

excited the turbulent part of the populace to acts of violence.

Q. At what places did this spirit of insubordination manifest itself?

A. In London, Manchester, Derby, &c.; in consequence of which the parliament passed a Bill for the suspension of the Habeas Corpus Act, and some of the most active ringleaders were apprehended under warrants from the Secretary of State.

Q. What was the consequence?

A. Several were tried on charges of High Treason, and acquitted, others were found guilty and executed, while the greater part, after having been confined for a considerable length of time, were liberated, and the Suspension Bill was repealed.

Q. What tragical event in the history of the country took place in 1817?

A. The death of the Princess Charlotte of Wales. On the 5th of November, this accomplished and amiable princess died, after having given birth to a still born son.

Q. How did the public feel on this melancholy occasion?

A. So unexpected and calamitous an event, happening at a moment when the whole nation was elated with the prospect of having an heir to the throne, the offspring of their beloved princess, cast a gloom not over the countenances, but filled the hearts of every one with unexampled grief.

Q. Was not her funeral observed with great solemnity?

A. Yes; never was grief more sincere, or the expression of it more respectful. The day of her funeral was observed in every part of the empire as one of general mourning and humiliation; and the sorrow that pervaded every heart on this occasion, affords an undeniable testimony of the high estimation in which her virtues were held.