

employment for the women and children ; as indigo, rice, and other valuable commodities, will be raised by the greater strength of the men.

May 16. A person has lately arrived in town from Quebec, who, among other Commissions we are informed, has orders to engage some skilful miners, for the iron mines near Trois Rivières, in Canada, several gentlemen having already formed themselves into a company, with a view to carry on that valuable manufacture to the best advantage.

May 17. Yesterday the Right Hon. the Lord High Chancellor kiss'd his Majesty's hand on being created Earl of Northington, Viscount Henley, and Baron of Grange in Hampshire.

Yesterday arrived a mail from New York, brought by the Pitt Packet, Brigstock, in 27 days.

Green Peas were on Thursday sold for a guinea and an half a quart.

We hear that four guineas were given on Thursday se'nnight for a quart of peas, for the use of his Excellency the Spanish Ambassador, who that day gave an elegant entertainment to the foreign Ministers, and many of the Nobility and Gentry.

Mr. Wilkes's estate in Buckinghamshire is to be sold, the beginning of June next, by order of the Trustees.

The Society for the Encouragement of Arts, &c. on Wednesday evening last, ordered a bounty of ten guineas to Mr. Carter, for a specimen of Borax, manufactured in this kingdom.

May 19. Some gentlemen, eminent for their skill in the profession of engineering, are now preparing to embark for the Grenadoes. They are to take an accurate survey of all our late acquired islands in the West Indies, with the most convenient places to erect fortifications, which are with all expedition to be put in a proper state of defence.

Lord Clive gives Capt. Mills, of the Kent, a Thousand Pounds for his passage to Bengal.

A great quantity of artillery is now preparing, in order to be sent to the islands of Tobago, &c. together with some engineers, to direct the building of the fortifications.

May 24. Yesterday at half past twelve came on before Lord Mansfield, and the other two Judges of the Court of King's Bench, at Westminster hall, the trial of Philip Carteret Webb, Esq; Member of Parliament for Haslemere in Surry, Solicitor to the Treasury, and Fellow of the Royal Society, for Perjury, which continued till 7 o'clock in the evening, when the Jury, which was a special one, after an absence of half an hour, brought in their Verdict, Not Guilty.---It was with no little difficulty that a Jury could be impannelled to try this important cause, some of the Gentlemen who had been summoned neglected to attend, notwithstanding the pressing necessity for their appearance.---One of them, however, was fined 30l. for his remissness, which it is hoped will have a salutary ef-

fect upon every future occasion.

Yesterday the Commissioners of the Navy contracted for 500 tons of hemp of British growth.

We are credibly informed that a pension of 1500l. per annum for life is granted to the Right Hon. Lord Sandys.

They write from Brest, that the Court of France have lately ordered the number of seamen on the marine list, to be augmented with 15,000 men.

It is rumoured, that enquiry has been made at a publick office, to know in what time they could victual 10,000 men, in case of emergency.

In consequence of the prudent measures now taking, the state of the British navy is in a way of being vastly superior to what has ever been experienced in former years. Exclusive of a thorough survey of all his Majesty's ships of war, contracts have been entered into with every province, island, and settlement in America ; where men of war may be supplied with provisions, riging and all manner of naval stores, on any emergency ; the same contract is also in force in most foreign states in Europe, so that let a King's ship put in any where, she is sure of being supplied.

Portsmouth, May 22. Sailed the Guernsey and Solebay men of war for Newfoundland ; the St. George, Mallard, from London for New England, having sprung a leak, is put back here.

The Lords of the Admiralty, who are making the tour of all the Yards belonging to his Majesty, went on Tuesday last to Woolwich, where Lord Egmont, accompanied with three other Lords of that Board, together with their Secretaries, took a view of most of the ships that are building and in ordinary there, mulling the ships companies as they went ; enquiring into the nature and present state of all the stores ; condition of the several ships of war ; necessary repairs, &c. and whatever their Lordships were pleased to think worthy their notice, was ordered to be minuted forthwith. Their Lordships returned to town in the evening and were expected to view Deptford, and the other Yards. As nothing can be more pleasing to the enemies of Great Britain, than to hear that her ships are suffered to rot in her harbours, and her naval affairs totally neglected ; so can there be no sounds more grateful and harmonious in the ears of all the true friends thereof, than those that result from accounts of so really interesting and political a concern as the above, to wit, a timely attention to what constitutes the great bulwark of the nation, the nerves of the state, so much recommended and taken notice of in his Majesty's late most gracious speech from the throne.

An additional number of hands are ordered to Sheerness to be employed in that Yard for fitting out several ships there for Channel service.

Orders are given for several armed sloops and cutters to sail for the coast of Scotland, for the protection