

Wakefield dined with General Tottenham, Mr. Smith the Member, and the other gentlemen who assisted at the ceremony of laying the first stone of St. John's church there.—Toleration and liberality of sentiment is carried still further at Rotherham in the same county; at that place the Sunday Schools, both of the Church of England and the Dissenting Chapel, are supported by one fund; and, when the quarterly charity sermon is preached at the Church, the Dissenters Chapel is shut up while the Minister, Children, and Congregation attend at the Church; when the sermon is at the Dissenters Chapel, the Minister and Congregation of the Church return the compliment by attending there.

Dec. 3. The late Prince Potemkin, who is supposed to have been the richest subject in Europe, was very sportive with his wealth. He had several volumes of bank notes, in which was one from every public and private bank in Europe, and a casket of brilliants, which he sometimes tossed about his room as if they had been marbles.

The Empress of Russia, when she received the intelligence of the death of Prince Potemkin, was upon the point of going to a ball. Her firmness did not forsake her. She ordered her surgeon to bleed her; sent word to the Privy Council, which had assembled upon the occasion, that she was herself sufficient to determine upon the measures necessary to be taken; and immediately shut herself up in her cabinet, for the purpose of writing dispatches to several officers.

General Kachowski is expected to receive the chief command of the Russian armies vacant by the death of Prince Potemkin, Count Beshborodko, Minister of State, is appointed to direct the Jassy negotiations for peace.

From the manner in which the Empress of Russia received the news of Prince Potemkin's death, it is evident that age has made no impression on the vigour of her mind, whatever ravages it may have committed on the charms of her person.

A curious case was lately tried before one of the Tribunals of Paris. The wife of a National Guard, who was ordered out on duty for the night, invited a female friend to take part of her bed. The husband returned before day-light, and quietly went to bed between his wife and her friend. A few months after the latter called on the wife and said—'You remember such a night—your husband must certainly have made a mistake.' 'It cannot be,' said the wife—'Tis even so,' said her friend; 'as I bear witness.' The

husband being questioned, said, he knew nothing of the matter, but the tribunal sentenced him to pay all expences, and to maintain the child.

Letters by the Leopard mention the safe return of General Abercrombie to Tellicherry in June, and his intention to proceed immediately to Bombay, to expedite the equipment of the troops.

Our forces were expected to take the field against Tippoo on the first of October; and the Swallow packet was to be dispatched early in September.

Dec. 5. The British and American colours are to be placed in the hall of the *Jacobins* at Paris, by order of the Society, in conjunction with the National flag of France. For this testimony of good-will, and of a desire for an alliance between the three nations, they are much indebted to M. Peythion.

On Wednesday last was held a General Court of the Proprietors of the Sierra Leone Company, when it was resolved, that a capital of not less than 50,000*l.* should be added to their former capital of 100,000*l.* before resolved upon, in consideration of the increasing magnitude of their affairs, and of the wish expressed by many Proprietors to recommend more new subscribers than a capital of 100,000*l.* would allow of: It was also resolved, that the whole of the subscriptions should be paid at once, within one month after they should be called for by the Directors, and that each Proprietor should give in his share of recommendations of new subscribers on or before the 13th inst. who are to be balloted for on the 20th inst.—Such deficiency as may remain from any Proprietor failing to fill up his share by the 13th inst. is to be supplied by the Proprietors in general on or before the 1st of February.

By a letter from Portsmouth, dated the 28th ult. we learn, that Assurance, of 44 guns, had arrived from Halifax, with the 57th regiment of foot on board. The Assurance parted with the *Argo*, the 27th ult. in a violent gale of wind, also with troops from the same place.

On the 22d of August, an accident of a melancholy nature was very near proving fatal to no less than five officers of the 68th regiment at Gibraltar. On the morning of that day, Captain O'Mara and Stewart, Lieutenants Moneypenny and Stewart, and Ensign Snell, went across the Bay to dine in Spain. On their return in the evening, Mr. Snell got on the mast of the boat, by which means it overfet, and left them to the mercy of the waves, and a dreadful spectacle to those on shore. They kept hold of the sides of the vessel until some