

On Monday night last, as Mr. Burges, a mathematical instrument maker, was coming down Catharine-street in the Strand, a great number of fellows dressed like sailors, arm'd with cutlasses, swords, &c. assaulted him, and stabbed him in the face, head, shoulders, back, and through the right arm, and then robb'd him of his hat and wig, and a handkerchief; he was taken up speechless, thro' the effusion of blood; and was immediately carried to the Westminster infirmary.

At the same time an elderly gentlewoman going by, was robb'd by the same set of villains, and used in a manner too shocking to mention.

The French having felt the want of a fortress on the Var during the late war, marshall Belleisle has chosen the heights of Bellet and Carros as the most proper place to erect one, capable of covering that river for the future, and given orders for setting about it immediately.

According to the Paris letters, the 1st day of November was fixed for the departure of the young pretender for Avignon, whither he was to be accompanied, they say, by lord Gordon, and many other English and Scotch lords attach'd to his interest.

They write from Petersburg, that according to the last letters received from the company established for the propagation of the gospel in the vast estates which compose the eastern part of that empire, the Greek missionaries had baptized during the first six months of the present year, in the governments of Casan, Nischegorod, Veronitz, and Orenbourg, twenty nine thousand five hundred and ninety-seven Pagans and Mahometans, of both sexes.—This establishment, so greatly tending to the advancement of the faith, was set on foot by the late Count d'Osterman, who died some time since in his exile in Siberia.

We hear that the right hon. the marquis of Hartington will be appointed a lord of the treasury.

On Monday two sea-officers, having drank too freely at a house in Stupney, and words arising between them about a young lady, they agreed to meet the next morning to fight a duel, when one of them had the misfortune to be run through the sword arm, in so dangerous a manner that his life is despaired of.

We learn from Paris, that the court seems intent upon nothing but amusement and diversion, at Fontainebleau, and that the Dauphin and Dauphiness constantly attend the king wherever he goes; but that notwithstanding, it is observed the king's levee is sometimes later than usual two days in a week, and that he retires sometimes into his cabinet in an afternoon; when it is supposed that secret councils are held, there being a very extraordinary resort of courtiers to and from Germany and the North, the contents of whose dispatches are absolutely impenetrable. A very large gold medal has been lately presented to his majesty, from the mine of Ponoisse, which was very graciously received, and shewn to all the foreigners of distinction who were at court. The news of the peace was receiv'd here with unusual transports of joy; and whereas the government was obliged to excite such appearances upon every signal instance of military success, nothing of that kind was wanting upon this occasion; on the contrary, the magistrates were obliged to take measures to moderate it, and keep it within due bounds.

They write from Aberdeen in Scotland, that a servant-maid in the neighbourhood, in hopes of recovering some wifes she had lost, applied to one of those infamous cheats called second-fighted men, who so terrified her by his pretended magic characters and invocations, that she fell into fits, during which the fellow attempted to ravish her; but the wench recovering in time snatch'd up a dirk, or Highland knife, and disabled him from any farther attempt of that kind.—'Twere worthy the attention of the Legislature, to enquire into this sort of imposture, which prevails so much over the united kingdom, with no less disgrace to christianity, than detriment to thousands of silly creatures who place an implicit faith in whatever these jugglers tell them.

On Sunday last the hon. John Creed, Esq; of Oundle in Northamptonshire, lately a captain in the duke of Richmond's regiment of horse, set out from his seat, at Tichmarsh Warren in the same county, with a grand retinue, for his travels.—This gentleman is remarkable for his brave defence in defeating a party of the rebels, when they made an attack upon Carlisle.

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good, and therefore have often given us recipe's for the cure of the contagious distemper among the horned cattle; I suppose a receipt for the cure of the gout, that dreadful disease of the rich and luxurious, will not be unacceptable to the public. The following was given me with a *probatum est*, and under that sanction I let it take its chance, leaving it to the faculty to reconcile its opinion to the principles of philosophy or practice.

*An infallible Cure for the GOUT in the Feet.*

A young Turk of a good family happened to be taken on board a Tripoly rober by a galley of Malta, and having the good luck to please the knight who commanded the vessel, he took him immediately into his service, and used him with all the mildness and good manners imaginable. The knight was old and almost continually troubled with severe fits of the gout, which the slave often observed with tears in his eyes, and saying that if his good master was at Tripoly he could soon cure him, but that the remedy was impracticable at Malta. The old gentleman not making great dependance on his slave's skill in pharmacy, took what he said barely for the expressions of a generous heart overflowing with gratitude, and was so far prevail'd upon by poor Yusuf's humanity and faithful services, as to give him his liberty without ransom. At his return into his own country the young Turk fitted out a vessel to cruise upon the christians, and meeting with great success, carried on the same trade several years, till at last, by meer chance, he took a prize in which he found his old master, the generous knight. Overjoyed with having it now in his power to administer his remedy, he would not make himself known, but ordered the knight to be carried to a very rich apartment, where four mutes immediately laid hold of his feet, and having fastened them with ropes, regaled him with a handsome bastinado on his soles, which made them swell to a prodigious height: After this first part of the operation was performed, a surgeon immediately stept in and very dexterously lanced them, to let out the corrupted matter which the blows had occasioned. Yusuf then himself appeared, and throwing himself at his master's feet, with tears of joy, congratulated him upon his being now safe from any future attack of the gout. Yusuf was right in his prognostick, for the knight never had any return of his distemper.

ANNAPOLIS.

Last Thursday the Writs of Election were issued; the second Tuesday in May being appointed for the meeting of the Assembly.

The Election in this County is to be on *Eastern Tuesday*; and in *Prince George's County* on Monday the 6th of March.

The next Assizes for this Province will be held at the Times and Places following; *viz.*

For the EASTERN SHORE:

Worcester County, ———	Thursday, March 30.
Somerset County, ———	Tuesday, April 4.
Dorchester County, ———	Monday, April 10.
Talbot County, ———	Thursday, April 13.
Queen Anne's County, ———	Wednesday, April 19.
Kent County, ———	Monday, April 24.
Cecil County, ———	Friday, April 28.

For the WESTERN SHORE:

Baltimore County, ———	Monday, April 3.
Anne Arundel County, ———	Friday, April 7.
Calvert County, ———	Friday, April 14.
St. Mary's County, ———	Wednesday, April 19.
Charles County, ———	Monday, April 24.
Prince George's County, ———	Monday, May 1.
Frederick County, ———	Monday, May 8.

Custom House, ANNAPOLIS, *Entered.*

Feb. 19. Sloop Whitelet, Mark Parsons, from Boston.

*Cleared for Departure.*

Feb. 11. Schooner Beaver, El. Grover, for Salem;

— 14. Schooner Post-Boy, Barnabas Binney, for Antigua.

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