

The death of the Princess Charlotte of Wales. On the 6th of November, this accomplished and amiable princess died, after having given birth to a still-born son.

332. How did the public feel on this melancholy occasion ?

So unexpected and calamitous an event, happening at a moment when the whole nation was elated with the prospect of having an heir to the throne, the offspring of their beloved princess, filled the heart of every one with unexampled grief.

333. Was not her funeral observed with great solemnity ?

Yes ; never was grief more sincere or the expression of it more respectful. The day of her funeral was observed in every part of the empire as one of general mourning and humiliation : and the sorrow that pervaded every heart on this occasion, affords an undeniable testimony of the high estimation in which her virtues were held.

334. To what events did the lamented death of the Princess Charlotte give rise ?

Her death having interrupted the direct line of succession to the throne, her unmarried uncles sought such alliances as their own rank and the interests of the kingdom demanded.

335. Did not a meeting of those sovereigns with whom England had lately been in alliance take place about the same time ?

Yes ; peace having been fully established in Europe, a meeting of the allied sovereigns was held at Aix-la-Chapelle, where it was agreed that the troops left in France, for the purpose of giving stability to the monarchical power, were no longer necessary, and they were accordingly recalled.

336. What events of a political nature took place in England in the year 1819 ?

The country was in a state of considerable agitation from the large and numerous meetings of the populace, who were styled Radical Reformers. One of these meetings at length terminated very fatally at Manchester.

337. Relate the circumstances attending it.

On the 16th of August an immense multitude of persons assembled at Manchester, with banners indicative of their principles, headed by Mr. Hunt, a person who had made himself notorious at similar meetings on former occasions,