

(Mr. O'Connor) as a firebrand... the ruffian, the vagabond, had actually enlisted him (Mr. O'C) for a guinea, as an Irish volunteer, in 1831, while he pledged his honour that the money was to purchase arms to fight the repeal of the Union...

PRECURSOR SOCIETY.

We have copied from the Dublin Monitor, (a new paper, which is conducted with much talent and independence, and which smites Whig, Tory, and Radical when they cross its views, with the most laudable impartiality) some remarks upon Mr. O'Connell and the Precursor Society...

The publication of the letter, however, showed O'Connell that something must be done, and accordingly at the next meeting of Precursors he referred to what Mr. Purcell had written, and proposed that the accounts be published...

Mr. O'Connell, we believe, has done something for the political rights of the people of Ireland, and it is pleasant to see points great to those who have benefited there...

towards all Mr O'Connell's requirements—often of questionable policy, and frequently inconsistent with each other—is not calculated to inspire the electors of Great Britain with any very ardent zeal for the political right of a people who evidently hold many of the most capricious whims of one man in higher respect than their most valuable privileges...

They are the worst enemies of the industrious classes who inculcate the doctrine that their well being is not strictly connected with the proportion between their numbers at any given time and the employment which can be found for them...

In a time of much religious excitement and consequent discussion, an honest old farmer of the Mowak, was asked his opinion as to what denomination of Christians were in the right way to heaven...

Rigour to Jews in Russia. From Sebastopol, a chief port in the Crimea, and some other towns on the shores of the Black Sea, all Jews have just been expelled, upon the pretext of their being generally employed as spies by different authorities...

Errors of the Poor.—The notion which so closely connect in their minds the invention and application of machinery with their own distress are amongst the results of a want of knowledge most devoutly to be deprecated...

no siege of a city, however protracted; no war, however bloody and desolating; no revolution, however wild and ferocious, has ever shewn a parallel for the misery that would instantly descend upon the heads of millions could any such idea be realised...

The cause of all the mishaps of Her Majesty's Government is at length developed. Hear the awful reproach of Francis Moore, in his sage Judicium Astrologicum pro Anno 1839. Thus speaks the ancient physician and astrologer:

"Her Majesty's Government, to do them but justice, look about them pretty warily; I wonder, therefore, they do not study my Almanack more attentively. Why have they disregarded my repeated warnings, year after year, about Canada? All the evils now developed would have been prevented; but I will not exult in a nation's mortification."

A Statesman's Life.—A writer in the last number of the Edinburgh Review, alluding to the retirement of a public functionary, adds, "He has little reason, in our opinion, to envy any of those who are still engaged in a pursuit, from which, at most, they can only expect that, by relinquishing liberal studies and social pleasures—by passing nights without sleep, and summers without a glimpse of the beauties of nature—they may attain that laborious, that invidious, that closely watched slavery which is mocked with the name of power."

POLITICAL FEELING IN RUSSIA.—The Russians carry feelings of difference on political points so far, that they are all astonishment to see those of different parties, when they meet in their capital, in amicable intercourse. A curious anecdote occurred on this subject. The British Ambassador was walking one day arm-in-arm with an individual notoriously opposed to him in political opinions...

DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE THE THIRD.—There are, at this time, only five grandchildren of George III. living viz.:—Aged now 19, Queen Victoria; 19, Prince Geo. of Cumberland; 19, Prince George of Cambridge; 19, Princess Augusta Caroline of Cambridge; four, Mary Adelaide of Cambridge. The seven surviving children of George the III., seniority of birth are—Aged now 69, Princess Augusta Sophia; 68, Princess Elizabeth (of Hesse Homberg); 67, Duke of Cumberland (King of Hanover); 65, Duke of Sussex; 64, Duke of Cambridge; 61, Princess Mary (Duchess of Gloucester); 60, Princess Sophia.

THE CONGREVE ROCKET.—The very sight of the Congreve rocket is startling; it springs from the ground in a volume of flame, and then rushes along with a continued roar, with its large head blazing, and striking point blank, and with tremendous force, at the distance of a mile or more. In a siege it is already extremely formidable. It bursts through roofs; it fixes itself wherever it can bore its way; and it inflames every thing that is combustible. Stone walls only can repel it and that not always. This weapon may be regarded as almost exclusively English in its use, as well as in its origin, it will be like the English bow in the thirteenth century.

In the next war what an extraordinary change will take place in all the established instruments of putting men out of the world! We shall be attacked at once from above, around, and below. We shall have the balloon showering fire upon us for miles above our heads! the steam gun leveling us from walls and ramparts before we can come within distance to dig a trench; the Congreves setting our tents, ammunition, waggons, and ourselves in a blaze in our first sleep; and the steamboats running and doing mischief every where. But of all these mischief-makers I should give the palm to the rocket. No infantry on earth could stand for five minutes within a hundred yards of a well served rocket battery. Half a dozen volleys of a dozen of these fiery arrows would break the strongest battalions into fragments, lay one half dead on the ground, and send the other blazing and torn over the field.

The heaviest fire from guns is nothing to their effect. It wants the directness, the steadiness, the flame, and resulting from all these, the terror. If the British troops shall ever come into the field without an overwhelming force of rocketeers, they will throw away the first chance of victory that ever was lost by national negligence. Nothing can be more obvious than that this tremendous weapon has not even yet arrived at its full capacity for war on a great scale.—Blackwood's Magazine.

A Church blown up.—The Bridgeport Farmer of yesterday states that the Baptist Church in the west part of Redding, Ct. was blown to pieces with powder on the night of the 28th ult. The Rev. Mr. Colver had delivered a discourse there on abolition, and had given notice that he should deliver another on the same subject on the evening of the 29th. To prevent this, some unknown person placed a keg of powder under the pulpit, and set fire to it.—The church was demolished.—New York paper.

PORT MANON, 6th Jan.—The Marn-hull, late White, from Leghorn to Liverpool, was fallen in with at Sea, in a most deplorable state—the captain dead, and mate inefficient; by the French steamer Falton, which put an officer on board, who brought her in here. An officer from H. M. Brig Scorpion, will take charge of the vessel to England.

Steam from Glasgow to New York.—We have heard, that the merchants and manufacturers of Glasgow intend to try steam navigation to New York. They meditate, it is said, the building of an iron vessel of very large dimensions and great steam power, to ply regularly between the Clyde and the Hudson.

The Extent of the British Empire.—The Montreal Herald, speaking of the possessions of Great Britain, says—"On her vast territories the sun never sets. As the evening rays forsake the groves of Honduras, his morning beams strike the spires of Calcutta, and before they disappear from the population of Montreal, they gladden the British subjects on the western shores of New Holland. The British flag is never struck, and the ships of her Navy, her wooden walls are floating fortresses, with military stations, dotting all over the globe, in every clime and in every sea." This beautiful thought is even more poetically expressed by Mr. Webster, in one of his speeches, where he describes England as a "power to which, for purposes of foreign conquest and subjugation, Rome, in the height of her

glory, is not to be which has dotted the whole globe with military posts, whose following the sun, hours, circles the continuous and unwarlike music of the Times.

The Governor moved the restriction of the Crown vicer, by the Duke of Durham, late Governor of the army by His Excellency ed by his return-

Extract from a... the Mediterranean... December 9, 1838

"We have had Yesterday morning, lightning, and degra, when we Rodney to be an struck by lightning maintop-gallant, maintop-sail, and exploding like a going overboard into the sea. It hoop in the main which it exploded it weighs 29 cwt. some tons, is 39 yards long. So was the stroke that floating past like ter's shop; this gone and reduced nearly 8 cwt. part. Two men maintop, quite a of clothes burst wounded (not electrified.

There are at persons confined of the above special commis charged with situation.

Such curious commercial specimens of As East India Com British territory that its cultivation time to an of place to ex market, and ma of British colony ty imported has stance, not e about 80 lb. a diate object of whether the As such a price be wile to come larger scale. one; for so mual real value of obtained, great for it as a cur criterion is eff when it comes quantities. T sam tea is atte that it may be export to Eur less.—Times.

First Public —The commene, where the was crowded th of its being kn Hon. Compani from their sam were to b sisted of three and five lots of the first lot, w Thompson ann be sold witho the highest bid per lb. a secou per lb. After knocked down chaser being O of the "How second lot of s the same pers third and last 16s. per lb. The buyer. The fi for 24s. per lb every broker a was bought fo second, third, peko, fetched 25s. 27s. 61s. were also pur lots, for Captu of Pekoe, whic sold, a most plice. There bids made for down at the 34s. per lb.