THE ROYAL GAZETTE.

The last paragraph had been altered by partial tion, the clerk, from the plausible manners of the tolerably sound ; but on approaching the residence The last paragraph had been in the prisoner, and from some slight facts which he men- of his mother, he roused himself and appeared much

"W. CORDER."

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Mr. Catchpool."

under to the Rev. Divine for his kind intentions. then placed in the prisoner's hands. ten, when, in point of fact, he was residing with His removal at that hour of the night was owing been narrowly inspected. There are some peranother female, whom he had married. The pri- to a suggestion of Sir W. Rowley, who considered forations of small shot, about the size of No. 7, ob-

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On Thursday morning the prisoner was visited hesitatingly declared themselves to be satisfied the remaining branch of the family. The distress of by several Magistrates at the inn, where he still prisoner was the party who passed the check. his mother, he said, affected him deeply, and but remained under strict surveillance. A number of Lea, who was present when the above account for that he did not fear death. He was lodged at persons, actuated by curiosity, were anxious to see was given, said, that after apprehending the priso- the only public-house in the village, where the dehim, but were refused their proposed gratification ner, he took him to the Red Lion inn, which is op-ficiency of artificial securities was supplied by the by Lea. Among those who saw him was the Rev. Mr. site to his house, and having placed a guard over vigilance of his gaolers. The village itself is an ex-Seaman, a Clergyman resident near Colchester, and him returned back to examine his desks, boxes, ceeding obscure one, and does not contain more who was acquainted with his family. The Rev. &c. After so doing, he resumed his custody of than from 20 to 30 houses. The residence of the gentleman begged him to accept his services, and the prisoner, who instantly inquired whether he prisoner's mother is, perhaps, the best building in gave him a handsomely bound Testament and had not found 80 sovereigns in a private drawer, the place. It is a neat and moderately sized whitehymn-book. After some general conversation, he in his writing desk: Lea declared he had not, and washed cottage, with a door in the centre, and

soner replied, " I shall answer no questions now. that it would best obviate those popular excite- servable in one of the walls, and there are also some

Must beg to subscribe myself your unfortunately, tioned, corroborative of his statement, was induced agitated. On recovering, he with much appearance to cash the check. On its presentation to the al- of feeling spoke of the manner in which his family leged drawer, he declared it to be a forgery, and a had been cut down within the last two years. One The letter was addressed as follows on the out- description was in consequence advertised of the of his brothers had been accidentally drowned in the party who presented the check. The advertise- pond almost fronting the family residence ; his fa-"Mrs. Corder, Polstead by Stoke, favoured by ment led to a communication, which brought Messrs. ther had died within that period, as also had his sole Taylor and Dale to Colchester, both of whom un surviving brother and sister, leaving him the only asked him how he came to swerve from the paths the prisoner replied, "Then my wife must have of virtue, and urged him to unbosom his mind. The taken them out ; send for her." This was done, on to the Green, where the village public-house, prisoner made no answer, and confined himself to a and she accordingly came over, and acknowledged called the Cock, is situate. The barn where the general acknowledgment of the obligations he was having taken out the 80 sovereigns, 20 of which she body was deposited, and where it is the opinion of He was afterwards visited by his brother-in-law, At half-past 11 o'clock on Thursday night, the mile to the left of the village. With the exception who, in the course of conversation, asked how he prisoner was removed, well secured, and attended of two small cottages, distant about 100 yards, there could think of sending letters, declaring himself to by Lea and Ayers, in a post-chaise, to the Cock are no buildings for a quarter of a mile round. Say nothing about it." Lea interposed, and sug- ments which the circumstances of the case were cal- spots and stains on the floor, which by many are gested the impropriety, as well as the indelicacy, of culated to produce. Besides, as the prisoner considered to be produced by blood. On the other who is generally respected in the neighbourhood, bitants of the neighbourhood, who incline in the Some believe in the story of the dream to its fullest importance in a retired and secluded village like

pursuing such an inquiry; and it was accordingly would have to pass the residence of his mother, side there are several among the intelligent inha-

The conduct of the prisoner was very different it was wished to give her as little pain as possible, opinion, that the murder was perpetrated in some on Thursday from what it was on the previous day. under the distressing circumstances of the affair. one or other of the lone pathways diverging from At times he paced about the room, with a silk. In the accounts which have appeared of the cir- the barn, and that the body was afterwards brought handkerchief thrown loosely round his neck, scarce- cumstances which led to the discovery of the body there for interment. It is confidently said, that ly speaking for an hour together, and his head of Maria Marten, it is possible there may be some the prisoner was seen going in a direction from the downcast. Again he would sit down and turn over slight inaccuracies ; but when it is considered that barn about four hours after the time when the asthe tracts and other books sent him ; but from the those accounts were collected at a distance of near- signation was to have taken place with a pickaxe on rapidity with which he passed over their leaves, it ly seventy miles from the scene of the occurrence, his shoulder. It is also said, that proof will be was evident that he was not in that composed state and allowing for the exaggerations and misstate- tendered that he borrowed a spade on the same day. which would admit of a patient and calm perusal of ments which inevitably attend any affair of interest, And here is a remarkable circumstance that the wittheir contents. Once or twice in the course of the some lenity of judgement may be reasonably asked nesses who speak to the precise day, derive their day he exclaimed, while pacing the room, in a half- for. Even on the spot, scarcely any two persons confidence from the fact of its having been the second suppressed voice, "Oh, if I could but be as free can be found who exactly agree in their statements. day of the Polstead fair, an epoch of no small

About nine o'clock on Thursday evening, Mr. extent ; others reject that part which relates to the that to which the witnesses belong. It is remarked Taylor, the chief clerk in the banking-house of particular spot being pointed out, while some few in the neighbourhood as a singular fact, that the Messrs. Alexander and Co., of Manningtree, and repudiate the dream altogether. From a careful accused, who previously to the month of May had Mr. Dale, of the White Hart Inn, which is op- comparison of accounts, we believe the following to expressed no anxiety to keep the key of the barn posite to the banking-house, arrived in Colches- be a pretty correct outline of the affair.

ter, and had an interview with the prisoner, The prisoner, who is the son of a widow lady, it. In the stacking of the wheat in the barn also, whom they both instantly declared to be the person renting an estate of 400 acres in the neighbourhood, it is now remembered, although little thought of at who had obtained 931. from the bank upon a check, had formed an intimacy with the deceased, who was the time, that he personally assisted in placing the which it is alleged was forged. On entering the the daughter of a common labourer. The result first layers over the spot where the body was found. room where the prisoner was, Mr. Taylor, advanc- was the birth of a child, which subsequently died, ing to him with a check in his hand, said, "Pay me the and was placed by the prisoner in a box, and bumoney-the 901. odd you obtained on this check." ried by him under circumstances partaking some-The prisoner appeared dumb-foundered, and held what of an appearance of clandestineness.

down his head. Mr. Taylor again addressing him, It is, however, but fair to state, that the elder covered, but was adjourned till Friday, when said, "Why don't you look me in the face ? Hold Marten declares the child to have died a natural The first witness called was John Bailam, a conup your head like a man." The prisoner made no death. The parents of the girl, as well as herself, stable of the Parish of Polstead, who deposed that reply, but kept his head down for full two minutes, had subsequently importuned the prisoner to marry he had not, during the month of May last, nor at when he threw himself into a chair, and covered his her, and at last he professed his willingness to do any subsequent period, told William Corder that he face with his hands. Messrs. Taylor and Dale so. On the 18th of May he agreed to meet her at had a warrant for the apprehension of Maria Marten. then retired. The circumstances under which the the Red Barn belonging to his mother, which is The Coroner remarked, that his reason for exacheck was presented and cashed were detailed af-situated on the brow of a hill, and is distant 50 mining the witness to this point, was in consequence terwards by Mr. Taylor, and were as follows :---- yards from any house. He, in the presence of of the evidence given by the mother of the deceased On Monday, the 14th instant, a person, said by her mother, requested she might dress herself on the last examination, and which, with the permis-Messrs. Taylor and Dale to be the prisoner, arriv- in male attire, for the purpose of avoiding no- sion of the jury, he would then read. He did so, and it ed at the White Hart, kept by Mr. Dale, which is tice, and he would follow with a gig, and take her was to the effect, that Wm. Corder, in accounting opposite the banking-house, and stated himself to to Ipswich, where the marriage ceremony was to be for the urgency of his wish in getting married to have a check which he wished to get cashed. Mr. performed. The deluded girl did as required, car-her daughter on the Sunday, was owing to he Dale told him he was before office hours, but if his rying with her, her bonnet, gown, &c., in a bundle, (Bailam) having a warrant in his possession, grantbusiness required despatch he would speak to the for the purpose of changing her costume at the barn. ed by the Rev. Mr. Whitemore, the Rector of the clerk to expedite it. The party said he was in no It should appear she was in the act of so doing, Parish, and a magistrate for the County, to appreparticular hurry, and there the matter rested ; but when the foul deed was perpetrated, for the coat hend and punish her for the two illegitimate chilin a short time after, Mr. Dale happening accident- worn by her, and the hat, and her own bonnet, were dren which she had previous to his becoming acly to see Mr. Taylor told him of the affair. Soon found lying beneath her, and her remains were quainted with her. after the bank was opened, the prisoner came over completely dressed in her proper attire, with the Mr. Humphries, who had just arrived from Lonand presented a check, purporting to be drawn by exception of her gown. Neither the gown nor the don in a post-chaise, to attend the proceedings on R. Atkins, on the Hadleigh Bank, in favor of Mr. trousers worn by her have been discovered. The the part of the prisoner Corder, here entered the Cooke, for 931. The Hadleigh Bank, and that at remains have been anatomically examined; but if room and addressing the Coroner, requested that Manningtree, are intimately connected ; but as in we are rightly informed, they do not display decisive his client might be permitted to be present at the this case neither the name of the drawer nor the per- proofs of a violent death. son of the presenter were known to the clerk, he demurred to paying the check. The party said he FRIDAY AFTERNOON. was well known in the neighbourhood, and had ta- We have already stated that the prisoner was re- as might elucidate that which might be available to ken the check from Atkins, who was an opulent moved from Colchester at midnight in a post chaise. his case. Such an opportunity he thought should, farmer, in payment for six beasts he sold him the He reached Polstead by two o'clock this morning: under the circumstances, be granted to the accusprevious market-day. After considerable hesita- During the greater part of the journey he slept ed individual.

INQUEST ON THE BODY OF MARIA MARTEN.

An inquest was held soon after the body was dis-

proceedings, so that he might be able, either by himself, or through him (Mr. Humphries), as his legal adviser, to put such questions to the witnesses