

By a Report of a Committee of Parliament, it appears that the turnpike roads of England and Wales extend 19,755 miles, and the other high-ways, 95,104, making a total of 114,859 miles; also that 1,415,833*l.* is annually expended on them; and that the area of England and Wales is 57,660 square miles, or 37,094,400 acres.

A destructive fire broke out in the manufactory of Messrs. Glasscot and Co. brass founders, of Gardner's-street, Whitechapel, on Saturday morning, about one o'clock, which entirely consumed the whole of their extensive premises, destroying property to a large amount. Great fears were entertained for the warehouses of M. Sneider, a sugar-baker, but, by the activity of the firemen, aided by a plentiful supply of water, they were preserved from destruction. What makes the calamity much greater is, that a number of industrious workmen are thrown out of employment.

A singular species of robbery has been carried on to a considerable extent in the neighbourhood of Coulsdown, near Croydon. Sheep belonging to farmers have been killed in the night, cut open, and divested of the gall and kidney fat, and the remainder of the carcass left upon the ground. Mr. Searle, of Coulsdown, has been a great sufferer by this novel mode of robbery. Within the last few weeks he has been deprived of thirteen valuable sheep. The country people and constables have been upon the alert to discover the depredators; but their exertions and vigilance have been hitherto unattended with success.

MURDER AT NOTTINGHAM.—On Saturday night, the 19th ult. a young man, aged 19, of the name of Timms, an apprentice to a tradesman at Nottingham, went from his master's house, and not returning home that night nor the following day, an inquiry was set on foot respecting him; this becoming generally known, a person who lived near the bridge which crosses the river Trent, about a mile south of Nottingham, remembered that late in the above mentioned evening he heard the cry of "Murder!" several times repeated by somebody on the bridge, and the man went out to ascertain the cause, but it being dark, and hearing nothing further, he returned to his house; the father of the missing young man made known that his son had a watch, amongst other things, about him; this reaching the ears of a pawnbroker, he was able to recollect that a soldier pawned a watch with him, which watch was identified to be the property of the youth who had been lost. The pawnbroker fortunately knew the soldier, and the latter, on being interrogated, stated that he bought the watch of two men, which men he also knew; these latter two were apprehended, and not being able to give a satisfactory account how they became possessed of the watch, they were kept in safe custody, and during the whole of the succeeding week diligent search was made in the river, but without the anticipated effect, and a rumour, which gained universal credit, being propagated on Sunday last, that the young man had been seen *alive* in Derbyshire, the Magistrates were induced to liberate the two men they had in hold; however, on the following day, the mystery was unravelled, by the body of the unfortunate youth being seen floating in the Trent, about two miles east of Nottingham; the corpse was taken out of the river, and conveyed to the church of Holme-Pierrepont, and information thereof being sent to John Houseman Barber, Esq. the Mayor of Nottingham, he immediately dispatched his police officers in quest of the two men who had been set at liberty the day before, and they were fortunately retaken before they could possibly hear of the body of young Timms being found. There is no doubt that the unfortunate youth was robbed, murdered, and then thrown into the river: a dreadful blow seemed to have been inflicted obliquely across the eyes and nose, and the cartilage of the latter was broken by its force. An inquest was held on the body on Tuesday, and a verdict returned of *willful murder* by some person or persons unknown. One of the men in custody proves to be a son of Bamford, a notorious Luddite, who was shot in the act of breaking into a house to demolish some frames, at Basford.

OLD BAILEY SESSIONS.

On Wednesday the Recorder proceeded to pass sentence of *Death* on the following capitally convicted, viz.—William Gracey, George Gracey, John Jones, and Rich. Bennet, for forgery; Jas. Higgins, William Mitchell, John Thomas Littleton, Burton Williams, and Hugh Lynch, for burglary; David Roghan, Ed. Fletcher, Henry Mears, Isaac Sampson, Wm. Saunders, Elizabeth Jones, and Sarah Butcher, for stealing in dwelling houses; Robert Freeman Thompson, James Lawrence, and John Burgess, for horse stealing; James Nokes and Thomas Webb, for sheep stealing; John Driscoll, Wm. Weller, George Cashman, John Flood, Thomas Wm. Smith, William Byrne, Sarah Ward, Jeremiah Bryant, and Elizabeth Brooks, for uttering forged Bank notes; Jas. White and Richard Hartop, for house-breaking; Margaret Reading, Rebecca Gould, and Mary Saunders, for stealing goods privately in shops.

On Lawrence Halloran, *alias* Hynes, *alias* W. C. Gregory, *alias* Holland, who was convicted of forging a frank in the name of Sir William Garrow, then a Member of Parliament, being asked by the Clerk of Arraignment what he had to say why he should not be adjudged to suffer for the felony, addressed the Court in a very pathetic speech. He begged to observe, that he was the first person who had been convicted under the statute which made the act of which he stood accused a felony. He did not wish to devolve to the Court the cause why that provision had been instituted: he wished to impress on the Court the punishment he had suffered since his arrest, a punishment, he took leave to say, fully equal to the crime of which he had been guilty. To him it had in fact been more painful than even death itself. On the suspicion of his having forged a frank, he had been torn from his home and his family; he had been for months incarcerated among the lowest of the human species; and though the warrant on which he had been arrested extended only to the apprehension of his person, yet his drawers and desks had been broken open, and his papers examined and seized; many of them, it is true, were returned, yet many others were withheld, and he begged the Court would, in its goodness, order them to be restored. He had spent a life of forty years in the service of his country, and much of it abroad; he had devoted much time to the instruction of Gentlemen, who now adorned the law, the army, and commerce; among others, he had the honour of forming the mind of the present celebrated Solicitor-General, and he hoped that a man who had so formed such a mind ought not to be considered a bad member of society. The Rev. Gentleman concluded by entreating the Court to take his case into consideration.—The Recorder observed, that such observations ought to have been made on his trial. He had nothing to do but pronounce the sentence of the law.—Mr. L. Halloran, after sentence had been passed, entreated the Recorder to intercede with the Crown in his behalf, as, if the sentence of the law were put in execution, his family would be deprived of every support; besides, he should undergo a separation which he was well aware that he could not survive.—The Recorder said, that any application to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent must be made through the medium of his Ministers.

Eight were ordered to be transported for life, two for 14 years, and 12 for seven years; amongst the latter is the above Lawrence Halloran. Fourteen were sentenced to imprisonment in Giltspur-street Prison for various periods; four to be privately and two publicly whipped.

Thursday the Recorder concluded the Sessions, by passing sentence on the remaining prisoners, of whom 16 were transported for life—one for 14 years, and 59 for seven years—100 other criminals were sentenced to imprisonment for various periods, whipping, &c. Judgment was respited upon some prisoners of tender years.—During the passing of the sentence of death on Wednesday, the only trouble of the greater part of the criminals, while forming at the bar, was so to avoid the close pressure of rank and file, as to stand, during the ceremony, with as much convenience as possible. They talked among each other, and beckoned to acquaintances without the bar, during the Recorder's address, with the seeming indifference of mere spectators in the passing scene. While the sentences for transportation was pronouncing, the different groups were with difficulty kept in any thing like order, and each division, as it passed out from the door of the year, generally set up a shout. Among the seven years' transports, one little ragged boy, apparently not more than thirteen years of age, as he went in the crowd from the dock, held up the five fingers of one hand, and two of the other, to signify the number of years of his sentence, to a boy who was entering the dock in a fresh group, and the signal was both given and received with a laughing, and what would be considered a ludicrous indifference, were it not for the moral reflection which the consideration involved.—The Sessions have adjourned until Wednesday the 28th inst.

We are informed that there is now growing in the garden of J. Filbridge, Esq. of Woodford Wells, Essex, an apple, 22 inches in circumference, produced by means of cultivation peculiar to himself.

MANSTON-HOUSE.—A well-dressed young man, named Biggins, was on Friday brought up, charged with having forged two Bills of Exchange, the one for 110*l.* and the other for 45*l.* Three other men were also put to the bar, charged with being accessaries to the fact. Mr. Thompson, a bill-broker, in Chancery-lane, deposed that one of the prisoners came to him a few days since, and requested that he would get two bills discounted. On being asked to whom the bills belonged, he said they were indorsed to Mr. Drury Lowe, a Gentleman in Monmouthshire, and were now in the possession of Biggins, the prisoner, who had just left the service of Mr. Lowe, and was about to take a public-house. The witness happening to know Mr. Lowe, said, if the bills were his he would undertake to get them discounted, were they for 10,000*l.* An interview was appointed, and on Tuesday witness met Biggins and the others, when the bills were produced by the latter. They purported to be drawn by Mr. Hunt, of Lombard-street, upon Hoare and Co. Fleet-street, and indorsed to Mr. Lowe, for 110*l.* and 45*l.* Witness feeling quite satisfied, went to Mr. Sharpe, in Lombard-street, who had agreed to cash the bills; but that Gentleman, on seeing them, immediately said they were forgeries, and had the prisoners taken into custody. Biggins affirmed to witness several times over, that he had lately quitted the service of Mr. Lowe: that the bills had been given him by that Gentleman in payment of wages; and that being about to take a public-house in Tothill-street, he wanted cash to pay for the fixtures. On inquiry this statement was discovered to be utterly false. Biggins was remanded, and his companions discharged.

UNION HALL.—On Friday W. Smith, a most daring robber, was identified by several persons as the man whose numerous depredations have caused considerable alarm in the neighbourhood of Camberwell and Peckham. On Saturday evening, as Mrs. Tyler, of Peckham, was crossing a field, she was stopped by the prisoner, who, with horrid imprecations, demanded her money; she begged him to use no violence, and gave him 10*s.* 6*d.* He then seized her hand in the most brutal manner, stripped a ring from one of her fingers, and in so doing bruised and hurt her hand violently; he then made off. On Monday he stopped Mrs. Powell, of Camberwell, and took from her an umbrella; her cries hastened the approach of Mr. Powell, who was at some distance behind, but the prisoner escaped. On Tuesday night Mrs. Downes, of Kennington, was stopped by the prisoner on Kennington Common; he thrust his hand into her pocket, and took out all the money and a silver fruit knife, and ran off, threatening, at the same time, to return and murder her if she made any noise. On Thursday morning, at 11 o'clock, he accosted Mrs. Jones, in a field near Peckham, snatched an umbrella from her hand, tore a ring from her finger, demanded all the money she had, and threatened, with horrid oaths, to murder her if she offered the smallest resistance. Mrs. Jones was in the act of drawing the money from her pocket; when he observed the approach of some person, and made off. A Constable observing the prisoner loitering about in a field, took him into custody, and, on searching him, found the ring he had taken from Mrs. Jones, and a pawnbroker's duplicate of an umbrella, which was the one belonging to Mrs. Powell; and in another field the umbrella belonging to Mrs. Jones was found concealed under a hedge. In the pocket of the prisoner were found numerous religious tracts, warning most impressively the readers from an evil course of life, and containing in front the representation of a man upon a gallows.—Fully committed.

MARRIED.

At the Friends' Meeting-house, at Wandsworth, Samuel Burlinghain, merchant, of Worcester, to Martha, second daughter of Edw. Moggridge, Gent. of Temple-place, Surrey-road.—Mr. J. Bullard, of Walton, Suffolk, to Miss E. Smith, only daughter of the late Mr. Smith, of Southwark.—Mr. John Whaley Mattacks, bookseller, of Colchester, to Ann, eldest daughter of the late Mr. John Posford, farmer, of Layer-de-la-Hay, Essex.—T. F. Green, Esq. A. B. of Christ's college, Cambridge, to Miss Manclarkie, daughter of A. P. Manclarkie, Esq. of Pulham, Norfolk.—W. W. Squire, Esq. of Peterborough, to Miss Cooke, eldest daughter of Thomas Alderson Cooke, Esq. of that city.—Edward William Lake, Esq. of Bury-street, solicitor, to Elizabeth Arabella, eldest daughter of Edward Howard, Esq. of Old Burlington-street.—James Hoskins, Esq. of Gosport, solicitor, to Eliza, daughter of Wm. Brownlow, Esq. of Fleet-street.—Mr. R. Frankling, of Laytonstone, to Miss Collings, of Roydon, Essex.—Mr. G. W. Pauli, of Charing Cross, to Jane, youngest daughter of A. Tulloch, Esq. of Charles-street, St. James's-square.—At Cold Overton, Leicestershire, Hugh Price, Esq. of Castle Madoc, Breconshire, to Sophia, youngest daughter of the late Francis Brodie, Esq.—F. Gizard, Esq. banker, of Jersey, to Catharine, daughter of the late Lachlan Mackintosh, Esq. Deputy-Commissary-General.—At Paris, Francis Sitwell, Esq. of Barmoor Castle, Northumberland, to Harriet Augusta Manners, of St. James's-street.—William Lambard, Esq. eldest son of M. Lambard, Esq. of Sevenoaks, Kent, to Harriet Elizabeth, fifth daughter of Sir James Nasmyth, Bart. of Posso, in the county of Peebles.—Mr. Watkins, of Berwick-street, Soho, to Elizabeth, daughter of the late Mr. James Aldous, of Church-street, Paddington.—Henry Riddell, Esq. to Agnes, daughter of the late Archibald Gilchrist, Esq. of Edinburgh.—Mr. Snow, surgeon, to Miss Pennell, both of Highbate.—James Riley, jun. Esq. of Abbey House, to Sarah Ann, youngest daughter of Robert Rich, Esq. of Dockhead-place.—Mr. Henry Phillips, architect, of Bermondsey, to Ann Christiana, eldest daughter of James Riley, Esq.—Robert Langslow, Esq. of the Middle Temple, to Sarah Jane Henrietta, youngest daughter of the late William M. Thackeray, Esq. of Hadley, Middlesex.—At Birmingham, Mr. Francis Augustus Tencate, youngest son of the Hon. A. Aylmer Tencate, to Ellen, eldest daughter of Mr. Wm. Hill, of Birmingham.—Lieut. Geddes, of the 21st Regiment of Foot, to Miss Craddock, of Wolverhampton.—At Hooton Roberts, in Yorkshire, by the Rev. C. W. Eyre, Vicar, Mr. Stephen Whitehead to Miss Martha Hadstead, both of that place. The happy pair had lived upwards of seventeen years each in the service of the worthy Vicar. The circumstance of their union affords a matter of ludicrous thought; being called to the church as bridesroom man and maid to another wedding, they became elated with the idea of matrimonial bliss, and, obtaining a licence, were married first.

DIED.

Suddenly, though he had long been afflicted with an asthma, at the Percy Hotel, Sir John Edward Turner Dryden, Bart. eldest son of Lady Dryden, of Canons Ashby, Northamptonshire. He is succeeded in his title by his next-brother, the Rev. H. Dryden, of Adlestrop, Gloucestershire, who also succeeds, at the death of his mother, to all the entailed estates.—At her brother's house, in Soho-square, London, Sarah Sophia Banks, sister to the Right Hon. Sir Joseph Banks, Bart. aged 74.—David Willis, Esq. solicitor, Notary Public, and Registrar, of Leigh-on-Buzzard, Beds.—John Wood, Esq. of Ockley, in his 46th year.—At Lewes, Mrs. Sarah King, relict of the late Richard King, Gent. for many years one of the firm of the present Lewes Old Bank.—At Norton Court, Kent, the Right Hon. Lady Sondes, daughter of Richard Milles, Esq. of North Elmham, Norfolk, and Nackington, Kent.—In King-street, Cheap-side, Mr. Thomas Aggs, jun. a Member of the Society of Friends.—In his 59th year, Wm. Norris, Esq. Fellow of Gonville and Caius college, Cambridge.—Benj. Wedd, Esq. of Foulmire, Cambridgeshire, aged 64.—In his 54th year, weighed down with grief by a sudden mortality which has recently occurred in his family, Mr. Wm. Miles, a most respectable farmer, of Hornchurch, Essex.—At Dieppe, Wm. Austen Righton, Esq. late of Cooper's Green, Buxted, Sussex.—In Great Surrey-street, Mrs. Farinon, relict of the late James Farinon, Esq. of Batnorshall, Surrey.—At Guildford, Mrs. Newland, relict of the late William Newland, Esq.—Augusta Matilda, daughter of Lady Perrott. This Lady performed as an actress at Bath, Fitzhenry, and Norwich, under the name of Miss Fitzhenry.—At Camberwell Green, Mrs. Wrench, widow of the late Jacob Wrench, Esq.—At Catsfield, near Battle, Charles Eversfield, Esq. of Denne Park, Sussex, late of the Royal Hussars.—Mrs. Sleigh, wife of Capt. Sleigh, of the 99th Regiment of Foot.—At Putney, Miss Threlfall.—At Brighton, Miss Vaughan.—In Marchmont-street, aged 68, Cornelius Metcalf, Esq.—In the Hampstead-road, Colonel J. Drouly, late of the 1st Regiment of Life Guards, and Governor of Cowes Castle.—Mr. Thomas Batt, of Dover-street.—In Beaumont-street, London, in the 38th year of his age, Charles Gardiner, Esq. only son of the late General Gardiner, of Lichfield.—At his house in Rutland-square, Dublin, the Earl of Wicklow. His Lordship is succeeded in his titles and estates by his eldest son, Lord Clonmore.—At Troy House, Monmouth, aged 37, Arabella, wife of Arthur Wyatt, Esq.