

Heart, to be so lavish in their Presents, as to increase those Resources to that Height, which the Definitive Treaty seems to have raised them to? And that not only the *real* Height, but what is more material, *the comparative one with Respect to our own*. If they were not in earnest, we cannot think it unreasonable to suspect in them something like *Foul PLAY*.—It is true, Suspicions are *but* Suspicions; and it is Time only which can either justify or condemn them.—The Wickedness of Mens Hearts is not easy to be come at; but the Weakness of their Conduct is visible to all the World, and the Effect equally destructive to the Nation, let the Motive be what it may.

(The rest will be given in our Next.)

N E W S.

VERSAILLES, May 16.

HIS Majesty has just made a reform in his expences, and suppressed the Extraordinary, which will save some millions per annum.

Genoa, April 28. This republick has laid an embargo on all vessels loaden with any sort of grain, that arrive in this port.

Peterbourg, April 17. It is very confidently said, that a treaty of union between our court and that of Prussia is actually signed.

Florence, April 21. A report is just spread here, on the arrival of letters from Leghorn, that the malecontents on the island of Corsica have taken Bastia.

Brest, April 15. The marine of this Port is augmented since the peace with six men of war, and there is another which will be ready to launch by the 17th of next month. The Duke de Choiseul is expected about that time, and great preparations are making for his reception. A quantity of timber arrives here daily; and the ship the city of Paris, which has been built at Rochfort, is expected here next week, as well as the four which have been built at Bourdeaux. There is another man of war of 90 guns on the stocks at Rochfort.

Toulon, April 16. The present state of the marine in this port, is 19 men of war from 60 to 80 guns, besides five fine new frigates, seven xebèques, and four ships of the line, which are not yet launched.

Paris, May 19. Our marine, it seems, is already restored to such a point, as to occasion jealousy in the English. And it is not only our marine that becomes respectable; for our finances are increased in such a manner, that there has not been so much money these 15 years in the king's coffers.

L O N D O N, May 1.

Saturday evening died, at his house at Burystreet, St. Mary-Axe, Benjamin Mendez da Costa, Esq; a Gentleman of the Jewish profession; but whose practice, as it adorned human nature, would do honour to the purest religion. His love for mankind in general, was unbounded; which won him universal reverence and esteem. Firmly persuaded that riches are sent, not to gratify the groveling views of pride, luxury, or avarice; his wealth was as a mighty reservoir of water, whence issued a thousand salutary streams, to cherish, relieve and support, weeping, distressed virtue, of all persuasions, and of all denominations.

Besides the 3000 l. per annum given to charitable uses by the late worthy Mr. Da Costa, by a codicil to his will, he has ordered that all the bonds, securities, &c. he had by him, should be immediately on his death destroyed; and that the annuities he had given to distressed families should be continued during the lives of the persons to whom they were granted.

May 6. On Saturday last there was a meeting of the Commissioners of the Surry and Suffex turnpike Roads at Croydon, when their loss by a late Treasurer of the Godstone division was taken into consideration. The Rev. Mr. Kidgell, the famous author of the Narrative of the Essay on Woman, had been Treasurer, but has lately disappeared, with a ballance in his hands of 200 l. It appeared however, that he had given a bill of sale to the Clerk of the roads; in consequence of which, it is said, the Commissioners will recover ten shillings in the pound. An innkeeper of Ryegate attended, and proved that he had bought of Mr. Kidgell some cyder, which not having received home, and being taken into the bill of sale, the Commissioners ordered the amount of it to be given him.

May 15. We hear that a Grant is making out to Denny Roile, Esq; Member of Parliament for Barnstable, of a tract of land of many thousand acres, near St. Mark's, in East Florida; and that he is preparing to embark in a few days, with some gentlemen, artificers, and families from Bristol. Many young men and women are going in the ships from thence, and several families propose to go over from the ports of Barnstable and Biddeford, in the autumn, sufficient, it is supposed, to settle the whole Grant in a short time. As soon as the settlers arrive, and are provided for, that gentleman intends to return at the meeting of the Parliament.

Cochineal, silk, and cotton, are the produce of that country, and will be a very profitable easy employment.