

guards are fully compleated. Couriers are continually passing to and from hence. Mr. Ewart is at all the conferences, except those of a military kind, to which our foreigners are never admitted.

Liege, Feb. 19. The letters of Joseph II. to General Dalton, since the year 1787, have been published at Brussels; they have sufficiently opened the eyes of the people on the Emperor's intentions, and contain many curious points. Those of Marie Christina to Count Trautsmendorff are likewise printed.

BRITISH NEWS.

London, Jan. 1.

THERE is again a report arrived, that there will be a Regency the ensuing summer for the administration of public affairs, at the head of which will be the Prince of Wales; the King persevering in his design of visiting Germany about July.

A gentleman of very large fortune, and of an unbounded liberality, is about to erect a monument to Milton, at his own expence, in the church of St. Giles's, Cripplegate. This great man, who had lived in Bunhill-Row, near Moorfields, for many of the last years of his life, is buried under the clerk's desk in Cripplegate church.

The subscription for Colling's (the poet) monument goes on very rapidly. It is to be erected in the cathedral of Chichester, near which town he was born.

As a general election is thought to be approaching, the following analysis of the present House of Commons may not be unacceptable to our readers. We believe it to be pretty correct, although we cannot positively assert it to be perfectly so:

Irish Peers, and sons of British and Irish Peers,	—	—	316
Sailors and Soldiers,	—	—	50
Lawyers,	—	—	36
London Merchants and Bankers,	—	—	25
Country ditto,	—	—	6
Gentlemen connected with India or East India Company.	—	—	35
			368
Not of the above description,			190

558.

The will of John Shakespeare, father of the immortal bard, has lately been found in the roof of the house of Stratford-upon-Avon, in which both sire and son so long

resided. This testament is no farther remarkable than in proving that John Shakespeare was a butcher, and that he bequeathed all his acquirements in that profession to his son William.

An ancient map of the world has been discovered in the British Museum, which lays down the coasts of New Holland as described by Cooke and Bougainville. This map, which is on parchment, appears from the characters, and other circumstances, to have been made about the beginning of the sixteenth century. The names are in French, and it is adorned with Fleurs de Lis, but most probably has been translated from the work of some Spanish navigator, whose discovery being forgotten, left room for the new discoveries of English and French navigators.

Those inexhaustible mines of treasures, the collieries in the neighbourhood of Newcastle, produced last year according to the books of the Custom-House at that place, no less a quantity than 486,000 chaldrons; about one seventh part of which were exported, the rest carried coastwise.

The Earl of Uxbridge's share in the Paris Mountain copper mine is computed to produce a net income of 60,000l. sterling.

Mr. Hughes, who is possessed of about three acres of the mountain, has realized upwards of 400,000l. since the works began to be profitable.

Lord Stanhope's Letter to the President of the French National Assembly.

Sir,

IT is with the most perfect satisfaction I have received the letter you did me the honour to write, and the Procus Verbal of the Assembly. I shall communicate them to the Revolution Society; whom, it will no doubt delight, to have had their resolves so favourably received. I have been enchanted, Sir, at your large and excellent letter, and its strong sentiments of peace and good will to all. Happy were it for the human race, if principles like those, actuated every heart, and were heard from every tongue!

I beg, Sir, you will believe how entirely I congratulate the friends of liberty in France, on the glory of their efforts, on the splendor of their success! Of that liberty, next to virtue, the best human good, you have indeed proved yourselves worthy!

I have the honour to be, &c.

STANHOPE.
Chevening House.

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