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The abolition of the Board of Trade is found to be very impracticable and inconvenient. We have at this moment no officer responsible to the representatives of the people for the conduct of our commercial business with foreign powers. Lord Sydeney has absolutely refused to do the business of the Board of Trade in his department. The office established by Lord North under the conduct of Mr. Elliot, a very intelligent and experienced servant of the public, has only been in the hands of a commission in this capacity, as the consequence of our having no efficient Board to superintend our foreign trade, is found very injurious to the merchants trading to European ports. The office of Confidant is become a mere cypher; for the reparation made by the gentlemen who hold this capacity, are not attended to, by our Secretary of State not thinking proper to burden himself with the management of an affair to which he feels himself unequal. Something must be done in this affair, and that speedily; for a capital house in the city, concerned in the Italian Specie Trade, has been ferociously injured by certain new regulations that have taken place with respect to the imports from Great Britain. The matter has been represented, as we are well informed, by the said Confidant, to our Ministers, but to no purpose. A memorial is preparing upon the subject, to be laid before the Treasury, and it is not improbable but that it will be the subject of an enquiry in the House of Commons. Impositions, to a very considerable amount, have been discovered on the Exchequer. The annuities paid at this office were always discribed without any enquiry; but on examination of the entry book where the accounts are kept, it appears, that very considerable sums have been paid after the decease of the annuitant. This having been represented to the Lords of the Treasury, the subject was taken up at the last Board, and an order was issued to the proper officer in the Exchequer to pay Monday night John Lee was apprenticed in St. John's-fleet by Mr. Lucy, on suspicion being one of the gang who this night was three times rushed into the house of —— Rice, Esq., of Fouting in Sturcy, and upon being opposed by the coachman and another servant, the former of whom has lost the sight of an eye by the wound he received from a pistol bullet. Being next day examined at the public office, Bow-street, the prisoner was committed to New-Prison for re-examination on Saturday next.

We learn from Liverpool that a Mr. Span, on his way to Ireland, was attacked near Preston by four ruffians, part of a daring banditti that infest that part of the country, and was robbed of cash and bank notes to a considerable amount, and otherwise most barbarously treated.

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

Dublin, Dec. 30. Yesterday an order to rejute, for eight days, the execution of Francis Bynn, for robbing a bank, was issued; on the 5th of January last, was issued from the Castle. This rejute, it is said, is in consequence of some favourable circumstances having appeared on his trial.

We have the pleasure of informing the friends of Ireland, that the free and independent Electors of Newry had a meeting last Friday, at the Town-hall, and in spite of all mischievous attempts, proceeded to choose five gentlemen as their representatives in Congress, which will certainly fit for the dispatch of business on Thursday the 20th of January. The delegates are, the Right Honourable William Archdall, John Lurgan, Hasc Corry, Francis Evans, James Moody, and Robert Stuart, Esqrs. of the town of Newry, all good men and true, who in a just and righteous cause, will not, as David says, be ashamed to meet their enemies in the gate. Authentic advices from the North give the freest assurances that the peace throughout.

Refused II. That every Parliament ought to have a voice in the election of his minister.

Refused III. That the setting a Minister in a Parliament, without the consent of the Parliamentarians, is often productive of the worst consequences, both to religion and morality.

Refused IV. That the setting of the meeting will consist in every legal and constitutional means to obtain a redress of the intolerable grievance of patronage.

Refused V. That the thanks of this meeting be given to Robert Beaton, Esq. for his spirited and becoming conduct in the whole of this business.

Refused VI. That the thanks of this meeting be given to Bailie James Peden, for the trouble he has taken in calling them together, and for his support and countenance on this occasion.

Refused VII. That these refusals be published.

Extracted by W. Ritchie, Clerk to the Meetings.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Leeds, Jan. 11. Thursday night last was married, at Rochdale, Mr. James Royds, of Fallings to Miss Mary Smith, of Summer-castle, near Rochdale.—Two other brothers of Mr. James Royds have likewise lately married two sisters of Miss Smith.

Thursday night last for one, on a matrimonial expedition to Greta-Green, Mr. Cook, of Gratham, a young surgeon and apothecary, w. Miss Clara, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, of the George-in-the-Street. They were accompanied from Newmarket by another couple on the same errand. It is somewhat unusual, they say, that two contracts agreed to change places in theuali, and one of them rode a post horse every stage.

Friday night last a terrible fire broke out at the warehouse of M^d. Hadfield, merchants, at Manchester, which destroyed goods and fixtures of the amount of several hundred.