

drianople, through which city it is important to observe, the new levies pass daily, on their march to the frontiers.

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THE most profound and penetrating politician at the peace of Newstadt in 1721, could not have supposed in a moment of the most extravagant conjecture, that within twenty-five years, a King of France should give the daughter of the first Czar Peter, the title of mediatrix of Europe—that a Russian Army would approach the Rhine at the requisition of England, and that in the subsequent wars, the Russians should pillage the capital of Brandenburg. That, in little more than twenty added years, the other extremity of Europe should seek her alliance:—that in a very active war, in which England was engaged with France, Spain, Holland, and the revolted Colonies of America, Russia should suggest and effect an armed neutrality, to guard the commerce, &c. of the Northern Powers, and that she should soon after stalk victoriously over great part of the European possessions of Turkey, and threaten Constantinople itself, in direct opposition to every power in Europe. The politician of sixty years ago, may indeed be pardoned for not looking forward to events which the very spectator of them knows not how to believe.

The Linen Market of Ireland this year is considered a very good one—Cloth brings in general a high price, and the demand is quick.

Though Spain is yet more trammelled by its superstitious veneration of the Clergy than some other countries of Europe, yet the more enlightened part of the inhabitants feel themselves aggrieved by a species of government not perfectly adapted to the happiness of mankind in the gross, and the Inquisition is a kind of Babel which the bulk of the people doubtless wish to have removed.

Hitherto its terrors have restrained the freedom of discussion which opens the mind to objects of general concernment, but how long the efforts of a government, become of late more strict in its observations, may prevent those disquisitions which lead men to think of their relative condition in society, it is not easy to conjecture. Already have some ebullitions of the public dissatisfaction appeared, and it is proposed to rectify a few abuses of

power; but the assemblage of the Cortes may follow the example of the Assembly of France, and purge the nation of those grand errors to which the season is at present extremely propitious.

Among the revolutions of the present day, may be remarked the complete revolution, which we have tried to effect in point of time. The order of the day is exactly reversed, and the hour of a modern fashionable breakfast exactly accords to that at which our ancestors sat down to supper.

The ingenious devices for carrying on the works at Manchester are extending every day. As they have not weavers sufficient to execute the orders for goods, a machine is at this time constructing for the performance of that work; a building calculated to occupy more than an acre of ground is erecting for its accommodation.

Dr. Bennet the Bishop of Cork, on a late visitation of the diocese, found a number of industrious poor using their endeavours to support large families by the grain and potatoes of small parcels of land which were charged with tithes; this good prelate, in the true spirit of Christian benevolence, not only remitted his share of the tenth of their produce, but ordered the entire amount of his tithe to be distributed among the deserving poor, amounting to a sum not less than 700*l.* It may be recommended to each of his dignified brethren, in the language of Holy Writ,—‘Go! and do thou likewise!’

That the power of steam, is producing effects to which hardly any powers of mechanism are equal; is evinced by its operation in fire engines; in the construction and application of which, philosophy has lent her aid to art, and science has become the tutor and guide of genius. Such is the analogy between the several arts, that no man knows the extent of one improvement; thus we see the observation of the effects of steam in the fire engine induce successful experiments of its force in others; and, in several parts of this country, machines for spinning cotton, and some for grinding corn, are worked solely by its impulse.

On Sunday se’nnight, a young man, came with a grey mare to the Greyhound-Inn, Richmond, and after dispatching his dinner, ordered a chaise to town; he then sent for the Landlord, told him that he had accidentally come out without cash in his pocket, and desired to be accommodated with a few guineas, assuring him that his horse was worth forty pounds, which he would leave till he sent back the cash. The horse has since been claimed and taken away by the stable keeper whose