

Dresden, December 26.

An infectious Distemper has broken out among the Horned Cattle at the Village of Stolpen, and in its Neighbourhood, at the Distance of about Four German Miles Eastward from Dresden, which is supposed to have been brought thither by some Oxen lately imported from Poland. The Progress of the Distemper has been rapid; but as a Cordon is now formed round the Villages where it has made its Appearance, and every other Precaution taken, it is hoped that it will be prevented from spreading into the neighbouring Country.

Stockholm, December 12.

On Account of the great Scarcity of Corn here, a Stop has been put to the Sale and Distilling of Brandy, allowing however a certain Quantity for Family Consumption, to be had at the Magazines of the Crown, for which Certificates are to be granted.

His Swedish Majesty left Upsala on Saturday last, and arrived in this Capital the same Day, with the Prince Royal, to reside here during the Rest of the Winter. The next Day the Nobility and Foreign Ministers had the Honour of paying their Court to their Majesties, when the King appeared with the Orders of Russia, in Honour of St. Andrew's Day.

Stockholm, December 19.

Monf. de Juel, the Danish Minister, died here on the 14th Instant.

The King of Prussia has appointed Count Lepell to be his Minister at this Court, and he is expected here next Spring.

On Account of the Frost setting in so very early this Year, it was apprehended that the Herring Fishery would entirely fail. However, after the late Thaw, the Fish appeared on the Coast of Marstrand, though not in any considerable Numbers.

Florence, December 16.

The Great Duke of Tuscany has just issued a new Code of Criminal Laws, which is ordered to be observed in all his Dominions. It consists of 119 Articles, by which capital Punishments are abolished, as having been found to leave too slight an Impression on the Minds of the People for the Prevention of Crimes, and more visible and permanent Sufferings ordained in their Stead. Torture is prohibited. Confiscations are declared unjust, as involving the innocent with the guilty. Proportionable Penalties are inflicted for slight Offences, and a more equitable Mode of Trial is established, particularly with regard to Evidence.

Soon after the Publication of this new Code, a Man condemned to the Gallies for a most inhuman Murder endeavoured to persuade the Companion to whom he was chained, to escape with him; but upon his Refusal, he took an Opportunity of picking up a large Stone, with which, notwithstanding his Chains, he massacred his Companion, in the Presence of the Guard. So horrible a Deed, under such Circumstances, almost overcame the Great Duke's humane Temper. He immediately ordered a Gallows to be erected in the most public Part of Pisa; but his Imperial Highness countermanded the Order for his Execution, and the Criminal was sentenced to a more excruciating and lasting Punishment, that of being immured between four Walls, where, almost unable to move, he must end his Life in the utmost Misery. As a more flagrant Offence can scarcely be committed, Punishments by Death are not expected to be revived in this Country.

Vienna, December 30.

The late Partition of the Kingdom of Hungary into Ten large Districts, with only the same Number of Courts of Judicature, having been found insufficient for the speedy Distribution of Justice among the lower Classes of People, his Imperial Majesty has established, in each of the Thirty-eight Counties of that Kingdom, an inferior Tribunal for the Decision of

all Causes between Individuals in the first Instance. As these Tribunals are constituted on a much more liberal and solid Footing than formerly, the most salutary Effects may be expected from them.

General Post-Office, January 8, 1787.

BANK Note for FIFTEEN POUNDS, No. 513, dated November 2, 1786. *The Person in Possession of the above Bank Note, or any Person through whose Hands it may have passed since the 16th of November, are requested to give immediate Information at this Office.*

By Command of the Post-Master General,
Anth. Todd, Sec.

British Society for extending the Fisheries, and improving the Sea Coasts of this Kingdom.

HAVING received an Application from Nine Proprietors to call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Proprietors of the British Society for extending the Fisheries and improving the Sea Coasts of this Kingdom; I do hereby give Notice, that such Meeting will be held at the Parliament-street Coffee-house, Westminster, on Friday the 19th Instant, at Eleven in the Forenoon, for the Purpose of making Bye-Laws, previous to a Call on the Subscribers.

Breadalbane, Deputy Governor.

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Lincoln's-inn, January 10, 1787.

ALL Persons having Demands upon the Estate of the late Mrs. Mary Cooke, of Devonshire-street, Queen-square, are desired to send in an Account of the same to Mess. Bcvan and Mudge, Lincoln's-inn.

HEIR AT LAW.

IF the Heir at Law of John Stephens, late of Barnstaple, in the County of Devon, Clerk, deceased, will apply to Mr. Henry Drake, Attorney at Law, in Barnstaple, he may hear of something to his Advantage.

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