

The Weekly Observer.

BEING A CONTINUATION OF THE STAR:

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The Garland.

ON SEEING A SHIP

WHICH HAD BEEN INDUCED TO ALIVE HER COURSE,
BY FALSE LIGHTS, DASHED TO PIECES ON THE ROCK
OF SICILY, AT MIDNIGHT, IN DECEMBER, 1813.

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Freeze the winter tempest blew;

The moon in clouds was shrouded;

Through the surge a fragile flow;

Her deck with men was crowded.

For their harbour right they stand;

When three watch lights dimly gleam

Glimmer rays along the flood;

Broad upon the torbund beam.

Bar away! " the Helmman cries;

Rocks and dangers lie ahead;"

With the storm the frigate flies.

By Destruction's demon led.

Deeper night the Heaven overcast,

Brighter shone those traitor fires;

Loud roar the threatening blasts,

Dash with haste the ship inspire.

Sore the seamen drew their breath,

Silent was the gallant crew;

As if spirits whisper'd death,

And each man his fate foreknew!

O'erwing clouds unroll the skies;

Cross and shoul'd hazard her round;

Riving ears resounding rise;

Then dash up the broken ground.

Lighted by the pale moon-ray,

Balance on a mounting wave;

Wreath'd with foam and winged spray,

High she trembled o'er her grave.

Screams are mingled with the wind,

Gravite roars one crash round;

No tract of death the eye can trace—

Nought but foam and tides round.

MISCELLANEA.

CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE, FOR THE YEAR 1830.

MAY.

25. Both Houses of Parliament agree to an Address in the Crown, for the removal of Sir John Barrington from the office of Judge of the Court of Admiralty, Ireland.

28. A motion for radical reform is made in the House of Commons by Mr. O'Connell, and received by a majority of 319 to 13. A motion for a Committee on the state of the representation is then made by Lord John Russell, and is lost by a majority of 213 to 117.

29. A meeting of noblemen and gentlemen is held at the City of London, for the purpose of forming a Irish Stock Banking Company.

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JUNE.

1. Returns are made to the Home Office, by the Commissioners of Police, from which it appears that the number of men employed is 3,314, the division 17, and the population 1,112,491.

3. Mr. Sadler makes a motion, in the House of Commons, for the introduction of post-boxes into Ireland, which is negatived without a division.

— The types, presses, &c., of the Morning Journal are sold, almost as soon as from the Crown.

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— Letters from Palermo announce a violent explosion of Mount Etna, and the destruction, in consequence, of several villages.

13. Charles X issues a proclamation banning the Chambers for their opposition, and calling on the electors to do their duty?

14. Returns relative to the Clergy of England are made in the Morning Herald, from which it appears that the total number of parishes is 4,954, of which 219 reside in the metropolis, and the rest are non-resident. — The total number of non-resident Clergy is 3,172, and the number of Curates is 3,000.

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18. Returns are made of the number of persons convicted for forgery on the Seven banks, from 1791 to 1829, from which it appears that, during the 38 years, 199 were convicted of forgery and uttering, and 16 were exonerated.

19. Disturbances take place at Lyons, and violent feelings are expressed against the Government.

20. The sacrament is administered by the Bishop of Rochester to the King, who continues to suffer great infirmities.

— The King of the Netherlands removes the High Court Justice from Brussels to the Hague, to the great dissatisfaction of the Belgians.

21. A debate, which lasted four hours in the morning, takes place in the Commons on the Bill for appointing a new Judge in Chancery. The motion is carried by a majority of 133 to 96.

— The Queen of Naples, with the Duke of Berry, are compelled to quit the Théâtre des Variétés, at Paris, in consequence of a tumult caused in the Théâtre.

25. De Poster and the other exiles are refused permission to enter the Russian States.

— A riot takes place in Linzwick, when five persons are shot by the military.

26. His Majesty George IV, expresses at Windsor Castle, his desire that three to three in the morning, in the 6th year of his reign, and the 11th of his reign.

— The Privy Council assemble, and give orders for proclaiming the Duke of Clarence, Sovereign of these realms under the title of William the Fourth.

— The Lord Chamberlain announces the results to the King, who grants audience to the several Ministers of State and a great number of persons in office.

— The birth of the late King is opened, when it appears that some of the virtues of the heart were not bad. — The bursting of a blood-vessel was the cause of death.

— Both Houses of Parliament assemble, and a great number of Members take the Oath to the new King.

28. King William the Fourth, is purchased at St. James's Palace, when great rejoicings assemble and there is much hilarity.

— The Duke of Norfolk, a Catholic Peer, is made a Privy Councillor.

29. Messages are sent by the King to both Houses, and a letter of condolence is sent for the death of George IV.

30. Important debates take place in both Houses of Parliament on an Address in our M'ajesty. In the Lord's, an amendment for adjournment is voted by East Glos., which is negatived by a majority of 183 to 116.

— Returns are made during this month, by Sir Francis Fox, from which it appears that, during the year 1829—11,856,000 £. were paid over to the Post-office, to the country and abroad, through the London Post-office.

JULY.

1. A debate takes place in the House of Lords on the Foreign Bill; when the Lord Chancellor moves an amendment, that the amount of debt be reduced, and, in some cases, for that of taxation—The amendment is carried by a majority of 77 to 20.

4. Mrs. Poole, widow of John Poole, formerly Governor of Pennsylvania, dies in London, in the 84th year of her age.

5. The Account of the Queen's Revenue is made up, when it appears there is an increase of £815,603 in the Customs and Excise taxes, and a decrease of £191,929, leaving a deficit on the quarter of £173,521 as compared with last year. The whole increase on the year is £690,980.

7. A great flood commences ravages in the north of Scotland, and the press bring out news of weather throughout the country does considerable injury to the crops.

— Algiers surrenders to the French arms; 1,350 braves, 12 ships of war, 5000 men, 1000 horses, 1000 mules, 1000 camels, 100000 dollars, 100000 francs, 100000 piastres, are the prize of the victory. — The news causes a depression of the French Funds.

19. Lord Holland, the Duke of Richmond, and Lord Darnley, enter the House of Commons in the Queen's Colour.

21. The remains of his late Majesty lie in state at Windsor Castle.

25. George IV, is interred at Windsor. The Queen is accompanied by the King, as chief mourner, foot Ryal Dr. Dr., and a great many of the Nobility and Gentry.

28. Great anxiety is evinced at Paris, on account of the obscure conduct of the King and his ministers, which causes a considerable fall in the French Funds.

29. The King resumes his seat in the House of Commons.

30. His M'ajesty prorogues Parliament in person.

31. The King dissolves Paliament, and orders the Lord Chancellor to issue writs for calling a new Parliament on the 14th Sept.

NECESSITY OF ATTENDING TO THE LAWS OF NATURE.—After the invention of the diving bell, and its success in submarine processes, it was considered highly desirable to devise some means of remaining any length of time under water, and rising at pleasure without assistance, so as either to examine, at leisure, the bottom, or perform at ease, any work that might be required. Some years ago an ingenious individual proposed a project by which this end was to be accomplished. It consisted in sinking the hull of a ship made quite watertight, with the decks and sides strongly supported by shores, and the only entry secured by a stout trap door in such a manner that, by disengaging from within the weight supposed to sink it, it rose of itself to the surface. To render the trial more satisfactory, and the result more striking, the projector himself made the first essay. It was agreed that he should sink the Steam Boat, and establish the same on the said station; whenever it shall be certified to His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief, that the said Steam Boat is fit to run between the Port of Saint John and Miramichi, touching at Digby, for the conveyance of the Mail and Passengers; and also between the Port of Saint John and Saint Andrews, touching at Digby.

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