

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

A. The death of this amiable princess having interrupted the direct line of succession to the throne, her unmarried uncles soon sought alliances with such of the illustrious females, as their own rank and the interests of the kingdom demanded.

Q. What marriages took place in consequence ?

A. The Duke of Cambridge was married in April, 1818, to the princess of Hesse Cassel; in three months after the duke of Kent was united to the princess of Leiningen, and the Duke of Clarence, on the same day, wedded the Princess of Saxe Meiningen. The Princess Elizabeth was also married to the prince of Hesse Hombourg\*.

Q. What important political transactions distinguished the year 1818 ?

A. The first which demands our notice is the *general Election*, which took place throughout the United Kingdom, and which, as is usual on such occasions, occupied the attention of all classes during its continuance.

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

A. Yes; peace being fully established in Europe a meeting of the allied sovereigns was held at Aix-la-Chapelle, where it was agreed that the troops which had been left in France, for the purpose of

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\* Hesse Hombourg, Hesse Cassel, Leiningen, and Saxe Meiningen, are each small German principalities, unequal in point of extent and value to the estates of some of our English nobility; but by the laws of England, no members of the Royal Family are permitted to espouse a subject however opulent, or to form a matrimonial alliance with any Court, however great and powerful; where the Protestant religion is not professed.