

tical friend. Mr. Cornwall was appointed chief justice of his Majesty's forests, north of Trent, in September 1780, which place he held to his death. He was brother-in-law to Mr. Jenkinson, (now Lord Hawkesbury) and has left a widow, without offspring.

8. Died, the famous Mr. John Broughton, whose skill will ever be recorded in the annals of athletics, in the 85th year of his age, at his house in Walcott place, Lambeth.

It is generally acknowledged by the amateurs in this science, and even its most distinguished professors, that Broughton carried the theory and practice of it to the highest point of perfection.

Broughton's history is speedily related. He served an apprenticeship to a waterman, and when he was able to follow business on his own account generally plied at Hungerford fairs. Upon some accidental dispute with a brother of the oar, which was decided at once by a manly appeal to the fist, the superiority of Broughton was so manifest, that it was soon found he possessed a genius far beyond the grovelling province in which it was confined, and therefore leaving his boat to sink or swim, he assumed the dignified rank of a public bruiser, and in this character was patronized by some of the first people in the kingdom.

Supported by this patronage, which his powerful abilities amply deserved, he instituted a pugilistical academy in Tottenham court road, where his pupils, and those who felt a laudable thirst after fame, had an opportunity of signifying their dexterity and prowess before the highest and most polite audience that the nation could supply.

In this situation, Broughton frequently astonished his scholars and the public, by a display of his own pre-eminent abilities, and was always triumphant, till in fatal contention with lack, in which, to adopt the language of his seminary, he came off second best.

After this lamentable failure, which, however, contributed more to the present mortification, than the consequent disgrace of Broughton, he retired into private life, subsisting very comfortably upon the produce of his hands, and his situation as good as the women of the guards.

It should have been mentioned before, that Broughton was highly in favour with the late Duke of Cumberland, and attended one of his military expeditions, on the Continent, where, on being shown a foreign regiment of a terrific appearance, the Duke asked him if he thought he could beat any of them that composed it—upon which

Broughton replied, 'Yes, please your Royal Highness, the whole corps, with a breakfast between every battle.'

Such is the brief story of our British *Milo*.

10. The scene on the Thames is very entertaining; from Putney bridge upwards, the river is completely frozen over, and people walk to and from the different villages on the face of the deep. Opposite to Windsor street, boats have been creiced since Friday last, and a fair is kept on the river. Multitudes of people are continually passing and repassing; puppet shows, roundabouts, and all the various amusements of Bartholomew fair are exhibited. In short, Putney and Fulham, from the morning dawn till the dusk of returning evening, is a scene of festivity and gaiety.

15. The following extraordinary circumstance happened to one of the Norwich coaches on Tuesday last. About two o'clock in the afternoon it came in to Norwich with six horses and a postilion, and had got some way into town, before it was observed that there was no coachman on the box. The boy was accordingly called to, to know where the coachman was; he immediately stopped, and replied, "he had seen him two miles from Norwich, and took it for granted that he was on the box." Proper persons were immediately sent to look after him, and he was found about a mile from the city with a wound in his head and frozen quite stiff. He was taken to the Hospital, but it was a considerable time before he came to himself. His legs and thighs were so much frost bitten, that his recovery is exceeding doubtful. He has a wife and seven children, and what makes the incident more remarkable is that though there were passengers in the coach, neither they nor the postilion should miss him, and that the horses should stop at the corners, which are rather indicative, safe without him.

24. A singular circumstance happened in the Court of King's Bench. A genteel dressed woman entered the Court and immediately addressed herself to the judge. She represented herself to be a widow in distress, entitled as the executrix and legatee of her husband, to a considerable estate, the title deeds of which, she said she had entrusted to an attorney to get registered, but who instead of so doing had cancelled her deeds, and thereby precluded her from ascertaining her title, and receiving the rents that were due. She therefore besought the advice of the Court.

Lord Kenyon recommended her to employ an attorney; upon which she informed his Lordship, that she had reposed a confidence in five attorneys, who had received from