

sey, for which Purpose, an exact Survey of both Places will shortly be taken.

We are credibly informed that the four Ships lately taken by the Algerines, and said to be English, are four Spanish Xequibecks, and that the Dey of Angiers has given Assurances that he shall not assert the least Violence to the British Flag.

It is a Matter past all Doubt that the great Commoner has lately been consulted at Court; a Circumstance that must be left to the Speculations of our various Readers.

Yesterday two Messengers were dispatched to the Right Hon. William Pitt, at Hayes.

This Day a Cabinet Council was held at St. James's.

They write from Dublin, that the best Irish butter sells there for no more than Four-pence per Pound; whereas we pay in London Seven-pence per Pound for Cambridge Butter.

The Princessa and Terrible Men of War, with four Spanish and one Portuguese Merchantmen, laden with Cocoa, Hides, &c. are arrived at Cadiz from Carthagea.

July 3. Last Friday morning died, of an inflammation in his bowels, which turned to a mortification, aged 72, at his seat at Prior Park, near Bath, Ralph Allen, Esq; he was quite sensible and resigned to the last, and so composed, even in the most excruciating pain, that he asked his physicians the day before he died, when no hopes of his recovery remained, how many hours they thought he might live, which they told him pretty nearly; he then thanked them for their attendance, and desired they would leave him. He was universally known to have lived in the constant practice of every virtue that does honour to humanity. It is impossible, perhaps, for words to express the full extent of his singular merit. In every view of his character he appears excellent, almost beyond example. His ample fortune, acquired by the prosecution of a plan of his own invention for the improvement of the revenue of the Post Office, highly beneficial to his country, was spent in a splendid but decent hospitality, and in the relief of a great variety of objects of compassion. To his numerous servants, and dependents, he acted the part of a tender parent. His benevolence was indeed unbounded, and so secretly was it generally exerted that the amount of it will probably never be discovered. His public charities were also very extensive, and to the city of Bath in particular he was a most munificent benefactor. His loss indeed is, in every sense, a public calamity; for the King hath in him

lost a most faithful subject, and his country in general one of its highest ornaments.

July 5. On Sunday last died Mrs. Harris, many years mistress of the Two Blue Posts, opposite St. Anne's church, Soho; she weighed upwards of 40 stone, horseman's weight, and was reckoned the largest woman not only in England but in all Europe, and equalled the late famous Mr. Bright, of Malden in Essex.

Orders are given for three companies of the Royal regiment of artillery, commanded by the Marquis of Granby, to be in readiness to embark for America.

Yesterday morning the Earl of Egmont, first Lord of the Admiralty, set out for his seat at Castle Enmore, in Somersetshire, from whence, after continuing a few days, he will accompany the other Lords of that Board to Plymouth to survey the shipping, stores, &c. there.

The late Ralph Allen, Esq; of Bath, has left upwards of 40,000 l. in legacies, and amongst them 1000 l. to the Right Hon. William Pitt.

A French gentleman of some consequence is lately arrived in London, who keeps 3 secretaries constantly employed.

July 13. The Irish now manufacture broad and narrow cloths in such great perfection that they will soon be able entirely to supply their home consumption, and they are sold at reasonable rates; the wool, blue, gray, pompadour, &c. broadcloths, being 17 s. Irish per yard, and the best superfine black, coffee, claret, and drab colour, one shilling cheaper.

We are informed that a few days since died, at his farm in Devonshire, Mr. Henry Walton, an eminent farmer and cider maker. Among the many legacies which he bequeathed, having no relations, is the following remarkable one: "I give and bequeath unto John Wilkes, Esq; late member for Aylesbury in Bucks, the sum of 5000 l. as an acknowledgment to him who bravely defended the constitutional liberties of his country, and checked the dangerous progress of arbitrary power.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the young Prince his brother, have both got the hooping cough, at Kew.

On the 27th ult. the King of France received a fall in hunting, but had no other hurt than a slight contusion in the leg; he was able to return back on horseback, and to assist in the evening at the church of the Cordeliers.

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