

ormant considers there would be about 70
sople on board; of these 11 were saved.

A passenger on board the Ayr relates,
that he was one of four cabin passengers who
were 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 be-
longing 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 stream 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-

given up, when on Saturday se'nnight 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 immediate-
ly 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 from 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 let
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 at
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. Hall,
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
Gravelines and there being near 100
people on board, and no boat, Clark con-
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steer for the English coast. We hope and
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