

day night's eclipse he expected to see those volcanoes with greater distinctness, by their reflection on the opaque parts.

Mr. Herschel has likewise lately discovered another satellite about Saturn, which makes eight. Astronomy before Herschel's time only admitted five.

Mrs. Herschel, sister to the above Astronomer, and who is deep in the science herself, has written a letter to the Royal Society on that, and other Astronomical subjects; it was read there the meeting before last, and much approved of.

On Thursday last, a boat from Cowes, in which the Rev. and venerable Mr. John Wesley had embarked for Portsmouth, was overset. By which accident this respectable veteran was full an hour in the water, when a boat from Ryde, picked him and the other passengers up, and brought them safe to the Vine, in Cowes, where every necessary attention was paid to them. The old gentleman behaved with great fortitude and resignation.

The Senate of Venice, it is said, have it in contemplation to sell the revenues of all the monasteries in their dominions. The produce of those sales is to be kept in a separate stock, out of which the monks are to be supported, and the rest is to augment the revenues of the poorest bishopricks of the state.

General Musgrave is recently appointed by the Court of Directors of the East India Company, Commander in Chief of the Company's forces at Fort St. George.

Yesterday his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence kissed hands on being appointed Captain of the Brunswick of 74 guns, fitting out for sea at Deptford.

The castle of Antwerp threatens to become a worse kind of Bastille under the cabal who now rule the Belgic Provinces, than it ever was under the despotic reign of the late Emperor.

The Refugees residing in France, Flanders, &c. have sent a proposition to Government, to raise a certain sum of money, to have liberty to return to their Mother Country. This petition extends to unceremoniated bankrupts, debtors, and smugglers, including the crown debtors, murderers and felons excepted.

Captain Macrae, who killed Sir George Ramsey, of Bamff, in a duel, on the 14th instant, is at this moment in a situation truly pitiable.—Stung by remorse for a precipitancy of conduct which has robbed the world of one of its fairest ornaments in Sir George, with whom Captain Macrae was in habits of friendship; and pursued by the laws of his country in a manner that may extremely alarm him, he must be equally goaded by a retrospect

of the past, and an anticipation of the future.

A letter from Antigua, dated the 17th ult. says, 'This morning we had a dreadful shock of an earthquake; it made a vast noise indeed before the shock was felt.'

A strange fiery appearance in the heavens was observed some time since in many parts of England; it was also seen in Jamaica and Antigua at the same time, and in a most extraordinary manner. In some of the islands it was still more terrifying; and a lady that came up from Antigua said, that it appeared to them, as if they were just at the mouth of a heated oven.

7. As many erroneous accounts of the particulars of the cause of his Majesty's message to both Houses of Parliament yesterday will probably be circulated, we have a particular satisfaction in being enabled to lay before the public a true statement of the whole transaction which has given rise to it.

A plan of discovery and commerce on the North-west coast of America, having been meditated by a company of gentlemen in London and India, Mr. Mears, a very able and intelligent officer belonging to his Majesty's service, was fixed on, together with another gentleman, to superintend this expedition.

In the year 1786 two vessels were fitted out from Bengal to make this voyage, one of which, after leaving China, has never been heard of to the present moment; the other, in which was Mr. Mears, after having been for several months on the North-west coast of America, during part of which time the ship was blocked up by the ice, returned back to China, with a valuable cargo of furs. In the course of the expedition Mr. Mears had seen sufficient to convince him, that a very lucrative branch of trade might be followed on this coast, the natives being friendly and willing to form an intercourse.

In the year 1788 and 1789, four vessels were fitted out from China to pursue the advantages, and discoveries made by Mr. Mears on his former voyage, and the trade continued with the utmost success, and was becoming a matter of great national advantage. In the course of trading upon the coast, Mr. Mears found a place convenient for ship-building, and actually built and fitted out a vessel, the first ship of the kind ever attempted in that part of the world, which he destined for exploring the Archipelago of St. Lazarus, and the Straits of Juan de Fuca.

Towards the middle of last year, the trade had become so flourishing, and a