

mitted to the Castle, by that Magistrate, and R. Eaton, Gent. one of the Coroners.

The Jury, who were summoned by the above Coroner, brought in their verdict wilful murder, and Becket has made a voluntary confession of the fact; he is about twenty-four years of age.

On searching the house of the deceased, near one hundred pounds, were found in the oven, and bonds, notes, &c. amounting to near three hundred pounds more, in other parts, which the poor man had scraped together by his industry and penurious living.

28. By letters from Constantinople, dated Dec. 15, we learn, that 'After the repeated losses experienced by the Ottoman Porte on all sides, the Ministers of the House of Bourbon have again stepped forth as mediators; that of Spain was the first to renew the offer of a mediation, which the Turks had hitherto declined, by observing, in a conference with the Reis Effendi, the little profit which had accrued to the Sublime Porte from the diversion in the North by Sweden, whom he maintained had met with nothing but losses, and was not able to cope with the maritime force of the Russians.

The Reis Effendi listened to all he said, and replied, that as the Porte had refused the mediation of foreign Courts, it would not be proper to give the preference to Spain; but that if the enemies of the Porte had any reasonable propositions to make, they would agree to a reconciliation without the good offices of any one.—The day after this conference the French Ambassador delivered a memorial, containing the same proposal and received the same answer.

M. Heidenstein hearing of these proceedings requested and obtained on the 18th a conference with the Reis Effendi, to whom he represented the weakness of the Austrians and Russians, reminded him of the sacred engagement the Sublime Porte had entered into with Sweden, and hinted his knowledge of the Porte's wish for peace. The Reis Effendi told him, that the Sublime Porte would religiously observe the Articles of the last Treaty of Alliance and Subsidy concluded with his Master; that he would make no advances towards a reconciliation with his enemies, and should they even offer reasonable conditions, would not treat for a peace without including his Ally. However, some of our politicians think that the Ottoman Ministry have not absolutely rejected the mediation of the House of Bourbon, but have solicited the two Ministers to examine the proposals offered for a peace; but that is not very likely.

'Government still continue the preparations for a third campaign, but apparently very much against their inclination.

Three large frigates are arrived in this port, sent as a present by the Emperor of Morocco to his Highness; but some persons think that the name of the Moorish Prince is only a blind, and that they came from quite another quarter.'

Plymouth, Feb. 3. Two elderly ladies walking to dock, a few days since, were met in toke-Fields by some jolly tars (one of whom had a fiddle)—They accosted the ladies, hat in hand, and told them they must make up their minds, either to be kissed, or to dance a minuet on the grass. The ladies chose the latter. An unobserved bye-stander, peeping over the hedge, describes it to be a most diverting circumstance, to see two well dressed ladies going through all the mazes of the *Minuet de la Cour* up to their ankles in mud.

When the minuet was finished, the sailors returned their muffs, and thanks for their politeness, and handing them over the stile, gave three cheers, and walked off in high glee towards Plymouth, playing, 'God save the King.'

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

Halifax, March 25.

YESTERDAY arrived the brig Liberty, Captain Gueron, from the Island of Guernsey, after a passage of 9 weeks. In her came passenger, Mr. Michael Wallace, of this town.

DEATHS.

Feb. 20. In London, Mr. James Donald, formerly of this town, aged 25.

March 16. Mr. Thomas Wm. Collins, aged 56.

Mrs. Christiana Kennedy, aged 63.

14. Mrs. Barbara Davidson, aged 22.

18. Capt. John Lloyd, of his Majesty's 20th regt. aged 38.

NAMES OF SUBSCRIBERS

Received since our last.

Captain JOHN TAYLOR, Sibbou.
Captain JOHN EGGERT, Country-Harbour.