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Dreadful Accident!



A Full and Authentic Account of the Dreadful and Fatal ACCIDENT that happened the COMET Steam-Boat, on her Passage from Inverness and Fort-William to Glasgow, yesterday morning, Friday the 21st October, 1825, when, off Kempock Point, she was suddenly Struck by the Steam Boat AYR, and instantly went down, by which melancholy circumstance, SEVENTY Human Beings were in a single moment precipitated into Eternity!!!

ON Friday morning the 21st October, 1825, the Steam Boat Comet, with Passengers from Inverness and Fort William, was run down of Kempock Point, between Gourrock and the Clough Light House, by the Steam Boat Ayr, outward bound. In rounding the point the vessels came in contact with each other with such force and violence, that the Comet went down almost instantaneously, when above 70 persons were, in a moment, precipitated into the deep. into Eternity? Ten only are saved out of above 80, which were believed to be on board. Amongst those escaped is the Master, who was got on shore, but in such an exhausted state, that, at the date of our latest accounts, he was unable to give any account of what had taken place, or of the Passengers on board. There is too much reason to dread, that the greater number of those who perished, are persons in the superior ranks of life.

Twelve dead bodies had been washed ashore at an early hour on Friday morning, amongst these were two genteely dressed females, two black servants, and Mrs. Wright, widow of the late Mr. Archibald Wright, Druggist in Glasgow. In the pockets of the body of a gentleman washed ashore, £70. was found.

Amongst those who perished, and whose names we can state from good authority, is Mr. Graham, of Corpach, Mr. M'Allister, W. S. Edinburgh, and Captain Sutherland, of the 33d Regiment, and his Lady, who were only five days married.

The body of Captain Sutherland, and another passenger were found in the yawl this morning. Mrs Sutherland caught hold of Mr Colin Alexander Anderson, (the only Cabin passenger who is saved) and for some time elung round him, but in the struggle with the waves, she lost her hold and perished.

It is reported that amongst the sufferers is the Lady of a Colonel in the army, with a family of seven children, from Inverness; a Mr. Campbell of Glasgow, with a young gentleman of the same city; but we avoid mentioning names on vague reports, not wishing to hurt the feelings of those who may have had friends and acquaintances expected from these quarters of the country.

Amongst those that are saved, are the foresaid Mr. Anderson, and the Engineman, Captain M'Innes, the Pilot, the Carpenter, a man passenger, from Fort George, a young girl, and a woman, who were driven ashore between two tables, considerably bruised, and who, most unfortunatly, lost her child.

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