

terms as were badly received by the new ministry ;
 who thought themselves reflected upon.

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The alarm of fire still continued : on the 28th of *August* several houses were burnt down in *Theobald's-court*, in the *Strand* : and on the 10th of *September*, three houses adjoining to *Sadler's-ball*, in *Cheapside*, and several houses backward, were consumed ; besides the damage done to *Sadler's-ball*, and other houses.

Fires in the
 Strand and
 Cheapside.

On the 8th of *October*, about nine o'clock at night, a most extraordinary phænomenon appeared in the air over the city of *London*. At first, a strong light was seen on the gravel and paved walks in the *Temple*, bright enough to pick up a pin ; which surprise was increased on the beholders looking upwards, when a globe of ruddy fire was seen descending from a great altitude over *Temple-bar*, as large as the full moon a little after her rising ; and taking its course obliquely towards the river *Thames*, as if it would have fallen therein ; but coming low and over the same, it shot itself into a sheet of fire, with one edge turned towards the water, in the form of a boy's kite, with head, wings and tail, appearing half as long, and in one part twice as broad, as *Fleet-street*. It fell or vanished on the *Southwark* side of the water, in a yellow fire, to the surprise not only of all the watermen, then on that part of the river, but of all

A phænomenon in
 the air.

“ ances of zealous attachment to it, cannot but be very agree-
 “ able to me.—I have nothing so much at heart as the welfare
 “ and happiness of my people ; and have the greatest satis-
 “ faction in every event that may be an additional security to
 “ those civil and religious liberties upon which the prosperity
 “ of these kingdoms depend.”

A. D. 1765. the spectators by land who saw it, they agreeing that they had never beheld the like astonishing appearance before.

Freedom presented to prince of Brunf. wick.

At a court of common-council, on the 15th of *October*, it was resolved to present the freedom of the city, in a gold box, to his serene highness the hereditary prince of *Brunswick*. And they voted

Five hundred pound given to society of arts, &c.

500l. as a benefaction to the society of arts and sciences.

Price of milk raised

The spirit of monopoly and oppression was at this time so greatly spread, that the very retailers of milk, in and about this metropolis; attempted to raise the price of milk to two pence half penny a wine quart, which they buy at a penny *Winchester* measure; and in some parts they carried their point^b.

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^b At a numerous meeting of the grand-jury, and other principal inhabitants of the borough of *Southwark*, at their town-hall, it was unanimously agreed to give the following instructions to their members:

To Sir *Joseph Mawbey*, Bart. and *Henry Thrale*, Esq; representatives in parliament for the town and borough of *Southwark*.

“ *Gentlemen,*

“ We the grand jury for the town and borough of *Southwark*, and others the inhabitants thereof, this day assembled in the town-hall, sensibly touched with the just complaints of the poor of this borough, as well as of those of the nation in general, occasioned by the present enormous price of every necessary of life, and the almost total stagnation of many valuable branches of our manufactures in consequence thereof, think we should be wanting in the duty we owe to our fellow-inhabitants, did we not employ

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