

of a Serjeant's wife, who was indisposed in the adjoining house.

The party, amounting to near one hundred men, with this strength, they entered Thames-street; first demolishing all the windows, with some of the furniture of Spread Eagle public house.

In Thames-street, the objects of their resentment were the Anchor and King's Arms public houses, whose windows they demolished.

Much other mischief was done; the inhabitants made no resistance to the soldiery, which probably prevented bloodshed; several persons were knocked down and bruised; and the ruffians did not desist till near twelve, when they appeared to have glutted their revenge.

When the Inquest were going their rounds in a city parish, to weigh the bread of the bakers, and try the scales, measures, &c. of dealers, a baker got notice of their approach; and in the sudden emergency, he thrust a number of half crowns into some loaves that he knew to be short of weight. This was critically observed by a passenger, who determined to punish him. He went into the shop with the Inquest, stood by while the loaves were weighed, and bought them in their presence. The melancholy baker saw his half crowns depart without daring to stop them, and for the first time in his life did not cheat his customer.

According to the last advices from China, a dreadful famine rages through most of the provinces of that Empire, but particularly in that of Canton. Those who dwell on the rivers, who are very numerous, feel less of its effects than those on land; and the distresses of the latter are considerably heightened by civil dissensions.

Friday and Saturday last furnished a very curious and interesting hearing before the Lord Mayor, in his Justice-room, Guildhall:—on Friday his Lordship was applied to by the two sons of a Porkman, near Cripplegate, accompanied by several of the neighbours, who stated to his Lordship, that the said person had been seized by his wife, aided by her assistants, and confined to his room, in a strait-waistcoat, under pretence of insanity, and that access to him was denied to all his relations and friends; the Lord Mayor, after hearing the neighbours on the general character of the man, whether there was any grounds to suspect his being deranged; and finding there had never been any appearance of insanity, ordered Mr. Clarke, the marshalman, to go to the house and bring the man before him; upon their return, his Lordship questioned him as to several

circumstances, and found him collected and reasonable; a constable appeared in behalf of the wife, stated the object of enquiry was very much addicted to the drinking of peppermint, to such excess, as to intoxicate himself, and at such times was a madman; that Dr. Monro had been to see him since he had been confined, and had ordered him to be kept quiet for several days, and he would visit him again; the Lord Mayor ordered all parties to be summoned for next day, and recommended some of the man's friends to take care of him till the morrow. On Saturday his Lordship again proceeded to investigate the business, but not coming till after eleven o'clock, Dr. Monro had been there, and it being inconvenient for him to wait, left a state of what he knew of the matter in writing; which was, that he had been sent for to the person, and had visited him; all he knew was from information of the parties about him, and that it was not possible to form any decisive judgment upon his first visit. It appeared that a man had been obtained from Mr. Harrison's private house for the reception of lunatics, at Hoxton, together with a strait-waistcoat (Mr. Harrison stated, that he was from home, or he would not have suffered the same to have issued without a written certificate from a physician, according to act of parliament), and that he had been seized in the course of his business in his own shop on Wednesday morning preceding, conveyed to his room and confined, attended by the said man, and threatened, that if he made any resistance he should be strapped down in his bed, and that the constable had been retained to keep every person who interfered from the sight of him. The Lord Mayor being perfectly satisfied of the man's being in his reasonable senses, ordered that she should give bail for her appearance at the Quarter Sessions, and for her good behaviour, or to be taken to the Compter till the same is procured.

May 3. On Wednesday night last, at ten minutes past ten o'clock, there was a total eclipse of the moon, which continued from that hour to twenty minutes past one o'clock in the morning.

Though the above phenomenon was not observed by the public, it was a great treat to the amateurs of Astronomy; particularly the celebrated Herschel, who has been preparing for it some time with all that avidity which marks superior enquiry. By the assistance of his great telescope (which from its size looks more like a grand piece of ordnance than a mathematical instrument) he could before discover several volcanoes in the moon; by Wednesday