

having no seat to offer to the Captain Pacha, rose at his entrance, and remained standing during the whole visit, which lasted upwards of an hour. The Viceroy, besides his ordinary dress, wore a wide cloak with sleeves, and a hood over his head, similar to that of our monks, to protect him from the northern breeze, which blows here every afternoon about three. He has the air of a man not more than 50 years old, with all the vivacity of a Frenchman, and the eye of a hawk."

Sir Edward Codrington has intimated to his constituents at Devonport, that he has been offered the Portsmouth command, and that, notwithstanding it involves his retirement from Parliament when the proper time comes to move for a writ, he has thought it due to himself and family to accept it.

The *Spectator*, by far the ablest organ of radicalism, says, "Conservative influence is taking a deep root in the land, and spreading far and wide."

Colonel Pasley continues his explosions of Gunpowder against the Wreck of the *Royal George*, at Spithead. The total number of guns recovered up to the present time is six iron 32 pounders, four brass 24 pounders, one brass 12 pounder and four gun carriages.

At the present moment there are in the stamp offices vacancies for 7 stampers. The emolument each will receive is about £80 per year, and there are about a thousand candidates.

The London Common Council has voted the freedom of the city, to be engraved on a piece of plate of the value of one hundred guineas, to Mr. Rowland Hill.

By a rain-gauge kept at the hall of the *Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society*, it appears that in the month of September this year has fallen sixteen times as much rain as in the same month last year.

The number of individuals who have committed self destruction in London within the last week or two, alas! has been greater than ever known before in such a period. As far as can be ascertained, there have been no fewer than 40 inquests on suicides in the course of the present week.

The Synod of *Glasgow and Ayr*, at its late meeting in *Irvine*, proposed to denounce, in an overture, the folly and vanity of the late *Tournament* at *Eglinton*; and to appoint a day on which Ministers and People might have an opportunity of repenting them of the sins they had committed in attending it.

#### CHINA.

Advices have come to hand from *Canton* to the 15th *June*. The *Horatia*, from *Canton*, of the above date, bound to *New York*, had been spoken with, and the intelligence was carried to *St. Helena* by which course it reached this country. It appears that, up to the 15th *June*, the trade with the *Chinese* was still stopped, and all intercourse continued suspended. The shipping had generally left, many of them in ballast; and the *Reliance*, Captain *Marquis*, had gone to the eastern passage. We understand that it is the intention of all English agents in *China* to

persevere in the course originally recommended by Captain Elliott, and not to put any property consigned to them within the power of the *Chinese* authorities, pending the appeal which has been made to the British Government. We gather from this that Captain Elliott has stopped all English vessels, bounds to *Canton*, from proceeding up the river, until he has received instructions from the home government; but there is every reason to believe that measures will be devised for carrying on the trade of the present season by "outside" means. We scarcely think the *Chinese* government will continue contumacious for any length of time. They cannot go on well without any importation of the precious metals, and will soon be glad to come to terms when they find the defalcation which the stoppage of trade has produced upon their finances.

#### SPAIN.

The Madrid journals and letters dated the 17th inst., have been received. They contradict the report that insurrections had taken place at *Cadix*, *Malaga* and *Seville*. The principal article of intelligence contained in these letters and papers is a repetition of the statement that General *O'Donnell* was preparing to attack the *Carlists* of the *Maestragze*, on the side of *Valencia*, while *Espartero* advanced on them from the north. The *Piloto* (and other journals) give the text of the address of the Chamber of Deputies to the Queen's speech. It congratulates her Majesty on the happy change in the situation of the country, reminds her of the promptitude with which the Chamber had entertained and passed the bill respecting the *fueros* at her Majesty's desire, and expresses a hope that the constitution, liberal institutions, and economical administration of the public money, &c., will follow the pacification of Spain.

**Uniform Penny Postage.** We observe by our advertising columns that the efficacy of Mr. *Rowland Hill's* plan for carrying into effect the great experiment of universal Penny Postage, by means of stamped envelopes, will be disputed by a writer in the forthcoming *Nov.* number of the *Polytechnic Journal*; on the ground that prepayment in money, at the time of posting letters, will be the only means of securing public convenience, preventing forgery, and collecting the revenue in the cheapest way.

The *Mercury* is exceedingly angry with us for having "hurled a charge of deliberate perjury against the Roman Catholics, and taken upon ourselves to say that oaths cannot bind them." We ask him if the Roman Catholic members of Parliament did not take an oath not to interfere with the settlement of property, or to disturb or weaken the Protestant religion and Protestant government of this kingdom, and if they did not afterwards vote for the appropriation of the property of the Church in Ireland to secular uses? That is what we call perjury; our contemporary may have some other name for it. We ask him further, if it was not decreed by the Council of *Constance*, and if the decree does not stand to this day, that "no faith is to be kept with heretics?" And we ask him if, by innumerable statutes and expositions of the

Church of Rome, the term heretic has not been defined to mean Protestant? These were our grounds for saying that Papists can offer no security for their allegiance to a Protestant Government. Our contemporary may be able to show that they can; but he has not done so yet. As for the party electioneering purposes to which he has turned our arguments, his Roman Catholic friends are welcome to the compliment which he pays them, in insinuating that having been prepared to vote with the conservatives, they will now, because we have given an honest expression to our opinions, turn their coats and march over to the opposite ranks.—*Liverpool Courier*, Oct. 30.

A curious prohibition was annexed to the leave most liberally given to Mr. D. Roberts, the artist, by *Mehemet Ali*, to enter all the mosques, and make drawings of their interiors. He was accompanied by a *Janissary*, (being also himself in the Arab dress,) and forbidden to use pencils of the bristles of the unclean beasts. They must be of camel's hair, nothing piggyish being admissible.

**Centenary Medals.** Mess. *Jas. Heely & Sons*, of *Birmingham*, the authorised agents & manufacturers of the *Centenary Medals*, have already struck off nearly 200,000 of their very beautiful designs, for the supply of the society in various parts of the kingdom. They have orders in hand for as many more, in addition to the supply for the foreign stations, which are as yet to be completed.

The Dutch Papers announce the dangerous illness of the Empress of *Russia*. Her Imperial Majesty has been for several months in a very delicate state of health.

**POUND WISE.**—Mr. *Rowland Hill*, the projector of the insane Penny Postage scheme, has been installed in a room at the Treasury, Whitehall, hitherto occupied by one of the Secretaries, with a salary of either £1200 or £1500 a-year.—Some persons may think, perhaps, that *St. Martin's-le-Grand* presented a more appropriate sphere for this gentleman's labours; but to this rumour says that *Lord Lichfield* objected, down to a threat of resigning if any attempt were made to place this Viceroy over him. At any rate, Mr. Hill has managed pretty well for himself, and has illustrated the proverb, which says, "If we look after the pence, the pound will take care of themselves." Taking Mr. Hill's salary at the lowest alluded amount (£1200), it will require the postage of 288,000 letters to pay it.—*Argus*.

**POTATOES.**—The Government have effected the ruin of the fruit-growers, and, if what we have heard be correct, the potato-growers are in some danger of receiving a similar favor. We have reason to believe, having received information from a source on which we can implicitly rely, that an application is now under the consideration of the Lords of the Treasury, to lower the present duty on Foreign Potatoes, and to alter the mode of estimating it. We warn the Potato-growing districts, which supply the London markets, to lose no time in looking into this matter.—*Maidstone Journal*.

## The Star.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1839.

**More Official Changes.** We understand that the Earl of *Clarendon* is to be appointed Lord Privy Seal, with a seat in the Cabinet; and that Mr. *Henry Tuffnell*, the Private Secretary of Lord *Minto*, is to be new Lord of the Treasury. Mr. *Tuffnell* has already announced himself a candi-

date for the representation of *Devonport*, which has become vacant by the appointment of Sir *E. Codrington* to the command at *Portsmouth*.

**Meeting of Parliament.** From an announcement in the *Gazette*, it appears that the Parliament, which stood prorogued to the 24th inst., has been further prorogued to Thursday, the 12th of December. The notice does not include the customary words, "then and there to meet for the despatch of business," and the presumption therefore is, that, should nothing extraordinary intervene, Parliament will not meet till about the usual period.—*Liverpool Courier*, Oct. 30.

The Centenary Meeting for this town was held on Tuesday evening last, in the Wesleyan Chapel. The proceedings commenced at seven o'clock. *J. Munn*, Esq., presided, and introduced the business in an animated and appropriate speech. The Rev. Messrs. *Pickavant*, *Ellidge*, *Snowball*, *Sutcliffe*, *England* and *McMurray*, and Mr. *Tocque* of *Carbonear*, addressed the assembly, explained the object of the meeting, and pointed out the many good effects, both temporal and spiritual, which have been and are being produced through the instrumentality of Methodism. A spirit of devout gratitude and hallowed liberality characterised the meeting, and was evinced by the flow of subscriptions which were announced from the platform. Last evening about 120 of the friends of the above cause took tea in the Court House. *J. Munn* Esq. in the chair—the Rev. gentlemen above named were also present and explained the objects of the great centenary movement which is now exciting the Christian world; great harmony prevailed, and it is gratifying to observe, that many persons of other religious denominations also attended these meetings and contributed liberally. The list for this town, we understand, amounts to about £100.—*Mercury*, Dec. 6.

The *Patriot* is very sensitive about the public character and professional reputation of the *Newfoundland Blackstone*. But we can tell the *Patriot* that if no complaints have been preferred publicly against its learned protegee, it is not because there are no grounds for them—the dissatisfaction alluded to by the *Levyer* is spreading far and wide.—In no colony but *Newfoundland* would such a farce as is annually played off in the Southern District be tolerated for one moment.—*Times*, Dec. 4.

Agreeable to proclamation the Supreme Court commenced its sittings on Friday last. The Criminal Calendar, we are sorry to learn, is unusually heavy—exhibiting, as it does, cases of a most lamentable character; and the Grand Jury (of which *John Sinclair*, Esq., is foreman) have already returned True Bills against the following persons:—

*JAMES DEVEREUX*, *JOHN MURPHY*, *JOHN BYRNE*, and *WILLIAM FITZGERALD*—for murder.

*JOHN DAY*—for rape.  
*MARY BRINE*—for receiving stolen goods.

*JOHN RYAN*—for obstructing Sheriff's officer in the execution of his duty.

A Bill of Indictment has been laid before the Grand Jury by Her Majesty's Attorney-General against *BENJAMIN CAVE* (aged 13 years) for the murder of his brother.

*JAMES DEVEREUX*, seaman, and *JOHN MURPHY*, labourer, (named above, and against whom True Bills had been found for the murder of *THOMAS OATS*, fisherman, on Thursday the 9th May last) were tried yesterday, when the Jury returned a verdict of "Not Guilty," and the prisoners were according discharged, but not, certainly, without receiving a very salutary admonition from the Hon. Chief Justice *Bourne*.—*Ibid*.

#### Ship News.

Port of *St. John's*.

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November 27.—*John Stuart*, Le Buff, *Viana*, salt.  
28.—*Cornhill*, *Dowsley*, *Liverpool*, coal.  
*Waterhly*, *Harris*, *Dantzic*, bread, bricks.  
29.—*American Brig Echo*, *Stephens*, *Philadelphia*, flour.