THURS DAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1788.

L O N D O N, June 24.

** OON after lord Mansfield's refignation was fignified, the following letter S was sent to him. It was signed by the counsel of the king's bench bar, who had practifed in the court during his lordship's administration.

" To the earl of Mansfield.

« My Lord,

your lordship in a body, to have taken our public venting up, and widening as above described. leave of you on retiring from the office of Chief Jus- We cannot learn the cause of this convulsion, but ings upon such an occasion by our own, and considering besides, that our numbers might be inconveni-

dinary faculties, which have so long distinguished fading mind over its varied events, and the happy in the most distinguished nation upon earth.

ty and Arength!"

The above letter being transmitted to the venerable earl by Mr. Erskine, at the desire of Mr. Bearcroft, the senior of that bar, and the rest of the gentlemen who subscribed it, his lordship, without detaining the servant five minutes, returned the follow-· ing answer:

"To the hon. T. Erskine, Serjeant's-Inn.

" Dear Sir,

"I cannot but be extremely flattered by the letter which I this moment have the honour to receive.

" If I have given fatisfaction, it is owing to the learning and candour of the bar; the liberality and integrity of their practice freed the judicial investigation of truth and justice from many disficulties. The memory of the assistance I have received from them, and the deep impression which the extraordinary mark they have now given me of their approbation and affection has made upon my mind, will be a source of perpetual consolation in my decline of life, under the pressure of bodily infirmities, which made at my duty to retire.

"I am, dear Sir, with gratitude to you and the other gentlemen,

Your most affectionate, And obliged humble servant, MANSFIELD. Caen Wood, June 19, 1788."

THUNDER STORM.

Between three and four o'clock Thursday afternoon, a greater fall of rain than has been remembered for many years, began, and continued incessantly for two hours, accompanied by fome tremendous claps of thunder, and several flashes of lightning. and particularly at Northumberland house, where St. Martin's lane joins the main Areet, the current

broke many windows.

and tremendous motion, part of the wall of the ditch

an opening rent in the earth to about forty yards; loyalists, and proved with what cheerfulness they many six yards deep.

.. It was our wish to have waited personally upon open about the fize of a man's hand, and continued

tice of England; but judging of your lordship's feel- leave it to those more conversant in the history of nature to ascertain.

In almost every part of London, the effects of this "But while we lament our loss, we remember function, with little or no damage from the electric acquainted.

" May the reason of this high satisfaction bear he sounded that samous protest to the French king, self d of it. its proportion to the lengthened days of your activi- of the 9th of May, which was the cause of his dif-

> So effectually stopped are all the communications of the press at Paris, that by a gentleman returned a very respectable and flourishing state. from thence, we learn, that in those towns where no actual commotion has taken place, the lower fort of people have heard nothing of the late political difputes between the king and parliament.

74 gun ship called the America.

Extract of a letter from Enniskillen, June 17.

the greatest importance to the nautical world. Mr. James Maguire, a writing master in this town, has discovered a method of finding the longitude with the greatest exactness, and so that it is plain to the meanest capacity; the longitude may, by this, be difcovered as well on sea as on land. He set off from this place yesterday, in order to lay his discovery before the lords of the admiralty."

Letters from Germany declare, that the emperor has issued an order for pressing the Jews into the military fervice.

BOSTON, August 29.

In the gale of wind on Tuesday last week, the floop of war, belonging to the marquis de Saineville's squadron, was dismasted—and was towed into the road, on Sunday last.

The French squadron, we are told, brought in the captain and crew of an American vessel, that was shipwrecked near Cape François. They were put on

NEW-YORK, The streets were totally impassable for foot passengers; Extract of a letter from a gentleman in London, to bis friend in this city, dated July 1, 1788.

"In the house of commons, on the fixth of June, was so violent, that for some time horses and car- Mr. Gilbert took the chair, when the order of the riages were scarcely able to keep their seet. About day being read, Mr. Pitt rose, and after a pretty long sent by commission." Charing-cross, and all the streets adjoining the wa- exordium, in which he paid some compliments to the ter fide from the Strand, the lower parts of the integrity of the loyalists, he began, and making an houses were entirely under water. Near the bottom apology for procrastinating the settlement of their of Northumberland-Areet, such a stoppage took place claims to this period, proposed the sum of 1,228,2391. half the street across; and so entirely sapped the and proved their claims to sifth April, 1788, by defoundation of the house used as the coal-meter's of- benture, bearing interest, and in the following manfice, that the inhabitants quitted it; and it was only ner:-All sums not exceeding ten thousand pounds tary effects. prevented from falling by props put to it in various to be paid the full amount; when the amount is a-Between four and five o'clock, by one convultive pounds per cent. for all above ten thousand pounds.

ed down to the distance of near twenty yards, and enlarged much on the merit and sufferings of the globules on the surface of the body.

and on the opposite, or east side of Tower-hill, at joined the British cause, and particularising the case the same time attended with a terrible rushing of wa- of Mr. Harford, whose property in Maryland was ters, a rent has been made in the earth from the end estimated at seven hundred thousand pounds, which next St Catharine's, as far as the opposite corner to was sirst curtailed by the commissioners sent to exa-King-street, the bottom of the Minories. The aper- mine claims in America, and reduced to three hunture is in some places near two yards wide, and in dred and ten thousand, since which it got another pruning, and was reduced by the commissioners at The account we can collect from the spectators of Lincoln's Inn, and the discount exto ted by the chanthis extraordinary event is, that the earth began to cellor of the exchequer, to the small sum of seventy thousand-Moved that they should be put on the fame footing they were found; this required an answer from Mr. Pitt, who acknowledged the sufferings of the loyalists had been many and great, but contrasted by saying the same was the case with the inhabitants of this country; for the heavy burthens ccent, we desire in this manner affectionately to assure florm have been experienced in some degree. During casioned by the same war were severely felt here, and your lordship, that we regret with a just sensibility, the thunder and lightning Thursday afternoon, the if the loyalists were put on the same forcing they the loss of a magistrate whose conspicuous and exalt- mate of a vessel from the West Indies, who had been were found, they would be in a much BETTER state ed talents conferred dignity upon the profession; struck with the palfy in the right side during his than his majesty's subjects at home, and concluded. whose enlightened and regular administration of just- voyage home, which rendered his leg and arm quite by saying, he thought the sum proposed was very getice made its duties less difficult and laborious, and useless, received a shock from a flash of lightning nerous, and as much as this country was able to whose manners rendered them pleasant and respecta- that entered at the cabin windows, which actually bear; but if gentlemen could propose a better mode restored his seemingly decayed limbs to their original of applying it, he should be very happy to be made

with peculiar satisfaction, that your lordship is not fire, except singing his coat and burning a part of "Mr. Burke next rose, but the flight of his imacut off from us by the sudden stroke of painful dis- his cheeks. The room was filled with a strong sul- gination soared so far above my comprehension, that temper, or the more distressing ebb of those extraor- phureous smoke, which remained for several minutes. I can only follow him in a few instances; the most July 4. By a letter from Paris we have learnt, that material was the unprecedented loyalty of the Ameyou amongst men; but that it has pleased God to the way which the parliament of that city became ricans, the cheerfulness with which they joined the allow, to the evening of an useful and illustrious life, acquainted with what was going on at the king's British standard, on the promises of the British comthe purest enjoyments which nature has ever allotted printing office at Versailles, during the time it was mander, and exposing the scandalous manner in to it—the unclouded reflections of a superior and un- so long surrounded by troops, previous to the issuing which they were abandoned, particularising several the new edicts, was, that one of the printers found instances, and concluded by saying, he should give consciousness, that it has been faithfully and emi- means to enclose the heads of them in a tall of glazed his vote for not only putting the loyalists on the same nently devoted to the highest duties of human society, earth, which he got conveyed to M. D'Espremenil, footing they were found, but to give them interest the member who was exiled. On this intelligence for their property from the time they became dispos-

" Mr. Pitt answered, endeavouring to prove that the finances of this country would not allow it.

"This called up Mr. Fox to prove the country in

" After which Sir W. Dolben, Mr. Steel, Sir James Johnstone, and many others, severally spoke, when the question was pui, and as is usual, the minister carried the motion; it was ordered that the or-The French, in compliment to their allies, the der of the day for the house to consider of the statestates of America, have just launched at Brest a new ment of the claims examined by the commissioners appointed to inquire into the losses and services of the American loyalists, with the amount of the lums red "A discovery has been made here, which is of ported by them to be due to each class, and also the estimate of the probable amount of fuch further claims as remain to be examined.

"The order of the day being read for the house to resolve itself into a committee of the whole house upon the bill for appointing commissioners further to inquire into the losses and services of all such persons who have suffered in their rights, properties and possessions, during the late unhappy dissentions in America, in confequence of their loyalty to his majesty and attachment to the British government: Ordered, that it be an instruction to the said committee that they have power to receive a clause for authorising the said commissioners to inquire into the losses sustained by persons either by furnishing provisions, or other necessaries for the service of his majesty's navy or army in America during the late war, or by having their property seized, used or destroyed, for the carrying on the public service there. Adjourned till Monday.

wages, on board the squadron, and assisted in piloting Mr. Gilbert in the chair. In a committee of the " Monday, 9th June, 1788. House of commons." whole house, 1,228,239l. was granted to settle with those loyalists who have had their hearing and proved their claims; and the bill was passed for authorising the commissioners to inquire into the losses of those who remain unexamined, and report the same; since which ALL the above bills have received the royal af-

PITTSBURG, August 9. MEDICAL WATERS.

The public are hereby informed that a discovery in the sewer, that it burst up the pavement, and to be paid to such loyalists who have been examined hath lately been made of some medical springs in Washington county, from the use of which many afflicted persons have already experienced the most salu-

No attempt hath been made to analy e this water, bove ten thousand, and not above thirty-five thousand nor is it perhaps possible to ascertain its quality with-During the above storm of rain, a ball of fire burst, pounds at the rate of ninety pounds per cent. for such out some regular experiment; it issues in very large with the loudest report almost ever heard, about the part as exceeds ten thousand; from thirty-five thou- quantities from several large chasms or apertures in middle of New George-street, and damaged and fand to fifty to receive eighty-five pounds per cent. the rocks; is so very pure and light that any person and all above fifty thousand pounds to receive eighty may drink a gallon of it without feeling his stomach in the least oppressed, and possesseth such tenuity and "Immediately Mr. Fox rose, and after a very subtilty as to penetrate the whole system immediately in Tower-hill, and near the Tower gates, was hurl- beautiful speech of considerable length, in which he after being drank, and make its appearance in small

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