

holm, that since the return of Mr. Schultz, who, on the recommendation of the board of health, was sent to England in 1754, to inform himself of every thing relating to the inoculation of the small-pox, that operation gains ground daily; the free masons have erected an hospital for inoculation at Gothenbourg, and another will soon be established at Stockholm.—The board of health is distinct from the royal college of physicians. It was established in 1719. The business of the commissioners is, in times of contagion, to take the properest methods for stopping the progress of epidemical diseases. All projects and establishments that have any relation to medicine, fall under their cognizance. Those which they approve of, they support with all their influence, and procure for them the king's protection and patronage.

There are letters from Salamanca in Spain, that an English gentleman on his travels was married there the 24th of December, to a Spanish lady, aged 14 years, daughter to John Byde Colo, with a fortune of two hundred thousand Spanish dollars; and that he had embraced the Roman Catholic religion.

We may form a judgment of the immense trade the Dutch have acquired during the war, from the following list of the fleet which sailed from the Texel the 26th ult. which consisted of 72 sail for France, 20 for Lisbon, 22 for Cadiz, 30 for the Streights, 10 for England, 8 for Curacoa, 17 for Eustatia, 17 for Surinam, and 10 for East-India, all under convoy of men of war.

Died the right hon. Sir 14th.
Rich. Annesley, Bart. earl
of Anglesey, baron Altham, in Ire-
land, aged 75. Mr. M'Kercher,
soon after his decease, took posses-
sion of the manor of Newport Pag-
nel, and the toll of the market,
for the young lord Anglesey, son
to the unfortunate James Annesley,
who died last year; and also of
the Anglesea estates in the counties
of Warwick, Caermarthen and
Pembroke.

The wife of a labouring 15th.
man, near Kingston, in Sur-
ry, was delivered of three girls.

At a court of common- 18th.
council, part of the London
work-house was agreed to be ap-
plied for, and fitted up, for the re-
ception of the prisoners in Ludgate.

Letters from Bristol mention,
that there is arrived there in a ship
lately come from America, an In-
dian woman about 21 years old,
taken at Lake Champlain; that
for fine features and shape, few in
England can equal her. She is
very curious in painting, and is
consigned to an officer's lady in
Scotland, whose husband has a
command now in America, under
the brave general Amherst.

Winbourn, Dorset, Feb. 7. Fri-
day night, between eight and nine
o'clock, when it was extremely
dark, as I was returning home in
my coach, with the canvas up, I
was suddenly surprized with the
most extraordinary appearance of
light I ever beheld; which ren-
dered every object so visible (not
only on the spot where we were,
but for miles round) that my ser-
vants, who, but just before, could
scarce perceive the heads of the
horses they rode on, could now
see

see to take a pin from the ground; and, what rendered it the more alarming, it happened when I was but two fields distance from my house, and appeared as if rising from the top of it, in two large pillars of about seven feet high; from whence I conjectured the roof was on fire, and ordered my servant to drive on as fast as possible; in the interim, so light was every thing round the house, that I could plainly see into the rooms, thro' every window in view, and when I came near, I jumped out of the coach, expecting to find the whole building in flames; but, in an instant, to my second great surprize, the light vanished, without leaving a spark behind, or doing the least damage. I since hear this surprizing phænomenon, or meteor, or whatever the naturalists please to call it, was seen at six miles distance, and lasted for only half a minute; but its continuation over the house, I judge to be near five minutes, and when it disappeared, it seemed to move forward, and sink down below the roof.

The following very melancholy accident lately happened at Elgin in Scotland: One Harvie, a journeyman dyer, having bought of William Frazer, merchant, some gunpowder, Harvie, to try the powder, loaded a pistol in the shop, with an intention to fire it. At the very instant he was about to fire, one James Finlay came into the shop, and called out to him to stop, as he knew a barrel of gunpowder was just by them; but his alarm unhappily came too late; the pistol flashed in the pan, and a spark flew into the cask, which contained about forty pounds weight, and which instantly blew up, and brought down

the whole tenement. Finlay and Harvie were miraculously preserved, but Frazer the owner of the shop was killed by the explosion, which burst out at the door and windows, and carried the lintel stones of both to the opposite side of the street. The most shocking part of this fatal affair was, that Laurence Calder, merchant, James Bowie, maltman, James Grant, taylor, John Adam, and James Ross, being in the shade at the door of the shop, were carried off with such impetuosity, that Bowie and Grant were dashed to pieces, and killed against the walls of the houses on the opposite side of the street. They were found quite dead, and almost naked, their cloaths being almost entirely burnt off them. Calder was found alive, in the most dismal condition, his head terribly bruised, one of his legs cut quite open, and the foot hanging by a ligament only; he expired in a few hours. Ross is yet alive, but his recovery uncertain. It can hardly be accounted for, how Finlay and Harvie were preserved within the shop; but certain it is, they too likewise must have perished, had not the town's people, at the hazard of their lives, from the broken and tottering walls, dug them from beneath the rubbish, and in that manner saved their lives. There is no other damage done to the adjoining or opposite houses, but some of the windows and casements broken.

A grant has passed the great seal to John Wood, of Wednesbury in Staffordshire, for his new-invented method of making malleable iron from pig or sow metal.

Also to Jonathan Greenal of Parr in the county of Lancaster, for his new-invented fire-engine for draining