

patriot than the Vicar, got up briskly, and prayed the preacher to pass from the Order of the Day to the Order of the Gospel; that sage apostrophe disconcerted the ignorant man, who spoke about what he understood not, and the Cobler received the hearty thanks of all the audience.

The same conduct, however, only as late as three years ago, would have brought the Cobler to the rack.

An Oxfordshire correspondent informs us, that a man somewhere in the neighbourhood of Banbury, having saved a sum of money, dreamt that somebody had cut his throat; and during a second nap, he dreamed his wife's throat had been cut also; he then began to be so seriously alarmed, that he arose and went from home; and when he was returning, he met his maid running naked to inform him, that somebody had actually cut her mistress's throat.

A country Clergyman, a short time since, was abruptly called upon by a rustic, who very earnestly entreated him to accompany him immediately to christen a few new-born children. "A few (replied the Clergyman) don't you know how many of them there are?"—"Not rightly, says the fellow, scratching his head; there were but three of 'em when I came out; but the Lord knows how many there are by this time!"

## AMERICAN OCCURRENCES.

*New-York, May 19.*

A letter from Canton (China,) says, We have had here this season fourteen sail bearing American colours. The ship from the North West coast of America, is arrived with furs. The Spaniards have got a fort at Nootka Sound, of 21 guns, besides a 40 gun ship, to protect the trade. They pay great attention to your colours; they have taken four or five English vessels from Macoa, and suffer yours to pass unmolested.

June 1. By a gentleman from Providence, who arrived on Sunday evening, we have information, that the Convention of the State of Rhode-Island, adopted the Federal Constitution last Saturday at six o'clock, P. M. And that great demonstrations of joy were exhibited on the occasion at Providence.

Two of the children of Josiah Grant Huit, of Ballstown, being lately attacked by symptoms of the consumption, he was advised, in order to their cure, to dig up

and burn the body of a daughter, who died of the same disorder, about twenty months ago—Strange to relate! the inhuman, insatuated father, tore the remains of his child from her coffin, placed them on a pile, and reduced them to ashes!

## DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

*Halifax, May 6.*

THURSDAY arrived from England, his Majesty's sloop of war Rattler, Captain Beale.

20 On Saturday last arrived here, the Schooner Lord Dunmore, Captain Smith, in 46 days from the Bahama Islands. In her came passengers, Unatoy and Kueatekiste, Chiefs of the Cherokee Nation; Sapoyah and Tuskeneah, Chiefs of the Creek Nation; Moses Price, an interpreter for the Cherokees; and Mr. Bowles, interpreter for the Creeks.

Sunday arrived his Majesty's ship Thisbe, Captain George, in nine weeks from England.

27. On Sunday afternoon a severe shower of hail fell, accompanied by loud thunder and the sharpest lightning ever noticed here.—The lightning struck an ordnance storehouse, situated in the west corner of the Artillery Park, in which were several barrels of powder, cartridges, &c. which, blowing up in the same instant that there was a smart clap of thunder, made the shock very severe. Happily, owing to the great exertions of the Royal Artillery, the other troops of the garrison, public departments, and inhabitants of the town, the fire was prevented from spreading to the Laboratory, and other storehouses.

The lightning also entered the chimney of Mr. Wm. Kidston's house, and was conducted into a bed room on the lower floor, by an iron flue that came up from the room, and entered near the top of the chimney: It tore a part of a plastered partition, and set on fire an apron that was in the room—melted a considerable part of a bell wire, by which it entered the adjoining room, where it split the side of a clock, and melted a part of the pendulum. Very fortunately, though Mrs. Kidston and a child were in the room, neither of them have received any hurt.

Tuesday arrived the Duke of Cumberland Packet, from Falmouth, which she left the 13th of April.—In her came passenger, the Honourable Thomas Andrew Strange, Chief Justice of this Province.