

her places. The same letters say, that they have an account from Constantinople of the deposition of several great officers, and that the fermentation among the populace still continues.

13. They write from Paris, that several Goldsmiths and Jewellers are employ'd by the court in making up a great quantity of rich curiosities, which are to be disposed of in private at the ending marriage of a daughter of France with the Duke of Piedmont, and on the arrival here of her sister from Italy. Those letters likewise say, that Stanislaus is much indispos'd since his return to Lunneville, and the queen has sent two of her physicians to attend him. There are also authors of some lampoons, that have been spread upon a numerous ecclesiastical promotion which his most christian Majesty has lately made, have been imprison'd, and it is thought to be very severely punish'd. So dangerous a thing is it to write in a country govern'd by a will.

The great business of setting at liberty the Dutch prisoners in France, is said to be entirely adjust'd, and that they have receiv'd notice to hold themselves in readiness to march at the king's warning. The Abbe de la Ville will return to the king in order to resume the functions of his ministry about the beginning of October, when it is said that a new Dutch ambassador is expected at Paris. The royal lottery lately order'd there goes on but slowly, most people that have money, being rather to employ it in trade, as that begins to become very brisk on the prospect of the approaching peace, and the great demand for French manufactures in different parts of Europe.

They write from Liege, that all the light-arm'd troops of France, in that neighbourhood, are in full march for Avennes, ween the Sambre and the Meuse, where they are to be receiv'd by the inspector-general, and reform'd, pursuant to the instructions that he has already receiv'd from the French court. It is believ'd, that a great part of them will be pick'd up by German officers that are recruiting in those parts for different powers, and those that do not enter into foreign service are to have passports and money given them, in order to return to the places of their former abode.

Several merchants at Amsterdam have receiv'd advice, that a new company form'd at Venice, for promoting the trade to the north, have resolv'd to prosecute that scheme with the most vigour; and that, besides a large ship freighted for Peterburgh, which has already pass'd the sound, they are actually fitting out four others, that will speedily sail for Hambourg, Copenhagen, and Stockholm, with all sorts of rich commodities and manufactures from Naples, Florence, Leghorn, and other parts of Italy, and large quantities of goods from Levant.

Several letters from the Hague, by the last mail, are not so favourable as former ones with respect to the speedy signing of the peace, but they suggest that as a resolution has been taken to leave nothing to be adjust'd in a future congress, this will necessarily occasion a considerable delay in discussing a great variety of important points, that were not formerly supposed requisite to be adjust'd by the deputies. Their letters likewise say, that it is thought probable there will be no fewer than many ministers from different countries, as the Emperor's, the King of Prussia's, and the King of Poland's, while at present there is no talk of a general conference of the last letters from Vienna say, that the Count de Podewils is gone to meet his master in Suenaburg, and that the departure of Count Czotack, for Berlin, is a thing as yet not absolutely settled.

On Friday last a man, for a trifling wager, undertook to drink a quart of Geneva, at an aubouche in Puckthorp in Norfolk, by a quart at a time; he drank six without seeming to be affect'd with it, but whilst he was drinking the seventh, he fell down, was taken speechless, and continu'd till five o'clock the next afternoon, and then died, leaving a wife and children behind him.

A few days since the following act of barbarity was committed in St George's fields: A young woman, servant to Mr. Hollis, a hop-merchant in Tooley-street, having had leave from her mistress to go and see some friends in Holbourn, in her return home was met by three ruffians, about nine in the evening, who ravish'd her; and one of them propos'd murdering her to prevent a discovery, which being over-ruled by the other two, he desisted from; but, in return, committed the most shocking and unbecomingly indecent. This unfortunate young woman lay in this condition above an hour before she was discover'd, when she was carried home, and the next day sent to St. Thomas's Hospital, where she died of her wounds. Before she died, Justice Hammond and Justice Clark attended her, when

she gave the above account on oath. Two of the above villains are taken up, and committed to the new jail; and the third, who is a clerk to a brewer, is since absconded; but it is hop'd that he will be taken, and brought to condign punishment.

On Saturday night last, just before eight o'clock, as Mr. Fletcher, in a viregar muscoveat in Cowdray fields, was coming up the road to Whitechapel, he was stop'd near the mouth by three fellows dress'd like sailors, who knock'd him down, beat and abus'd him in a very barbarous manner, and robb'd him of his gold watch, and a sum of money.

Yesterday a fellow went into the rose and crown on Millbank, Westminster, and stole wet linnen out of the garden; he was immediately pursued, taken, and carried to a coffee house in bridges-street, where he endeavour'd to escape by jumping out of a window; but he was again re-taken, and carried before Thomas Ellys, Esq; and committed to the Gatehouse. He prov'd to be one Cartwright, a stone Sawyer.

*Extract of a Letter from Brislaw.*

I take this opportunity of sending you a melancholy account of the mischiefs done here by the locusts, which has been carefully collected, and upon the truth of which in every respect you may very safely depend.

On the 20th of August an incredible multitude arriv'd at Lamberdorff, in the Bernstadt; there they formed in a column, and taking flight about noon, continued their passage for four hours over the forest of Minchen. These insects having pass'd the Oder, settled about the country of Ohlau; and after eating up every thing that was to be found at Rothland and Beckeren, they continued their passage again to Telsch.

On the 23d another swarm of these devouring creatures came from Patschkan to Ober Schreibeendorff, where they fell upon two gardens, and ruin'd every thing that was in them. As they were a little straiten'd in their quarters, they lay one upon another in heaps, to the height of one's knee; and being driven from thence, they eat up all the grass in the meadows, and even all the rushes and reeds about the village of Deutch Jackel. And from thence they continued their flight to Hoben Gierdorff, where they destroyed several fields of buck wheat. As yet we have no farther account of the excursions of this body.

A third prodigious swarm pass'd in the evening of the 22d by Zinckel. On the 23d they fell about Lonsdorf, on the 24th they pass'd by Schonbrun, Prieborn, and Siebenhuben, and at length took up their quarters in the village of Datzdorff, where they lay one upon another a full quarter of a yard high, taking up a quarter of a league in length, and about half that space in breadth. All the irons of the earth that are not got up, as well as the grass, reeds, and in short every green thing, is totally destroy'd. They tried at first to drive them away with poles, but to no purpose. At length somebody very luckily thought of beating a drum upon which they immediately took flight, but settled soon after upon the trees in the forest, from whence they were driven by Munsterberg; and then pass'd thro' the county of Glatz into Bohemia, where they had committed dreadful devastations on the lands of count Wallis. These insects are about the length of one's finger, and of all colours, grey, green, yellow, black, red, and brown. Some people pretend to say, that each of these insects has a captain of a most enormous size: this is certain, that they leave behind them an intolerable stench. Some of the inhabitants of the county have observ'd, that they make holes in dry earth, about the depth of one's finger, where they lay their eggs; which the peasants are endeavouring to destroy, by double plowing their land.

It is very remarkable, that the same evening they quitted Lamberdorff, three great swarms of winged ants pass'd by the same place, as if they had been in pursuit of them. Some people were foolish enough to endeavour to stop them, but as this drew the whole swarm upon them, they were quickly weary of that sort of diversion.

There is an account that signior Capello, ambassador from the republic of Venice, with his lady, returning home through Switzerland, was attack'd by near 300 Swiss soldiers, who were deserters from the French army, and rifled of their effects. No hurt was done to their persons, but it is suppos'd his excellency's servants, as they had made some resistance, were kill'd, not having been heard of.

There is advice from Antigua, that there is great plenty of French goods at that and other islands; that the inhabitants of Martinico are in a starving condition, and that their East India ships were sail'd for France.