

for the civilities he had received from him. He yesterday embarked at Gravesend for his own country.

Mr. Pollock, one of the principal clerks in Lord Grenville's office, is the gentleman through whose hands all the bills for the expences of the Cherokee Chiefs in this country have passed. They amount to between two and three thousand pounds.

Notwithstanding all the various reports respecting the Downs Station, it is now certain, that Sir Richard King is to have the appointment, and to hoist his flag for the present on board the Marlborough, of 74 guns, until the St. George, of 98 guns, which was commissioned on Wednesday, can be got ready to receive his flag. Capt. Smith is appointed to the St. George, and Captain Nichols to the Formidable.

Admiral Faulkner is appointed to the Barfish, of 98 guns, now in commission at Spithead, and is expected to hoist his flag in a few days.

According to letters from Paris, the insurrection amongst the French West India Blacks is appeased; they promise fidelity to the Europeans, and renounce all pretensions inimical to the laws established with respect to them.

A few days since, as Mr. Percival, midshipman on board the Nemesis, lying at Milford, was going on board his ship, by some accident he fell out of the boat and was drowned. He was a young man of promising abilities. A branch of the Egmont family, and a son of Colonel Percival of the Marines.

In the arsenal at Peterburgh every sort of ammunition was preparing about the middle of last February, and 500 horses were kept in readiness for the conveyance of some immense supplies intended to be sent off in the end of the month.

The Society of Free-Masons is at present under the displeasure of the Emperor. He has imbibed the opinion, that many of the late political discontents were produced, or increased by them, and has written a letter, with his own hand, to the Cardinal Archbishop of Vienna, and the Apostolic Vicar of his armies, ordering them to transmit lists of the names of the Priests and Monks who are of this Society. All such will be obliged to surrender their public functions, or renounce their obligations as Free-Masons.

At a village within a few miles of Dublin, about the hour of twelve at night last Friday evening, two well dressed men came to the sexton's house adjoining thereto, and desired he would inter a corpse which they had in a coffin and carried thither in a hackney coach, al-

legging that they had taken this secret mode of proceeding to prevent the body being arrested for debts, without offering the sexton and his assistant some money to comply with their request. The money was accepted, but from the lateness of the hour he declined interring it till day light.—With some difficulty the two persons at length agreed to the declaration of the sexton, and then departed.—In the morning the sexton's curiosity prompted him to open the coffin, and dreadful to behold, there lay the body of a young man with his throat entirely cut across, his cloaths all on, which were of the best kind, with his watch and six guineas in his pockets.

It is not as yet discovered who the unfortunate person is, or what prompted the murder; every step is however taking to bring this horrid transaction to light.

In an account, which has been taken of the births and deaths in Austria, the following remarkable circumstance appears. In the village of Goteischen, which contains three hundred and fifty inhabitants, there has been no death for two years past, nor has any person been much indisposed.

## DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

*Halifax, April 28.*

**A** Melancholy accident occurred here on Thursday last.—As Deacon Henry Ferguson was sitting by the fire in a back parlour of his house alone, he was taken (as is supposed) with an apoplectic fit—fell into the flames, and being stunned by a blow received in the fall, lay there until he expired, without being able to call for assistance. The family were first apprized of his situation by a person who went into the room with a dish of victuals, and found it filled with smoke: the neighbours were instantly alarmed, and the body drawn from the fire as quick as possible, but without any signs of life remaining.

## DIED.

- April 1.* Mr. William Marshal, aged 24 years.  
 — 5. Mrs. Sarah M'Donough, aged 58.  
 — 11. Mrs. Grace Read, aged 58, consort of Thomas Read, Esq; Master Attendant of his Majesty's Naval Yard.  
 — 13. Edward Matthews, aged 30.