

in his chamber. At length he was prevailed on to visit Margare, and a few days since took his passage by water with a party of his friends.

He appeared for the first part of the trip in better spirits than usual; but at midnight crept from his cabin to the deck and plunged with such precipitancy into the sea, that every attempt to recover him was ineffectual.

August 1. On Thursday last the price of Corn was so extravagantly dear at Wrexham, that several poor families were unable to procure a sufficient quantity of provisions; but having gained intelligence of two boats being at Bangor (a small village about five miles from thence,) laden with different sorts of grain, the Colliers and Miners, to the amount of 200 men, assembled and next morning proceeded to Bangor, where they secured the grain, which they sent in waggons to Wrexham. They set fire to one of the boats, and to prevent the other from sharing the same fate, the Proprietors were obliged to present them with five guineas. Several waggon-loads of corn and flour were likewise brought from different places to Wrexham, where it all remains, and it is supposed will be sold the next Market day at a fair price.

The feelings of Great Britain are not the feelings of hostility either against the French King, or the French people; and what wishes the cherishes are the wishes of universal liberty.

It would be incompatible with the glorious maxims and expanded soul of Albion, to administer a firebrand to tumult, or a sword to tyranny.

She therefore with-holds her powerful arm, and leaves the contending sovereign and subject to compose their own domestic disagreements.

Portsmouth, July 4. Captain Smith of the Peggy, arrived here this morning from Leith, bound for Plymouth, with convicts destined for Botany Bay.

The Captain describes his situation as very unhappy during the voyage, the convicts being always on the catch to gain their ends, which were to murder him and his crew, two men excepted, who they were to reserve for the purpose of navigating the ship to some unfrequented harbour, where they were to make their escape. They had so far effected their purpose on the 2d. inst. that most part of them cut their irons, or took their wrists out of them, with the loss of the skin of the back of their hands. The Captain, however, got five of the ringleaders made fast to his anchor, and thought himself under the necessity of putting in here on account of their conduct. On his applying to the

Admiral for help round to Plymouth, the Southampton frigate was desired to attend him, which he says gave him great peace of mind. Indeed, it is wonderful such a parcel of fellows should have been sent a coasting voyage, without a sufficient guard to protect the sailors who navigated the ship.

IRISH TRANSACTIONS.

Dublin, June 20.

LETTERS Patent having been passed under the Great Seal of this kingdom, granting the office and place of his Majesty's Chancellor and keeper of his Majesty's said Great Seal unto the right honourable John Fitzgibbon, in the room and place of James Lifford, deceased; he was this day sworn into office before the Lord Lieutenant, and received the custody of the Great Seal accordingly.

26. This day, about one o'clock, his Excellency the Marquis of Buckingham sailed on board his Majesty's yacht the Dorset, with a fair wind for Parkgate. His Excellency embarked from the Lodge at the Black Rock, and proposes, soon after his arrival in England, to proceed to Bath, his physicians having advised his drinking the waters there for the more perfect recovery of his health.

30. This day the right honourable the Lord Chancellor, and the right honourable John Foster, Speaker of the House of Commons, were sworn in Council Lords Justices of this kingdom, in the absence of the Lord Lieutenant.

July 18. Letters patent have been passed under the Great Seal of this kingdom, granting the office of his Majesty's Post-Master General of Ireland, to the Right Honourable Charles Lord Loftus, and the Right Honourable Charles Earl of Bellamont, K. B.

Letters patent have also been passed, constituting and appointing Edward Tighe, Esq; Sir Frederick Flood, Bart. Charles Henry Coote and John Reilly, Esqrs. together with the Auditor of Imprest Accounts for the time being, to be his Majesty's Commissioners of Extraordinary and Imprest Accounts.

Letters patent have also been passed, constituting and appointing Peter Holmes, Richard Townsend Herbert, Edward Fitzgerald, Samuel Hayes and George Rawson, Esqrs; to be his Majesty's Commissioners for the stamping and marking Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, and for managing the duties thereupon.