

pected that care will be taken to prevent the public suffering by an artificial scarcity.

The Irish ports are still open; and notwithstanding the high price and advanced period of the season, two cargoes of wheat were shipped last week from Dublin; one consigned to the port of Havre de Grace, and the other to Rotterdam.

Fifteen thousand bushels of wheat and fourteen hundred barrels of flour were lately imported into Cork; which, it is said, has also since been re-shipped for the continent.

25. Friday se'nnight John Walford was committed to Ivelchester goal for the wilful murder of his wife, to whom he had not long been married, and who was supposed to be within a few weeks of having a child. Walford's habitation was near Nether-Stowey. In the evening of the 4th of July he sent his wife to a public house after some cyder which she longed for. Soon after he followed her, and overtaking her before she had got the cyder, with a large stick, which he pulled out of a hedge, he inhumanly knocked her down, drew a large knife which he had been seen the day before grinding, and cut her throat from ear to ear, and almost divided the bone of her neck: he then went home to bed. Two children came by the next morning, and seeing some blood by a gate, they ran and alarmed the neighbours, who found her quite dead and cold. The husband was immediately apprehended, and kept in custody till the Thursday, when the coroners jury found him guilty of wilful murder. He is to be tried at the ensuing Bridgwater assizes.

Mr. Fitzherbert set off on Friday last from the Duke of Leeds's office for Holland, as Envoy Extraordinary, and Plenipotentiary from the British Court, to the States General of the United Provinces.

It is customary in France, when a couple have lived together in a state of wedlock for precisely half a century, that they go to church, attended by all their descendants, and publicly renew their marriage vows. This custom was complied with lately at Versailles. Michael le Moine of that city, and Jane Gertrude Sculain renewed their marriage in the parish church of our Lady at Versailles. The ages of the husband and wife put together, amount to 153 years; the former being 79 years old, the latter 74. They were attended by seven of their children, and twenty-four grand-children. What is rather remarkable in this case, is, that the father and mother of the husband renewed their marriage vows in the same church in May

1756; after having lived full 50 years in wedlock. When the latter couple performed this ceremony, they were attended by nine children, and forty-three grandchildren.

The meadows on the banks of the Thames, for some miles about Reading, were last week knee deep under water, owing to the quantity of rain which has fallen. Not so much damage has been done, however, as might be imagined, a great deal of the grass being uncut at that time.

From the long continuance of rain, the hay in many parts has been much damaged;—throughout the counties of Bucks, Northampton, Leicester, Warwick, &c. considerable quantities are down, and most of it entirely spoiled.—In the North of England, however, the prospect is more favourable; they have but just begun to cut; the grass is in astonishing quantities; and should the weather now be fine, the hay harvest will be general in a few days, and promises to be the most plentiful they have had for many years.

30. We learn, by recent letters from Warsaw, that a new revolution has taken place in the politics of Poland, in consequence of which the Prussian interest is again triumphant. The Grandees have unanimously declared for an alliance with the Court of Berlin; who, in return, are to keep 60,000 men in readiness to assist the Poles against any enemies that may arise, and to provide cloathing and ammunition for the Polish army, which latter charge is to be repaid at a distant period.

The Poles will shortly have a numerous army in the field; the Grandees are eagerly following the example of Prince Radzivil, in raising regiments at their own expence; and the Duke of Courland has already furnished a part of the auxiliaries demanded of him, as a vassal of the Republic; and has written to the Diet, assuring them of his intention to send the remainder, as soon as the levies, can be completed.

An extraordinary instance of connubial affection, has been demonstrated in the fate of a young man named Woodison.—About three years and a half since he married the sister of the King's confectioner in Bond Street; and soon after went to the East-Indies, in one of the Company's ships, in quality of an inferior officer. On his return, after an absence of near three years, he sought his beloved partner, and after residing with her for three or four months, she was seized with a fever, and died in a state of pregnancy. From the moment of her death he became desponding, shunned society, and remained a Recluse