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The *Samarang*, Captain Gover, arrived yesterday in the harbour, having left Liverpool on the 25th of November. Her passage to and from England has been singularly rapid, it having been accomplished in nine months and fourteen days. The news she brings with relation to the internal state of the United Kingdom is, as far as we learn, of the nature we expected. A most numerous meeting had been held in *Spa fields*, to take into consideration the distress of the Country. The language used and the objects avowed, at it, surpass those of any similar assemblage. A radical reform, together with a national bankruptcy are demanded, and physical force is to be employed in case of refusal. In our last Paper we alluded to the failure of the Harvest in England, and we now find that letters had in the middle of November been received in London from Scotland, stating that a considerable portion of the crops were still in the fields, and that the frost had already set in, very severe, accompanied with a considerable fall of snow.—They also state that a petition had been agreed to in Edinburgh, praying that Government would prohibit the distillation of spirits from grain and the manufacture of starch from wheat. There was also a report, that a very extensive distiller, in Ireland, whose connections were near Belfast, had received intelligence of an high political character having said, that if the market should advance materially after the opening of the ports for foreign grain on the 15th of November, that it would become a question with His Majesty's Ministers whether the distillation from grain should not be immediately prohibited, the food of the people being of the first consideration.

Dutch papers stated that the price of grain was falling, and that large quantities had arrived at Antwerp.

That the winter was likely to be very severe in England, may be argued from the early appearance of woodcocks in Devonshire; so numerous were they that in Exeter market they sold in the beginning of November at four shillings a couple.

Amid the gloom which pervades our native country, it is pleasing however, to perceive that the funds were rising. The 3 per cents. were at 63 on the 20th of November.

Nearly fourteen thousand emigrants from the United Kingdom had arrived in New-York, where not being able to find employment they were wandering to and fro. Their wretchedness, must soon, as we fear, be extreme, since the lowest board in America is 3 dollars a week.

The Lord Mayor in returning from being sworn in before the Barons of the Exchequer, on Lord Mayors day, chose to parade back thro' Westminster, instead of returning by water as of late times has been usual. We are sorry at perceiving this, as much must depend, during the next year, on the discreet and temperate conduct of the Chief Magistrate of the Metropolis of England. Admitting he was entitled to do so, as he contends, still, as we think, this is not the precise moment for collecting bodies of people together, or for marching in procession. If his conduct proceeded from the love of shew, it was the height of weakness; if from party views highly criminal.

A paper of the 20th of November giving intelligence from America to the 18th of October speaks confidently of an immediate rupture between Spain and the United States, arising out of an outrage committed on the National Flag. It appears that the *FIREBRAND*, American ship of war fell in with the Spanish Squadron consisting of the *Diana*, 24 guns, and two vessels of 18. The latter fired several shot and ordered a boat on board, which was refused, in the first instance, but the American commander complied ultimately and offered to surrender his sword as a captured vessel. This was declined by the Spanish Commander but they imprisoned the American officers, flogged their men and stigmatized PORTER as a pirate. This however is the story of an American and must be credited accordingly.

On the 15th of November, the French King was well enough to transact business with the Chancellor, the Duke de Richelieu, and the Comte de Cazez and to receive in the evening the chamber of

Deputies. On the delicate subject of the amelioration of the state of the clergy, they promised to conciliate the interests of that class with the existing institutions—with freedom of worship, and the too deplorable situation of France.

The Emperor of Austria's marriage had taken place.

Miss O'Neill the Actress, had been indisposed, but was sufficiently recovered to appear before the public.

The cotton and woollen manufactories are said to be in a very thriving state.

A new comedy called the *Guardians*, written by the late John Tobin Esq. had been brought forward, successfully, at Drury Lane.

Carnot has left Warsaw, having repaired to Berlin to solicit an asylum from the King of Prussia.—His Majesty allotted Magdeburg for his residence which he is not to leave without permission.

The Russian Archduke Nicholas has arrived in England. He is about 22 years of age, nearly six feet, of a very fine figure and said to resemble the Emperor Alexander.

The Marchioness of Wellesley is dead, having left all her property and fortune amongst her children. She had a separate maintenance of 5000 a year.

Lord Wellesley himself had also been extremely ill.

On the 19th of November four European seamen were capitally indicted for feloniously and piratically conspiring to carry off the *Mary Ann*, Captain James Webster, private India ship, the property of John Palmer Esquire, to the value of 300,000. The confederacy appears to have been planned off Sir Helena but was, in time, discovered and frustrated. Two of them were found guilty and sentence of death was passed upon them.

There had been a fire at Belvoir Castle.

At the sales at the Indian House on the 19th of November, a few bags, of what is called Surat cotton, very clean, was sold from 18 1/2 to 19 d. per lb; the good quality from 14 to 15; the fair quality from 13 to 14; and the ordinary and not clean from 12 to 13, and the damaged from 10 to 14. The Bengal good D. T. from 12 to 13; the fair at 12 1/2; the fair common quality from 11 to 12, and the damaged from 6 to 10. Heavy black pepper, about 2550 bales of the Company's, sold from 7 d. to 7 1/2. Ginger of fair average quality, good large strong sold from 69 to 78 shillings; and a small parcel of very fine quality, resembling the Jamaica ginger sold from 90 s. 6 d. to 92. 6. Casia buds of the tea flavour from £17-19.

The Lowjee Family left England on the 27th of October, but was to touch at the Brazils, which accounts for her non arrival.

The Cumbrian was to sail for Bombay on the 20th of November.—The *Princess Charlotte*, *Cathcart*, and *Ellersgill* free traders had reached England from this port. The *Providence* free trader from Bombay had also arrived at the Cape.—His Majesty Ship *Philomel* had arrived at home.—The *Oxford*—private trader bound to this port had sailed and was like the Lowjee Family to touch at the Brazils.—The *Ellersgill* is said to be also coming again with many other free traders.

The *Timandra*, free trader, for this port sailed from Liverpool about a month before the *Samarang*. The Lord Cathcart is coming out again, and The *Timandra* free trader was also expected to sail for Bombay.

A letter has been received from the Captain of the Brig *Wellington*, dated Ceylon the 24th of February, stating that he had a packet for this Presidency and that he hoped to be here about the 20th of this Month. He was to sail on the 26th February.

The *Challenger* brings no intelligence from the Gulph.

EUROPE MARRIAGE.

Captain George Swiney, of the Bengal Artillery, to Miss J. A. C. Usher of Pempleoran, Westmeath.

EUROPE DEATHS.

Mr. Lechmere, wife of Thomas Lechmere Esq. late of this Presidency.
Major General Sir George Holmes.

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