed
 on its feet.

- 22 Sun. Ther, at 8 AM. 64 Fine
- 23 Mon 7½ AM 51 Misty
 Morning, Fine day, for
 some time very heavy dews
 have fallen at Night, and
 the Mornings been general
 -ly very Misty
 Began to shear Oats in
 the Orchard Field
- 24 Tues 7½ AM. 58. Fine
- 25 Wed 8 AM 57. Dark
 forenoon.
Lilium superbum Fl.

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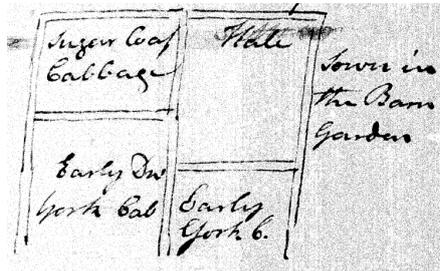
August 1819

- 26 Thur. Ther, at 8 AM. 56. Fine
- 27 Fri 8½ AM 65. Fine
- 28 Sat 8 AM 62. Fine
- 29 Sun 8 AM. 64. Some
 Showers
Nymphaea odorata Fl.
 for the first time with me
 in the Pond.
- 30 Mon. 8 AM. 55. Wet
 Stormy at Night
- 31 Tues 8 AM 49 Stormy
 Wet Night and day
- September
- 1 Wed. 8 AM. 50 Stormy
 Night, Windy with Slight Showers
Tritoma Uvaria Fl.

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September 1819

- 2 Thur. Ther, at 8 AM. 53. Dry
 3 Fri at 8 AM 57 Wet



Sugar loaf Kale
 Cabbage Sown in
 the Barn
 Early Dw Garden
 York Cab Early
 York C

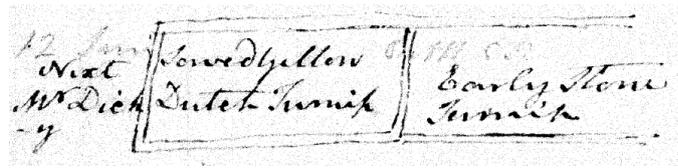
- 4 Sat. Ther, at 8 AM. 58. Dark day
 with some drops of Rain
 Wet at Night
 5 Sun 8 AM. 55. Fine
 Windy Morning. Some slight
 Showers and Thunder
 6 Mon 8 AM. 53. A small
 Shower
 7 Tues 8 AM 62.
 The small Black Cow called
 Doogan & young Russel with
 the Vaccine Pock

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September 1819

- 8 Wed Dark
 day Slight Shower in the Mor
 9 Thur Ther, at 8 AM. 65. Thunder
 and Heavy Showers
 10 Fri. 8 AM 54. Dry
Dianthus Superbus Fl

11 Sat 8 AM 55 Fine



Next Sowed yellow Early Stone

Mr Dick Dutch Turnip Turnip

-y

12 Sun 8 AM 58 Fine

13 Mon 8 AM. 61. Dark

dry

14 Tues 8 AM. 60. Dark

dry day

15 Wed 8 AM 53. Fine

Lobelia fulgens Fl.

16 Thur. 8 AM. 46 Dry

17 Fri. 8 AM. 49 Sometimes

Misty Rain

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[Newspaper cutting:]

ON PARLIAMENTARY REFORM

We are favoured with the following communication by a true Friend to the Freedom of Ireland.- Our anxiety to be impartial - to give to both sides of the question whatever can be urged in favour of either, induces us to give insertion to the following honest, though severe ebullition. There is one answer to all this animated declamation - it is this: that the immediate effect of Reform in Parliament must be the dissolution of that infamous and destructive measure, the Union. It is true, our excellent friend has no objection to embrace the Reformers, in case such a condition will be declared by them as the effect of Reform; but he must, on re-

flection admit, that this would be an unnecessary declaration for the English Reformer to make, as a free Parliament never can exist in England, as long as it is exposed to the exercise of that power, which an artful Minister must always find in one hundred Irish Representatives.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISHMAN.

SIR,

The high station which your paper holds in the estimation of the Public, and the respect that I feel for all those who exert themselves in the cause of the Liberty of Mankind, induces me to vindicate the character of my country, by shewing that the seeming apathy which prevails about Parliamentary Reform has its foundation in Reason. Ireland has been called upon; but alas! under the present circumstances, of what use to Ireland would be Parliamentary Reform? Her name is blotted out from the catalogue of nations. There is no path on which Irishmen can proceed to acquire true fame, and Patriotism is only found mentioned among the Historical Records of our Country. Think not that Irishmen have remained ignorant of the crimes which have disgraced the Governors of Ireland from the entrance of the bloody Strongbow, of the perfidious Treaty of Limerick, only made to be broken, of the last deed of her degenerate sons, who, seduced by the lures of the British Minister, descending from their high station to the lowest stage of debasement, sealed the death warrant of their country. Ireland has experience still more than Britain the disadvantages of a *corrupt* Parliament. She has seen that the Habeas Corpus Act, that Palladium of Personal

Liberty, could be rendered void, at the will of the British Minister, that to whatever extent acts of malignity were carried by those who call themselves

the friends of the British Government, an Act of Indemnity secured them from punishment. Thus did that most unjust ordinance generated by power, and not recognised by the constitution, an *ex post facto Law*, with equal handed injustice skreen the furious royalist and punish the poor and ignorant offender. But of what use would be the Reform of *an English Parliament* be to Ireland? Have we not known our country calumniated while Irishmen remained silent, and have we not experienced how little Faith can be placed in men removed from the invigorating influence of the applause of their countrymen and placed in the immediate vicinity of regal splendour, which in these times of avarice and ever restless ambition, like the eyes of the basilisk convey a deadly poison? What has Ireland to hope for from the exaltation of Britain? Has Britain ever acted the part of a generous friend to Ireland? Has she not hitherto appeared as an envious Monopolist, as an insolent Conqueror, and what reason has Ireland to hope, that the selfish, the interested policy, which has for so many years been the cause of numberless acts of injustice will ever willingly restore her Rights to Ireland? Rights which were not lost in the field, but which, after silencing the groans of expiring patriotism by tortures, death and imprisonment, were seized with malicious triumph.

And can the Men of Ireland forget the year 1800, when soothed by fair promises, and flattered with the hope that the chains would be broken which yet bind

millions of their fellow countrymen, they were induced to submit without resistance, and to behold, though not without a sigh the annihilation of the Independence of their country? If Ireland could forget that she was once a nation - that her brave warriors, whose names adorn her almost forgotten annals, triumphed over her foes, or died in her defence, the days when her volunteers, those unbought defenders of their country, preserved peace in the land, and deterred every enemy from approaching her shores without the assistance of your mercenary legions - if she could forget the apathy and seeming complacency with which Englishmen beheld the flames of her burning houses in which the sick and aged often met their death, the scourgings, the executions, which spread desolation over the land! before that the Fatal Act of Union deprived her of her Parliament, of the means of making known, of exposing public wrongs, Ireland might have listened to your request. While the Parliament men resided in their country, the feeble voice of Patriotism was sometimes heard in the house, and the hopes of Reform betimes enlightened the gloom which darkened the atmosphere; but the voice of an Irishman is no longer heard pleading the cause of his country, and

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of what use would now be the most strenuous exertions of Irish Patriotism against the preponderating influence of England? Could Irishmen have any hope that a generous spark would warm the breasts of Englishmen, that they would rejoice in the prosperity of any nation but their own, then might the sons of Ireland join in with heart and hand to assist them in obtaining their rights.

The present object calls for your most strenuous exertions, the civilised world looks with anxiety to the conclusion. If Britain now fails in this her last struggle in the all-inspiring cause of Liberty, despondency may take place of hope, and despair produce a listless imbecility. Ireland, long before this, felt her situation, she saw the path for her to pursue, the day star of Liberty appeared above the horizon, clouds obscured it, it has gone down, and, without superior inducements than Britain yet holds out, she cannot rouse the dormant energies of Ireland - and what are those inducements? The restoration of *Self Legislation* - the restoration of the Lords and Commons of Ireland;- thus preserving to her, her natural Protectors and the *true* soul by which our country can only be animated.

A.U.I.

[Handwritten at the end:]

Irishman 10 Sepr. 1819

John Templeton

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- 17 Fri Catherine seized with a severe illness and uncertain whether she would live
- 18 Sat About 2 PM became somewhat better
Yesterday and today very Fine days
- 19 Sun Fine
- 20 Mon. Fine Frosty at Night which Killed the Potatoe tops in the low grounds

- 21 Tues Frosty at Night Fine
day
- 21 Wed Fine - Got all the
Oats in the Stackyard
- 22 Thur. Ther At 8 AM 49. Fine
- 23 Fri 8½ AM 53. Fine

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- 24 Sat. Ther. at 8 AM. Some
Showers a very heavy one
at Night with Thunder
- 25 Sun. 8 AM. 49 Dry
and fine Morning.
- 26 Mon 8 AM. 50. Wet
Morning Fine day
- 27 Tues 8 AM 51. Fine
- 28 Wed Fine
Got at Mrs. Batts a
plant of *Phlox pyramidalis*
- 29 Thur. 8 AM. 64 Misty
Rain Windy at Night
- 30 Fri. 8 AM. 58 Wet
Morning
Received a Specimen of the
Tantalus igneus, shot in the
Bog Meadows by Mr John Dinnon

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- 1 Sat. Ther. at 8 AM. 58. Heavy
Showers
- 2 Sun 57. Some Heavy
Shower with a good deal of
Thunder
- 3 Mon Some trifling

- Showers
- 4 Tues 8 AM 43. Some
Showers
- 5 Wed 8 AM. 53.
Windy with Soft rain fine
afternoon
- 7 Thur 8 AM 50 Misty
Rain the greatest part of
the day
- 8 Fri. 8 AM. 58. Slight
Misty Showers
Several Swallows
- 9 Sat 8 AM 57 Very Wet
The Swallows for some time had
disappeared at Carrickfergus this day
Mr McScimmon saw about 20.

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- 10 Sun. Ther, at 8 AM. 57 Heavy
Showers
- 11 Mon 8 AM 55 Damp
Found *Potamageton fluitans*
in the back drain of the
Belfast Water course where
I also observed *Stratiotes*
aloides
- 12 Tues 8 AM. 55 Showery
Catherine returned home
- 13 Wed 8 AM 52. Fine
day with only a Slight Shower
- 14 Thur 8 AM 53. Fine
- 15 Fri 8 AM 47. Fine
with a slight Misty rain
at Night

16 Sat 8 AM. 46 A Show
-er or two

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17 Sun Ther, at 8 AM. 44 Fine
Tonight at about 8 PM I
was called out to see a Limi
-nous Arch, which was where
not obscured by some thin
clouds very bright, at once
I perceived that its place
corresponded with that one
which I saw August 11th 1814
So that I am led to conclude
that whatever produces this
appearance must be a
permanent cause, and that
like the Aurora Borealis
a particular modification
of the Atmosphere is neces-
-sary to render it apparent.
Robert traced the expansion of
it

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to be through the middle of the
Hyades, a very little to the
North of the Pleades, between
Mirach and Almach in
Andromeda, it then passed
a little to the south of Arided
nearly by Albice in Cynus
and last of all between α
and ε Aquiloe, it was first

observed about 5m past 8 PM
and disappeared at 20m
after the same hour

- 18 Mon. Ther at 8 AM 44 A dry
day with a hazy Atmosphere
threatening rain, which fell
tolerably heavy at night
- 19 Tues. 8 AM. 53. heavy
Rain at Night

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- 20 Wed Ther, at Heavy
Showers
- 21 Thur. Ther, at 8 AM 33 Snow
falling and Lying all day
- 22 Fri 36. Snow
lying Melting through the day
- 23 Sat 43. Very Fine
Turdus Iliacus Redwing Come
- 24 Sun 40 Dry cold day
- 25 Mon 38. Fine day
- 26 Tues 28. Fine
- 27 Wed 41 Fine
- 28 Thur 32. Fine
Turdus Pilaris. Come

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In regard to the right of the nation
to be represented, this right has, ever
since France existed, been acknow-
-ledged, by the Kings, the Ministers
and the Magistrates, who have
merited the National esteem. The
claim of unlimited prerogative

has had, undoubtedly by, a number
of Partizans; so many personal
interest are involved in that
opinion! But what names
stand adverse to each other in
this cause. Louis XI must be op-
posed to Henry IV; Louis XIII to
Louis XII; Richelieu to De l'Ho-
-pital; Cardinal Dubois to M.
de Malesherbes; and, if we were
to quote all the names pre-
-served in history, we might as-
-sert at a venture, that, with
few exceptions, wherever we
meet

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meet with an upright heart or
and enlightened mind, no mat-
-ter in what rank of society,
we shall there find a friend
to Liberty; while unlimited
power has hardly ever been
defended by a Man of talent
and still less by a Man of
virtue.

Consideration on the
French Revolution by
The Baroness de Stael
1. p. 147.

How great a fault under existing
circumstances! but also how great
an error, in point of principle,
was it to forbid the people to

return those who have already
shewn themselves worthy
of its confidence! In what
country do we find a suffi-
cient

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cient number of capable per-
sons to enable us to exclude,
in an arbitrary manner,
Men already known, already
tried, and practically acquaint-
ed with business. Nothing costs
a state dearer than deputies
who have to make their for-
tune in the way of reputation;
men of acquired property of this
kind also, ought to be preferred
to those who have still their
wealth to seek.

Same p. 425

In November 1792. Mr Thomas
Holcroft became a member of
The Society for Constitutional
Information, and although
he did not altogether agree
with all the opinions their pro-
mulgated

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mulgated it was his opinion
that it was "the duty of every
man to think seriously, and
act with vigour. Passengers
in a storm labour at the Pump

are upbraided if they linger,
and in danger of being thrown
overboard. Individual and gene-
-ral safety are the same; and
the man who is not trusted
with the helm, may yet aid
to heave the lead, or cast the
anchor.

Mr Holecroft, believing that all
men, and all actions contribute
more or less to the general good,
had long been accustoming him-
-self to keep that good in view.
Stimulated by the considerations
just mentioned, and by the
events that pressed with daily
as

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astonishment on the mind; he
ardently applied himself to
the study of Man, and the means
of promoting his welfare, and
lessening the evils that re-
-sult from his present vices and
imperfections. The chief of the
principles, to which this enqui-
-ry led, were that man is happy
in proportion as he is truly
informed; that his ignorance
which is the parent of his
misery and vices, is not a
fault, but a misfortune
which can only be remedied

by infusing juster principles,
and more enlightened notions
into his mind; that punish-
-ment, violence, and rancour
only tend to inflame the pas-
-sions

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sions, and perpetuate the mis-
-takes the are meant to cure;
and that therefore, the best and
only effectual means of amelio-
-rating the condition of mankind
is by the gentleness of instruc-
-tion, by steady enquiry, and
by a calm, but dauntless reli-
-ance on the progressive pow-
-er of truth.

Memoirs of Thomas

Holcroft Vol. 2. p. 145

29 Fri Ther at 8 AM. 38 Dry very
cold

30 Sat Ther, at 8 AM. 39.

Planted the following species
received yesterday from Mr Mackay

Arbutus alpina. Pyrola secunda

Satyrium repens Ranunculus mon-

tanus

Eriophorum alpinum

Gnaphalium supinum

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October 1819

31 Sun ,Ther, at 8½ AM. 39. Fine

November

- 1 Mon Ther at 8 AM 32 Fine
2 Tues 8½ AM 38. Fine
3 Wed 8 AM 38. Fine
Rain at Night
4 Thur 8 AM 51 Very Wet
Morning
5 Fri 8 AM 47 Showers
6 Sat Very heavy
Showers
7 Sun 8 AM 43 Showers
8 Mon 8½ AM 36. Showers
9 Tues 8 AM 39 Heavy
Showers

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November 1819

- 10 Wed Ther at 8 AM 45 Fine
11 Thur 8 AM 42½ Fine
12 Fri 43 Fine
13 Sat 8 AM 39 Fine
14 Sun 9 AM 45. Misty Rain
15 Mon 8 AM 41 Dark dry
16 Tues 9 AM 36 A Slight
whitening on the Mountain top
Dry cold day
17 Wed 8½ AM. 42½ Fine
Some Ash with leaves on, Larches
Yellow Brown Chestnut with some
brown leaves still on them, Tur
-key Oaks yellow green, with most
of their leaves,
the alder Dull green with most
of their leaves
A Swallow seen at Malone by

Mr John Lindsay

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- 18 Thur Ther at 8 AM 37 Fine
- 19 Fri Rain & Sleet
- 20 Sat Rain & Showers
- 21 Sun 9 AM 39 Snow in
the Morning on the Moun
-tain tops.
- 22 Mon Heavy Showers some
snow
- 23 Tues Snowing, Snow about
an inch deep Ther, at 9 AM 30
Snow lying all day
- 24 Wed Ther, at 8 AM. 39. Snow lying
Fine day
- 25 Thur 8½ AM 36 Snow lying
- 26 Fri 8 AM 39 Snow gone
- 27 Sat 8 AM 32. Fine
- 28 Sun 9 AM 34. Wet

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- 29 Mon. Ther, at 9 AM. 46½
- 30 Tues
- 31 Wed Wet Stormy Night Dry day

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- 1 Thur Ther, at 8 AM. 42½ Stormy
Night Dry fine day
- 2 Fri. 9 AM. 39 Stormy
Night
- 3 Sat Showers
- 4 Sun Ther at 9 AM. 38. Fine
- 6 Mon 8 AM 39 Some

Slight Rain

Are Frenchmen made to be

Free

Frenchmen are not made to be

free, says a certain party com

-posed of Frenchmen, who are

pleased

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[Newspaper cutting:]

WHISKEY.

To the Editor of the Belfast Chronicle.

SIR,

The world, which has gone jogging on for so many years, and which has afforded so much comfort to us Lords of the Creation, seems about to be turned out of its course; and was it within the power of a set of fool-hardy visionaries, who appear to be desirous of changing every thing which does not accommodate itself to their whimsical schemes, I really do not know how soon it might not be turned inside out. It was but the other day I was called a hard-hearted, unfeeling aristocrat - a man without one spark of patriotic fire - a friend to despotism, war, corruption, intolerance. And, my dear Sir, what do you think all this was about? It was because I would not go and sign a promise to quit using Whiskey - that exhilarating beverage so dear to Irishmen of all denominations - Protestant and Catholic - aristocrat and democrat - man, woman, and child! Yes; he would have me to forswear

taking a drop of Whiskey. Now, I have enjoyed so much pleasure from a drop of Ennishowen, both when travelling in cold and heat, wet and dry, by night and by day, that I would think it a sin against St. Patrick and our holy island, to quit this balsam of life. Oh! Sir, did you ever see to honest fellows just half seas over? If you have, surely you would not insist on my quitting the dear source of joy. -

Then,

"What tears of rapture and vow making,

"Profound intreaties and hand shaking!

"What solemn, vacant interlacing,

"As if they'd fall asleep embracing

"-----, in the turbulence of glee."

I doubt this silly business has been set on foot by some fellow who was too poor to buy a glass, and wished to conceal his poverty under the shew of patriotism. But, my dear Sir, as long as I can afford to pay the taxes, and enjoy the pleasure of a social glass, I think this plan is going a little too far. *Moderation, moderation*, Sir, is my creed, and a moderate reform is what I desire, which I think might be accomplished by the following plan: Those who have accustomed themselves to take two glasses, might leave off one; and those who have enjoyed four, might leave off two, and so in proportion. By this means, I have little doubt, but all parties might be satisfied, and a moderate reform speedily obtained. Don't insinuate that I wish only for half measures! Triennial Parliaments and a representation of property for me. How could those fellows who do not know the comfort of even one glass, understand any thing about representation and the constitution, when they do not even know that it is

the first principle of a good Government, to give to every man who can afford to enjoy them, the comforts of this world. How should they be judges of what was best for themselves? How should they, poor ignorant souls, know anything about laws? Their business is to obey those made by men who enjoy leisure to think about such things; and we all know, that nothing enables a man to think better, so long as he can keep from dozing, than getting a glass or two of good Whiskey. Have you not heard of what that great law and constitution maker, Peter the Great, said of our native - that of all wine it was the best; and that when the cares of governing our own country pressed hard upon one of our late Lords Lieutenant, he got an infinity of comfort from a taste of our National Wine, and was enabled, by its assistance, to manage the State helm with unheard-of satisfaction and moderation! Moderation! a moderate reform, I am satisfied, will fit the country best. Prettily, indeed, would the Radicals, with their universal suffrage, election by ballot, and annual Parliaments, govern the country, if they would deny us a drop of the all-inspiring Whiskey!

A REASONABLE REFORMER.

[Handwritten signature: John Templeton]

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pleased to do the honours of the nation in such a way as to represent it as the most miserable of all human associations. What indeed is more miserable than to be incapable either of respect for Justice, or of love for our country, or of

energy of mind; virtues of which
the whole - of which any one
singly, is sufficient to render a
nation worthy of liberty? Foreign
-ers do not fail to lay hold of these
expressions, and to exalt them
-selves in their own opinion
as if they were of a nobler
race than the French. This
ridiculous assertion however,
means only one thing, that it
suits certain privileged persons
to be acknowledged as alone fitted
to govern France with wisdom, and
that

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that the rest of the nation should
be regarded as factious.
We shall examine, under a
more philosophic and impari
-al point of view, what is meant
by a "people made to be free" I
would simply answer; it is a people
who wish to be free: for I do not
believe that history affords one
example of the will of a whole
nation not being accomplished.
The institutions of a country, where
ever they are below the knowledge
diffused throughout it, tend neces

-sarily to raise themselves to the same level. Now, since the latter years of Louis 14 down to the French Revolution spirit and energy have belonged to individuals, while government has been on the decline. But it will be said, that the French, during the Revolution, incessantly wandered between folly and crime

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crime. If it were so, this must be attributed, I cannot too often repeat, to their former political institutions for it was they that had formed the nation; and if they were of a nature to enlighten only one class of Men, and deprave the mass, they were certainly good for nothing. But the sophistry of the enemies of human reason lies in their requiring that a people should possess the virtues of liberty before they obtain liberty; while it cannot acquire these virtues till after having enjoyed liberty, since the effect cannot precede the cause. The first quality of a nation that begins to be weary of exclusive and arbitrary governments is energy. Other virtues can be only the gradual result of institutions which have lasted long enough to form a

public spirit. There have been
countries

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countries, like antient Egypt in
which religion, being identified with
policy, impressed as passive and
stationary character on the man-
-ners and habits of men. But in
general, nations are seen to im-
-prove or to retrograde according to
the nature of their government.
Rome has nowise changed her
climate, and yet, from the Romans
to the Italians of our days, we
can run through the whole scale
of the modifications which men
undergo by diversity of government.
Doubtless, that which constitutes
the dignity of a people is to know
how to give itself a suitable go-
-vernment.

Considerations on the
French Revolutions
By the Baroness de
Stael. Vol. 3. 166

7 Tues. Ther, at 8 AM. 38 Dry
Stayed at Mr Tennents all Night

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9 Thur Ther at 9 AM. 25. Ground
White
10 Fri 8 AM 30 Snow on
the Ground but very slightly co

-vering

Saw with a Mr Montgomery in
Belfast several stuffed specimens
of Birds among which were the
Falco Buteo Shot at the Cave Hill

Subbuteo

Colymbus Glacialis

Immer

And from this specimen of the *C. gla*
-cialis I am satisfied that the *C. im*
-mer is the female as the head and
neck of this specimen had not when
killed acquired the fine dark purple
with the white marks, but was
cinereous with a brownish
the exact colour of the *Immer* with
the white specks, while the back had
the black spotted feathers of the *C.*
glacialis

There was likewise I think the *Fu*
-lica

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-lica aterrima, but as I had for
-got the distinguishing character
the band at the knee, I only
concluded that it was this spe
-cies by it's being nearly as big
again as the *F. atra*

11 Sat. Ground still white very mis
-ty at Night

12 Sun Thur, at 9 AM 33 Thawing
Mild Fine day Thawing. Freezing

at Night

13 Mon 8 AM 34 Fine
Slight snow Shower during the
night

Received from Mr Underwood

Arabis alpine

Achillea Clavenna

Arundo Donax

Draba aizoides

Silene acaulis

Cornus Masculata

Rhus Continus

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to blast the fortune and fame of
the most deserving individual
who happens to become the subject
of their unwise precipitation. But
it is not the individual only who
suffers, but the whole body of which
these persons are members. What
man, capable of an original
thought or bold discovery, will
venture to submit his labours to their ani-
-mad version, if, in proportion to
their novelty, importance and
interest, they are to be visited with
disregard and opprobrium, in
place of the honour they may have
earned.

If (such people) had lived in the
days of Copernicus, and were to
pass a judgement on his discove-
-ries, with their goodwill, the

rotation of the earth would never
have found its way into daylight -
- rank

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- rank heresy! it contradicts the book
of Josuah! stifle it in its birth!
your duty to Gods requires the sup-
-pression of those truths which
most honour him!
No, their reply, these are not truths -
for truths must be known by their uti-
-lity, and utility is not an attribute
of heresy and materialism. Such
is their argument; but, by a dexte-
-rous use of these terms, there is not a
truth in physics or morals that might
not be easily transmuted into false-
-hood and crime. I unreservedly sub-
-scribe to dictum of Warburton, that
"we may as certainly conclude that
general utility is always founded
on truth, as that truth is always
productive of general utility". But
shortsighted and ignorant as we
are, is it for us to pervade the vast
and contemplative system of Providence
and decide with formal precision
what is to be infallibly useful or per-
-nicious

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-nicious in the administration of
the universe? Our business is
to discover truth wherever we may

have skill enough to find it, and leave it to God to confirm its utility. In matters (says Hooker) which concern the actions of God, the most dutiful way on our part, is to search what God hath done; and, with meekness, to admire that, rather than to dispute what he, in congruity of reason, ought to do"; in other words, what we, in our wisdom, shall prescribe to the Wisdom of God.

If there be a circumstance upon earth of value in the eyes of Omnipotence, it is the search after truth. Every fresh instance discovered of his ineffable arrangements cannot fail to add a new measure to his glory.

If the praises of men are acceptable to him, to unfold the resplendent truths that kindle

those

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those premises must be also acceptable. Yet the presumption of pedantry, the ignorance of learning, will officiously thrust themselves forward, and, in hopes of finding favour with God, trample under their audacious feet whatever can do honour to his name.

An Essay on dreaming in
-cluding conjectures on the
Proximate Cause of Sleep
By Andw. Carmichael MRSA
Tillocks Phil. Mag. Vol. 54. 334

18 Sat. Ther, at 9 AM. 50. After a Wet
night, a Dry day.

A very great Flood in the
Bog Meadows

19 Sun. Ther, at 10 AM 52. After a
wet night, a wet morning
Showers through the day

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20 Mon Ther, at 9 AM 53.
Yesterday heard from Mr
Montgomery of Belfast that
Mr Bradford received a
Specimen of the *Loxia*
Enucleator which
been shot at the Cave hill
and on showing the figure
in the Naturalists Miscel
-lany he recognised it
to be the bird.

21 Tues. Ther at 9 AM. 33. Dry
wet at Night

22 Wed 8 AM 35. Fine

23 Thur 8½ AM 33. Dry

24 Fri 8 AM 33 Fine

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25 Sat Ther, at 9 AM. 33. Fine

26 Sun 10 AM 31 Snow

Showers

27	Mon	Snow Showers
28	Tues	8 AM 31. Fine
29	Wed	Frosty
		Heard of that Mrs. Winchester
		Died on the 10th of Sept. in Jami
		-ca of the Yellow Fever
30	Thur	8 AM 33 Thawing
		and some Snow Showers
31	Fri	9 AM. 24. Snow
		Showers
1	Sat	9 AM. 26½

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Man was born for Labour, his configura-
 -tion, his passions, his restlessness all
 prove it; but labour would wear him
 out, and the purpose of it be defeated,
 if he had not intervals of pleasure,
 and unless that pleasure be innocent,
 both he and society must suffer. Now
 what pleasures are more harmless
 if they else, than those afforded by
 polite arts and polite literature

Life of Sir W Jones Vol.1.426

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[Repeat of PDF 63, covered on lower half by insert shown on PDF 64]

[Inverted on reverse of insert:]

Growing on a Mosey stone on the Northern side
 of Tullamore Park River between the 2d and 3 brid-
 -ges

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Let the friends of the Academical

Institution be aware of the Influence
of the Clergy. Let them guard every
avenue leading towards this National Seminary with the
watchfulness of Dragons eyes
if these insidious friends of
Mankind are not guarded against
every post will be at their com-
-mand every place will be filled
by them, Theological learning
and Monkish Superstition will
usurp the place of Science, and
The Human Mind once more
enchained in the Loathsome
feters of Bigotry may again
light the fires of an Inquisition