

by Charles V. which upon all occasions has been found totally unnecessary. Besides the troops in pay, they have several corps of volunteers, one of which is mounted, and exceedingly well caparisoned. Multitudes of people are sending their plate to the Mint, &c. which is coining for the circulation of the country. A medal has been struck, representing the Belgic Lion laying his fangs on the Roman Eagle.

BRITISH NEWS.

London, Nov. 21.

EVERY mail from the continent brings intelligence of the great and increasing military preparations throughout the dominions of his Prussian Majesty; of magazines forming; of orders dispatched to the inspectors of different regiments in the provinces, to render them as complete as possible, and ready to act on the shortest notice; of troops marching to form cordons on the frontiers, and of every other circumstance that indicates the intention of entering into the disputes of Europe in a manner the most formidable.

From the vastness of the King of Prussia's military preparations, well informed politicians are more than ever convinced, that his aims extend far beyond the restoration of the Prince Bishop of Liege; and little doubt is now entertained, but that, in the ensuing spring, he will be opposed to the head of the Empire, though he now pays so much deference to the decrees of the Imperial chamber.

The Commission Court of Copenhagen appointed to try Benzenstierna and Obrien for attempting to burn the Russian fleet last summer, have sentenced them to have their right hands cut off, and afterwards to be beheaded, drawn and quartered.

23. On laying the foundation stone of the New College at Edinburgh, two chrystal bottles were enclosed therein; in one of these were put different coins of the present reign, each separately enveloped in chrystal, in so curious a manner, that the legend could be distinctly read. In the other were deposited seven rolls of vellum, containing the original, and present state of the University, &c. with a list of the principal officers, the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, the magistrates, and officers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The bottles properly sealed up, were covered with a plate of copper, wrapt in block-tin; and upon the under side of the copper were engraved the arms of the city

and University, as also of the Grand Mason. Upon the upper side was the following Latin inscription:

Annuente Deo opt. max.
Regn. Geo. regis III. Princ. munificentissimo,
Academiæ Edinburgensis
Ædibus,
Initio quidem humillimis,
Et jam, post duo secula, pene ruinosis:
Novi hujus ædificii,
Ubi commoditati simul et elegantie,
Tanto doctrinarum domicilio digna,
Consuleretur,
Primum lapidem posuit,
Plaud. ingenti omn. ordinum frequentia,
Vir nobilissimus Franciscus Dominus Napier,
Reipub. Architect. ap. Scotos Cur. Max.
XVI. kal. Novemb.
Anno salutis humanæ MDCCLXXXIX.
Ære architectonicæ 155 MDCCLXXXIX.
Consule Thomas Elder,
Academiæ Præfecto Gulielmo Robertson
Architecto Roberto Adam.
Q. P. P. Q. S.

TRANSLATION.

(Not engraved on the stone.)

By the blessing of Almighty God,
In the reign of the most munific. Pr. Geo. III.
The buildings of the Univ. of Edinburgh,
being originally very mean,
And now, after two centuries, almost a ruin,

The Right Hon. Francis Lord Napier,
G. Mast. of the fratern. of free masons Scotland,
Amidst the acclamations
Of a prodigious concourse of all ranks of people

Laid the foundation stone
Of this new fabric,
In which an union of elegance with convenience,

Suitable to the dignity of such a celebrated
Seat of Learning,
Has been studied;

On the 16th day of November,
In the year of our Lord 1789,

And of the æra of masonry, 5789,
Thomas Elder being the Lord Provost of the city,

William Robertson the Principal of the University,

And Robert Adam the Architect,
May the undertaking prosper, and be crowned with success.

24. On Saturday, in the court of King's bench, a subject of very great importance to the administration of criminal justice