

## ENGLAND.

## HIS MAJESTY'S LEVEE.

On Thursday, March 27, His Majesty held the first Levee for this season, which excited considerable interest among the Nobility and Gentry, many of whom travelled a considerable distance, in order to be present at it. The fineness of the weather attracted considerable numbers about the Palace at an early hour. The Marshalsmen, the Under Porters, the Gentlemen Porters, the Sergeant Porters, the Pages, &c., attended at the Palace in their respective uniforms. The King's Guard, with their state colours, with the Band of the third regiment of Foot Guards in full uniforms, marched into the Palace Court-yard at one o'clock; about the same time a Captain's Guard of the Life Guards, preceded by their magnificent Band, took up their station in the open space in front of the Palace at the south end of St. James's-street; the two Bands performed alternately during the afternoon. So early as 12 o'clock, several carriages had arrived at the Palace; the gates were not thrown open till one o'clock, and the company immediately began setting down, and continued so to do till past three, without any intermission. A party of the Yeoman Guard, headed by Mr Monck, the Exon in waiting, were stationed in the Guard-room, in their Coronation uniform. A party of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms lined the Presence Chamber.

Soon after two o'clock, the time appointed, His Majesty entered the Royal Closet, and gave audiences to his His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, the Duke of Wellington, and the Earl of Warwick, who kissed hands on being appointed a Lord of the Bedchamber.

His Majesty then received the Foreign Ambassadors and Ministers, namely, Prince Esterhazy, Austrian; Prince Polignac, French; Prince Lieven, Russian; Count D'Alcudia, Spanish; Count d'Ofalia, Spanish Special; Marquis Palmella, Portuguese; Baron Falck, Netherlands; Baron Rolamb, Swedish; Baron Bulow, Prussian; Count d'Aglie, Sardinian; Count de Mandesloh, Wirttemberg; Count Ludolf, Neapolitan; Count de Moltke, Danish; Viscount Itabaynat, Brazilian; Mr. Lawrence, American; Mr. Colquhoun, Hans Towns; M. Biedermann, Saxon; M. St. Rocafuerte, Mexican; Senor Madrid, Colombian; Count Munster, Hanoverian. His Majesty gave audience to the Prince de Lieven, Ambassador from the Emperor of Russia, to deliver two letters from His Sovereign; Count d'Alcudia, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the King of Spain, to deliver credentials from the Duke de Lucaca; and Senor Madrid, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from Colombia, to deliver his credentials; introduced and conducted by Earl Dudley, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign affairs and Sir Robert Chester, Knt., Master of the Ceremonies.

After giving audiences to the Ambassadors, His Majesty received His Cabinet Ministers, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of York, the Master of the Rolls, the Commander of the Forces, the Earl Marshall of England, &c. &c.

The King then proceeded to the State Chair in the Throne-room. His Majesty was habited in a blue regimental dress, wearing the insignia of several English and Foreign Orders, and was surrounded by all his Great Officers of State, the Equerries in Waiting, and Messrs. Messinger and Dobell, the State Pages. The Marquis of Winchester, Groom of the Stole, and Earl Mountcharles, were the Lords in Waiting, and introduced the numerous Presentations, and announced the visitors to His Majesty.

The Austrian, Spanish, French, and Portuguese Ambassadors came in State.

The Duke of St. Albans appeared in the splendid cosume of Grand Falconer of England, with his gold chain and medal.

The Duke of Norfolk carried his baton as Earl Marshal.

All the Naval Officers appeared in their new regulation uniform.

The Levee concluded about five o'clock, when His Majesty left the State Rooms.

Among the numerous Presentations to His Majesty, were the following:—

Right Honourable Stratford Canning, by Earl Dudley.

Capt. Cates, on his return from Canada.

M. Viscount Rocafuerte, Charge d'Affairs from the Mexican United States, by Earl Dudley.

Mr. Frost, on presenting his Lectures on Botany, dedicated by permission to His Majesty, when he had the honour to kiss hands.

Mr. W. Rae Wilson, on presenting his book of travels in Norway, Sweden, and Denmark.

The Marquis of Hertford, on his return from a Special Mission, by Earl Dudley.

Lord Heytesbury, on his return from Lisbon, by Earl Dudley.

The Earl of Warwick, on his being appointed a Knight of the Thistle, and a Lord of the Bedchamber.

Mr. E. W. H. Schenley, on his return from America, by the Hon. Gen. Duff.

Mr. Addington, on his appointment to be Minister at the Diet at Frankfort, by Earl Dudley.

The Duke of Wellington, on being appointed First Lord of the Treasury.

Mr. Goulburn, on being appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Mr. Lawrence, Charge d'Affairs of the United States of America.

Mr. George Jackson, on his return from Washington, by Earl Dudley.

Mr. Backhouse, on being appointed Under Secretary of State, by Earl Dudley.

Rear Admiral Sir Edward Owen, on his appointment to the Council of the Lord High Admiral, by Sir George Cockburn.

Rear Admiral Sir Charles Paget, on his appointment to the Naval Command in Ireland.

The Duke of St. Albans, on his marriage, by Lord Frederick Beauclerk.

Sir Francis Freeling, upon being created a Baronet, by the Lord in Waiting.

Lord Encomb, on his coming of age, by the Earl of Eldon.

Mr Butterfield, on his being appointed His Majesty's Attorney-General of Bermuda, by Mr. Secretary Huskisson.

Mr. Ralph Abercromby, to deliver the Ensigns of the Order of the Bath, worn by his late uncle, Gen. Sir R. Abercromby.

Captain Franklin, R. N., on his return from the Northern Land expedition, by his Royal Highness the Lord High Admiral.

Captain Curzon, of His Majesty's ship *Asia*, on being made a Companion of the Bath, by Sir George Cockburn.

Lord Albert Conyngham, by the Marquess Conyngham, to kiss hands, on his appointment to the Secretary of Legation at Florence, and to take leave.

Major Walter Scott, son of Sir Walter, King's Hussars, on his promotion, by Viscount Melville.

Mr. Martin, Windsor Herald, on his return from the late Garter mission to the emperor of Russia, by Sir G. Naylor, Garter.

Captain Chads, R. N., on his return from India, and on receiving the honour of Companion of the Bath, by Sir G. Cockburn.

Capt. G. Pechell, R. N., on his marriage, by Sir J. B. Pechell.

Commander Back, R. N., on his return from the Land Arctic expedition.

Capt. Parry, R. N., on his return from the Polar expedition.

Lieut.-General Sir F. Robinson, on being appointed Col. of the 59th Regiment, by Lord Hill.

Colonel Sir J. Harvey, A. D. C. to the King, to take leave upon going to Ireland on duty.

Sir Henry Chamberlain (late His Majesty's Charge d'Affairs at the Court of Brazil,) on his return from South America, and upon his being created a Baronet, by Sir Henry Fane.

Sir J. Urmston, late President of the British Factory at Canton, on his return to England, by Viscount Melville.

Lieutenant E. N. Kendall, R. N., on his return from the Land Arctic expedition, North America, by vice admiral Sir G. Cockburn, G. C. B.

Mr. Serjeant Taddy, on his appointment of King's Serjeant, by the Lord Chancellor.

Doctor Adolphus, on return from Jamaica, and on promotion, by Sir Herbert Taylor.

The Bishop of Jamaica, by the Bishop of London.

MARCH 26.

## HORRID DEPRAVITY.

LANCASTER.—Jane Scott, who was acquitted of the murder of her father, at the last assizes, was convicted at the present, for the murder of her mother. The horrid crimes of this woman are beyond all example. At an interview with her sister, after her condemnation, she confessed the murder of that

sisters child, a little girl about eighteen months old, two years ago, to whom she gave laudanum, in revenge of a quarrel with her mother. The child was thought to have died in a fit. She also confessed that shortly afterwards she poisoned her own illegitimate child, a fine boy about four years old, whom she gave arsenic at tea time, by mixing it in some treacle: she took her seat opposite him, and watched him; she said, that almost directly after, she saw the glass come over his eyes, and he died shortly. At the time, many thought the child had not died properly, but she was never taken up about it. She was brought up in a Sunday-school, and from the age of fourteen years, has led a very abandoned life. At the age of fifteen she was seduced. She confessed she had ministered the arsenic to her parents in order to get their property, having been instigated to get rid of them by two dissolute male companions. She had never got out of bed since her condemnation, and had refused eating since Wednesday. She had frequent dreams, and called aloud, 'Oh, my dear father and mother! oh my dear Tommy!' (meaning her child) Oh! do forgive me! save me! save me! She was executed, pursuant to her sentence, on Saturday morning. She had never once got up from the time of her sentence until the morning of her execution, when she took a little tea: she was in a state almost of madness, and during the night, as on the former night, was crying out aloud. Early in the morning, she was in such a state of exhaustion, that, at one period, it was thought that she would have expired; but she afterwards recovered, and became a little more composed. The Rev. Mr. Rowley, the chaplain, attended her a considerable time previous to the hour of execution. When brought out, she was obliged to be carried by two women; life was all but gone; she had not the least use of her limbs, her eyes were closed, she only once opened them. The whole time, from her coming out, until she ceased to exist, did not exceed two minutes.

*Curious Case in Medical Jurisprudence.*—A gentleman married and in embarrassed circumstances, suddenly disappearing, it was concluded that he had gone off to avoid his creditors, on which they met, declared him a bankrupt, ascertained the amount of his property, and declared a dividend. Among this property was a jointure of 200l. a year to his wife, which they could legally claim, if he was a bankrupt; but if not, it continued the property of the widow. Five weeks and four days from the morning of his disappearance, his body was found floating in a neighbouring river, and so putrid that it was identified chiefly by the dress, and the contents of the pockets. And here arose a question, was he dead at the time he was declared a bankrupt; and if so, can a dead man be declared a bankrupt. One of his relatives, a veterinary surgeon, discovered, on carefully examining the body, that part of the flesh on the loins had been converted into adipocire, this he cut, carried it off, and showed it to Dr. Gibbes, who was at that time superintending the Institution for the production of adipocire, and the result of whose extensive experience was, that it was never formed in less than six or eight weeks. This evidence was produced on the trial, and was conclusive, and it was clear that the drowned man must have been under water since the morning of his disappearance, and, consequently, that he was dead at the time when he was declared a bankrupt. In law, a dead man cannot be made a bankrupt; the bankruptcy was set aside, and the jointure of 200l. a year restored to the widow.—*Medical Gazette.*

*Melancholy Suicide.*—On Friday morning last General Viscount de Saldos, a Spaniard of high rank, and one of those victims of Ferdinand who have sought a asylum in this country, terminated his existence at the House of a Mr. Perrow, of No. 19, Berner-street, Commercial-road, where he had been for some time past residing. The evils attendant on exile—obscurity, deprivation of rank, and pecuniary difficulties—are supposed to have led to, if not induced, this calamitous catastrophe, combined with another circumstance which no doubt is fresh in the mind of the reader. The apprehension of his son Baltasar, on a charge of forgery on Jones, Loyd, and Co., bankers, preyed on the sensitively honourable mind of the deceased, and created feelings which the pride of an old Castilian could but ill endure. Not having come down as usual on the morning before mentioned, suspicion was excited that some calamity had taken place, and on going to his room to ascertain the cause of absence, the worst fears were realized, and