

WRECK AND LOSS OF LIFE.—On the morning of Saturday last, the 8th inst., some of the inhabitants of the village of Kennavara Tyree, in Argyleshire, saw the masts of a schooner in the bay, about a mile off shore. By aid of a glass two or three men were observed clinging to it. A heavy sea was on, a gale having been blowing from the south and south-west for 24 hours. Though there were many spectators no boat was launched for some time. At length, about 11 o'clock, a boat was got out, manned with six rowers, and at considerable risk got near the vessel. They could not go very near, in case they might be swamped against the rigging, so the rescue was achieved in the following way:—A light cord, to which a piece of lead was attached, was flung to the sailors; this caught, a rope tied on to it was drawn up; to this, fastened to the mast, the crew were then directed to make a running noose some way down; by this man after man secured himself; then a jump into the sea, and all the survivors (three in number) were hauled safely on board. A very short time longer would probably have proved fatal to one of them, as he was much exhausted. They were able to walk to the village, half a mile away, and were well cared for. The vessel proved to be the *Maria and Fanny*, of Milford, Wales, from Ayr to Limerick, with coal. She had been driven out of her course by the gale when off the north of Ireland. Two men, the captain, William James, of St. David's, and Joseph Evans, of Milford, were drowned. The names of the saved are Thomas Davis, mate, of Newport, Pembroke; James Bowen, St. David's; and William Thomas, Milford Harbour. Especial praise is due to Captain Archibald Brown, of the *Laverock Scot*, and the boat's crew, who effected the rescue at great risk.