

Where ship or goods are seized for any cause of forfeiture, the owner shall prove the matter in dispute.

In trials upon information, in America, where a probable cause of seizure appears, the Judge shall certify the same on the record; and the defendant shall have no costs nor action; and in suits where no information shall be commenced and brought to trial, and the Court shall certify there was a probable cause of seizure, the plaintiff shall have but Two-pence damages, and no costs; and the defendant be fined not more than One Shilling.

## N E W S.

F L O R E N C E, March 20.

**H**IS Royal Highness the Duke of York arrived here on Friday the 16th instant, in good health. The desire of his Royal Highness to pass under the title of Earl of Ulster, deprived this government of shewing him those public honours on his entering the town, that were intended. The streets were crowded with people, and particularly that where Sir Horace Mann's house stands, where his Royal Highness condescended to lodge. A few minutes after his arrival there, a proper guard was sent to his door; and the officer who commanded it, being admitted to the Duke's presence, received his Royal Highness's thanks, and the guard was dismissed. Soon after marshal Botta's Aid de Camp was sent to enquire at what hour the marshal and the other members of the Regency might have the honour of paying their respects to the Duke: and the Great Chancellor of Russia sent the same message. His Royal Highness answered, That he would receive them after he had dined; when they were accordingly introduced to him by Col. St. John and Sir Horace Mann. Marshal Botta made a compliment to his Royal Highness, by order, and in the name of the Emperor, with offers of an apartment in one of his Imperial Majesty's palaces, his coaches, and every thing that could be for his Royal Highness's service and amusement; which the Duke declined. In the evening many ladies, who, by his Royal Highness's permission, had been invited, were presented, and the assembly was very numerous. The next morning the Duke took a tour about the town in his coach, in an undress, and called upon Marshal Botta,

who received him at the bottom of the stairs. The same day his Royal Highness admitted all the English to dine with him; and the day after the members of the Regency, Foreign ministers, &c. The Duke having heard that the Marshal had said, That out of respect he could not take the liberty to invite him to dine with him, but was very ambitious of having that honour, his Royal Highness sent him word, that he would dine with him yesterday, being the festival of the Arch duke. In the evening the Marshal made a great assembly for the ladies, at which his Royal Highness assisted.

Edinburgh, April 2. Yesterday morning the great solar eclipse was observed here with great distinctness. The sky was remarkably clear and serene, and the sun in full brightness, when the eclipse began, which was about nine minutes after nine in the morning. The middle, or greatest obscuration, was about 24 minutes after ten, and the eclipse ended about 7 minutes before twelve. During the eclipse, the thermometer fell 17 degrees and a half. Being exposed to the sun before the eclipse began, it rose from 65 to 73. At the time of the greatest obscuration, it fell to 55 and a half; and at the end of the eclipse, it rose again to 61. The churches did not meet till after eleven.

L O N D O N, March 24.

It is with the greatest satisfaction we can assure the public, that, from the great attention our most gracious Sovereign has for the good of his subjects, the Isle of Man is soon to be purchased of its proprietors, and annexed to the crown of Great-Britain. We need not remind our readers how often, and in what a variety of shapes so important a measure, both in the honourable House of Commons, and out of it, has been to no manner of purpose recommended for above thirty years past, altho' the fatal effects arising from this notorious feat of smuggling, have so daringly disgraced and impoverished the nation.

The Russian ministers at Ratisbon and Hamburg, are engaging a great number of German families, manufacturers, &c. to go and settle in the north-east part of Russia; as soon as they enter, a man has 8, a woman 5, and a child 3 schillings, heavy money, allowed them daily for their maintenance, and they are sent to Lubeck at the Empress of Russia's expence, where they embark for Petersburg.

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