

home to prevent the epidemical influence of the French opinions from spreading.

Letters from Lyons, state, that the proclamation declaring France a republic, was made there amidst a general consternation. Such, however, is the present state of France, that the will and sentiments of individuals are suppressed by the popular licentiousness inspired by the commissioners of the convention and the executive power. At Rouen, of twenty-six sections, two only were for a republican form of government; all the others were in favour of royalty.

The emperor has published an edict strictly prohibiting the introduction of French political writings in the Netherlands.

Letters from St Domingo, received at Nantz, and which came down to the 18th of August, announce a considerable revolt of the blacks at Caves, immediately after a conference between Blanchelaud and the revolting negroes. Thirteen sugar works have been burnt, and of this number are those of Laborde and of Mercy d'Argenteau.

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Some opposition is expected to be made against the proposition of renewing the East India company's charter, parti-

cularly by some adventuring merchants, who have had several meetings, and are preparing to prove how far the country would be benefitted by the abolition of the monopoly.

There are two travellers from whom much information is expected by the curious—lord Fitzgerald and major Houghton; the first exploring the regions of America, and the other employed in the no less dangerous and difficult task of penetrating into the interior parts of Africa.

Montrose, Sept. 26. Yesterday the foundation stone of the bridge here was laid with the usual solemnities.

This ceremony had been delayed till the arrival of David Scott, esq. member for the county, who had with so much zeal and liberality patronized the undertaking.

About 420 French persons have at present applied for relief. The palace at Winchester, which, in the last war held 11,000 French and Dutch prisoners, is now preparing for their reception; and a thousand may probably be accommodated there, in such a manner as to shew that our charity is not insultingly given. By the notion that the place is a sort of prison, it has, we understand, prevented a greater number from applying.

It appears from the annual abstract of the shipping, which