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ASTRONOMY.

Baron Lindeneau has recently published some observations respecting the diminution of the solar mass. It will be found, says he, that the sun may have been imperceptibly subject to successive diminution since the science of astronomy has been cultivated.

The Inflexible Magistrate.

In the year 1526, James Lynch Fitz Stephen, merchant, being elected mayor of Galway, in Ireland, sent his only son, commander of one of his ships, to Bilbao, in Spain, for a cargo of wine.

JACOB.

He is about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, and his person though slender is muscular; his colour is not remarkably black nor lighter than usual; he has a stern, sulky, bold expression of countenance; speaks promptly when spoken to, and is rather more intelligent than plantation negroes generally are.

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of nature; and if you dare hope, implore that Heaven may not shut the gates of mercy on the destroyer of his fellow creature.

He was led back to prison, and a short time appointed for his execution. Amusement sat on the face of every one within this little community, which at most did not consist of more than three thousand people.

END OF SUMMER.

"The fading many colour'd woods, Shade deepening over shade, the country round Imbrown; a crowded umbrage dusk and dun Of every hue, from wan declining green To sooty black."

The sun is taking leave. Every thing is changed with us. The earth, which was lately so beautiful and fruitful, is now becoming gradually barren and poor.

VENTRILOQUISM.

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Perhaps our own lot in this world has its seasons: if it be so, let us in the dull winter of life have recourse to the provisions laid up in the days of prosperity; and endeavour to make a good use of the fruits of our education and experience, happy if at the close of life, we carry with us to the grave, the merit of having been useful to society.

CANINE FIDELITY.

A few days before the fall of Robespierre, a revolutionary tribunal, in one of the departments of the north of France condemned to death M. des R****, an ancient magistrate, and most estimable man, as guilty of a conspiracy.

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THE DIRGE OF WALLACE.

By Thomas Campbell, Esq. They lighted a taper at the dead of the night, And chanted their holiest hymn; But her brow and her bosom were damp with a fright.

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aged about 19 years, thin face and high thin nose, light beard, straight back, and very active, looks down and slammers when spoken to, about five feet eight inches high, had on a cotton hat, old brand linen trousers.

Public Sale.

By virtue of an order from the orphan court of Anne-Arundel county, with the will annexed, the subscriber will expose to public sale, on Wednesday the 24th day of October next, at 11 o'clock, on the premises, part of the personal estate of Susannah Beard, of the said county, deceased, consisting of cattle, hogs, 40 head of turkeys, household and kitchen furniture.

JUST PUBLISHED.

And For Sale at Geo. Shaw's Store, THE FIRST VOLUME OF HARRIS & JOHNSON'S REPORTS Of Cases Argued and Determined in the GENERAL COURT AND COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

50 Dollars Reward.

Absconded from the farm of Mrs. Sarah Clements, on the South side of Severn River, near Annapolis, on the 8th instant, a negro man named JACOB.

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