

ness of a parent, and experienced at his hands indulgencies and privileges never before enjoyed by a nephew or brother of an Emperor of the Turks. Prince Selim made such a return to his uncle as the most indulgent father could expect from the most grateful and affectionate son.

## CURIOUS LISTS respecting the Prisons of Great-Britain and Ireland.

The following is the average number of persons confined at one time in the prisons in *Ireland* :

Debtors	—	—	550
Criminals	—	—	1004
			—
			1554
Supposed omitted	—	—	20
			—
Total			1574

Account of the number of prisoners in the goals and prisons of *England and Wales*, at the last time they were visited in 1787 and 1788 :

Debtors	—	—	2011
Felons, &c.	—	—	2052
Petty offenders	—	—	1412
In the hulks	—	—	1937
Supposed omitted	—	—	70
			—
Total			7482

The number confined in the *London* prisons and in the hulks, at the time they were visited in 1788 :

Debtors	—	—	927
Felons, &c.	—	—	670
Petty offences	—	—	538
			—
Total			4135

Which is more than a half of the number confined in the whole kingdom.

According to an exact calculation presented to the House of Commons, the average number of prisoners ordered for transportation in *England* in one year, is 960.

Account of the number of prisoners convicted of capital crimes in *Scotland*, from January, 1768, to May 1782 :

Condemned	—	—	76
Pardoned	—	—	22
Executed	—	—	54

And the number from January 1783 to August 1787, is

Condemned	—	—	58
Pardoned	—	—	15
Executed	—	—	43

The number executed in *London* and *Middlesex*, from December 1783, to December 1788, is 54.

The Czarina has settled 300 crowns per ann. on the wife of Taaffe, the Irish-

man, who discovered the incendiary plot on the fleet : and 500 ducats on the Copenhagen intendant.

23. Government yesterday received the most unequivocal accounts of the armistice between the Swedes and Danes being prolonged for eight weeks more, from the 15th instant. Hostilities between the Russians and the Swedes are, however, expected to commence, as the former are by no means bound by any agreement between the Courts of Stockholm and Copenhagen.

The spirited conduct of the British Cabinet through our Minister at Copenhagen, Mr. Elliot, has had such an effect on the political conduct of the Danes, as entirely to change the face of affairs ; and will probably preclude the necessity of sending a Squadron into the Baltic. The guardships however, at the out-ports, of which we have now seventeen sail, continue their equipments, and are to augment their crews to their full complement.

24. The Prince of Denmark entirely directs the affairs of that kingdom. His father having, by means of a mental imbecility, been long rendered incapable of action.

The Prince is particularly attached to his near relation the King of Sweden. Besides this, the interference of the crowns of *England* and *Prussia* have operated so powerfully on the councils of *Denmark*, that a neutrality is now resolved upon.

The Empress of *Russia* will therefore, in all human probability, be abandoned by her ally, and consequently be obliged to accede to reasonable terms of accommodation.

The Dukedom of Clarence, just bestowed on his Royal Highness Prince William Henry, has lain dormant since the reign of Edward IV. being forfeited in 1471. It was previous to that period the title of George Plantaganet, next brother to the King, who first fell into disgrace with his brother, and was afterwards supposed to be drowned in a butt of Malmsey by the intrigues of his second brother, the Duke of Gloucester, afterwards King Richard the Third.

26. On Wednesday the famous Complutensian Bible, by Cardinal Ximenes, in 6 vols. folio, printed upon vellum, sold at the sale of the Pinelli Library, for the sum of 483*l.* supposed to be bought for Count MacCarthy at Paris, who has distinguished himself at this sale in buying almost all the elegant and curious books printed upon vellum.

The King of Sweden, having effected every object he wished in the Diet, has since its close, liberated the Members of the Equestrian Order who opposed his views.