

A slight skirmish has lately taken place between two recruiting parties belonging to France and the Emperor, near to Mons, in which the French routed the Imperialists. This is thought to be but the prelude to more bloody contests.

The Rev. Mr. William Thompson has succeeded the late Rev. Mr. Wesley, as President of the body of Methodists.

The caution and humanity with which the Birmingham rioters were treated and tried at the late Warwick Assizes, does the highest honour to the Judge and Jury.— A comparative view of the proceedings there, and the proceedings at St. Margaret's Hill, in 1780, must necessarily impress the mind with the most awful sensations.

So unwilling were the people of Birmingham to serve upon the Jury, that upwards of twenty of them were fined for not obeying the Sheriff's Summons.

On Thursday last, the cripple, who solicited charity in a chair, in which he moves himself along the streets, was married to a hale young woman, at Shoreditch church. The concourse of people to see the ceremony performed was so great, that the clergyman was obliged to read the service in the vestry.

Mr. Hasler, the attorney, who was convicted on Monday of a wilful and corrupt perjury committed sixteen years since, in an answer filed by him to a bill preferred against him in the High Court of Chancery, moved an arrest of judgment; but that not being granted, he received sentence to be imprisoned six months in Newgate, and to stand on the pillory the first Saturday of next Term.

This gentleman is said to be possessed of an estate of six hundred pounds a-year!

The following Letter was found in a glass bottle that happened to be picked up by some Dutch Fishermen, about three German leagues from the Island of Helgoland.

*On board the Arnold bound from  
Leitb. to Italy, written at the  
moment she was sinking.*

*My dear dear Father!*

Deprived of the hope of ever seeing you again, and on the point of perishing along with 17 human creatures, I look upon it as my duty to write to you, and at least try whether my Letter, enclosed in this bottle, may not reach the land; in that case, I confide in the humanity of the person who finds it, to transmit it by the post.

During last night, just about midnight, our vessel sprung a Leak, and the water gained so fast upon the pumps, that we despair of her being any longer able to swim.

A few minutes before, the long-boat happened unfortunately to be staved: therefore we have no longer any hope of escaping from the pitiless ocean.

I am entirely resigned to my fate; and I confide myself to the All-powerful Being, who, I trust, will pardon my sins.

I now seize this opportunity to request, for the love of God, that you will take care of the child which Betty Black called me the father of:—I formerly disavowed it; and I ask pardon of Almighty God for so doing.

As nothing else appertaining to your unfortunate son remains, I trust that you will be kind to the child, as I myself intended to have been.

Give my blessing to my mother; tell her that at this very moment my heart beats for her, who reared with so much tenderness her unhappy son,

JOHN DOBIE.

N. B. I commend to the humanity of whoever finds this, that he will transmit it by post.

May God bless you all for ever! Adieu, to all eternity!

*To the Rev. Mr. Dobie, Minister of the Gospel, at Eaglesham, near Glasgow.*

A Hamburg merchant undertook to send the original of this letter to Mr. Dobie; and it is not doubted, but he has received it before this time.

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

Halifax, Sept. 30.

THE following is an Address presented by the Gentlemen of Digby Lodge, to the Bishop of Nova-Scotia.

To the Right Reverend the Bishop of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

The humble and respectful Address of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons.

Right Reverend Sir,

WE, the Master, Wardens and Brethren of Digby of Lodge, No. 6, of the Ancient, united and charitable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, beg leave to approach your presence, with hearts overflowing with joy and gratitude on this your second courteous and pious visit to our loyal settlement.

As our community is founded on and supported by divine, mystical architecture; so shall we with the highest extacy of pleasure attend on your dedication of that majestic and beautiful Fabric, the foundation