

tered into the 25th year of his age, the same was observed nearly in the same manner with that of his R. H. the Prince of Wales.

Their Majesties' supper was served in a rich service of gold; the Queen's head-dress was profusely ornamented with diamonds; and all the Princesses wore feathers in their caps.

The lighting-up of the hall was in the highest style of splendor and magnificence; it was illuminated with the new Bengal lamps, which stood on pedestals round the room; and the decorations were in the same grand and magnificent style as on the birthday of the Prince of Wales.

Thursday 21.

Being the birth-day of Prince William Henry, who then entered into the 23d year of his age, their Majesties received the usual compliments on the occasion at Windsor.

On account of his Highness's connection with naval affairs, the ordinaries of Deptford and Woolwich displayed their colours.

Wednesday 22.

A Special Court of Directors was held at the India House, for the purpose of taking into consideration the conduct of the Captain and Officers of the ship *Hartwell*; and after an examination into all the particulars, which lasted several hours, came to a resolution to dismiss the Captain and Chief Mate, and suspend the Second Mate from the service.

Thursday 23.

M. de Calonne, the late French Minister, dined with Sir Robert Herries, in Jeffrey's-square. There are as many articles of peculation exhibited in France against this once-popular Minister, as in England against Mr. Easing.

Friday 24.

The Recorder made his report to his Majesty of the prisoners under sentence of death in Newgate, convicted in last July session, when ten convicts were ordered for execution on Thursday the 30th instant. Nine were respited during his Majesty's pleasure; and one remains for the decision of the twelve Judges.

Saturday 25.

This day the hop-picking began in Kent, where in general the hop-plantations have suffered considerably by the rains.

Sunday 26.

A very strong report having prevailed on Friday evening and Saturday relative to some disturbances at the Hague, we learn that the case was literally as follows:

On the 14th inst. in the evening, Sir James Harris, after delivery of his memorial to the States General, had, in company with the Marquis de Thulemyer, a conference with the President (Count Welleren), and the Secretary of the States General, which lasted till eleven o'clock at night; what passed remains wholly a secret, but it

is conjectured to have been relative to the memorial. On the next and succeeding days, viz. Wednesday 15, and Thursday 16, the States General met for dispatch of business. At midnight the assembly adjourned, and on Friday the 17th they met again, where, as far as can be collected, there were such heats and animosities (the French party being against receiving the mediation of England or Prussia, and calling out for France as the only ally of the republic, and consequently the only power that could be interceded in their disputes), that, in the midst of confusion and bustle, the President adjourned to the Monday following, August 20, on which it is supposed they met; but no accounts of their proceedings so late as that day are yet come over.

This day the Purser of the General Goddard East-Indiaman, Capt. Foxall, arrived at the East India-house, with the agreeable news of the above ship being safely arrived off the Isle of Wight from Coast and China. She sailed from St. Helena the 30th of June, and left there the Earl of Oxford, Capt. White, from Coast and Bay; the Earl of Middlesex, Capt. Rogers; and the *Ponaborne*, Capt. Thomas, from Coast and China.

Thursday 30.

This morning in the Old Bailey the following convicts were executed, *Joseph Williams*, *T. Collins*, *J. Jones*, *B. McCoul*, *G. Brace*, *Ja. Mitchell*, *Dennis Harlem*, *Ja. Romain*, *T. Alger*, *J. Woodward*, alias *Gilbert Baggage*. They all behaved very penitent. Williams was the first that has been executed for carrying fire arms and attempting to rescue smuggled goods, made death by a late act of parliament.

Friday 31.

A circular letter has been sent, by order of the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, to the Chief Magistrates of the seaports, to take the sense of the merchants resident in their several districts on the following propositions:

1. Whether it would best answer the purposes of commerce, totally to abolish all fees paid to the officers of the Customs, and replace their emoluments by a duty of nine pence a ton on all vessels clearing outwards?
2. To abolish fees, except those on imports, and to replace their emoluments by a duty of five pence a ton on each vessel every voyage, with an exception to coasting vessels carrying lime, &c.?
3. Or whether it would be better to retain the fees, after having them regulated by act of Parliament, to prevent demurs and abuses of every kind?
4. What hours of attendance would best suit the purposes of commerce?

A bill framed according to the plans of the Chancellor of the Exchequer attending as close as possible to the opinions of the merchants collectively, is intended to be introduced.

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