

ormant considers there would be about 70  
ople on board; of these 11 were saved.  
A passenger on board the Ayr relates,  
at he was one of four cabin passengers who  
vere all below when the accident happened.  
He had laid down on a sofa undressed, heard  
a noise forward which alarmed him, and  
before he had time to disentangle himself  
from the clothes he had thrown over him,  
the vessels struck with a tremendous crash.  
On reaching the deck, he saw the Comet  
drifting from them, and wheeling round;  
there was light enough from the moon to  
enable him to distinguish the hills on either  
side and the various objects around. On  
board the Ayr the utmost confusion prevail-  
ed. The Comet was in sight for three  
minutes, when a most appalling shriek arose  
from the passengers on board of her, evident-  
ly crowding to the side nearest the Ayr, and  
with outstretched arms imploring help: not  
a cry reached his ears after the vessel went  
down, and in a few moments the sea was as  
unruffled as ever. All on board the Ayr  
were in the utmost consternation, and it is  
much to be feared in downright stupefac-  
tion, with the exception of two seamen belon-  
ging to the Harmony, who, after endea-  
vouring in vain to rally the men belonging  
to the vessel, lowered the boat at the stern,  
for the purpose of rendering whatever assis-  
tance was in their power; but at the mo-  
ment when she reached the water with one  
of the men in her, and before the tackles  
were yet unloosed, the steam was unfortu-  
nately set on, and boat and man dragged un-  
der the water; he saved himself by clinging  
to the ropes, and, providentially for all on  
board, reached the deck, when he and his  
companions had enough to do to keep the  
vessel from going down. She was evident-  
ly in a sinking state. At the time of the  
accident, the Ayr had a light at the bow, as  
well as a man on the look out.

**PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE.**  
*Greenock, Seven o'clock Saturday night.*

I have just returned from witnessing a  
most distressing and heart rending sight. In  
the course of the afternoon 16 unhappy suf-  
ferers had been brought to shore, and were  
placed in the church, in order to be recog-  
nized by their anxious and distracted rela-  
tions. A mother discovered her son; and  
two young lads found each a brother amongst  
the melancholy wrecks of humanity. I will  
not attempt to describe the emotions of grief  
which they exhibited on meeting with those  
who parted so shortly from them in the ful-  
ness of life, and with the prospect of living  
many years. An awful cloud overcast every  
prospect; and well might one of the survi-  
vors say, "that the shriek which arose when  
the vessel was sinking in the waters was still  
ringing in his ears." Many on shore heard  
it; and it is only to be lamented that some  
boats were not earlier on the spot, to render  
assistance, and save if possible, such a waste  
of human life. Yesterday morning brought  
on shore 11 dead bodies, and the 19  
of to day make the whole 30. I with ma-  
jority of the Gentlemen having

given up, when on Saturday se'night a let-  
ter was received from Gourrock, with the  
gratifying and unexpected intelligence of  
her preservation. So far as she can recol-  
lect, it happened as follows:—The first  
shock struck the Comet upon the bow, and  
turned the vessel nearly round. The second  
struck upon the stern, when she immedi-  
ately went down. It is believed, that had she  
not been struck the second time, she would  
have been able to reach the shore. Our in-  
formant, at the time this happened, was stand-  
ing on the deck, and when the vessel went  
down was precipitated into the water. She  
sunk twice, but on coming up the second  
time, caught hold of two spars to which she  
clung for about twenty minutes to half  
an hour. During the whole of this dread-  
ful period, she still had hope of being saved,  
nor lost her presence of mind during the  
whole time, as an instance of which, feeling  
a shawl she wore getting heavy with the wa-  
ter, she threw it off to lighten her. And as  
a farther proof, she saw several round her  
struggling in the water, particularly one  
gentleman near her, who from the gurgling  
noise he made, was evidently choking and  
making his last struggle, and then going down  
close by her side. A dog belonging, it is  
believed to Mr. Macallister, swam a long  
side of her, and she thinks materially aided  
her. It is not a little remarkable that when  
repeatedly driven back from the shore by  
the reflux of the waves, the dog never left  
her side, but invariably turned back and ac-  
companied her, and when she was landed  
followed her into the house when he remain-  
ed at the foot of her bed until the mistress  
of the house locked him in a cellar, from  
whence he made his escape next morning,  
to the young lady's great regret.

**THE BARON OF RENFREW  
SHIPWRECKED  
OFF THE DUTCH COAST.**

*Extract of a letter from the Agent  
Lloyd's at Dover, dated Oct. 21.*

The cutter *Ara*, Thomas Clark, master,  
arrived here this morning, with the second  
mate and sixty of the crew of the *Baron  
of Renfrew*. Clark reports that yesterday  
seven, the wind blowing very hard at N. E.  
the ship parted from her chain, and her  
head cast to the eastward; there being a  
great deal of sea, and the after part of her  
rudder loose, the ship would not veer. At  
5 p. m. the ship being S. E. of the North  
Foreland about 15 miles, driving under  
bare poles to the southward, the wind N. by  
W. the cutter *Friends Endeavour*, in com-  
pany with the *Ara*, took out Mr. Hays,  
second mate, and sixty of the crew; and in  
effecting this, the *Ara's* and the ship's  
boats were lost. The *Ara* said by  
the ship until half past 8 p. m. when  
she appeared to be driving towards  
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