

him at their own charge as a mark of respect; and it is very currently reported that his Grace's suite will be augmented by a very numerous body of his tenantry.

The idea of a lion to Jamaica is abandoned, the measure not being approved of by government.

The exports of British manufactures in 1822, amounted to £45,787,389—in 1823, to 46,261,511*l*, and in 1824, to 50,758,808*l*.

Mr. Wilberforce, the philanthropic advocate of the abolition of slavery, is, owing to declining health, about to retire from parliament, after sitting forty-five years. Considerable sensation is produced by the account of an order from the French Government to open the dispatches of all commercial couriers sent from England; and that in consequence, several expresses were detained three or four hours. One of them had in the bag forty letters, all of which were opened and read.

The following statement will show the increase in the value of canal property; Old Birmingham Canal, original cost per share, 140*l*.; present value, 2,840*l*.; annual dividend, 100*l*. Stafford and Worcester canal original cost 140*l*. present value, 960*l*.; annual dividend, 40*l*. Trent and Mersey Canal, original cost, 200*l*.; present value, 4,600*l*. annual dividend 130*l*. and bonus. Coventry Canal, original cost, 100*l*.; present value, 1,340*l*.; 44*l*.; and bonus.

EXCISE DUTIES.—The following account will furnish the public with some idea of the extent of trade at Liverpool:

Excise duties charged & collected
at Liverpool, in the year ended

5th January, 1825,.....£2,127,586 7 8

Drawbacks paid,
on exciseable
goods export-
ed in the same
period,.....£1,050,161 18 0.

Charges of ma-
nagement at
Liverpool.....

26,311 19 2

Cash remitted... 1,051,112 9 11

£2,127,586 7 8

It will be seen, by this statement, that the charges of management on this branch of the revenue, amount to only 1*l*. 4*s*. 8*d*. per cent.

BRITISH CAPITAL.—It has been estimated, that the different new schemes now in agitation amount to 114, and the capitals to be more than 105,000,000: namely, rail roads, 20, capital 13,950,000*l*.; banking loan, investment, &c. 22. 36,760,000*l*.; gas companies, 11, 8,000,000? British and Irish mines, 8 3,600,000*l*.; foreign mines, 17. 11,565,000*l*.; shipping and dock companies, 9. 10,580,000*l*.; miscellaneous, 27. 11,070,000*l*.

Mr. Canning had an increased attack of the gout, brought on, it was supposed, by the exertion which he made in the House of Commons on the Catholic question. The Marquiss Wellesley, had been indisposed for some time, in consequence of which a levee and drawing room, announced to be held at the castle of Dublin, had been postponed. The Duke of Wellington was also sick with an abscess in his ear.

The British government is stated to have made arrangements for immediately sending out 2,000 Irish Emigrants to Canada.

The English papers contain an account of a melancholy occurrence at Eton College, two young gentlemen, the Hon. F. A. Couper and Mr. Wood, son of Colonel Wood, having a dispute in the play ground, got to blows and fought for some minutes when they were separated, this occurred on Sunday, and they afterwards agreed to fight it out on the following day, when they accordingly met, and after a contest of nearly two hours, Mr. Cooper received a fall which occasioned his death about 10 o'clock the same evening. A Coroner's Inquest was summoned on the Tuesday, when after a minute investigation, the Jury having deliberated for a very considerable time returned a verdict of man slaughter against Mr Wood the principal, and Mr. Alexander Wellesley Leith, his second.—The deceased it appeared in evidence, struck the first blow, and that the fight was fairly conducted; Mr. Cooper was about 15 years of age, his antagonist was two years older, The Coroner issued his Warrant