

son, George, Prince of Wales, at that time Regent of the kingdom; who, on Monday, the 31st of January, was publicly proclaimed in London and Westminster.

Q. What discovery was made soon after the king's accession?

A. A number of obscure and wretched individuals had associated together for treasonable practices, and it was discovered that no less a crime than the assassination of his Majesty's ministers had been finally determined upon by them. Accordingly a party of police officers, under the direction of Mr. Birnie the magistrate, and a company of the foot guards, commanded by Captain Fitzclarence, repaired to their place of meeting, which was in a stable in Cato-street, and succeeded in securing several, though in the scuffle one of the police officers, named Smithers, was killed by Arthur Thistlewood the chief conspirator.

Q. By what other occurrences has the year been distinguished?

A. By a general Election throughout the United Kingdoms, and by the Trials of Mr. Hunt, with others, at York, on a charge of attending, &c. the meeting at Manchester, (which was decreed an illegal one,) and of Sir Francis Burdett, at Leicester, for writing a letter on that occasion reflecting on the conduct of Government; in both which instances the defendants were found guilty, and imprisoned. Also, by the trials and convictions of the Cato-street conspirators.

Q. What other event, of still greater importance, occurred during the year 1820?

A. On the 6th of June, her Majesty Queen Caroline, who had for several years been residing abroad, and who in her absence had been accused of improper conduct, arrived at Dover, to meet the charges which had been made against her.