

the propositions of Peace between Russia and the Porte, and that it will be joined by twelve Dutch ships of the line.

The Vice-Consul of Spain, by order of the Consul, has been on board all the merchant ships of their nation, and given orders to their Captains and crews, to pay the highest respect to the new French National Flag.

## BRITISH NEWS.

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**T**HE National Assembly of France, in respect to M. Peyrouse, the celebrated navigator, have resolved that his pay should be continued to his representatives, till the return of the vessels sent in search of him; and that an account of his voyages shall be printed at the expence of the nation, for the benefit of his widow.

The whole amount of assignats burnt in France, since the diminution of the National Debt commenced, is three million five hundred thousand pounds sterling.

The State of the Continent at present remains in an awful kind of doubt. The King of Prussia's troops are all on tiptoe for action; whilst the Empress, collected in force, seems pausing whether to *sheath the sword or throw away the scabbard*.

Yesterday morning Lord Hood's baggage was sent to Portsmouth, in order to be put on board his Majesty's ship the *Victory*; and at noon instructions were sent from the Admiralty for shutting up some houses of rendezvous for the impress service, and orders given to the Lieutenants and gangs to proceed immediately on board their respective ships.

The Governor of the Russian Company, accompanied by Mr. Peters and Mr. Godfrey Thornton having been honoured by his Majesty's Ministers with a conference on the subject of the present state of the trade to the Russian ports, are authorized to inform the Members of the Company, and the Gentlemen concerned in shipping, that there appears a great degree of probability that ships sailing from hence under such circumstances, as would enable them to leave the Russian ports with their cargoes by the end of June, or the middle of July, would not be endangered by reason of any event of the present negotiations with the Court of Petersburg.

5. Lord Hood, the Commander in Chief of the Grand Fleet, intended for the Baltic, took his final leave of the Admiralty Board on Tuesday, and goes on board the *Victory*,

where he will sleep for the first time on Saturday. And the other officers are ordered to be with their ships, and no persons to sleep on shore on pain of being superseded.

Yesterday a courier arrived at the French Ambassador's with dispatches from his Most Christian Majesty to his Excellency, who, on receiving the Letters, sent a message to Lord Grenville with the purport of the dispatches, which are said to contain a very alarming account of affairs in that country.

Another group of foreigners of distinction are just arrived in London, in consequence of fresh disturbances at Paris.

The Mail which arrived on Monday at the General Post Office from New-York, has brought over remittances to the American Merchants to the amount of 160,000l. besides orders for great quantities of goods.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have ordered, that no trading ships shall receive protections for seamen until the Captain Commander of the ship shall make his affidavit of the port he is to sail for, and also that they shall show their clearance from the Custom House.

Captain Heathcote, of the 45th regiment of foot, who was coming to England from Dominica for the benefit of his health, died the 18th of March on board the *Dashwood* packet.

The question respecting the abatement of Mr. Hastings's Trial has been resolved thus: First, that all judicial proceedings, when once lodged in the House of Lords, remain in full force not only from session to session, but from Parliament to Parliament; Secondly, that all legislative proceedings are terminated with the session; and Thirdly, as a corollary from those propositions, that a prorogation and dissolution (as far as they affect businesses in their House) are equivalent to each other, and are the same thing.

There never was a period when the Spanish Navy was in so formidable a state as it is at present, since the peace of 1783, more than 20 of the first, second, and third rates have been added to their line. The Marine Minister is indefatigable in his department, and every encouragement is given to foreign shipwrights, particularly to those of this country.

When the National Flag was hoisted at Cadiz, the Spaniards refused to pay it any respect whatever, but all the French ships fired a grand salute, and all the other foreign vessels hoisted their colours on the occasion.

The Emperor of Morocco, and the Regency of Algiers, have been applied to by the Ministry, and have promised not only