

from her money, but all of them had done her injustice. His Lordship then, with great humanity, advised her to apply to some gentleman at the bar, to move the Court on her behalf, and, by her instructions, to state in evidence the whole circumstances of the case. She then withdrew, under an evident agitation of mind.

The House of Peers consists at present of the following numbers, which it may be interesting to know, from their not being likely to be increased by new creations, in consequence of the resolutions that have passed to restrain the Regency from the exercise of this part of the royal prerogative.

Royal Peers	4
Dukes	12
Marquesses	4
Earls	85
Viscounts	15
Barons	87
Bishops	16
Scotch Peers	16

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Of these ninety nine have voted with Administration and sixty nine with opposition. There are, consequently, ninety one who have remained neuter during the present contest; from these latter subtract twelve minors and six Roman Catholic Peers, and there will remain just seventy three.

Ireland is rapidly improving in those arts which are calculated to add to her commerce; at Waterford, an extensive crystal glass manufactory has been erected, which bids fair to rival this kingdom in that branch of trade with foreign powers. The Leitrim iron, manufactured at the works at New Holland, near Lucan, have recently produced large quantities of that article equal, if not superior, to the best imported from Gottenburgh.

25. Died at Colney, in Norfolk, the Rev. John Brooke, D. D. late rector of that parish, and of St. Augustine's, in the city of Norwich, and chaplain to the garrison of Quebec.

26. At Stamford, in Lincolnshire, Mrs. Brooke, relict of the above Dr. Brooke, and author of many justly-admired publications.

This lady, as remarkable for her virtues, for her gentleness, and purity of manners, as for her great literary accomplishments, expired very suddenly of a spasmodic complaint. She had lately retired to Lincolnshire to the house of her son, who has pre-ferment in that county.

Her first performance, which introduced her to the notice and consequent esteem of

the public, was *Julia Mandeville*, a work concerning which there were various opinions, but which every body read with eagerness. It has been often wished that she had made the catastrophe less melancholy, and we believe that she afterwards was of the same opinion, but she thought it beneath her character to alter it.

She soon after went to Canada with her husband, who was chaplain to the garrison at Quebec, and here she saw and loved those romantic characters and scenes which gave birth to *Emily Montague*, a work most deservedly in universal esteem, which has passed through several editions, and which is now not easily met with. On her return to England accident introduced, and congenial sentiments attracted, her to Mrs. Yates; an intimacy was formed, which terminated only with the life of this lady. Mrs. Brooks, in consequence of this connection, formed an acquaintance with Mr. Garrick, and wrote some pieces for the stage. She had, however, great reason to be dissatisfied with his behaviour as Manager, and she made the *Excursion*, a novel, which she wrote at this time, the vehicle by which she exhibited to the public her complaints, and anger against the King of Drury. Her anger, we believe, was just, but the retribution was too severe—She herself afterwards thought so, for she lamented and retracted it.

Her next literary effort was the *Siege of Sinope*, a tragedy, introduced by Mr. Harris, and written principally with a view of placing Mrs. Yates in a conspicuous character. This did not altogether fail, but the play did not become popular; it wanted energy; and it had not much originality: there was little to disapprove; but there was nothing to admire.

Her next and most popular production was *Rosina*, which she in a very liberal manner presented to Mr. Harris: few modern pieces have been more successful.—Last year also, a musical piece of hers was introduced, which is now occasionally exhibited, for which, we believe, Shield is principally to be thanked.

Mrs. Brooke was also the translator of various books from the French. She was esteemed by Johnson, valued by Miss Seward, and courted by all the first characters of her time.

Feb. 14. A French gentleman (seemingly of fashion, committed the desperate act of suicide in Greenwich Park.

The following are the particulars as we have collected them, that attended this melancholy transaction.

He had been at the Ship Tavern, in Greenwich, from Thursday the 12th, with a lady and servant. On Saturday morn-