

FOREIGN SUMMARY.

Europe.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.—It affords us the liveliest pleasure to announce the continued improving state of the National Revenue. Notwithstanding the great reduction of taxes made last spring, we find that during the last quarter there has been an increase of £40,000 in the customs alone; above that of the corresponding quarter last year.

It has been officially announced, that His Majesty's Government have determined to send out Consular Agents to the various ports and places in South America, in which British interests are at present most extensively concerned. The London Courier surmises, that the time seems to be approaching, when a more defined connexion between Great Britain and America will take place; and adds, that "the appointment of consuls to the several countries which have thrown off the authority of Spain, would be, in itself, an act tantamount to the recognition of their independence, if, indeed, that recognition must not precede such appointments; for otherwise, how can they be accredited? It is, in fact, in the nature of things, impossible, that England can be otherwise than favourably disposed towards States whose importance, in every point of view, is so thoroughly appreciated." Connected with this subject, a late declaration made by Mr. Canning, is of great importance.—"Disclaiming," says he, "in the most solemn manner any intention of appropriating the smallest portion of the late Spanish possessions in America, his Majesty is satisfied, that no attempt will be made by France to bring under her dominion any of these possessions, either by conquest, or by cession from Spain."

Captain Parry, the commander of the North-West expedition, arrived at the Admiralty on the morning of the 18th of October, having landed at Whitby, whence his Majesty's ships *Fury* and *Hecla* were continuing their course to the river Thames. The public regret that Captain Parry has not been able to accomplish the North-West passage, will be amply compensated by the general pleasure which will be felt at the safe return of this gallant officer and his brave companions. In 1821, the expedition explored Repulse Bay, Sir Thomas Roe's Welcome, Middleton's French Strait, and that neighbourhood, and finding no passage to the Northward and Westward, wintered in the southern bay of an island, called Winter Island, in latitude 66° 11', longitude 83°. In 1822, the expedition, guided and encouraged by the information they had received during the winter, from a party of Esquimaux, with whom they had established a friendly intercourse, pursued their attempt to the Northward, and examined all inlets onwards to the West, till they arrived at a Strait, which separates the north-west coast of America from what Captain Parry considers to be clusters of islands, extending Northward towards the scene of his former voyage.