

Another article of intelligence brought by the last Burlington mail, and which may be considered as of some importance, is the declaration of war by the Dey of Algiers against France. We are at a loss to account for this falling out between the Dey and his Consular Majesty, after the many expressions of attachment and esteem which so lately past between them otherwise than by the frail nature of common friendship in general :

" Friends now fast sworn
Whose double bosoms seem to wear one heart,
——— who twine as it were in love
Un-parable, shall within this hour,
On a dissonance of a doit, break out
In bitter enmity."

Perhaps, indeed, the Dey, but very wisely not till after the French fleet was gone, got affronted at the formidable escort with which Bonaparte's *Messenger of Peace*, was escorted; or perhaps, the good Dey has grown jealous at the attempts of his Consular Brother, to outstrip him in the enjoyment of absolute power.

It is a trite observation, but which often proves true, that misfortune seldom comes single: so we find the Hero of Jaffa, is to retain for the present, the title of Consular Majesty. The title of "Emperor of the Gauls" would not take with the Sovereign People. The word Emperor, conveys to their unlettered minds the idea of sovereignty: now, how to reconcile this idea of sovereignty in one man and hereditary succession in his family, with that same sovereignty guaranteed to them, by Bonaparte himself, put their minds on the rack. Hence arose their doubts; and all the address of the Great Consul himself, and his small Consuls, of his Counsellors of State, his Senators, his Legislatures, his Tribunes, his Prefects, his Judges, his Institute and his Priests, his legi-

ons of honour and his legions of dishonour, and the whole band of his worthy friends, who have fattened on the plunder or who are stained with the blood of the Revolution, could not drive this doubt out of their heads. To risk much *for a name*, would have been foolish for the Hero of Jaffa.* The project was therefore withdrawn, without having been publicly proposed in the Senate, and laid by till a fitter occasion should offer. In the mean time, whenever they stand in need of it, Bonaparte is to convince them, by the same sort of argument which produced such an instantaneous effect on the Council of Five Hundred, and of which he was long found them to be the most susceptible, that the difference between Emperor and Consul is merely in the name.

PRICE OF STOCKS &c.

LONDON, *Jan.* 27. 3 p. cent, red. 7½
1-4. 3 p. ct. cons. 706-8.
WHEAT 47s. a 54 & 60.

POETRY.

Mr. Neilson,

Parcourant ma Sucrerie Lundi dernier le 11e du courant, je fus surpris tout-à-coup de voir une de mes Erables taillé dans la forme d'un homme, tenant dans une de ses mains les vers ci-inclus, je vous assure que je suis tout-à-fait étonné, surtout quand j'apprends le nom de deux intimes amis. Ainsi Monsieur je n'hésite pas une seule minute de vous les communiquer, et si vous les jugez propres à insérer dans votre Régistre, vous obligerez infiniment
UN-PAYSAN.

VERS.

Vous êtes étonnés mes amis, je le gage,
Qu'un homme dans les bois tristement confiné,
Depuis longtems à se taire obstiné
Emprunte des neuf sœurs le sublime langage.
Du marbre qu'anima jadis Pigmalion
Mille auteurs ont chanté l'étonnante aventure,
La mienne est au-dessus, sans-nulle exception;
Et doit être transmise à la race future,
L'Amour n'a point de part à mon enchantement :
Il fait par mon état bannir le Dieu charmant.
Il est pour m'animer un moyen plus hennête,
Je dois à l'Amitié mon être et mon encens ;
Des Nymphes de ces bois, les fréquens tête à tête,
M'ani-

* We shall give the reader some account of the murder in cold blood of 5000 men by this same Hero of Jaffa, from Sir Robert Wilson's history of the British expedition to Egypt.