

April 12. A general court was held at the East India house.

The chair was taken by Mr Baring precisely at twelve, and after the clerk had gone through the common forms of reading the minutes and by-laws,

The chairman stated the conference he had held with Mr Pitt respecting the equalization of duties, and that the minister had given a decided opinion that nothing at present could be done to alleviate the rate of duty payable on sugar imported from the East Indies.

*Extract of a letter from Jersey, April 1.*

"Every body in this place waits with the utmost impatience for the decision of the royal commissioners who were sent to Jersey in August last, for the purpose of examining whether a trial by-jury would be practicable in this island; and to make such other laws and regulations as might be conducive to its welfare and prosperity. The states have deputed John Dumaresq, esq. advocate of the royal court, and representative of the parish of St Peter's, to confer with the commissioners, and to hasten the decision as early as possible; and have also appointed a committee to correspond and to give directions to the said John Dumaresq, consisting of Messrs Lepriere and le Couteur, jurats;

rev. Dr Edward Dupré, and le Couteur, rectors; and Messrs Pipon and de la Taste, constables."

The Portuguese begin to consider Dr Willis a greater man than the pope; and it is with the utmost difficulty that the priests are able to prevent the people from worshipping him.

They have hit upon one expedient, however, but it obtains credit very slowly, to regain their ascendancy. It is this—they have declared that at the intercession of the holy mother church, the pope inspired Dr Willis, and gave him an anointed cross, which as soon as the queen touched she was cured.

April 26. A duel was fought yesterday se'enight near Paris, between two members of the National Assembly, Messrs Gouvion and Chodieu, in consequence of some harsh language which passed between them on the subject of the soldiers of Chateaufieux, in the Assembly on Monday the 9th; they were accompanied by seconds, and fought with pistols.—M. Gouvion had the first fire, which proved fatal to his antagonist.

M. Gouvion has since not only resigned his seat in the national assembly, but has also quitted Paris, where the magistracy have decreed honours and triumphs to the murderers of his brother.