

traveller who visits his humble cottage—such the tragic and bloody remembrance attached to the ruins of the chapel of Winkelreid.

On Thursday a fire ball fell adjoining the city of Peterborough, belonging to Mr. Tavernor, and, passing completely through a stack of hay, entered the earth under it, leaving a hole nearly a foot wide. The hay was much scorched. *Lincolnshire Chron.*

The Portuguese Minister for Foreign Affairs has protested against the bill for the suppression of slavery.

Mr. Smith Barry and Lord Middleton, are about expending one hundred thousand pounds in the town of Cove. A Crescent and other ornamental buildings are about to be erected.

Flattering Compliment to Lord Palmerston by his Constituents.—At the ordinary at the Tiverton races, the noble lord in the chair, some over-zealous friend of his lordship's, proposed the health of Her Majesty's Ministers—a general hissing followed, which prevented the toast from being drunk. His lordship, however, as some aver, appeared to feel much flattered by it, no doubt calling to mind, a story that was told of George the Fourth, when regent, at the time the Potentates of Europe visited England. On some occasion, when accompanied by the Emperor of Russia, his Royal Highness was assailed by the hissing of the mob, upon which he begged to inform His Majesty of Russia, that it was "the only way Geese had of showing their approbation." Whether this was or was not in his lordship's mind at the time, there can be little doubt but that he must at least consider a large portion of his constituents Gulls, if not Geese.

It is known in the navy that no officer is eligible to do duty as a commander under a captain unless he has commanded a sloop of war three years, or served for the like period as first lieutenant of a rated ship; under a memorandum, however, from the Admiralty, dated the 25th April, (but which has not been circulated in the service, although it is published in the last *Navy List*), the Lords Commissioners have been pleased to direct "that two years' service as first lieutenant of a sloop of war, or as a gunnery lieutenant of a rated ship and so on in proportion."

Affair of Portendic. The *Journal des Debats* publishes a long article in answer to the *expose* of British grievances against the French authorities in Senegal contained in the *London Journals*. The writer begins by vindicating France against the charge of wishing to monopolize the trade of Africa, and converting that continent into a French Province. "France only possesses," says the writer, "Senegal and Goree along the western coast, and never gave cause to justify the imputation against her by the *London press*, while England has actually endeavoured to secure to herself that monopoly, by establishing a line of forts from Bathurst to the Cape of Good Hope, which are defended by upwards of 600 pieces of artil-

lery. Alas! we know too well that you crush us everywhere by your commercial superiority; the only point of the globe on which you are our tributaries, where we stand in your way is Senegal, and you wish to take it from us.

Forty four failures took place in Paris during the first fortnight of September. The debts amounted to upwards of two million *f.*

The *Capitole* says that the rise in the price of bread had occasioned some *rassemblemens* in the *Fauxbourg St. Antoine*, and that the people had cried out "Bread for 12 sous."

M. Elerman, former member of the *National Convention*, who voted for the death of Louis XVI., lately died at *Stasbourg*, in the 82d year of his age.

There are now between 62 and 63 leagues of railways in *Belgium*, all made within the last five years.

A new gas light, manufactured from pitch and tar, at much less expense than any other gas now in use, has occupied a good deal of attention. *M. Guibaud*, of Nantes, has taken out a patent.

The registration of the *City of London* has increased the Conservative voters to full five hundred majority, over and above the highest numbers ever polled by the *Whig-Radicals*.

The latest accounts from *Spain* describe *Espartero* as in full march against *Cabrera*, with thirty three battalions and eighteen squadron. *Don Carlos* is closely watched at *Bourges*.

M. Michaud, the celebrated author of the *History of the Crusades* and of various other literary and political compositions of merit, died at *Passy* on the 30th ult. in the 72d year of his age.

Frequent fires having of late occurred in *Romagna*, *Cardinal Macchi*, the legate of *Bologna* issued, on the 21st ult., a decree, in the *Pope's* name, instituting a special tribunal for the summary trial of incendiaries.

The *Commerce* mentions that the King of *Sardinia* had re-opened his harbors to Spanish vessels.

In *Paris* the *Daguerreotype* is being used for the purpose of obtaining likenesses. And in *Belgium*, at the opening of the *Courtrai* railroad, at which *King Leopold*, his court, and a numerous staff, with a vast concourse of people will attend, it is proposed that at a preconcerted signal by cannon, all persons present shall remain immovable for seven minutes, while the *Daguerreotype* from an exalted station is taking a view of the vast assemblage, the railroad, the loaded locomotive, &c., which view will afterwards be inclosed in lead, and deposited under the first stone of the foundation of the station at *Couatrai*.

Lord *Harwarden* and Mr. *Maude* have resolved upon loca-

lizing a great number of Protestants upon their estates in the county of *Tepperary*.

Letters from *Hanover* of the 28th speak of an apoplectic fit, not of a serious character, which the King had just suffered from. *Morning Herald*.

It is now determined that the Marriage of Her Majesty with Prince Albert of Saxe Coburg Gotha, shall be solemnized in the course of February.

A subscription is now going forward in the City to present Sir *John Colbourne* with a handsome service of plate, as a mark of the high consideration in which he is held, and as a testimony of esteem for the important services he rendered in suppressing the *Canadian* rebellion.

Her Majesty has conferred the honor of Knighthood on *J. Phillips*, Esq., the Mayor of *Newport*, who behaved so well at the late insurrection.

The Queen's Consort. There is a good deal of misconception on the part of the unlearned public as to the particular position of his Serene Highness as consort of the Queen regnant of England. There is a very curious anomaly in this respect in comparing the positions of a Queen-consort and the Queen's consort. The Queen-consort is the first subject of the King. The Queen's consort has no rank whatever as such. The Queen-consort has by common law many high immunities and valuable privileges. The Queen's consort must obtain from the grace and favor of his illustrious consort, and it may naturally be supposed that such marks of Her Majesty's affection will be neither few nor unimportant. His Serene Highness will, in the first place, have the title of Royal Highness conferred upon him. This will give him rank in all state ceremonies immediately after his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, but confer no political power or rank, and it is likely that his Serene Highness will be created a Peer of Parliament. The Prince's real position will be that of a Prince of the Blood, before, created a Peer of Parliament, as the late Duke of York, whose title was previously Bishop of *Osnaburg*, and King *William the Fourth*, who was only Prince *William Henry*. The Prince will successively be created a Knight of the Garter, a General and Field-Marshal in the Army, and, after his appointment to military rank, a Knight Commander of the Bath.

Death of Mr. Praed. We are sorry to have to announce the death of this distinguished scholar and statesman, who was only in the 37th year of his age. During the last few weeks this lamented gentleman had not attended the House of Commons, having paired off with *Lord Fitzalan*, who was about to be married. Upon passing through the lobby, he observed to the noble Lord, "How strange it is, that Death and Marriage should pair off together."

Madrid journals and letters from our correspondent of the 12th inst. have arrived by express. The Ministerial crisis was apparently drawing to a close. Two Cabinet Councils were held on the 11th, one of which lasted until a very

late hour in the night. According to the rumours most accredited General *Francisco Narvaez* was to retain the War-office, and two deputies of the Moderado party were to be invested with the Home and Navy Departments. *M. Benavides* was sent for by the Queen on the 11th, and remained a long time in conference with Her Majesty. General *Lahera* would be the new Captain-General of the province of *Madrid*, and the political chief and military governor of the capital, *M. Badao*, was to have a strong division of troops under his orders. Six battalions of infantry of the Army of Operations in *La Mancha* had already arrived at *Toledo* and *Aranjuez*, and six others, detached from the north, with some cavalry, were to rendezvous at *Segovia*.

The provincial deputation of *Madrid* had transmitted to the political chief a memorial in which that body prayed the Queen to dismiss her Ministers, and justified the refusal of the citizens to pay taxes levied without the sanction of the Cortes; but the political chief declined laying it before Her Majesty, and returned it to the deputation, who addressed it directly to the Minister of the Interior.

The *Messenger* denies that General *Alar* had proceeded to the head quarters of the army of *Aragon*, instead of continuing his journey to *Malaga*. The General reached *Manzanera* on the 10th.

All the accounts received from *Aragon* agree in describing the population of the country as roused to the highest pitch of fanaticism. A French colonel, who had been sent to *Morella* for the purpose of negotiating a reconciliation, had been denied admission, and compelled to retrace his steps. General *Leon* narrowly escaped being killed by a boy of 14, who took deliberate aim at him from a window, but missed him, and mortally wounded the chief of his staff, *Brigadier Lavina*.

It was still believed in *Madrid* that the Cortes would be prorogued until the 20th of January.

The Minister of Finance signed a contract on the 11th with Messrs. *Centola*, *Saxon*, and others, by which the supplies of the army were secured for another year.

The unsettled state of public affairs was beginning to produce an unfavourable reaction on the funds. The Five per Cents. were done on the 12th, at 30 for cash.

The *Diario* of the 12th published a notice, communicated by the administration of the Royal household, stating that the arrears due to the Queen on the amount of the civil list granted her by the Cortes exceeded 62,000,000 reals.

THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON.

(From the Standard.)

We have the highest gratification in being able to present, from good authority, the following account of the real nature of the Duke of Wellington's late indisposition. Our readers will see that it removes all grounds for apprehension that a man so justly endeared to the nation, and so important to its highest interests, shall be lost to it, or even disabled from contributing his services as constantly and vigorously as he has been accustomed to render them:

Dover, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.

Doubtless by this all sorts of ill-founded rumours have reached the metropolis relative to the Duke of Wellington's sudden indisposition. You will hear of the 'alarming illness of the Duke,' 'attack of apoplexy,' &c; believe in nothing of the sort. The facts are simply these:—The day before yesterday the Duke took it into his head to 'starve a slight cold,' and tasted nothing of food the entire of Sunday. Pursuing the same system on Monday, and finding himself better, he mounted his horse to follow the hounds, and on returning to *Walmer Castle* after the day's sport, his Grace was so exhausted, that he actually fainted from inaction, from want of food. By medical means he soon rallied. He bathed his feet and retired to rest; and this morning desired to rise at his usual hour of 6, but his medical adviser recommended his Grace to remain longer in bed. He did so, and fell into a sound sleep, and, with the blessing of God, his Grace will be by to-morrow restored to his usual health. Rumours here had the Duke in 'imminent danger.' Again I repeat, believe in nothing of the sort—for in danger he never was."

Since the foregoing article was written, we have been informed that a letter was received at *Apsley-house* this morning from the noble Duke's steward, dated "Walmer Castle, Tuesday evening, 7 o'clock," which contains these words—"His Grace is much better." The in-