

It is said that steam-packets are to be placed under parliamentary regulations in consequence of some recent fatal accidents.

*Quick Passage.*—The *Hibernia*, steam-packet, Capt. Price, 400 tons burthen, 140 horse power, on the Bristol and Dublin station, left Kingston at half past 9 A. M. and arrived at Bristol on the following morning, at a quarter before 8 o'clock; thus performing the distance of 240 miles in 23 hours and a quarter, although the latter part of the voyage was effected by steam only.

A very extraordinary advance in the price of iron has taken place within a short period, that article having risen from 8*l.* to 13*l.* pr ton. A London Alderman, whose chief property lies in mines of this metal, will it is said, derive an addition of the immense sum of 90,000*l.* to his annual income from this cause, provided the increased value is maintained. The return of iron ores melted at his works is estimated at 5,000 tons weekly.

Copper has lately advanced one penny pr lb. to the great joy of the leading houses in London, who after opposing each other in the sale of this article for several years, have amicably agreed to an arrangement.

The board of Admiralty have directed that a ship of the first rate be built at Catham, to be named the *Waterloo*.

Most of the cotton works in Glasgow have been shut up for a month, and there was no prospect of the cotton spinners coming to an understanding with their employers.

*Decrease of Pauperism.*—The population of Liverpool Work-house, is at this time a little above 900. Eight years ago, when the town contained fewer inhabitants by 20,000, the paupers in the Work-house, amounted to more than 1700.

At a meeting of gentlemen of Macclesfield on the 4th Oct. 60,000*l.* were subscribed towards the New Macclesfield Canal.

We understand that several French silk manufacturers are now at Manchester, with the view of forming an establishment for carrying on their business there.

The London Courier of the 11th Oct. contains the official quarterly account of the public revenue, from which it appears, that "notwithstanding the large remission of direct taxes, and the repeal of various duties, including the silk repayments, there has been an augmentation of the revenue of the year ending 10th Oct. 1824, beyond that of the preceding year of no less a sum than 1,183,040*l.* the gross amount for 1823 being 49,216,052*l.* and for 1824, 50,400,092*l.*

His Majesty held a Cabinet Council at Windsor on the 19th Oct.

Accounts have been received in London of the discovery ship *Griper*, Capt. Lyon. She was spoken on the 3d of August near Cape Chidley, in Hudson's Straits, on her voyage to Repulse Bay, where it was Capt. Lyon's intention to remain all winter. The officers and crew were in good health, and sanguine as to the result of the voyage.

On the 20th of October, the Lord Mayor gave a dinner at the Mansion-House to a large party. Four young Greeks, the sons of some of the principal directors of the affairs of Greece, were among the guests. They were dressed in their native costume, and danced and sung some of the airs of their country. Their music and dancing was incomparable.

The large ship *Columbus* from Quebec arrived at Deal on the 27th of Oct. and cast anchor near the *Grand ship Ramilies*; notwithstanding this man of-war is of the first class, she appears no larger than a canal boat, along side of this Leviathan of the New World. At the moment that the *Colombus* appeared in sight, she appeared like a floating island, and her masts like Church steeples. She is to be towed to Deptford by steam boats, to be discharged.

His Excellency the Earl of Dalhousie, has been appointed Lieut. General of the Royal Company of Archers, of the King's Body Guard of Scotland.

Mr. Pauntleroy has been tried and sentenced to death.

FRANCE.—The labour, of the Department of the Domains, to ascertain the number and price of real property sold in pursuance of the Confiscation Laws, is terminated, and gives the following result:—

Cause of Confiscation.	No. of Sales,	Sale Price of real Property.
Upon the Emigrants,	426,000	1,050,000,000 <i>l.</i>