

It is contemplated to form a canal for ships of 200 tons, between Bristol and the British channel. The expense is calculated at 800,000*l.* sterling. Two hundred lives a year are said to have been lost by the present dangerous passage round the Land's End, and the loss of property is estimated during the same period, at 900,000*l.*

We have much pleasure in announcing the safe arrival of Mrs. Bowdich and her children from Africa, after a voyage of nine stormy weeks. Her sufferings have been great; but, we understand, she is recovering her health and strength daily. She has brought very interesting materials, and the literary world may anticipate a treat from the pen of the first female traveller in the wild regions of Africa.

The finance accounts of the United Kingdom for the year 1823 have been delivered. The total income paid into the Exchequer is 56,672,999*l.*; the total expenditure is 50,962,014*l.*; the surplus of income over expenditure is therefore 6,710,985*l.*

A public meeting was held in London on the 18th June, to consider the propriety of erecting a monument to the memory of James Watt, the inventor of steam engines.—Lord Liverpool presided, and his Majesty, who is always foremost in generosity and patriotism, subscribed 500*l.* towards defraying the expense of the same.

The aggregate property of the members of Lloyd's is said to be more than 100 millions. The late Mr. Angerstein stated before a committee of the House of Commons, in 1810, that he had, in the course of twenty-two years, insured for one mercantile house property to the amount of eight millions and a half of money, and upon this sum the losses, by insolvency of underwriters, did not amount to three-pence halfpenny per cent!

The preparations which have been making for the bombardment of Algiers, and the annoyance of the Dey, are now completed, and the last of the vessels ordered upon the service, sailed the 20th June. His Majesty's ship, the *Lightning*, with Mr. Gaze, (Master Attendant) on board, accompanied by the Admiral Berkely transport, Lieut. Sanders, (laden with coals) sailed yesterday; and the *Algerine*, 16 guns, Capt. Hon. M. Stopford, with the mortar vessel, the *Falmouth*, Lieut. Laws, and *Goodwill*, Lieut. Thorne, sailed on Tuesday, for Algiers Bay; the *Infernal Bomb*, Capt. Barclay, (which ship arrived here on Tuesday from Chatham,) *Hamaze* mortar vessel, Lieut. MacCausland, and the *Industry* transport, with Ordnance stores, will probably sail to-morrow, for the same destination.

The *Valorus* frigate has arrived in England from Mexico, with 800,000 dollars in specie, and an Ambassador from the Mexican Government.

A loan for one million sterling, to the Buenos Ayres government, was negotiating.

The Bank Directors have come to the resolution of lending money at the rate of 4 per cent. on Government Securities or on Bank Stock. The advances on Government Securities will be to the amount of three fourths of the market value, and for a period of not less than one month, nor more than six months.

This circumstance and the pacific intentions of the continental powers, announced in the King's Speech have improved the funds. Consols for acct. 95½.

His Excellency the Earl of Dalhousie, Governor General and Commander in Chief of the forces in North America, who sailed from Quebec June 6th, arrived at Portsmouth July 3d, and immediately set off for London.

The Prince de Polignac, Ambassador from France at the Court of St. James, has married Lord Ranelig's sister, widow of the Marquis de Choiseul.

Lady Byron has given up her jointure of 2000*l.* per annum to the present Lord Byron.

The marriage of M. Rothschild, of Paris, will shortly be celebrated at Frankfort. It is said that the head of the house of Rothschild, at Frankfort, who has no children, has added a million to the three millions which are the marriage-portion of his niece.

A Statue is to be erected in Westminster Abbey to the memory of John Kemble, the actor.—The sculptor is Flaxman. Kemble is represented as Cato—" 'Tis the divinity that stirs within us."

A copy of "Columbus's Letter to the King of Spain, on the discovery of America," consisting of only three leaves, was sold in London, at auction, on the 7th of July, for 34 guineas.

Lord Clive has become one of the most ardent Bibliomanists of the present day. His Library received some splendid and rare additions from the dispersed collection of Sir Mark Sykes.