

country—stripped of all his titles of nobility, employments, and orders of knighthood—ordered to quit Warsaw within twenty-four hours, and Poland within four weeks; and if he is found in the kingdom after the expiration of that time, he is to be capitally punished. Agreeably to the laws now prevalent in France, this sentence only affects the condemned person, himself, and does not reach to his children.

There are accounts of a late date from Paris, that the Spanish Court has offered to pay the whole expence of twenty sail of French men of war for two years, in case a war should take place, and last so long.

The Empress of Russia has sent dispatches to her Minister at Breslaw, containing a message to the following purport:—“Her Majesty declares, that her concerns with the Turks relate to herself alone; and that she will continue the war or make peace, as she thinks proper, without the intervention of any other power.”

When her Russian Majesty shall have accomplished that peace which she declares to be so much the object of her wishes, she is resolved to carry into effect a plan which is expected to prove an amazing source of population in her dominions; this plan is, the establishment of a system of *perfect toleration*, granting various privileges and immunities, and other encouragements, for inducing people of all nations and religions to establish colonies on the banks of the Volga.

It is reported, that commissions are making out at the War-Office, for the three following Colonels, each having undertaken to raise a regiment of Highlanders, viz:

Col. C. Lenox to raise a regiment, in the interest of his father in law, the Duke of Gordon, in Glenivie, Lochaber, Strathdon, and Strathspey; Col. M'Leod, to raise one in Invernesshire. He will be assisted by Fraser and Lovet. Colonel Small, in the counties of Perth and Argyle, through the interest of the Duke of Athol, and Mr. Drummond, of Perth.

No Squadron will be sent to the North Seas of Baltic this year.

Two additional frigates and two fire-ships were put into commission at the Board of Admiralty held on Thursday.

In all the history of our naval wars, there is no instance of so many fire-ships being fitted out, as are equipped and equipping at this moment—the very sound is terrific, and calculated to convince the Dons that though they run from us at sea, their harbours will be of little protection.

It is said that Government have received information from high authority of some underhand negotiation being at-

tempted on the part of Spain, and that the whole of the conduct of the Cabinet of Madrid has at length precluded the possibility of negotiating any longer with them.

The procrastination and indecision which mark the answer brought by the last messenger from Madrid, are not the only grounds of just apprehension that the Court of Spain is unwilling to accede to the demands of our Minister, and that hostilities must ultimately be the issue of the present negotiations. It is a matter well authenticated, that the Spanish Minister at the Court of Petersburg was invisibly employed to negotiate the late peace between Sweden and Russia, with a view to weaken our political interest in the North, at the same time that the Empress has reaped very considerable advantages from the event. The same object has been attempted with the States-General of Holland, though with different success.

By letters from Amsterdam we learn, that the Dutch Admiral de Kingsbergen, who was lately in the Downs, has returned on board, and is preparing to sail again with part of the men of war lying in the Texel.

A Cabinet Council sat on Wednesday night till past twelve o'clock, and again on Thursday from twelve till five.

In fact, this country was never in a more critical situation. The Empress has carried her point in the North; the Court of France has returned for answer to the late remonstrance presented by Earl Gower, “that it will abide by its engagements with Spain,” and the latter Power is in a very formidable state of preparation. Add to this, the Poles threaten to destroy the Prussian influence in Germany, by a junction with Russia. Such is the political state of Europe!

A sextian, a few days since, fell over the side of the Alligator frigate, at Sheerness; Captain Coffin, the Commander, beheld from the ship's situation, that he must perish if not instantly relieved; and we must add, to the honour of this officer, that he did not lose a moment, but leaped from the quarter-deck, with his uniform and boots on, and rescued the poor fellow from being drowned—at the eminent risk of his own life.

On Capt. Coffin's having saved one of his men, who had fallen overboard, from being drowned.

Well may a sailor boldly dare,
And aident follow martial strife;
For when with death himself at war,
He in a *Coffin* meets with *Life*.