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L O N D O N, May 8—July 26.

At a time when robberies are become so frequent as at present, the public are not much surprised at finding a dozen different paragraphs of that sort in every day's paper—but though their number is increased, public curiosity is yet excited by every new story of robbing. The art of picking pockets has long since brought to perfection, and rapid advances are daily making in establishing a system of pick-pocketing that shall make bolts and bars of steel; but, can it be believed, that we are in danger of having a *household* stolen away, during a fortnight's absence from town!—and that in open air, without a fear of detection.—However extraordinary this may seem, the following circumstance will authenticate it. A house situated in a Court in Old-street, having been uninhabited about three months, was during that time shut up; two or three sets of keys were made, and given to bricklayers and other workmen, who were to be at the door; they entered the house, and began their work by removing the building, carrying away the materials in the cart, and making regular returns with the same. In this manner they had gone on, attending every day the usual working hours of men in the building profession during a whole fortnight, unnoticed by the neighbours, who naturally concluded that the estate had either been sold or let to a building lease. Having never seen, however, any one who had the appearance of a director or manager in the business, one of the neighbours addressed himself to a man who was loading the cart, and asked him "if the house was sold?" "Yes," he replied; "And where are you carrying the materials?" "Way according to the owner's order." "Who is the owner, and what is his name?" "Paul retained he, what signifies asking me a question like that; you know his name as well as I do."—These vague replies to his questions confirmed his suspicions; the next day he waited on the owner at his house, and found the truth to be as he had supposed. The person to whom the estate belongs went the next morning to the spot, and found the cart at the house remaining but the skins. The thieves, finding they were discovered, had not time to make their appearance.

An elderly woman, who lodged at Mr. Nightingale's, hatter in Giltspur-street, not being obliged to come out of her apartment in the court that day, and her door being fastened in the inside, Mr. Alderman, one of the Ward Beadles of St. Sepulchre's was sent to break open her door.—On entering the apartment, he found her dead in her bed; when they examined her drawers, they found cash, bonds and notes, to the amount of 1000*l*. An old pair of stays which lay by, they thrust into the fire-place, as worth nothing, but on taking them up again, found notes to the amount of 100*l*. covered in them. She was so miserably poor she did not allow herself the common necessaries of life, and on a person of the faculty being called to examine the body, gave it as his opinion that she died for want.

We have it on respectable authority, that our Court has, within these few days, received the most positive assurances from that of France, of her assistance in the present commotions amongst the Turks.

Notwithstanding the above intelligence, contrary reports of a French fleet sailing or being on the coast of sailing, with an order from our Admiralty to the twelve first of the line, under the command of Lord Howe, instantly to proceed to sea, so far proved false, that Three per cent. fell above two per cent. on Tuesday; and yesterday other reports

sustained by people's fears, and the prevalence of example, further lowered them, at one time of the day, to 70; they however got up two per cent. before the close of the market.

Two capital mercantile concerns at Alicante have lately failed for considerable sums, owing to a disappointment in remittances from America.

A very capital ship is under repair at the King's yard at Deptford, which is intended for a voyage to the Society Islands in order to transport thence to the West-Indies some of the bread-fruit-trees. A large space is prepared between the decks to receive the trees with their native earth. An astronomer is also to go out, under the patronage of his Majesty, to make observations on the comet which is expected to appear in the year 1788.

Wednesday morning Lord George Gordon, who had been seeking the Attorney General for several hours, found him at Alice's Coffee-house. His Lordship accosted him with great politeness, saying he had a very particular favour to request.—The Attorney replied, "it was in his power, the favour most assuredly should be granted;" his Lordship then said, "he wished to be indulged with three or four days to settle his private affairs." The Attorney General told him, "It was not in his power to grant him any farther indulgence." Lord George hastily said, "You have no private pique against me?"—"Not the least, I give you my honour," replied the Attorney General. "Then if you will not give me time, the Judges, in all probability, will," says Lord George. "I am rather inclined to think they will not," answered the attorney. "You suppose then they will commit me?" replied Lord G. Gordon—"in all probability they may," says Mr. Attorney. "Then Mr. Attorney, you would have me appear to-morrow?" said his Lordship—"Certainly," Lord George took his leave in a very polite manner, and the Attorney General went into the Court of Chancery.

To such a pitch of profligacy in morals had a poor wretch arrived, whose brutality to his wife lately brought on a fracas that hastened his death, that ominously a few weeks before his death, he boasted he had received a summons from Hell? and being invited to a burial, he said he was going to a terrible resurrection club; and even after the fatal accident happened, with the same air of levity, sensible of his approaching end, he said to his wife, "As it is out of your power to get any thing black to go in mourning for me, and as a black eye is all I can give you for that purpose, (aiming a blow at her face) that you shall have." However his strength was not equal to his intemperance.

Extract of a letter from Gibraltar, dated May 27, to a gentleman in Newcastle.

"Two men were shot this morning for attempting to desert to the Spaniards; many have deserted to them since my coming here, also many Spaniards have deserted to us. They keep a large army, with two very strong batteries, within 1000 yards of our works, ready to embrace any opportunity which may offer."

Extract of a letter from Dublin, June 21.

"Tuesday the following letter was filed at the Royal Exchange Coffee-house:

"Sir,

"I am directed by the Commissioners of his Majesty's Revenue to acquaint you, the merchants and traders of this city, that his Grace the Lord Lieutenant has received a communication by his Majesty's authority, that the goods of Ireland will be admitted into Portugal upon the same footing as the goods of Great Britain; in order

that the additional duty of thirty pounds per ton on all wines of the growth of Portugal, and the additional duty of ten shillings on every hundred weight of cork of the growth or manufacture of Portugal, and the additional duty of forty shillings a thousand on lemons and oranges of the growth of Portugal, or its dominions, may cease and determine agreeably to the clause for that purpose in the bill of supply of the last session.

"I am, Sir,
Your very humble servant,
"THOMAS WINDER."

Custom-house, Dublin, June 19, 1787.

Extract of a letter from Brussels.

"Substance of a code of Civil Laws to commence the first of May, 1787.

"1. The charge to be presented in form of a petition.

"2. The defendant must answer in a few days.

"3. A duplicate of the charge is to follow.

"4. Ditto of the answer.

"5. Immediate justice will then be done.

"Lawyers and advocates to have no other fees than what the judge shall allow according to his opinion of their deserts.

"The briefs and pleadings to be short: No repetitions nor useless phrases, but merely the simple state of the case.

"Proctors abolished.

"Every lawyer receiving a reward or fee, subject to a penalty of 1000*l*.

"The same penalty for giving or offering a bribe.

"No perquisites; no presents; nor any emolument to the judge, but his official salary."

Sunday is tonight the remains of the largest person ever known in the kingdom of Ireland, at least since the days of Phil Macoul, the famous Irish giant, were interred in the church-yard of Rosennallis, in the Queen's county. The coffin, with its contents, weighed forty-six stone, which wants but two stone of six hundred. It was borne on a very long bier by 30 strong men, who were relieved at intervals. The name of this extraordinary person is said to have been Roger Byrne, who lived at or near Borros, in Offagey, and is reported to have died of no other disease but a suffocation, occasioned by an extremity of fat, that stopped the play of the lungs, and put a period to his life in the 54th year of his age. He was seven stone heavier than the noted Bright of Malden, who weighed 38 stone nine pounds, and in the circumference of whole waistcoat seven of the largest men in that town were inclosed, without the least constraint.

Thursday died at Bristol Hot-wells, George Johnston, Esq. formerly Governor of West-Florida.

Major General Tonyn is appointed to the command of the 48th regiment of foot, vacant by the death of General Skene. His pension as Governor of West-Florida is thereby saved to the nation. This is true political economy, and highly creditable to the Ministry, who have observed the same rule in a variety of instances, beginning with Colonel Barre.

By an Indianman which passed the fleet boat to Botany Bay, near the Madeiras, a letter been received from an officer on board the modore's ship, which gives a melancholy of the state of the convicts.—In many of them they have behaved in a manner so that the most severe punishments are sufficient to keep any degree of order.