

remained in perfect tranquillity yesterday morning.

In the course of Sunday, several more houses than those mentioned in our last, belonging to the Dissenters, were pulled down, the particulars attending which we have not yet received. The meeting house at Ringwood was among the number.

Near 30 of the rioters were buried in Mr. Ryland's cellars, where they were regaling themselves, when the walls of his house fell in, many of whom perished before they could be got out.

It is matter of astonishment, that with such a sudden phrenzy so much method should attend. Riots are generally attended by a kind of fury and confusion that sometimes knows no distinction of persons, and that rejoices in the increase of its numbers. But in the present instance, a particular set of men, whose principles were inimical to the welfare of the Constitution, were marked out as objects of popular vengeance—and with such regularity was this accomplished, that none others felt the evil effects of the tumults.

By a private letter received from Birmingham yesterday morning, we are informed, that Dr. Priestley only saved himself from the fury of the mob by half an hour's notice. That his plate had been previously sent off to a friend's house, and that this and a private box of manuscripts are all he has saved of his property.

The Insurgents of Birmingham had made a gridiron of immense size, which they brought to Doctor Priestley's house, where they said they meant to broil an anti-constitutional philosopher, by the blaze of his own writings, and light the fire with the *Rights of Man*.

*Birmingham, July 21.*

The tumult is entirely subsided—business is resumed as usual, and there is not a doubt but the rioters are totally dispersed.

The following is a correct list of the houses destroyed:

*Dwelling-houses burned.*

- Dr. Priestley's, Fair-hill,
- Mr. John Ryland's, Birmingham,
- J. Taylor's, Esq; Broddestly,
- William Ruffel's, Esq; on the London road
- Mosley-Hall, some miles from Birmingham
- Mr. Hobson's, near Mosley,
- Mr. Harwood's, Mosley,
- Mr. Hutton's, near Washford Heath
- Mr. Cox's, Woodstock.

*Meeting-houses burned.*

- New Meeting, Birmingham,
- Old Meeting, ditto
- A Meeting, King's Heath.

*Houses gutted.*

- Mr. Hutton's Birmingham,
- Mr. George Humphrey's, Spark-Brook,
- Mr. Hawke's, Mosley.

Some little injury at Hay-Hall; a few windows broken, and some small damages done elsewhere.

It does not appear, that more than five or six persons lost their lives in the ruins of Mr. Ryland's cellar.

*July 30.*

A letter received yesterday from Birmingham mentions, that since the beginning of this week several persons who had attempted to take shelter in the coal pits at Wednesbury, had been apprehended, and have proved to be some of the most active of the rioters. What is more extraordinary, a guard is put over the principal of these subterranean regions, to hinder the admission of any persons except the workmen, till the present troublesome investigation has subsided.

According to letters from Dublin, the celebration of the French Revolution on the 14th instant, passed over without the least disturbance, the inhabitants being obliged to illuminate their houses.

*Aug. 6.*

A letter from Portsmouth, dated August 2, says:—'Ever since orders for discontinuing pressing were received, the cruizers of the grand fleet, as well as the fleet itself, have been in a state of total inactivity, and the report now is, that they will begin paying off in a few days. Seamen, able and ordinary, however, still continue to be received agreeably to the proclamation; and many people are of opinion that the ships will not be dismantled till a storm, now gathering near a neighbouring kingdom, is blown over. This much is certain, that whatever turn the affair between Russia and the Porte may take, no English fleet can this year go into the Baltic.'

COPY of a LETTER from Dr. PRIESTLEY to the INHABITANTS of the TOWN of BIRMINGHAM.

*My late Townsmen and Neighbours,*

AFTER living, with you eleven years, in which you had uniform experience of my peaceful behaviour, in my attention to the quiet studies of my profession, and those of philosophy; I was far from expecting the injuries which I and my friends have lately received from you. But you have been misled by hearing the Dissenters, and particularly the Unitarian Dissenters, continually railed at, as enemies to the present Government, in Church and State. You have been led to consider any injury done to us as a meritorious thing; and not having been better informed