

the houses near. Nothing was saved but a few benches and a little stage *property*,—and this large fabric is now one entire shell.

Nothing is talked of in great circles but the winnings and losses at the faro table. Tho' this game is common in most countries, it is no where carried to so criminal an extreme as in England.

The immense bounty given at this time on sugars exported, amounting to 31 s. 6 d. *per* cwt. empowers the West India merchants, and their friends, the *grocers* and *refiners*, to vend goods to foreigners of the same quality sold here for 112 s. at 90 s. 6 d. by which there is a gain of 10 s. *per* cwt. more than selling here at 112 s. and the foreigner receives the produce of our colonies, at a guinea and sixpence less price than the Englishman.

Longevity.—Near Tuam, in Ireland, lately died, Thomas Wims, in the 117th year of his age. He fought in 1701 at the siege of Londonderry.

It is said that the produce of the Excise in the year 1791, exceeds that of the preceding year, in no less a sum than L. 1,234,000.

The remainder of Mr Farrer's estate is now finally sold. It was bought in the year 1703 for L. 27,000. It was sold for L. 90,500!

A number of sheep, in the

high grounds of Scotland, have been lost in the snows. The severity of the weather, and the drifting of the snow, have also been fatal to many in the south, as well as the west and northern parts of the country.

The Duke of York has signified to his friends, that he expects daily to be called on urgent affairs to his principality in Germany; and farther that he is likely to be appointed to a principal command in the Prussian service, should that power take any active part in attempting a counter-revolution in France.

Mason, the poetical veteran, has at length put an end to the impudent usurpations of his merits, by confessing himself the author of the heroic epistle to Sir William Chambers.

A more critical winter for the underwriters has not been witnessed for many years. Almost every port on the coast, from the number of vessels put in for succour, gives evidence of the disastrous effects of the late tempestuous weather. Dover, Ramsgate, Dartmouth, and Plymouth harbours, are crowded with nearly an equal proportion of distress; and in Cowes no less than twenty foreign ships are now unloading to repair damages sustained.

Upon his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales entering the audience-room on Wed-