

Russia excepted, and the Sovereigns have always maintained the greatest armies of any other country, unless perhaps that of the Empress Catharine. Tuscany, being now added will make them greater, but still far from compensating the loss of the Low Countries, if the present monarch should not be able to conciliate their regards, by granting them the full possession of their ancient rights and liberties, and rendering himself a limited Sovereign of the States.

A young officer belonging to the Carysfort frigate, lately shot himself at Naples. He went on shore to resent a reproach cast on his birth by a shipmate; but his adversary, declining the meeting, he addressed a farewell letter to his much regarded Commander Captain Smith, and afterwards directing the contents of the two pistols at his head, expired.

The question respecting the slave trade will in all probability not be settled this parliament. The committee in the mean time go on with examinations, but as their commission ends with the parliament, the whole business must be gone over again at the next meeting.

AMERICAN OCCURRENCES.

George-Town, April 15.

An Address to the United Nations of Indians by Mr. Bennet Ballew, agent and plenipo for the said nations.

Great and beloved Brothers.

I HAVE thought the time long to see you all, that we might smoke the pipe of friendship together: I have been a long and tedious journey to the grand council of the United States, where they received our talk with open ears and willing hearts. Brothers, I have the honour to inform you, the great and mighty government of the United States are determined to have all matters settled on terms of justice and equity between the white people and your nations, that peace may be on both sides so long as woods grow or waters run. Brothers I can also inform you, that the great and beloved chiefs of the United States are desirous to see you live at home in peace and possess your own lands, these beloved men don't want your country for nothing; it is bad people who have no regard for Congress, and much less for your nations; it is the desire of those beloved men that you should become more civilized, bring up

your children in the fear and admiration of the Great Spirit, which would make your nation flourish and become numerous as the white people. You see brothers, how these civilized nations live plenty, of every thing to eat at their tables, their pastures are covered with cattle and sheep, their barns filled with grain, and they live at home in peace, whilst your families are distressed in the mountains like wild beasts. You also know, brothers, that when you go to war with these civilized people, they drive you before them as you drive the bears in the cane brakes; the reason of this is, because you will not talk with the Great Spirit above, and put your faith and confidence in him, as the white people do at this time. Brothers, we read of whole nations who now are our own people, that were not many ages past as uncivilized as you are at this time; behold the consequence of these things, there was a sort of people called Philistines, who lived in the manner you do, uncivilized, and did not believe in, or talk to our Great Father above; one thousand of our people who were brought to the knowledge of truth, and believed in that Great Almighty Spirit above; they were able to drive them, and kill one hundred thousand without the loss of a man. Now brothers would it not be much better for you to belike these beloved people, than to be as you are, drove and harrassed from one mountain to another: Lay down your spears and tomahawks, make use of your horses and ploughs, raise cows, be like the white people, talk to the Great Spirit above, he will send down rains upon your lands, which will cause you to make great crops, live rich and well; and possess your country in peace and happiness. If you will become civilized and live like us, one thousand of you will be able to drive a hundred thousand of those nations that will not become civilized. The government of the United States will be obliged to give you your lands when you are become civilized like themselves. Now brothers, if you like my advice, I will lead you in the right path, and walk before you until the whole business is completed.

The first thing I would advise you to do, is, to choose representatives, in order to form a plan of government, and make laws like white people. 2d. Divide your land according to the different families, when your young people take wives, let the lands be subdivided as you may find it necessary: Endeavour to make as much corn this year as possible, let the most active amongst you learn to plough, and the others use the hoe.

Brothers, I most sincerely hope the Great Spirit