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PREFACE.

The "Norfolk and Norwich Remembrancer and Vade Mecum," upon the plan of which this work is compiled, was published in two editions. The first (undated) was issued in or about 1801. It appeared in pamphlet form (f'cap 8vo), and contained (1) a brief topographical description of the city and county; (2) a "Chronological Retrospect of the most remarkable events which have occurred in Norfolk and Norwich during the 18th century, with a list of Bishops, Deans, High Sheriffs, Mayors and Sheriffs of Norwich, and Mayors of Yarmouth and Lynn within that period"; (3) an Index Villaris, "including an accurate account of the population, &c., of every parish in the county, extracted from the official returns taken in 1801, with the measured and computed distance of each market town and village from the city of Norwich; also the returns of the population of Norwich, as taken in 1693, 1752, 1786, and 1801"; (4) a list of direct and cross roads from Yarmouth, Lynn, and Cromer; and (5) an alphabetical list of "noblemen and gentlemen's seats and villas in the county, with their distance from Norwich." The work was printed and sold by Stevenson and Matchett, Market Place, Norwich, and was "to be had of the distributors of the NORFOLK CHRONICLE and of all booksellers."

The "Remembrancer" consisted of 80 pages, and was published at eighteenpence. Although the "Chronological Retrospect" extended over the period of one hundred years—from 1701 to 1800 inclusive, it was compressed into 43 pages. This, the most important section of the work, was reprinted from a local chronology published in the NORFOLK CHRONICLE, compiled partly from old Norwich histories and partly from the early files of the newspaper. "Omissions or errors which may have occurred in this work," says a footnote to the "advertisement" to the first edition, "shall be corrected in a future edition, and notice of such will be thankfully received by the Editors."

But many years elapsed before the publication of a second edition, and it was not until 1822 that the "Remembrancer" again made its appearance. The modest pamphlet of 1801 had grown to a crown 8vo volume of 274 pages, bound in cloth, and issued at three shillings and sixpence. It was printed in bolder type, and contained additional information of a miscellaneous character, which, published at a time when few general directories and books of reference were in circulation, and local statistics difficult to obtain, was received with favour as one of the earliest attempts to supply the want now so fully met by local handbooks and year-books. In this, as in the first edition, the Chronology was by far the most important part of the book. The 18th century "Retrospect" was revised and amplified, and the record, continued from January, 1801, to December, 1821, occupied 208 pages. The compiler of this edition, and probably of the former issue, although his name did not appear in connection therewith, was Mr. Jonathan Matchett, the senior proprietor of the NORFOLK CHRONICLE, who states in his preface: "The Chronology of Remarkable Events has been compiled principally from the volumes of the NORFOLK CHRONICLE, of which, with the local occurrences of the last fifty years at least, the Retrospect may be considered an epitome. Such errors of omission or commission as may be discovered in this humble compilation shall, if pointed out, be corrected in a future edition, if ever a third should be called for." As no subsequent issue appeared, it may be assumed that the demand for the work was not such as to justify the expenditure of the time and labour necessary to its production. Mr. Matchett died November 24th, 1844, and from that time until the present no effort had been made to continue the Chronology.

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Little need be written by way of preface to this work. It was commenced as an index to the Nineteenth Century files of the NORFOLK CHRONICLE, and was not, as originally planned, intended for publication. The compiler, however, was advised to elaborate his scheme and to prepare, in place of a MS. index designed for private use, a work which would serve the twofold purpose of continuing the excellent Chronology begun by Mr. Matchett, and of supplying a book of reference upon a variety of subjects pertaining to Norfolk and Norwich. In Volume I. of "Norfolk Annals" are recorded the events of the two decades included in the second edition of the "Remembrancer," but the matter has been entirely re-written, and the field of research considerably enlarged. With the lapse of time many things, too familiar and commonplace to be very fully noticed in the "Remembrancer,"—*e.g.*, the coaching system, sports which are now obsolete, country celebrations and observances, &c.,—have acquired an interest which they did not present to a compiler of eighty or a hundred years ago. Some of the facts recorded in these pages may not in themselves be considered "remarkable," but collectively they illustrate the manners and customs, the wisdom and follies, the labours and amusements, of Norfolk people in the century just closed, and, it is hoped, show to what extent the county and city have progressed morally and socially during the last hundred years. In one respect "Norfolk Annals" is less pretentious than its antecessor—it gives no topographical and statistical information of the kind published in the "Norfolk and Norwich Remembrancer"; in another sense it is more pretentious—it contains an index, which will add to its usefulness as a book of reference.

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The writer is indebted to the Chairman (Sir Charles Gilman) and the Directors of the NORFOLK CHRONICLE CO., Limited, for permitting him to make use of the files of that newspaper, from which exclusively the following pages have been compiled.

CORRIGENDA. [0]

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- Page 128, last line, *for* "present" *read* "presented."
- „ 138, line 9, *for* "Hawkes" *read* "Hankes."
- „ 166, line 2, *for* "Henry" *read* "Hurry."
- „ 187, line 8, *for* "Miller" *read* "Milles."
- „ 216, first line of last paragraph *for* "Norfolk" *read* "Norwich."

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[NOTE.—*Marginal dates distinguished by an asterisk are dates of publication, not of occurrence.*]

1801.

JANUARY.

1.—This day (Thursday) was observed as the first day of the Nineteenth Century. It was also the

day upon which the legislative Union of Great Britain and Ireland was effected. At Norwich, the 13th Regiment of Light Dragoons and the East Essex Militia fired a *feu de joie* in the Market Place, and the Union flag was displayed upon the tower of St. Peter Mancroft. At Yarmouth, there was a ceremonial parade of the Durham Militia, and the vessels in the Roads fired a royal salute and hoisted their new colours in honour of the Union. Rain fell heavily throughout the day.

3.—The Norwich Theatre was opened with the performance of “the last new comedy, ‘Life,’ and the farce, ‘Curiosity.’” The manager, Mr. Hindes, delivered an address to a crowded and fashionable audience. The alterations in the house were executed after designs by Mr. William Wilkins, the patentee, and it was said to be one of the handsomest theatres in the provinces.

5.*—“The Duke of Grafton’s hounds unkenneled a fox at Fakenham Wood, near Euston, and after a chase of upwards of 50 miles in 4 hours 5 minutes, killed him at New Buckenham.”

27.*—“A match for ten guineas (two miles) was trotted on the turnpike road between Setch and Lynn, between Mr. Robson’s pony Filch and Mr. Scarfe’s pony Fidler, which was won with great ease by the former, he having trotted over the ground at the rate of 18 miles an hour.”

Great scarcity prevailed throughout this month. About £1,500 was subscribed for supplying the poor of Norwich with soup, and upwards of 247,000 quarts were distributed. At Norwich market wheat was quoted at the beginning of the month at 146s. per quarter, and rose at the end to 180s.; barley, 84s.; and oats, 50s. Various expedients were adopted to lessen the consumption of bread. “The officers of the West Norfolk Militia” it was stated, “have entirely left off the use of bread at their mess, and have forbid the use of puddings and pies, except the crust is made of rice or potatoes, which they eat in a variety of shapes as a substitute for bread.” Nurses were advised to use linseed meal and water instead of bread and milk in making poultices.

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FEBRUARY.

9.—Died at Postwick, aged 21, Edward West, who had served as midshipman under Lord Nelson at the battle of the Nile, and accompanied Capt. Sir Edward Berry in the *Foudroyant*. In the action with the *Guillaume Tell* “he received a most severe wound, which occasioned a decline.”

11.—A General Fast was observed in Norwich.

14.*—“It is much to be regretted that although many large manufactures of hempen cloth are established in Norwich, all the spinning of the hemp is done in Suffolk, and a sufficient quantity is with difficulty obtained from thence. It is suggested to establish a spinning school for children, under the patronage of benevolent ladies.”

17.—A company was formed at Norwich for the erection of a “public mill to be worked by steam for supplying the bakers and inhabitants with flour.” A capital of £12,500 was raised in transferable shares of £25, and the mill was erected upon a site near Blackfriars’ Bridge.

24.—Mr. Charles Harvey, Steward of Norwich, elected Recorder, in place of Mr. Henry Partridge, resigned.

28.—The price of wheat at Norwich Market was 168s. per quarter.

MARCH.

6.—The Anacreontic Society, “which for many years has been established in Norwich, and to which the cause of music owes so much,” closed its winter session. The Hon. Mr. Wodehouse, Sir William Jerningham, Sir Richard Bedingfeld, and Capt. Sir Edward Berry were present. The Society gave monthly concerts in the Assembly Room from October to March. In the advertisement announcing the commencement of the next session, it was stated that the first concert would “begin precisely at 6; supper-rooms open at 9, and the President to quit the chair at 12 o’clock.”

7.—Arrived in Yarmouth Roads, the *St. George*, of 98 guns, bearing the flag of Lord Nelson. The grand fleet of 47 ships of war (with 3,000 marines), sailed on the 12th, under the command of Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, in the *London*, of 98 guns, with Nelson as his Vice-Admiral. The fleet first “rendezvoused” in Leith Roods, where it was joined by seven sail of the line, and afterwards proceeded to Copenhagen.

10.—A mob assembled at Lynn and grossly assaulted several millers and farmers by throwing at them stones and dirt. In the evening they broke the windows in the dining-room of the Duke’s Head Inn. “One of the ringleaders was taken to gaol, and by the active exertions of the Rutland Militia tranquillity was restored without bloodshed.”

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11.*—“Mr. Kett, butcher, of Norwich, undertook to ride his horse 50 miles in four hours. He started from St. Stephen’s Gates at 12 o’clock, reached the 25th milestone on the Thetford road in about 2½ hours, and returned to the place whence he had set out one and a half minutes before the time allowed. Six to four was laid that the horse did not perform the journey.”

14.*—[Advt.] “The Yarmouth and Norwich mail coach will set out from the King’s Head, Market Place, Norwich, and the Star Tavern, Quay, Yarmouth, every day, at 12 o’clock.”

16.—The *Invincible*, of 74 guns (built in 1766), Rear-Admiral Totty, on her way to join the grand fleet, got on the Ridge, near Happisburgh Sand, and remained there till daybreak next morning,

when she floated off. On entering deep water she went down immediately, with several officers and 300 men. Daniel Grigson, master of the Nancy cod-smack, saved seven officers and about 190 of the crew. At a Court Martial held at Sheerness, on March 31st, on Admiral Totty and the surviving officers and crew, it was proved that the disaster occurred through the ignorance of the pilot, and a verdict of honourable acquittal was returned.

19.—At the Norfolk Assizes, held at Thetford, before Mr. Justice Grose, the action, the King v. Augustus Beevor, clerk, was tried. The information was filed against the defendant by leave of the Court of King's Bench, for sending a challenge to Major Edward Payne, in consequence of a dispute that had taken place between the Major and the defendant's father. Defendant, referring to this dispute, wrote to Major Payne, demanding an apology, "or he should be under the necessity of compelling it by a mode generally used among gentlemen." No notice was taken of the letter, and the defendant meeting Major Payne in the Market Place at Norwich told him publicly that "the contempt he had for his character protected his person." The defendant was found guilty, and at the next term of the Court of King's Bench (May 7) was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment in the King's Bench Prison, and ordered to enter into his own recognisances of £500, to find two sureties of £250 each, and to be of good behaviour for three years.

20.*—"The remains of Miss Sophia Goddard, of the Theatre Royal, Norwich, were interred at St. Peter Mancroft. Mr. Hindes, the manager, and the principal actors attended on the melancholy occasion. This young lady had obtained considerable reputation on the Norwich boards, and was making rapid advance to eminence in her profession when death prematurely deprived the theatrical world of an actress whose talents would have ensured her success on any stage. She supported with great fortitude and resignation a long and painful illness, brought on by exertions that her constitution was unequal to, and died on Sunday last (March 15), in her 26th year, sincerely beloved and lamented by her family and friends."

Wheat this month rose to 180s. per quarter.

APRIL.

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3.—Died at the Cavalry Barracks, Norwich, Lieut. Robert Scully, 13th Light Dragoons. His remains were interred on Sunday, April 4th, with military honours, at St. Peter Mancroft.

4.—Died at Cambridge, Mrs. Lloyd, widow of Dean Lloyd, aged 79. "Her performances in needlework were so exquisitely wrought that they may justly be compared with the paintings of the most celebrated artists. The Transfiguration and other figures represented in the eastern windows of Norwich Cathedral have displayed the superior skill of her personal attainments."

—Mousehold Heath, Norwich, was enclosed and cultivated. Plots of land were afterwards let at 25s. per acre.

—John Allen (23) and John Day (26), for burglary at the house of the Rev. Isaac Horsley, at North Walsham; Richard Grafton, for stealing a cow and three heifers; and James Chettleburgh (36), for stealing six sheep at Saxlingham, were executed at Thetford. "Day confessed to having committed four burglaries previous to that for which he suffered, and to having deserted thirteen times from different regiments."

—In consequence of objections being made to the elections of Messrs. Staff and Proctor in the Wymer Ward, and of Messrs. Brittan and Scott in the Northern Ward, Norwich, on the ground of their being ineligible under the Corporation Act, having omitted to receive the Sacrament within a year previous to the election of Common Council, the Mayor did not make the returns till several days after the usual time. At a Court held on this day, the Recorder (Mr. Harvey), after the objections had been fully argued by counsel, declared that the persons objected to, who had the majority of votes, having omitted to come into Court according to summons, were not duly elected; but, as no regular notice had been given previous to the election, the candidates in the minority could not be returned. On May 2nd a rule was moved for in the Court of King's Bench, to show cause why a mandamus should not be directed to the Mayor of Norwich to admit Mr. George Wymer into the office of Common Councilman of the city. Similar motions were made on behalf of Messrs. Bacon, Cooke, Fiske, and Webster, the other defeated candidates. "Lord Kenyon desired counsel to take rule to show cause, and to serve the rule not only on the Mayor, but also on those persons who were elected in fact, but not *de jure*." On May 13th, Lord Kenyon confirmed the decision of the Recorder that "neither the candidates who had the majority of votes, from their not having taken the Sacrament, nor those in the minority were duly elected." Another election for the wards took place on May 25th and 26th.

11.*—(Advt.) "To be seen alive in a genteel room at Mr. Peck's Coffee-house, Church Stile, Market-place, Norwich, the largest Rattlesnake ever seen in England, 42 years old, near nine feet long, in full health and vigour. He is well secured, so that Ladies and Gentlemen may view him without the least danger. He has not taken any sustenance for the last 11 months. Admittance, Ladies and Gentlemen, 1s.; working people and children, 6d."

14.—Intelligence received at Yarmouth of the destruction of the Danish fleet in Copenhagen Bay, by the British fleet, under the immediate command of Lord Nelson, on April 2nd, after a battle of four hours. Seventeen sail of the Danish navy were taken or destroyed. The news was conveyed to Norwich by the coach, which entered the city with colours flying; the Volunteer corps paraded in the Market Place and fired a *feu de joie*, and the bells of St. Peter Mancroft and of other

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churches were rung.

18.*—"By the latest returns of the Secret Committee the County of Norfolk is reported amongst the most loyal counties in the kingdom."

20.—A performance took place at the Theatre Royal, Norwich, "towards raising a fund for the benefit of those who through age or infirmity are obliged to retire from the Stage."

23.—Died at Norwich, Mr. John Bonsell, aged 75 years, "an eminent leather cutter, who for upwards of 20 years lived an abstemious life, refraining from animal food and fermented liquors. He rendered himself very conspicuous in the religious world, as he professed opinions, in a great measure peculiar to himself, which bordered upon fanaticism. He wrote several religious controversial pamphlets, as 'The Ram's Horn,' &c."

25.—Comparative returns of the population of Norwich, "as taken in 1801, 1786, 1752, and 1693," were published. In 1801, the population was 36,832; in 1786, 40,051; in 1752, 36,169; in 1693, 28,881. "The decrease of the population of this city since 1786 is 3,219, but it is to be observed that 1786 was a year of peace, and that in the returns of 1801 those serving in the Navy, Army, and Militia are not included. Norwich, during the present war, has furnished at least 4,000 recruits for the Army and Navy, and these will account for the decrease, and also for the great excess of females, which appears by the returns to be above one-fourth. Of the present population, 408 are chiefly employed in agriculture, and 12,267 in trade, manufactures, and handicrafts."

MAY.

1.—"There being again this year no alderman below the chair who had served the office of Sheriff, the following aldermen were put in nomination for the office of Mayor:—James Crowe, Sir Roger Kerrison, John Morse, and Jeremiah Ives, jun. At the close the numbers were Ives, 668; Crowe, 638; Kerrison, 375; Morse, 37." At a court of Mayoralty, held on Sunday, May 3rd, it was ruled that Mr. Crowe was ineligible, in consequence of having served the office three years previously to the date of the election. Sir Roger Kerrison, who stood next on the poll, retired in favour of Mr. Ives, who was thereupon declared elected, and was duly sworn on June 16th.

9.—Died, at Easton House, Sir Lambert Blackwell, Bart., aged 69. The title (conferred on his grandfather in 1718) became extinct. He bequeathed all his estates, with his valuable paintings, books, coins, &c., to Mr. William Foster, jun., of Norwich, subject to certain annuities.

16.—A reduction of from 15s. to 20s. per quarter in the price of bread corn was announced. There was also a decrease in the price of live cattle of all kinds. "A sixpenny standard wheaten loaf, which about six weeks ago weighed only 1 lb. 4 ozs. 6 drs., now weighs 2 lbs. 10 ozs. 6 drs."

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23.*—"Another capital prize in the lottery has come down to Norwich. The whole ticket, number 24,350, a prize of £15,000 in the July Irish Lottery, is the sole property of Charles Weston, Esq., banker and brewer of this city. The ticket was purchased twelve months ago, and not being registered, the fortunate holder remained unconscious of his wealth until last week, when, on examining the public lists, he discovered that his ticket was a prize of the amount above stated."

JUNE.

2.—Mr. Henry Harmer elected Speaker of the Common Council of Norwich, in place of his father, Mr. Samuel Harmer, who held the office upwards of 20 years.

4.—The King's Birthday was celebrated at Norwich with great demonstrations of joy. The Corporation attended service at the Cathedral, the Loyal Military Association and the several parochial associations paraded in the Market Place and fired a *feu de joie*, and the members of the Norwich Light Horse, after a like ceremony, dined at the Maid's Head. Major Patteson's corps adjourned to Neeche's Gardens, Capt. Blake's corps to the Rose Inn, St Augustine's, and the other corps to different taverns. The Mayor gave a dinner to the Aldermen.

8.*—"A quartermaster of the 13th Light Dragoons rode a certain distance up Thorpe Road in a given time, with his face to the horse's tail, and afterwards up the sand hill near Kett's Castle in the same position, and won both wagers."

18.—The body of William Suffolk, who was executed in March, 1797, for the murder of Mary Beck, of North Walsham, was taken down by authority of the magistrates and interred on the spot where the gibbet was erected. "About ten days back a starling's nest, with young ones, was taken out of the breast of Watson, who hangs on a gibbet on Bradenham Common, near Swaffham, for the murder of his wife, which was witnessed by hundreds of people as something very singular and extraordinary."

20.—The ensign of the Génereux having been presented to the city by Capt. Sir Edward Berry, the Corporation caused it to be displayed in St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, with a suitable inscription.

22.—Holkham Sheep Shearing commenced and lasted until the 26th. Among those present were the Duke of Bedford, the Duke of Manchester, and other distinguished visitors. The new implements exhibited included a machine for drilling turnips, invented by the Rev. T. C. Munnings. It was described as "nothing more than a perforated tin box, affixed to and vertical with the axis of a wheelbarrow." A thrashing machine "was much approved of." At this meeting

Mr. Coke announced his intention to give premiums for promoting the improvement of live stock and for encouraging experimental husbandry.

25.—A fire broke out on the roof of Norwich Cathedral, and occasioned damage to the amount of £500. Bishop Manners Sutton personally distributed refreshments to the soldiers and others who assisted in extinguishing the flames. About 45 feet of the roof were destroyed. The fire originated from the carelessness of plumbers at work upon the building. p. 7

27.*—"At the ordinary visitation of the clergy and general confirmation held during this month, Bishop Manners Sutton confirmed at Newmarket 1,150 persons of both sexes; at Bury St. Edmund's, 4,500; at Stowmarket, 1,150; at Ipswich, 1,300; at Woodbridge, 1,150; at Framlingham, 960; at Beccles, 660; and at Norwich, 1,100."

29.—Vice-Admiral Lord Nelson arrived at Yarmouth in the Kite sloop, Capt. Domett, from Copenhagen. He immediately proceeded on foot from the jetty to the Hospital, and visited the sick and wounded seamen. After a stay of about three hours, his lordship left Yarmouth for London, under escort of a troop of Yeomanry Cavalry.

The price of wheat at the end of this month fell to 120s. per quarter.

JULY.

11.*—"The duty on port wine expected at Lynn alone will, it is said, amount to £80,000."

—*"The Postmasters General have permitted the mail coach to be established from Lynn to unite with that from Norwich and Yarmouth at Barton Mills."

17.—Wroxham Regatta took place. "The novelty of a sailing match attracted a great deal of company." It was won by the Union, the property of the Rev. Mr. Preston.

18.—The population of Norfolk was returned as 274,221, of whom 130,249 were males and 143,972 females.

28.—At a general meeting of the Deputy-Lieutenants and magistrates, presided over by the Lord Lieutenant (the Marquis Townshend), it was resolved to adopt measures for the effectual defence of the county and the preservation of property.

AUGUST.

1.—At the Norfolk Assizes, held at Thetford, before Lord Chief Baron Macdonald, was tried the action, *Stracey v. Davy*. The plaintiff was lord of the Manor of Rackheath, and the defendant a tenant of Mr. John Morse, jun. The action, which was for trespass, was brought for the purpose of ascertaining certain rights set up by the defendant. Davy sought to establish the privilege of sheep walk over that part of Mousehold Heath then belonging to the parish of Rackheath. He claimed severally the right of feeding 500, 400, and 300 sheep, and also the right of depasturing his sheep levant and couchant, and in various other modes. The special jury found a verdict for the defendant, and confirmed his right of feeding 500 sheep at six score to the hundred. p. 8

3.—The annual Venison Feast was held at the Red Lion, Fakenham, to celebrate Lord Nelson's victory of the Nile.

4.—The Norwich parochial Volunteer Associations assembled at St. Andrew's Hall, and afterwards marched to the Market Place, where Capt. William Herring, the commanding officer for the day, read a letter from the Lord Lieutenant, requesting the men to be prepared in case of invasion.

—"This day, from five in the morning till ten at night, heavy cannonading was distinctly heard by the Rev. Mr. Burton and several of his parishioners at Horsford, which was at the time supposed to be the cannonading from Lord Nelson's fleet before Boulogne."

15.—Henry Lawn, aged 41, executed on the Castle Hill, Norwich, for horse stealing. "He denied to the last that he was guilty. He left a wife and six children. He would have enjoyed a considerable property, which the present possessor has entailed upon his children."

24.—The Supplementary Militia was re-embodied. During this month meetings were held in different parishes in city and county to discuss the means to be adopted in case of invasion. The clergy in country parishes took account of the live and dead stock that could be removed, and of the number of waggons and carts to be made use of. The drilling of Yeomanry and Volunteer corps became general.

SEPTEMBER.

20.—Died at Brompton, Sir John Gresham, Bart., the last male heir of the family.

26.*—"A person residing in this city has within the last week been convicted in penalties amounting to £166 10s., for having laid a leaden pipe from his dwelling-house to communicate with the pipes belonging to the proprietors of the waterworks, without having obtained their consent or paid the accustomed water rent. The amount was paid to the company's solicitor, who immediately returned the money, except 30 guineas, which he has paid to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital for the benefit of that institution."

The portraits of Lord Nelson, by Sir William Beechey, and of Mr. John Herring, Mayor of Norwich in 1799, by Opie, were this month placed in St. Andrew's Hall.

OCTOBER.

1.—Intelligence was received at Yarmouth, from Constantinople, of the surrender of Alexandria to the British and Turkish armies under General Hutchinson and the Grand Vizier.

3.—The intelligence reached Norwich that the Preliminaries of Peace had been signed in Paris. There were great rejoicings on the 10th on the ratification of the news. The horses of the mail coach, by which the intelligence was brought to the city, were so terrified by the demonstration that they became unmanageable, the coach was overturned, and the coachman, the guard, and some of the passengers injured.

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5.—At Yarmouth, during the Peace illuminations, a mob broke the windows of several houses occupied by Quakers. The ringleaders were committed for trial at the Sessions.

7.—At the Norfolk County Sessions, Elizabeth Manship, of Ormesby, was indicted for committing an outrage upon the Rev. Eli Morgan Price, when in the act of officiating at Divine service at the parish church. It appeared that while Mr. Price was reading a new form of thanksgiving "for the late plentiful season" the defendant rushed out of her pew and snatched the paper out of his hands, to the very great disturbance and alarm of the congregation. The jury found the defendant guilty, and she was sentenced to pay a fine of £20.

21.—A general illumination took place in Norwich in celebration of the Peace. There was a grand display of transparencies, and a huge bonfire was lighted in the Market Place, around which the Mayor and Corporation paraded. The celebration was general throughout the county.

24.*—"In the spring of this year the Palace Workhouse, Norwich, contained 1,017 paupers. They are now reduced to 425, a smaller number than has been known for the past 20 years. The reduction in the other workhouse has been nearly proportionate."

NOVEMBER.

2.—The Prince of Orange arrived at Yarmouth from London, and on the 6th sailed in the Diana packet for Cuxhaven.

13.—Peter Donahue, a sergeant in the 30th Regiment of Foot, was executed at Lynn, for uttering counterfeit Bank of England notes. "We are sorry to add that he appeared sensible for many minutes after he was turned off, and a large effusion of blood gushed from his mouth and nose, which rendered the scene most awful, terrible, and distressing."

20.—Prince William Frederick of Gloucester arrived at the house of Mr. J. Patteson, at Norwich, and in the afternoon stood sponsor for Mr. Patteson's youngest son, who was christened at St. Stephen's Church by the name of William Frederick. The Prince afterwards went to Houghton, where Lord Cholmondeley gave a grand *fête* in honour of the Peace. On his return to Norwich, on November 25th, his Royal Highness attended a ball and supper, given by Mrs. Charles Manners Sutton at the Bishop's Palace.

21.*—"The coursing meeting at Swaffham last week was numerous and respectably attended. The silver cup was won by Mr. Denton's bitch Nettle, which beat Mr. Tyssen's bitch. The assembly was brilliantly and numerously attended"

DECEMBER.

5.—It was announced that the Duke of Norfolk intended to "pull down the old Palace, now used as a workhouse, and employ the premises for some beneficial and ornamental purpose."

16.—The old Hall at Stratton Strawless, belonging to Mr. Robert Marsham, was destroyed by fire. The family had removed a few weeks before into the new hall.

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26.—A serious affray occurred at Horsford between two Excise officers, assisted by two privates of the 3rd Dragoon Guards, and 30 smugglers. The officers had seized a large quantity of smuggled goods at Cawston, and the smugglers succeeded in retaking only a small part. One of the soldiers was shot; several of the smugglers were desperately wounded, and two died of their wounds.

—*(Advt.) "The Lord Nelson new Light Coach, from London to Lynn in 14 hours, through Cambridge and Ely. Agreeable to the wishes of the Vice-Chancellor and several members of the University, the proprietors mean to relinquish travelling on the Sunday. The coach will leave the Golden Cross, Charing Cross, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at half-past five, arrive at Cambridge at one, and Lynn at eight in the evening. The coach will return from the Globe Inn, Lynn, on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings. The coach carries four insides."

—*(Advt.) "The Lord Nelson Coach, from London to Fakenham. The coach leaves the Crown, Fakenham, on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday; sups at Cambridge, and arrives in London about seven in the morning. From the Golden Cross, same days, at six in the evening."

Prices of corn at the end of the year: Wheat, 70s. to 76s. Rye, 36s. Barley, 40s. to 42s. per quarter. Oats, 20s. to 24s. Malt, 32s. per coomb. Best flour, £3 1s. 8¼d per sack. Coals, 40s.

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JANUARY.

2.*—"Mr. W. E. Bulwer, of Heydon, has resolved to divide all his farms into 200 acres, as they come out of lease. They are worthy the attention of industrious men wanting situations."

4.—The Duke of Bedford, Lord Paget, and Lord John Thynne, with four other gentlemen, on a visit to Lord Cholmondeley at Houghton, "had the greatest day's sport ever known in Norfolk. They killed altogether 165 hares, 42 pheasants, 5 rabbits, 2 woodcock, and 2 partridges, and this notwithstanding that the woods had been beat five times this season."

9.—A reduction of 3s. 6d. in the pound poor-rates announced. The mulct was fixed at 7s. in the pound. "For the last 30 years there have not been so few paupers in the two workhouses, principally owing to the manufacturers of Norwich having such large orders to execute that hands are actually wanted."

—The non-commissioned officers and privates of the Blofield and South Walsham troop of Yeomanry Cavalry offered to continue their services to the Government, and "thanked the officers for the unremitting and polite attention paid to them since the establishment in 1794." Other troops of Yeomanry in the county made similar offers.

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13.*—"Died lately at Bristol Hot Wells, where she had gone for the recovery of her health, the Countess of Leicester."

—*"Died last week Mr. William Websdale. This venerable man lived in three centuries, and expired at the advanced age of 102 years."

—*The following Coach advertisements were published on this date:—

"Royal Lynn Mail Coach sets out daily from the Duke's Head Inn, Lynn, by way of Brandon, Barton Mills, Newmarket, Bournbridge, and Epping, to the White Horse, in Fetter Lane, whence it returns every day at three o'clock."

"The Fakenham and Swaffham Light Post Coach sets out daily from the Red Lion, in Fakenham, at two o'clock, and returns from London as above."

"The Lord Nelson Coach, from Lynn to Norwich in seven hours. From the Globe, Lynn, to the King's Head, Norwich, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, returning Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at seven o'clock each morning."

"The Lynn and Norwich Machine, from the Crown Tavern, Lynn, to the White Swan, Norwich. Runs three times a week. Insides, 12s.; outsides, 7s."

14.—Mr. William Earle Bulwer installed Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons at the White Swan, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

15.—The thermometer "very near to 0 (32 degrees below freezing point)."

16.—A fine grey eagle was taken alive in a trap upon the estate of Lord Montrath, at Weeting. It measured from the extremity of each wing 7 feet 8 inches, and from the beak to the tail nearly four feet.

FEBRUARY.

15.—The Norwich Court of Guardians considered the question of the erection of a new workhouse. The average number of poor maintained in the two workhouses during the previous 18 years had been 1,282. It was recommended that one building be erected to accommodate 1,300, the money to be borrowed on shares of £100 each, bearing interest, and to be paid off by lot, so that the whole debt, with interest thereon, would be discharged in 20 years. A Bill was brought before Parliament and received the Royal assent on May 24th, and a site for the building was purchased near "the opening to Chapel Field." On December 7th, in consequence of observations made by Mr. Alderman Rigby on the subject of outdoor relief, the question was deferred until the committee had informed the Court whether "these allowances may not be so extended without any diminution of the comforts of the poor as to render unnecessary the building of such a workhouse as has hitherto been proposed." The scheme for the erection of the workhouse was ultimately abandoned.

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21.—Died, Mr. Henry Skipper, dyer, St. Peter Hungate, Norwich. "He was in his time a famous pugilist, and fought several pitched battles with Algar, Henry, and others."

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16.—Died, at his house in Greville Street, Hatton Garden, London, in the 28th year of his age, Thomas Archibald Murray, M.D., one of the physicians of the public dispensary in Carey Street, and of the House of Recovery for Infectious Diseases, an institution which, in a great measure, owed its establishment to Dr. Murray's exertions. He was the youngest son of Dr. John Murray, founder of the Scots Society in Norwich, who died September 26th, 1792.

20.*—"Died, lately, at Strawberry Hill, near Collumpton, Devonshire, aged 78, the Earl of Montrath, of Weeting Hall. The Earldom is extinct. His lordship left a legacy of £2,000 to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. His invariable dread of small-pox occasioned his lordship to lead absolutely the life of a recluse. His terror was so great that he had five houses between his seat at Weeting and his house in Devonshire, to prevent the chance of infection, and at these houses small establishments were kept up, as he dared not sleep in an inn."

24.—At the Norfolk Assizes, held at Thetford, the Grand Jury made a presentment, to the effect that, as hay and corn were considerably reduced in price, publicans and posting-masters might, without injury to themselves, decrease their charges. It was resolved "That those publicans and posting-masters who have already reduced their charges are deserving approbation and encouragement." In an advertisement published on April 24th the post-masters stated that from the heavy duties imposed upon carriages, the first expense of chaises and their repair, the increased price of horses and of smith's work, they could not, without great injury to themselves and their families, make any abatement in the charge of fifteen pence (which included the payment of a duty of 3d.) per mile, they having been considerable losers during the previous two years.

27.—Died, at Melton Constable, Sir Edward Astley, Bart., who represented Norfolk in four successive Parliaments. He was succeeded in the title and estates by Sir J. H. Astley, his only surviving son by his first wife, the eldest sister of John Lord Delaval, of Seaton Delaval, Northumberland.

30.—News was received of the Definite Treaty of Peace having been signed at Amiens, on March 27th, by the Marquis Cornwallis and Buonaparte. The Norwich Loyal Military Associations assembled at St. Andrew's Hall. "Instead of field-pieces and ammunition waggons the martial divisions were preceded in their march from the Hall to the Market Place by two brewers' drays, laden with six barrels of Norwich porter, which were drunk with much joy."

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10.*—(Advt.) "To Seafaring Men. A Double Caule to be sold. For price and particulars enquire of the Printers."

—*"Within the last three months nearly 300 paupers have been discharged from the two workhouses, which at the present time do not contain more than 550 persons, the smallest number ever remembered. The next poor-rate, in consequence, will not exceed 4s. 3d. in the pound in Norwich."

—*"It appears from the returns of assessment of income that Norfolk and Norwich last year contributed £111,513 17s. 1d., of which sum £18,801 0s. 3¼d. was paid by persons possessing incomes under £200 a year, and £92,712 16s. 9¾d. by persons of superior income."

17.*—(Advt.) "Bear Baiting. Henry Gerrard respectfully informs the public that there will be a Bear Baiting in a meadow belonging to the Ferry Farm House, Great Yarmouth, on Monday next, the 19th inst., in the afternoon. Admission 1s.; 6d. to be returned in liquor." (The baiting was prevented by the action of the county justices.)

—William Dunnett, for horse stealing, and John Saunders, for stealing a cow, were executed at Thetford.

24.—The East and West Regiments of Norfolk Militia disembodied at Yarmouth and Dereham. The several corps of Yeomanry Cavalry and Volunteer Infantry, on being disbanded, were thanked by the Government for their services.

—*"The whole of the French and Dutch prisoners confined in Yaxley Barracks were last week put on board different vessels in Lynn harbour, from whence they proceeded to their respective countries."

26.—Died, at Bath, aged 78, the Rev. Edmund Nelson, father of Lord Nelson. He was rector of Burnham Thorpe, to which he was presented in 1755 by Lord Walpole.

27.—To commemorate the opening of the new organ, "built by the celebrated Mr. England, of London," the oratorio, "The Messiah," was performed at St. George Colegate Church, Norwich, which was "lighted up and matted for the occasion." The organ was opened by Mr. Beckwith, who also conducted the band. Three shillings was charged for admission to the church.

MAY.

3.—The Corporation of Norwich voted an address to his Majesty the King on the acquisition of Peace. The address was presented to his Majesty at a Levée at St. James's Palace, on May 21st, by Mr. Jeremiah Ives, jun., Mayor; Sir Roger Kerrison, Mayor-Elect; and Mr. William Foster, jun.

4.—Peace was proclaimed by the Mayor and Corporation, who went in procession through the streets of Norwich. Major Patteson's corps of Volunteers and the several parochial military associations, after firing volleys in the Market Place, marched to the residence of the Mayor-Elect, where they deposited their muskets and regimental colours. Officers and men afterwards repaired to Neeche's Gardens, where they dined. In the evening there was a general illumination. The day was similarly observed at Yarmouth.

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10.—A *fête* was held in Reffley Wood, near Lynn. A “fine Norfolk sheep” was roasted for the feast, presided over by Sir Martin ffolkes.

13.—Died, aged 85, Mrs. Beaton, of St. John Maddermarket, Norwich. “She was a native of Wales, and commonly called here ‘The Freemason,’ from the circumstance of her having contrived to conceal herself one evening in the wainscoting of the lodge-room, where she learnt that secret, the knowledge of which thousands of her sex in vain attempted to arrive at. She was a very singular old woman, and, as a proof of it, the secret died with her.”

14.—A heavy fall of snow, which in many places lay more than an inch thick upon the ground. On the 15th there was a severe frost, and snow fell for two hours. At Langley and other places it was between three and four inches in depth.

22.—Between one and two o’clock in the morning the dwelling-house of the Rev. Mr. Sykes, of Guestwick, was burglariously entered by two men. “They presented themselves at Mr. and Mrs. Sykes’ bedside. Their faces were blackened, and one of them had on a slip of linen, and the other a woman’s checked bed-gown. They each had a cudgel and a candle in their hands. They said, ‘We have pistols; your money or your lives.’ One of them remained by the bedside, while the other plundered the drawers. Then they departed, carrying away some money and a watch.”

24.—The Duke of Cambridge sailed from Yarmouth in the Amphion frigate for Hanover, of which kingdom he was appointed Regent.

24.—Died, aged 90, Mrs. Ann Fuller, of Raveningham. “Her remains were interred at the parish of Toft Monks. The pall was supported by six grandchildren, and the funeral attended by children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren in her own lineal descent to the number of 47.”

29.—At a county meeting an address to his Majesty on the Peace was moved by the Hon. Col. Wodehouse, seconded by the Hon. Col. Harbord, and unanimously adopted. The address was presented to the King by Mr. Robert Wilson, High Sheriff.

31.—A fire occurred at Swanton paper mill, a great part of which was destroyed, with all the paper. The damage was estimated at £4,000.

JUNE.

1.—This day was ordered to be observed as one of general thanksgiving for the Restoration of Peace. The Mayor and Corporation of Norwich attended the Cathedral, and the appointed service was performed at all parish churches. At Lynn, the inhabitants, instead of having an illumination, collected £300, which was distributed amongst the poor.

21.—Holkham Sheep Shearing commenced. A new thrashing machine was exhibited. An improved drill for turnip sowing was also shown. “From the same barrel seed and oilcake manure are delivered into one tube, through which it is deposited in the earth by the same coulters.”

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22.—Guild Day at Norwich. The Mayor, Sir Roger Kerrison, went to the Cathedral “in a most elegant new chariot, the colour of royal blue; the coachman and the three footmen behind had handsome new liveries, with gold-laced cocked hats and gold-headed canes.” His worship “wore a full dress coat and embroidered waistcoat.” At the Guild feast, in St. Andrew’s Hall, 800 guests were present; and at the ball given in the evening, at Chapel Field House, Mr. T. A. Kerrison and Miss Chad opened the dancing for the 450 guests.

26.*—(Advt.) “On Wednesday, the 30th inst., a main of cocks will be fought at Aylsham, between the gentlemen of Suffolk and the gentlemen of Norfolk, for ten guineas a battle and twenty the odd. Feeder for Suffolk, Nath. Rowen; ditto for Norfolk, Henry Seaman.”

JULY.

2.—Dibden gave his entertainment, “Sans Souci,” at the Theatre Royal, Norwich. The performance was repeated on the succeeding evening.

5.—Parliament having been dissolved on June 29th, the election of members for the city of Norwich took place on this day. The candidates were the Right Hon. Wm. Windham, of Felbrigg, and Mr. John Frere, of Roydon; Mr. Robert Fellowes, of Shottesham, and Mr. William Smith. At the close of the poll the numbers were:—Fellowes, 1,532; Smith, 1,439; Windham, 1,356; Frere, 1,328. There was great rioting. The chairing took place on the day following the declaration of the poll.

12.—After the lapse of 34 years, a contested election took place for the county of Norfolk. The poll opened on the 12th, and continued for eight days. The result was declared as follows:—Mr. Thomas Wm. Coke, 4,317; Sir Jacob Henry Astley, 3,612; the Hon. Col. Wodehouse, 3,517. A scrutiny was demanded by the friends of the latter and granted. It commenced on July 30th, and continued till August 28th, when Col. Wodehouse’s counsel retired from the case, and Sir J. H. Astley and Mr. Coke were declared duly elected. The expenses of the contest were estimated at £35,000, and the amount spent by the successful candidates to bring distant voters to the poll was enormous.

Mr. John Hookham Frere, of Roydon, was this month appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Madrid.

AUGUST.

12.—This year's anniversary service at the Cathedral, in aid of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, realised £165 3s. 4¾d. With the proceeds of the dinner at the Maid's Head Inn, the total amount handed to the institution was £204 17s. 8¾d.

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14.*—"We hear from Brussels that a party of gentlemen from Lynn have reached that city in the Hebe pleasure yacht. This being the first vessel that ever displayed the British flag in Brussels the quay of the port has been crowded with spectators looking at her."

17.—A duel was fought on Mousehold Heath, Norwich, by Mr. Robert Alderson, a well-known barrister, and Mr. Grigby. The latter conceived that he had been unfairly treated in cross-examination by Mr. Alderson at the Suffolk Assizes, and, refusing to accept his explanation, sent him a challenge. "Mr. Alderson was attended to the field by Mr. Mackintosh, and Mr. Grigby by Mr. Turner. Two shots were exchanged, with no effect than that of Mr. Grigby's first ball passing through the skirts of Mr. Alderson's coat. A cordial reconciliation was afterwards effected."

28.—William Rix was executed on Castle Hill, Norwich, for sheep stealing.

SEPTEMBER.

5.—The organ of the Octagon Chapel, Norwich, was opened by Mr. Beckwith. The instrument was built by Crotch.

OCTOBER.

4.—A grand Musical Festival was held in Norwich, under the direction of Messrs. Beckwith and Sharp, and Mr. Ashley, of London, Mrs. Billington, Mr. Bartleman, and Mr. Braham were the principal *artistes*. The last performance was given on the 7th.

8.—The Princess of Wales concluded a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness Townshend at Rainham, and returned to Blackheath.

13.—Mr. Alderman Francis Columbine resigned his seat. Owing to his pecuniary distress, the Corporation of Norwich granted to him and his daughter an annuity of £100.

14.—Races were held at Blickling Park. Lady Caroline Harbord gave a ball and supper, attended by upwards of 100 guests from Aylsham and the neighbourhood.

18.—Three gentlemen, for a considerable wager, undertook to walk blindfolded from Post Office Court to the great doors of St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich, in 15 minutes. "Two of them performed it in less than the given time, much to the satisfaction of the spectators, but the other unfortunate gentleman bent his course rapidly for the Upper Market, and found himself at the expiration of the time at the great doors of St. Andrew's Hall."

21.—Mr. Edward Rigby was elected Alderman of the Great Northern Ward, in room of Mr. Francis Columbine, after a severe contest lasting two days. His opponent was Mr. Jonathan Davey.

23.—Died, at Vienna, aged 80, General Jerningham, nephew of Sir George Jerningham, Bart., of Costessey. He was upwards of 50 years in the Imperial service, and was Chamberlin to the Empress Maria Theresa and to the Emperors Joseph, Leopold, and Francis.

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NOVEMBER.

8.—Swaffham coursing meeting commenced.

25.—Mr. Welby, of Blickling, undertook, for a bet of 50 guineas, to ride his mare 90 miles on the Aylsham road in ten hours, all paces. "She performed the first 80 miles in 8 hours 25 minutes, and had an hour and thirty-five minutes to run the last ten miles, but was unable to accomplish it, to the great disappointment of those who bet three and four to one that the mare performed the journey."

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FEBRUARY.

8.—At a meeting held at the Guildhall, Norwich, a committee was appointed to prepare a Bill to be laid before a future meeting for the better paving, lighting, watching, and cleansing of the city. A meeting was held on the 15th, at which resolutions were passed in opposition to the proposal; and in the month of March it was announced that the Paving Committee deemed it advisable in the then state of public affairs to defer going to Parliament with their Bill until the next Session.

—Died, after having lived in three centuries, Mary Helsdon, of East Ruston, widow. "Her age was 105 years 11 months; she retained her faculties till about a year before her death, and she left a progeny of near 80 persons, including children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren."

12.*—"Mr. Coke, of Holkham, let out his Southdown tups last season for £1,500."

—Nearly 100 pairs of shoes, the property of 20 different persons who had been fined for making them contrary to Act of Parliament, were publicly burnt in Norwich Market Place. One shoemaker, for refusing to allow the searchers to perform their duty, was fined the full penalty of £5. The tradespeople, after obtaining counsel's opinion, gave notice that actions for trespass would be taken against searchers and sealers of leather if they entered their premises. On March 7th two shoemakers were fined for offering resistance.

23.—Died, Mr. Wignell, manager of the Philadelphia Theatre. He married, a short time before his death, Mrs. Merry, formerly Miss Brunton, of Norwich Theatre.

24.—Died, at Coltishall, Mr. Bartlett Gurney, banker, of Norwich, aged 46. He left £500 to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

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5.*—"Mr. Stephen Martin, an old gentleman who lately died at Brentwood, bequeathed to the minister and churchwardens of St. Giles', Norwich, the sum of £1,000 Stock in the three per cent. Consols, to be laid out for the use and benefit of the poor of that parish, of which he was a native. He was born in 1717, and when an infant was taken to Jamaica, where he amassed a fortune."

7.—At an assembly of the Corporation of Norwich an address of congratulation was ordered to be presented to his Majesty "on the providential discovery of the late traitorous conspiracy against his Royal person and Government, entered into by Col. Despard and six other persons, who were executed on the top of the new Surrey prison, in Horsemonger Lane, on February 21st." The address was presented to the King by the Mayor (Sir Roger Kerrison), accompanied by Mr. Robert Fellowes, M.P., and Alderman John Harvey. Similar addresses were voted by the Corporations of Yarmouth, Thetford, and Lynn; and by the High Sheriff and Grand Jury of Norfolk at the Assizes at Thetford. The latter address was presented by Sir J. H. Astley, M.P., and Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., on March 30th.

11.—Died, aged 73, Mr. Thomas Twiddy, "who had been many years trumpet herald to the Norwich Company of Comedians."

14.—Died, Mrs. Parfrey, aged 80, wife of Mr. R. Parfrey, of Holme Hale, near Swaffham. "The public will best recollect her, as a doctress, by her former name of Fyson, and for the many cures she made in dropsy and other complaints."

15.—At a meeting held at St. Andrew's Hall the late members of the Norwich Loyal Military Association, in consequence of the aspect of public affairs, offered their services to the Government.

19.*—"Two pairs of eagles were lately shot near Yarmouth. One pair measured and weighed as follows:—Female, length, 3 feet 4 inches; extent of wings, 8 feet; weight, 9¾ lbs. Male, length, 2 feet 9 inches; extent of wings, 7 feet 1 inch; weight, 9¼ lbs. Seventeen wild swans have also been shot by one man in the week."

21.—The Militia Regiments in the county this day assembled at Yarmouth, East Dereham, and Swaffham.

22.—At the Norfolk Assizes, held at Thetford, before Mr. Justice Grose and a special jury, the case, *Astley v. Harwood*, was tried. This was an action for defamation. It was alleged that the defendant, at a ball held on July 6th, 1802, the day after the Norwich election, mounted a table, and, addressing the company, called the plaintiff a liar, a coward, an assassin, a scoundrel, and a murderer, "for he had murdered his father." The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff, and assessed the damages at £2,000. On June 11th the Court of King's Bench granted a new trial, on the ground that the impression the words made on the hearers was matter for aggravation or mitigation of damages. The new trial took place at Norwich Assizes in August, 1803, when a special jury confirmed the former verdict, and awarded Sir Jacob Astley £2,000 damages. On December 3rd, it was announced that the case had been removed to the Court of Exchequer on writ of error. In June, 1804, the judges in the Exchequer Chamber unanimously confirmed the former verdict, and gave judgment, with costs, against Col. Harwood. Finally, on July 19th, 1804, the case was taken to the House of Lords, when the Lord Chancellor delivered his opinion in favour of Sir Jacob Astley, which was confirmed by the Lords, who ordered Col. Harwood to pay Sir Jacob £100 costs, occasioned by the writ of error.

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The portrait of Capt. John Harvey, of the Norwich Light Horse Volunteers, painted by Opie at the request of the corps, was this month placed in St. Andrew's Hall.

APRIL.

9.—Henry Ford was executed at Thetford, for stealing a silver watch, coat, and jacket from the person of Thomas Aylmer, of Pentney.

16.—A county meeting held at the Shirehall, Norwich, when an address of congratulation to his Majesty, on his escape "from the late traitorous conspiracy," was moved by the Hon. Col. Wodehouse, seconded by Sir Roger Kerrison, and unanimously adopted.

26.—A rowing match took place between two crews, manning respectively two well-known Norwich boats, the Lion and the Dove. It was the only contest of the kind that had been

witnessed in Norwich for nearly a quarter of a century. The course was from Carrow Abbey "to a signal post standing in Whitlingham reach, and return to Carrow, a distance of four miles." In consequence of the narrowness of the stream, "the boats started about 300 yards distant from each other, the first having to go to the place whence the last set off." The Lion won by about 80 yards in 38 minutes 40 seconds. (The number of oars not mentioned.)

27.—A public dispensary was established in Norwich. "The committee propose to recommend to the general meeting an extension of the original plan, and to connect with it inoculation for the cow-pox."

MAY.

3.—Mr. William Firth was elected Steward of the Corporation of Norwich.

—The Norwich Loyal Military Association was re-established, and 300 men entered to serve therein.

5.—An impressment took place at Yarmouth.

7.*—"Lately, was married at Ranworth, Wm. Brown, aged 80, to Elizabeth Gunton, aged 63. The bridegroom had had three wives, the bride three husbands, and the bridegroom's daughter, who attended this wedding, had also had three husbands."

14.—The friends of the Right Hon. Wm. Windham celebrated his birthday by dining at the White Swan, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

15.—Found dead in his bed, Edward Baldwin, of Wereham, near Stoke Ferry. He was a glover, aged 89, "commonly reputed 'the Almanack' of that neighbourhood, as he was remarkable for many years past for being a true prognosticator of the weather."

16.—An embargo was laid on all the shipping in Yarmouth Roads.

18.—The Mayor of Norwich, attended by the two Sheriffs, the city officers, and citizens, proceeded on horseback, at nine o'clock, with band playing and colours flying, from the Guildhall, to visit the boundaries of the city and county of the city of Norwich. The cavalcade went from Conesford Gate to Trowse "Eye," thence to Trowse, Lakenham, Hartford Bridge, Eaton, Earham, Hellesdon, Mile Cross, Catton Field ("including Sir Edward Berry's house"), across Mousehold Heath to Thorpe, Trowse Newton Hall, and Bishop's Bridge. The company then returned to the Market Place, where three cheers were given and the band played "God Save the King." In the evening, the Mayor dined with a large party at the King's Head. (A similar perambulation took place in 1793.)

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30.—Died, at Hardingham, aged 64, Sir Archibald Dickson, Admiral of the Blue.

31.—Thomas H. Case, of Great Fransham, formerly a private in the East Dereham or Second Troop of Yeomanry Cavalry, was charged before the Rev. Dixon Hoste with "obstinately refusing to deliver up his arms, accoutrements, and clothing," for which he was fined £10.

—A two days' race meeting commenced at Tivetshall. "The poney races afforded excellent sport, and there was some good running between the hunters."

JUNE.

4.*—"This week the West Norfolk Militia marched from Thetford and Dereham to Colchester Barracks, to which place the East Norfolk have received orders to march next week."

13.—The Duke of Cambridge and suite arrived in Norwich from Yarmouth. After changing horses and taking refreshment at the Maid's Head, they proceeded on their way to London, by Attleborough. His Royal Highness had come to Yarmouth in the Amethyst frigate, with Prince William of Gloucester, from Cuxhaven, where they narrowly escaped being made prisoners by the advance guard of the French army. The French general in Holland put an immense number of fishing boats in requisition for the avowed purpose of invading England.

—The Aldermen requested the concurrence of the Common Council of Norwich to a dutiful and loyal address to his Majesty "on the present important crisis," and a motion was made for the appointment of a committee to draw up such address. It was opposed by several members of the Common Council, and on a division rejected by 29 votes to 19.

21.—Mr. John Patteson was appointed to be lieutenant-colonel, Mr. Charles Harvey, major, and Messrs. Andrew Sieley, J. H. Cole, R. Partridge, and Hammond Fiske, captains in the battalion of Norwich Volunteers.

This month a ballot took place for the Supplementary Militia. Under the Army of Reserve Act, Norfolk (including Norwich) raised 927 men.

JULY.

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9.—At a meeting of the deputy-lieutenants and magistrates of the county, presided over by the Marquis Townshend, the plan recommended by the Government, for establishing a system of communication throughout the county and for rendering the body of the people instrumental in the general defence and preservation of property in case of invasion, was approved and adopted.

The county was formed into 13 divisions, consisting of a certain number of hundreds; each division was placed under the charge of lieutenants of divisions, nominated by the Lord Lieutenant; each hundred was under a magistrate, known as an Inspector of the Hundred; and each parish under some gentleman, clergyman, or principal farmer, termed Superintendent of the Parish.

13.—On this day and on the 14th, William Green, bricklayer, undertook at Yarmouth, for a bet of five guineas, to lay 3,800 bricks in a workmanlike manner in 24 hours, and completed his task in 20 hours, on a new building at the Bowling Green House.

23.—Two men, named Denny and Allen, were placed in the pillory at Norwich, in accordance with sentence passed upon them at the Quarter Sessions on July 15th, for conspiracy against Mr. F. Latham. "Over their heads was the inscription, 'False Conspirators.' Allen wept bitterly when he was put in, but Denny, with great effrontery, continued to nod and smile at the numerous spectators, until the people, by a shower of rotten eggs, and, at last, potatoes, convinced him of their detestation and abhorrence of his character and crime. This continued for about half-an-hour, when Denny, against whom all their violence was directed, appeared to faint, and by the advice of a medical man was taken out of the pillory and conducted to the gaol, where, being examined by several medical men, he was deemed to be in a fit state to be replaced on the pillory, and was carried back for that purpose, but all efforts to reinstate him there proved ineffectual, and he lay thereon till the hour was expired, amidst the execrations of the enraged multitude. When Denny was taken out the populace clamorously demanded that Allen, whose appearance excited their commiseration rather than their indignation, should be taken down. Mr. Sheriff Back immediately ascended the scaffold, and with the greatest firmness and severity expressed his determination to enforce obedience to the laws and to carry the sentence fully into execution. When the hour was expired they were taken down and removed to the Bridewell to undergo two years' imprisonment."

23.*—"All persons arrived from France and Holland and witnessed the immense preparations which are now making for the invasion of this country, express astonishment at the apathy and indifference which prevail here."

24.—This day (Sunday) the Norfolk Rangers (Yeomanry Cavalry) had a field day at Rainham Park, and subscribed £100 towards the fund instituted by the merchants of London for the relief of persons "who may suffer in the general defence of the country."

30.*—"At a Court of the Commissioners of Sewers, concerning the repairing of sea breaches between Happisburgh and Yarmouth, the jury, after hearing read three several verdicts of former juries given in 1702, 1715, and 1742, and also, hearing several witnesses, delivered a verdict agreeable to the above, by all of which it was determined that no particular persons were bound to sustain or repair the sea walls adjoining their lands."

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—*"The male part of the Norwich Company (theatrical) have agreed to enroll themselves to learn the use of arms."

—*"Messrs. Marsh and Sons, Norwich and Cambridge carriers, have within the last few days offered, for the service of the Government in case of invasion, 100 horses, 12 broad-wheel waggons, 24 men as drivers and assistants, 24 boats, amounting altogether to 200 tons burden, 6 watermen, and 9 boys, with blacksmiths, with their apparatus, tools, &c., and 2 wheelwrights, and 2 harness makers, with all necessary tools."

—Major-General Money published an address on the necessity of immediately associating, subscribing, and arming for the defence of the county in case of invasion. It resulted in the formation of Volunteer corps in all the seaports and market towns in Norfolk.

Capt. John Harvey was this month promoted to be major of the squadron of Norwich Light Horse Volunteers.

During this month the number of poor in the Norwich Workhouse did not exceed 400, "a circumstance almost unprecedented."

AUGUST.

6.*—"The Rev. Mr. Beloe, formerly of this city, has been appointed librarian to the British Museum."

9.—A brig was launched from Cattermoul's yard at Thorpe, near Norwich, in the presence of many hundreds of spectators. "She went off the stocks in very fine style, but when she was towing ashore for the company on board to get off her, everyone endeavouring to get ashore first, the weight of such a body of people, added to those on the rigging, upset her. Nearly one hundred men, women, and children were plunged into the water, and messengers were at once sent to Norwich for medical assistance." It is somewhat remarkable that no lives were lost.

20.—The case of Mr. Cony, a ward in Chancery, came before the Court of Chancery. He was only 17 years of age, and had married Elizabeth Franklin, the daughter of an innkeeper at Downham Market, in which district he possessed a large property. The marriage took place by licence in London. The Chancellor annulled the marriage, ordering the cessation of all further intercourse between the parties, at the same time intimating that, if his orders were not strictly complied with, "he should take such steps as would prevent the possibility of their meeting."

25.—Mr. George Wyer, of Downham Market, “carried a 20 stone sack of flour one mile, leading through the town of Watton, for a wager of 230 guineas, which he performed with great ease in 18 minutes, to the astonishment of a vast number of spectators.”

Active preparations commenced for the defence of the county in view of possible invasion. On the 8th several officers and non-commissioned officers of the 47th Regiment of Foot arrived in Norwich to receive the balloted men and substitutes of the Army of Reserve, the training of whom commenced next day in Chapel Field. A county meeting was held at the Shirehall, Norwich, on the 10th, when resolutions were passed, assuring his Majesty of the readiness of the county to take defensive measures. A meeting of the inhabitants of Norwich was held at the Guildhall on the 16th, at which a subscription was opened for raising a regiment of Volunteer Infantry. Clerks attended in the porch of the Guildhall to enroll the names of the Volunteers, and the city flag was displayed from the window of the Town Clerk’s office. On the following day 702 men had offered themselves, and by Saturday, the 20th, the number had increased to 1,085, and the public subscription exceeded £3,000, of which £500 was given by the Corporation. On the 26th the regiment was formed, 800 strong, under Lieut.-Col. Harvey (commanding), Lieut.-Col. Plumptre, and Major Sigismund Trafford. The public subscription then amounted to £6,400. A Rifle Corps was also formed, with Mr. R. M. Bacon as captain. At Yarmouth, 500 persons enrolled themselves, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Wm. Gould. On the 27th, it was announced that the number of Volunteers in the county enabled the Lord Lieutenant to suspend the compulsory clauses of the Defence Act. The total number was about 7,300. The Government purchased some properties in Norwich to be converted into temporary barracks for the reception of 800 infantry.

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SEPTEMBER.

1.—The first parade of the Norwich Regiment of Volunteer Infantry took place. Eight battalion companies, a light infantry company, and a grenadier company were formed, and “from five barrels of British brown stout they drank the King’s health and prosperity to their country and city, and success to the corps.”

7.—The brass ordnance belonging to the city were tested by some of the regular artillery stationed in Norwich. Four of the guns burst, and appended to the account delivered to the Corporation was the intimation:—“It is customary for the corporal to have the old metal when any of the pieces burst.” The official reply was to the effect that the Corporation were of opinion that the corporal “did not want brass.” The iron nine-pounders stood the test. The brass gun used by Kett in 1549 was preserved as a relic.

22.—The Norwich Volunteers, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Patteson, entered the Market Place, and after marching round the Hall and saluting the Corporation, had their colours presented to them by the Mayor. The men were afterwards regaled at Neeche’s Gardens, and the officers dined at the King’s Head.

24*—“Telegraphs, signal flags, or tar barrels are being stationed on all the churches and lofty edifices on the coast, in order to give in a chain of communication the earliest intelligence, either by night or day, of the event of the enemy’s landing.”

29.—A trial was made on the Castle ditches, Norwich, of carriages constructed for the conveyance of troops. A wooden frame, serving as a seat, was affixed to the skeleton of a four-wheel cart. A board for the feet was attached to it by ropes. The vehicle was capable of conveying 17 men.

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OCTOBER.

6.—At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions various resolutions were adopted and transmitted to the Government regarding the defence of the county. The principal resolution was as follows:—“An object of most essential concern, which this meeting think it incumbent upon them to point out, is the town and port of Yarmouth, the infinite importance of which as the principal and almost only naval station in the North Sea, and the circumstances of which they do not wish to detail, but which, they conceive, require the immediate attention of the Government, in order that they may be rendered as secure against attack likely to be made upon it by land as by the presence of a fleet, it is, they presume, against any attempt by sea.”

15.—At a parade of the Norwich Volunteers this day (Sunday) a letter was read from the Lord Lieutenant, asking if they would undertake to perform permanent duty at Yarmouth. A unanimous reply was given in the affirmative, and “the officers and gentlemen of the Light Horse Volunteers laid their hands on their breasts, as an appeal to their honour to undertake the duty whenever they should be required.” Shortly afterwards the commanding officers received instructions to have their corps in a perfect state of military equipment, and be prepared to march at a moment’s notice.

18.—The Artillery, Shropshire Militia, and the Volunteer Corps (horse and foot) took part in a sham fight on Bramerton Common. General Milner, the inspecting officer, commended all arms for their steadiness on parade.

19.—A general fast was observed. The Bishop of Norwich preached at the Cathedral, and the military attended service in the evening.

22.—Died, at Norwich, Mr. Elias Norgate, aged 76. He served the office of Sheriff in 1781, and of Mayor in 1785, and was a surgeon of great local eminence.

26.—The Lord Lieutenant transmitted to the justices of the peace his Majesty's proclamation for establishing certain regulations under the Act, respecting aliens arriving in the kingdom or resident therein.

The monument to the memory of the Poet Cowper and of his friend, Mrs. Unwin, in the church of St. Nicholas, East Dereham, was erected this month.

NOVEMBER.

5.—Bonfires were prohibited in city and county, "as they might cause a false alarm."

8.—The battalion of Norwich Volunteers, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Patteson, paraded in the Market Place at seven a.m., and, amid the ringing of St. Peter Mancroft bells, started on their march to Yarmouth for the performance of garrison duty. The battalion halted at Acle, and, on resuming their march, reached Yarmouth at four o'clock. The rank and file numbered 280, out of an establishment of 312, and two officers only were absent. On the same day two troops of the Norfolk Rangers, headed by the Marquis Townshend and commanded by Capt. Sir M. B. ffolkes, Bart., and Capt. Beauchamp, entered Norwich on their way to Yarmouth. There were seven officers, two quartermasters, seven sergeants, two trumpeters, and 94 privates. The officers dined in the evening with Sir Roger Kerrison, and on the following morning the squadron resumed its march.

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9.—The Fakenham Volunteers, Capt. P. M. Case, marched into Norwich from Aylsham. There were four officers, seven sergeants, four drummers, and 80 privates. This was the first Volunteer corps in Norfolk to volunteer for garrison duty at Yarmouth.

16.—The Norfolk Rangers arrived at Norwich on the termination of their duty at Yarmouth, and on the next day proceeded to their homes.

22.—The Norwich Regiment of Volunteer Infantry, under Lieut.-Col. Harvey, paraded on Tombland and marched to Yarmouth for garrison duty. On the same day Col. Patteson's battalion marched in. They were preceded by the Fakenham corps, whose headquarters were at the White Swan.

30.—The troops stationed at Yarmouth were reviewed upon the Denes by General Milner.

—At the annual meeting of the Society of Universal Good Will, Norwich (formerly the Scots Society), it was reported that since its establishment in 1775 it had relieved 1,813 persons.

—The Lord Lieutenant received a circular letter from the Government, relative to the appointment of such householders to act as special constables who were not enrolled in any Volunteer corps.

—Mr. Thomas Wm. Coke was gazetted captain of the Holkham Yeomanry Cavalry.

—Alderman John Herring, of Norwich, received from the Duke of York a letter, in which his Royal Highness expressed approbation of the readiness with which the Norwich Volunteers had undertaken to do garrison duty at Yarmouth.

DECEMBER.

1.—Died, in Norwich, aged 43, Mr. James Burkin Burroughes, captain of the Blofield and South Walsham troop of Yeomanry Cavalry. His remains were interred, with military honours, at Burlingham on December 6th.

—The squadron of Norwich Light Horse, Major John Harvey, marched to Yarmouth, to relieve the Tunstead and Happing troop.

6.—Col. Harvey's battalion returned to Norwich from Yarmouth. In the Regimental Orders, Col. Harvey referred to the steady and orderly march on the road, to the loyal discharge of duty at Yarmouth, and to the kindness with which the people of that town treated the men while in quarters.

15.—The Lynn and Freebridge Yeomanry Cavalry, with the artillery and rifle corps, commanded by Major Taylor, marched through Norwich for Yarmouth, to relieve the South Erpingham troop in garrison duty.

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20.—The North Walsham Volunteers marched from that town at four o'clock in the morning, and arrived at Yarmouth at one o'clock, "without leaving a single man behind, although the roads were extremely bad, and the distance 26 miles."

22.—The Dereham and Swaffham troops of Yeomanry Cavalry (Capts. Crisp and Johnson) marched through Norwich to Yarmouth, to relieve the Lynn and Freebridge troops. The Diss (Capt. Woodward), Wells (Capt. Bloom), and Old Buckenham (Capt. Powell) companies of infantry marched into Yarmouth for a fortnight's garrison duty.

25.—This day (Sunday) the Norwich Rifle Corps paraded at St. Andrew's Hall, took the oath of allegiance, and attended service at the church of St. Peter Mancroft. (The uniform and

appointments of this corps consisted of a dark green jacket, with lace of the same colour, pantaloons, and short black gaiters; hussar cap, with green feather and trimmings; a rifle-carbine, sword bayonet attached to the side by a black waist belt, and a ball pouch and powder horn slung from the left shoulder.)

—At a church parade of the Lynn Sea Fencibles, Capt. Bentinck, the commanding officer, presented to the corps “a most elegant banner,” worked by Viscountess Andover, daughter of Mr. Coke, M.P.

30.—The Hingham troop (Capt. Alpe) and the Wymondham troop (Capt. the Hon. Wm. Wodehouse) marched to Yarmouth, to relieve the Dereham and Swaffham troops.

31.—The Dereham troop, which left Yarmouth on the 30th, arrived at Dereham, and was welcomed by a great concourse of the inhabitants. The church bells were rung, and the officers and many members of the troop dined in the evening at the King’s Arms Inn.

The twenty-two troops of Yeomanry Cavalry in the county were this month formed into three regiments. The Marquis Townshend was appointed colonel of the Western Regiment; Major-General Money, colonel of the Eastern Regiment; and Col. (afterwards Brigadier-General) Bulwer, colonel of the Midland (or Mid Norfolk) Regiment.

31.—Polito’s wild beasts were exhibited in the yard at the Duke’s Palace, Norwich.

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JANUARY.

3.—The Old Buckenham Volunteers marched into Norwich from Yarmouth, and next day proceeded to their homes. The corps numbered 5 officers and 125 non-commissioned officers and privates.

—Capt. Dickens, of the Shropshire Militia, “undertook for a considerable wager to walk from the Angel at Yarmouth to the Angel at Norwich and back again (47 miles) in twelve hours, which he performed with apparent ease in eleven hours and a half.”

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7.—Died, at Colchester, aged 65, Sir William Gordon, Bart., captain in the West Norfolk Militia, and for many years a resident in Norwich.

12.—A meeting was held at the Shirehall, Norwich, as to the depressed state of the corn trade. It was resolved to petition Parliament on the subject. (The prices quoted at this date were:—Wheat, 14s. to 26s.; barley, 9s. 6d. to 10s.; oats, 9s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. per coomb.)

13.—The Wymondham troop of Yeomanry Cavalry, commanded by Capt. the Hon. Wm. Wodehouse, attended at Kimberley and “thanked Lady Wodehouse for the colours lately presented by her ladyship, when they had the honour of dining with the family.”

14.—The colours of the Norwich Juvenile Regiment of Infantry were presented to them by “a young lady of the city.” (This was a cadet corps, armed with dummy muskets and tin bayonets.)

14.*—(Advt.) “The Norwich and Yarmouth Volunteer Coach leaves the Bell Inn, Hog Hill, every morning at eight o’clock, to the Wrestlers Inn, Great Yarmouth, and returns at four o’clock.”

18.—The City of Norwich Regiment of Volunteer Infantry, Lieut.-Col. Harvey, were presented with colours by the Mayor and Corporation. The colours were consecrated by the Rev. E. S. Thurlow, Prebendary of Norwich, and handed to the colonel by the Mayor (Mr. John Morse); and the King’s and regimental standards were delivered to the ensigns. The artillery, on Castle Hill, fired salutes, and the regiment discharged three volleys in the Market Place in the presence of an immense crowd.

22.—This day (Sunday) John Baker, a private in the Loddon Volunteers, was dismissed, “with every mark of ignominy at the head of the company, for refusing to take the oath of allegiance to his Majesty. His arms and accoutrements, together with the Volunteer clothing, were stripped off on parade, much to the satisfaction of the whole corps.”

31.—A baker of Norwich, named Winter, undertook, for a wager of £40, to carry 6s. worth of bread in a basket from Norwich to Yarmouth within six hours. He accomplished his task in 5 hours 35 minutes.

Mr. T. W. Coke was this month promoted to be lieutenant-colonel of the Western Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry; Mr. Hammond Alpe to be lieutenant-colonel of the Eastern Regiment; and Mr. John Smyth to be lieutenant-colonel of the Midland Regiment.

The several companies of Norfolk Volunteer Infantry were this month formed into battalions as follow:—1st (Lynn), Lieut.-Col. E. Everard; 2nd (Wells, &c.), Lieut.-Col. Francis Bedingfeld; 3rd (not then appointed); 4th (Cromer, &c.), Lieut.-Col. the Right Hon. Wm. Windham; 5th (Aylsham, &c.), Lieut.-Col. Thomas Hutton (afterwards Sir Thomas Preston, Bart.); 6th (Yarmouth), Lieut.-Col. Wm Gould; 7th (Norwich), Lieut.-Col. Harvey; 8th (Loddon, &c.), Lieut.-Col. John Kerrich; 9th (Diss, &c.), Lieut.-Col. T. J. Woodward; 10th (Swaffham, &c.), Lieut.-Col. R. W. Ottley; 11th (Freebridge Lynn, &c.), Lieut.-Col. A. Hamond.

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300 pikes were sent to Norwich for the use of the special constables, who were called out to

receive instruction in the pike exercise.

Flag staffs were placed at Rainham Hall, Holkham Hall, and Houghton Hall. The red flag was only to be hoisted in case of actual invasion or on the appearance of an enemy on the coast.

The ladies of Lynn inaugurated a movement for making flannel underclothing for the use of the men of the Lynn Volunteers.

FEBRUARY.

4.—The Cromer Sea Fencibles were practising with canister and grape shot upon the beach, when a ball struck Capt. Tremlett, R.N., on the foot, and shattered the leg of Mr. John Smith, so as to render immediate amputation necessary. A public subscription, amounting to £500, was made for Mr. Smith.

21.—Died, at Long Stratton, Mrs. Everitt, a Quaker, who had attained her one hundredth year. Lineally descended from her and living at the time were 77 children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

27.—Colours were presented to the East Dereham troop of Yeomanry Cavalry by Mrs. Smyth, on behalf of the ladies of the town and neighbourhood. The troop, accompanied by Capt. Leeder's corps of infantry, attended service at the parish church, where the colours were "consecrated by prayer," and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Geo. Preston, curate. A dinner followed at the King's Arms Inn.

The Corporation of Norwich this month ordered an iron bridge to be erected at St. Michael's Coslany. It was opened on November 15th.

MARCH.

1.—The birthday of the Marquis Townshend was celebrated at Fakenham by a dinner to the Norfolk Rangers.

27.—Lieut.-General Sir James Craig inspected the batteries and works from Holt to Cromer. Next day he reviewed, near Norwich, the 24th Regiment of Foot (Col. Macdonald); the detachment of Royal Artillery under Capt. Fyers; and two troops of the 1st Dragoons (Capt. Craven).

APRIL.

4.—Arrived at Yarmouth, the Antelope, cruiser brig, Commodore Sir Sidney Smith, and the Prince of Wales cutter, from the Flushing station. Some boats sent out by Sir Sidney made an unsuccessful attempt to cut out an armed brig near the Scaw. The boats were attacked by an armed schooner, and obliged to abandon their enterprise, with the loss of five killed and ten wounded.

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10.—Died, aged 12, Lord Viscount Bury, eldest son of the Earl of Albemarle.

11.—Commodore Sir Sidney Smith arrived at Norwich from Yarmouth, proceeded next day on a tour of the county, and returned to Yarmouth on the 13th.

21.—James Airton was publicly whipped in Norwich Market Place for stealing a box coat from the coach-house of Mr. Wm. Harvey.

25.—The Scipio of North Shields, Capt. Robinson, coal laden, was attacked by a sloop-rigged privateer four miles from Cromer. A sharp action, lasting three quarters of an hour, ensued, when the privateer sheered off. Capt. Robinson was wounded in the foot by a musket ball, and the vessel, whose sails and rigging were very much cut, was taken by the crew to Yarmouth Roads, where medical assistance was rendered to Capt. Robinson on board the Irresistible.

The portrait, painted by Hoppner, of the Right Hon. William Windham was this month placed in St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich. It was afterwards engraved in mezzotinto by Reynolds.

MAY.

2.—The gibbet on which the body of Payne (the pirate) was hung in chains, about 23 years previously, upon Yarmouth North Denes, was taken down by order of the Corporation. "A ludicrous circumstance happened the night it was erected. The different tackling being all adjusted previous to putting down the gibbet the day before Payne was hanged, some daring licentious bloods hoisted up a young ass by the hind legs, to the amusement of the spectators next morning, who could not but be surprised to find the gibbet so unexpectedly occupied. In consequence, however, the tackling became so entangled that until a young sailor undertook to climb the gibbet the prisoner could not be suspended."

3.—The 2nd Battalion Norfolk Volunteer Infantry marched into Yarmouth for a fortnight's permanent duty.

—A party of the Shropshire Militia marched into Norwich from Yarmouth with 84 French and Dutch prisoners, including five officers. The next day they proceeded on their route for Yaxley Barracks, under an escort provided by the 24th Regiment of Foot.

—An assembly of the Corporation of Norwich unanimously requested Mr. Charles Harvey, Recorder of the city, to sit for his portrait.

5.*—(Advt.) “There will be a regular main of cocks fought between the gentlemen of Norwich and the gentlemen of Norfolk, to show 21 mains for ten guineas the battle, and 50 the odd. The three turn outs for ten guineas a battle; to fight on the 23rd and 24th days of May at Mrs. Back’s, at the Bowling Green, Chapel Field. A pair of cocks to be pitted at six o’clock precisely. Feeders, Lamb for Norwich; Cox for Norfolk.”

7.—Col. Patteson’s Battalion of Volunteers (with the Rifle Corps attached), commanded by Capt. Cole; and the City of Norwich Regiment of Volunteer Infantry were brigaded under the command of Lieut.-Col. Harvey, and, with the Royal Artillery under Capt. Fyers, were manœuvred at Hellesdon.

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13.—Died, aged 76, the Rev. John Bruckner. He was invited to Norwich in 1750 as minister of the Walloon congregation, and during many years gave public and private lessons in French.

—The 10th Battalion Norfolk Volunteer Infantry marched into Lynn for ten days’ permanent duty.

14.—The birthday of the Right Hon. Wm Windham was celebrated by a numerous party of his friends at the Angel Inn, Norwich.

—The 1st Battalion of Norfolk Volunteer Infantry marched to Yarmouth for 14 days’ permanent duty.

21.—The 3rd Regiment of Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry marched into Norwich for five days’ drill, and on the 24th were inspected by Major-General Milner at Hellesdon.

22.—The Blickling and Gunton Riflemen, commanded by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Harbord, marched into Norwich, and next day proceeded to Yarmouth for 14 days’ permanent duty.

24.—A tight rope performer, named Richer, appeared at Norwich Theatre, where his performances were “the theme of general admiration.”

25.—A general fast was observed. At Yarmouth, the Shropshire Militia and Volunteers on permanent duty, to the number of nearly 2,500, attended Divine service.

26.—The Helena war sloop, of 20 guns, Capt. Losack, was launched from Mr. John Preston’s dockyard at Yarmouth.

—The North Walsham Light Infantry marched into Yarmouth for 14 days’ permanent duty.

—The 7th Battalion of the Army of Reserve, to which 500 Norfolk and Suffolk men belonged, volunteered to extend their services and become a regiment of the line.

JUNE.

1.—The City of Norwich Battalion of Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Harvey, began one month’s permanent duty in Norwich. The battalion mustered 500, exclusive of officers.

4.—The King’s birthday was celebrated in Norwich. The detachment of Royal Artillery, the 24th Regiment of Foot, and the Norwich and Catton Volunteers, to the total number of 1,700, paraded on the Castle Hill, and fired a *feu de joie*. At Cromer, the Sea Fencibles, under Capt. Tremlett, R.N., three companies of the 4th Battalion Norfolk Volunteers, commanded by Lieut.-Col. George Windham, and the Volunteers of the Cromer battery had a sham fight at that place. Other Volunteer corps in the county held ceremonial parades.

7.—The water mills of Mr. Wm. Partridge, of North Walsham, were destroyed by fire.

11.—A sham fight, in which all the regular and auxiliary troops stationed in Norwich were engaged, took place at Bramerton. A pontoon bridge, formed of wherries, was made use of in the course of the operations.

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18.—The Corporation of Norwich granted the Blackfriars’ site in St. Andrew’s to the Court of Guardians for 200 years, the latter body having considered plans for improving the workhouse there for the accommodation of 800 persons.

—A motion by the Common Council of Norwich, to confer the freedom of the city upon Mr. R. Fellowes, M.P., and Mr. W. Smith, M.P., was, on a division, rejected by the aldermen by ten votes to eight.

—A motion was made in the Common Council to augment the sum of £100, allowed to the Mayor towards defraying the expenses of the Guild-day festival, but, as the revenue of Norwich did not justify the increase, it was not acceded to by the aldermen. The allowance of £100 was fixed 80 years previously.

25.—Holkham Sheep Shearing commenced. “Mr. Coke won the sweepstakes, having estimated with more exactness than any of his competitors the weight both of wool and of carcass of the Southdown ewe slain on the occasion.” A drill for “scattering at the same time turnip seed and the dust of pounded oil cakes, believed to be the best adapted manure,” was exhibited.

30.—Several “battles” were fought on Yarmouth Denes by the soldiers of the Shropshire

Regiment. In an encounter between a private and an officer's servant, the former received injuries from which he died three hours after, and at the inquest a verdict of manslaughter was returned against his assailant.

Major-General Money was appointed to the staff of the Eastern District. The command consisted of 32,000 fully equipped and efficient men.

Under Mr. Pitt's Defence Bill the quota for Norfolk was 1,813 men.

JULY.

1.—The City of Norwich Battalion of Volunteer Infantry terminated its permanent duty of 30 days. All ranks received the highest commendation of Major-General Milner and Lieut.-Col. Metzner.

3.—The malt kiln, with a granary and dwelling-house, at the new brewery of Messrs. Prentice and Co., King Street, Norwich, was destroyed by fire. The loss amounted to nearly £1,000.

5.—The East Harling magistrates fined a farmer 20s., for refusing to send his waggon to assist in taking the baggage of the East Suffolk Militia from Thetford to Downham, after having been summoned for that purpose.

6.—Mrs. Bennett, wife of an actor in the Norwich company, gave birth to triplets.

—A foot race was run by Lord Frederick Bentinck and the Hon. Edward Harbord for the sum of 100 guineas, between the second and third milestone on the Edgeware Road, London. Mr. Harbord won easily.

12.—Died, aged 82, at Walsingham Abbey, Mr. Henry Lee Warner, "in whom the gentleman and scholar were happily blended." His fine estate at Walsingham was devastated by lawless persons, whom, from mistaken leniency, he would not molest. He rose late in the evening, breakfasted at midnight, and dined at four or five o'clock in the morning. He wore a gold-laced hat, and waistcoat, with deep slashworked sleeves and richly-embossed buttons, a deep chitterling of rich yellow lace, and curved-toed shoes, with oblong buckles. Mr. Lee Warner served the office of High Sheriff in 1782, and was lineally descended from John Warner, Bishop of Rochester, whose estates he possessed, as well as those of Sir James Howe, Bart., of Berwick, Wilts., and of Mr. Henry Lee, in Kent.

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14.—Messrs. Fisher and Scragg's Company of Comedians concluded a theatrical season at East Dereham. Fisher ultimately assumed the sole management of the company, which for many years performed in its own theatres on the Norfolk and Suffolk Circuit.

—At the Norwich Court of Mayoralty, Mr. Edward Manning, citizen and brazier, was elected Sheriff, but was discharged from office on paying the statutory fine of £80. The letter was afterwards sent to Mr. James Pastons, citizen and grocer, and to Mr. John Howard, citizen and baker, who were also excused from serving on both paying the same fine. The letter was then sent to Mr. James Watts, citizen and butcher, who received his discharge on payment of the fine. It was next sent to Mr. Cotton Wright, citizen and coomber, who verbally replied that "he had neither ate nor drank at the expense of the Corporation, and he should neither pay the fine nor serve the office." Mr. Wright paid the fine, but denied that he had sent the message above quoted. Eventually Mr. John Wright, citizen and linen draper, accepted office.

16.—The Yarmouth Volunteer Infantry terminated a fortnight's garrison duty there.

21.*—"The Norwich and Yarmouth water frolics last week offered the utmost gratification to lovers of aquatic exercises. Nearly twenty boats proceeded from Sandling's Ferry to Postwick Grove and the Wood's End, and, if the day proved unfavourable, mirth and good humour prevailed." The Mayor of Yarmouth and several members of the Corporation proceeded in a wherry, "purposely fitted up and plentifully stored," over Breydon. Several boats started for a silver cup, which was won by Mr. Lovell's craft.

—A "farewell dejeune" was given at Cromer by Brigadier-General Sherbrooke, on his removal from the Holt district. Breakfast was served at the New Inn, and was attended, amongst others, by Col. and Mrs. Macdonald, Sir Jacob and Lady Astley, and Sir Edward and Lady Berry. Then the company adjourned to a barn, where dancing was kept up till five o'clock in the afternoon.

23.—A silver vase, which cost upwards of £700, was presented by Mr. Dugate, in the name of the farmers of Norfolk, to Mr. T. W. Coke, "as a token of their esteem, for the liberality of his conduct as a landlord, and of their gratitude for the benefit of his example as a practical farmer and most valuable member of society."

24.—The Mayor and magistrates of Norwich resolved to present a petition against the Corn Regulation Bill, which, however, was passed and received the Royal assent. The Act was framed to govern the export and import of England and Scotland by one general average of each country, taking the aggregate average of the twelve maritime districts of England and four of Scotland as the rule. Exportation was prohibited when wheat was above 54s. and barley 31s. per quarter. When wheat was at or under 48s. a five shilling bounty was to be given per quarter on exportation, and when barley was at or under 28s., a bounty of 2s. 6d. a quarter. A duty of from 6d. to 2s. 6d. was to be imposed on foreign corn imported if the price was as high as 66s. or 63s.

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25.—The East and West Regiments of Norfolk Militia marched from Colchester Barracks to Coxheath Camp, in Kent, which was reached on the 27th.

28.—A general meeting of Lieutenancy was held at the Shirehall, Norwich, to carry into execution an Act “for establishing and maintaining a permanent additional force for the defence of the realm, and to provide for augmenting his Majesty’s regular forces, and for the gradual reduction of the Militia of England.”

30.—At the Norfolk Assizes, held at Norwich, before Lord Chief Justice Mansfield, a prisoner, named John Heath, was charged with an offence committed at Great Melton, “but it being proved that the prisoner was both deaf and dumb by the visitation of God, the prosecution was stopped, but he was ordered to remain till the next Assizes.” (There is no further record of the case.)

Col. Bulwer, of Heydon, was this month appointed Brigadier-General in the Eastern District. On August 8th, he fixed his headquarters in Norwich, and reviewed the several corps of Volunteers in the city, and on September 1st it was announced that the general had been ordered to Liverpool, to take command of the Volunteers in that district.

AUGUST.

3.—A violent thunderstorm occurred. Several horses were killed by lightning in different parts of the county; mills and barns were damaged, and trees torn up by the roots.

4.—At the Norfolk and Norwich Assizes, the action, Palmer v. James and William Bloomfield, was tried. It was an action for trespass, and the plaintiff, a miller at Elsing, claimed £2,000 damages because the defendants, occupiers of land at Bylaugh, had cut away a large part of the bank of the river Wensum, whereby a great quantity of water escaped from the stream into an old river or drain, and he was deprived of its service for the working of his mill. The hearing lasted ten hours, and Lord Chief Justice Mansfield, who left the court at eleven p.m., received the jury at his lodgings, when they returned a verdict for the defendants. In the Court of Common Pleas, on November 12th, rule *nisi* was taken for a new trial, but there is no further record of the case.

9.—Died, aged 83, the Rev. Robert Potter, M.A., Prebendary of Norwich Cathedral, vicar of Lowestoft, and a translator of Æschylus and other writers of Greek tragedy.

13.—The troops in the Eastern district received orders to hold themselves in readiness to take the field at the shortest notice.

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18.—The death was recorded, at Bungay, of Mr. Thomas Miller, who was born at Norwich on August 14th, 1731. He was an extensive collector of books and antiquities, and in 1795 issued the “Miller half-penny,” of which only twenty-three pieces were struck off.

22.—A threshing machine on an entirely new principle, invented by a Devonshire engineer, named Ball, was tested at Norwich. At Hethersett, on December 6th, in competition with another machine, built by John Brown, a Norwich mechanic, it thrashed in 50 minutes 40 seconds about 29½ coombs of barley, Brown’s machine breaking down. Mutual recriminations and threats of legal proceedings followed, but without result.

Night signals were established along the coast, and special constables sworn in at Yarmouth, Lynn, and elsewhere.

At the suggestion of Major-General Money, two companies of Sharpshooters were raised, and, with a company of Cavalry Pioneers, were attached to the East Norfolk Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry.

SEPTEMBER.

1.—What was considered to be a big bag of partridges was killed at Stiffkey by Lord James Townshend and Major Loftus, namely, 43 brace. At Cromer, Major Windham killed 25 brace.

4.—The Musquito brig, of 18 guns, was launched from Mr. John Preston’s yard at Yarmouth.

6.—The Cygnet sloop of war, of 18 guns, was launched from Mr. Nathaniel Palmer’s yard at Yarmouth.

13.—Excessive heat prevailed. On this day 80 degrees Fahr. was recorded.

15.*—“The Ipswich Mail now goes every day from the King’s Head Inn, Market Place, Norwich, to the Swan with two Necks, Lad Lane; and the Newmarket Mail to the Golden Cross, Charing Cross, daily. The mails arrive in London every morning at seven o’clock.”

24.—The East Norfolk Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry, with Capt. C. Brown’s Company of Cavalry Pioneers, and Capt. Pillan’s Company of Sharpshooters, encamped on Hellesdon Field, under the command of Major-General Money. A sham fight, in which were engaged the Norwich Volunteer Infantry, under Col. Harvey, the Norwich Rifles, and the Artillery detachment, under Capt. Fyers, followed.

Major-General Milner was appointed to the charge of the Volunteer Infantry of Norfolk, which were inspected by him during the month.

OCTOBER.

6.—Died, aged 60, Sir Wm. Kemp, Bart., of Briston. "He was riding on a hobby, from which he fell and expired immediately."

13.—A report was published by Messrs. Kent and Crease, suggesting improvements to Wells harbour at the estimated cost of £30,000.

17.—Died, in St. Augustine's, Norwich, Mr. John Thompson, aged 70. "He established himself the heir-at-law of the late John Tilyard, whose property had long been the subject of litigation, by obtaining a verdict in his favour at the summer Assizes for this county in 1792, whereby he became entitled to a valuable estate at Oby." p. 35

20.—A musical farce, entitled "Dash, or who but he?" written by Mr. F. Lathom, of Norwich, was produced at Drury Lane. It was first performed at Norwich Theatre under the title of "Holiday Time, or the School Boy's Frolic."

26.—Died, aged 83, the Rev. John Peele, 38 years Upper Minister of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. He was succeeded by the Rev. C. J. Chapman.

—Races were held at Blickling Park. Events: A subscription purse for horses bred in Norfolk, the best of three one mile, heats; a subscription purse of £50, for the best of three two mile heats. Silver cup for the best of three two mile heats. A purse of five guineas for ponies, for the best of three two mile heats.

27.*—(Advt.) "The public are respectfully informed that the first number of a new weekly newspaper, entitled the 'Yarmouth Herald, or Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex Advertiser,' will be published on Saturday, November 10th, 1804, and sold by James Black, bookseller, Great Yarmouth."

—*"Mrs. Tuthill, wife of Mr. John Tuthill, of Heigham, is the fortunate holder of a 16th of the £10,000 prize."

28.—Died, at Ipswich, Lord Viscount Chedworth. His estate was valued at £500,000, of which sum he bequeathed £180,000 in legacies to various persons, some of whom were unknown to him personally. Mr. Thomas Penrice, of Yarmouth, received £20,000 legacy, and was also residuary legatee, by which he came into a property of at least £300,000. His lordship left £40,000 to his solicitor, and large amounts to actors and actresses in Norwich and London. A caveat was entered by the next of kin, and on July 5th, 1805, an action to contest the validity of the will was tried before Lord Ellenborough in the Court of King's Bench. The jury confirmed the will, and gave a verdict accordingly. An application for a new trial was refused.

31.—At a public meeting at Cromer it was resolved to establish a lifeboat, and upwards of £500 was subscribed for the purpose.

NOVEMBER.

10.—A one hundred yards race took place in Gunton Park between the Hon. Edward Harbord and a well-known runner, named Wade, of Aylsham. Mr. Harbord won by about four yards.

11.*—"In pulling down the old workhouse in the Lower Close, Norwich, to improve the entrance to the Deanery, some very curious remains of an ancient Saxon Gothic building were discovered. The arches and capitals had been richly gilt and ornamented. The style of architecture appeared to be that in use about the reign of King Stephen."

14.—Died, at Norton, near Lincoln, aged 74, the Right Hon. George, Earl of Buckinghamshire, Baron Hobart, of Blickling, in Norfolk. He was succeeded in his title and estates by the Right Hon. Lord Hobart, formerly his Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Department of War and the Colonies. p. 36

16.—The Rev. J. Bowman was elected Under Minister at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in succession to the Rev. C. J. Chapman.

22.—The Romney, of 50 guns, which sailed from Yarmouth Roads on the 18th, with bullocks and vegetables for the blockading fleet off the Texel, was lost in a gale on the South Haak Sand. All the officers and crew saved themselves on rafts, but were made prisoners by the Dutch. The officers were liberated on their parole by the Dutch Admiral Kikkert.

24.—The night coach from Norwich to Yarmouth was left near the King's Arms, Burgh, in charge of a lad, when the horses broke away and galloped in the direction of Yarmouth. A Norwich tradesman, who was an inside passenger, climbed upon the box, succeeded in reaching the reins, which had become entangled upon the splinter bar, and stopped the animals.

26.—Ninety-eight French prisoners, the crew of a large French privateer, of 18 guns, commanded by the noted Blackman, and captured by Capt. Hancock, of the Cruiser sloop, marched into Norwich, and next morning proceeded, under a guard of Fifeshire Militia, for Norman Cross Barracks. The Corporation of Yarmouth and the merchants of the port voted their thanks to Capt. Hancock and his officers for their exertions in capturing Blackman, who had committed great depredations. Blackman himself was shipped to Chatham in the Monmouth. His vessel, La Contre-Amiral Magon, had sustained but trifling damage, and while she was lying at Mr. Palmer's dock at Yarmouth, £2,500 was offered for her for privateering purposes.

27.—David Graham was convicted, before the Rev. J. Oldershaw, for driving cattle on Sunday at

Harleston, and under the Act of Charles I. paid a penalty of 20s.

30.—It was reported at the annual meeting of the Society of Universal Good Will, at Norwich, that the number of persons relieved by it since its establishment was 1,940. An appeal was made for public support.

DECEMBER.

3.*—"The inhabitants of Loddon have entered into a subscription for the purpose of defraying the expense of lighting the town."

4.—Signor Belzoni from Sadler's Wells, by permission of the Mayor, gave a performance in the assembly room at the Maid's Head Inn, Norwich. It was described as "a grand hydraulic exhibition, called Fire and Water, along with his phantasmagoria and wonderful feats of strength performed by the Patagonian Samson, who will carry on his head, arms, and body from five to ten men with the greatest ease." This was the famous Belzoni, the traveller and discoverer of Egyptian antiquities, whose book entitled, "Narrative of the Operations and recent Discoveries in the Pyramids, Temples, Tombs, and Cities of Egypt and Nubia," obtained a wide circulation.

10.—Thetford coursing meeting commenced. It lasted four days.

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JANUARY.

10.—The Supervisor and officers of Excise belonging to the East Dereham district seized at Melton a horse and cart, with 80 gallons of Geneva and four gallons of brandy.

11.—A murderous poaching affray occurred in Thorpe Wood, near Aylsham, when several game watchers, in the service of Lord Suffield, were severely wounded. At the Norfolk Assizes at Thetford, in March, six of the poachers, indicted under the Black Act, were found guilty and sentenced to death. Lord Suffield and the Hon. Edward Harbord pleaded that their lives might be spared, and the sentence was ultimately commuted to transportation. When the gang were being conveyed by the Expedition night mail coach from Norwich, on their way to Portsmouth, the convicts got free from the chain and made a desperate attempt to escape, but were too heavily ironed. They attacked the coachman, and one of the guards presented a pistol, which missed fire; Johnson, the gaoler, rushed amongst them with a cutlass, and subdued them. One prisoner escaped, and the others were lodged in the Surrey New Gaol on the following morning.

17.—At a public meeting held at the Guildhall, Norwich, it was resolved to establish a Hospital and School for the Indigent Blind in Norfolk and Norwich; towards the foundation of which Mr. Thomas Tawell contributed a house and 3½ acres of land in Magdalen Street, valued at £1,050. Mr. Tawell, who was himself blind, made an eloquent and successful appeal, and the institution was opened on October 14th.

28.—The pantomime, "Don Juan," was produced at Norwich Theatre "in a style which, for the display of beautiful scenery and of appropriate decorations and costumes, is very rarely to be witnessed on provincial boards."

29.—Died, aged 57, Mr. Thomas Wodehouse, of Sennowe Lodge. He was one of the gentlemen of his Majesty's Privy Chamber, in which office he was succeeded by Mr. J. W. Thomlinson, of Cley.

FEBRUARY.

2.—Bishop Manners Sutton, of Norwich, was nominated by the King and chosen, February 12th, Archbishop of Canterbury. On the 13th, his Grace arrived at the Palace, Norwich, from London; and on the 15th, the Mayor and Court of Aldermen proceeded in state from the Guildhall to the Palace, where the Recorder (Mr. Harvey) read an address of congratulation to the Archbishop. The clergy of Norwich, on the 16th, waited on his Grace, when the Rev. Prebendary Pretyman addressed the Archbishop in an appropriate speech. On the 17th, his Grace preached his farewell sermon at the Cathedral, and on the 18th departed for Lambeth.

9.—A woman, who had eloped from her home in Kent with a horse dealer, was found by her husband in a house in St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. She refused to return to him. The dealer offered to buy the woman for £5, and her husband, agreeing, placed a halter round her neck, and surrendered all right and title to her for the sum named.

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19.—Died, at his house, the Town Close, Norwich, Mr. Jeremiah Ives, senior alderman of Norwich. He was 78 years of age, and had served the office of Mayor in 1769-1795.

20.—A solemn fast was observed at Norwich.

21.—Mr. Robert Herring, of Bracondale, elected an alderman, in place of Mr. Jeremiah Ives, deceased.

23.—Experiments were made at Norwich to test the practicability of firing a field-piece from a common waggon without injury to the vehicle. The idea, which originated with Major-General Money, "succeeded perfectly, and the horses stood steady during the discharge of the field-piece."

24.—The clergy of Norwich, having intimated that it was their intention to apply to Parliament for an increase of their incomes by assessment, considerable feeling was manifested in opposition. The Corporation at a quarterly assembly resolved to oppose the application. Vestry meetings were held throughout the city, and the inhabitants unanimously expressed an opinion adverse to the clergy's proposal.

—The freedom of the city was conferred on Mr. John Frere, the former, and Mr. Robert Fellowes and Mr. William Smith, the then Parliamentary representatives of Norwich.

—A lease of the Dutch Church was granted to the Corporation for 200 years, for the use of the poor in the workhouse; the Dutch congregation reserving the right to bury their dead in the church, and to hold Divine service therein every forenoon of the first Sunday in the month.

MARCH.

4.—Died, aged 60, Elizabeth Clayton, of Wells-next-the-Sea. "This woman, from an early propensity for masculine employments, had worked as a ship's carpenter at the dockyard of the above port upwards of 40 years, and always in man's apparel. She used to drink, chew tobacco, and keep company only with workmen, yet would never enter into the matrimonial state. She was a strong robust woman, and never permitted anyone to insult her with impunity."

18.—The Rev. Henry Bathurst, D.D., "elected Bishop of this Diocese by the Dean and Chapter." His lordship was installed on May 10th.

23.—At a meeting at the Guildhall, Norwich, resolutions were agreed to "condemning the proposed alterations of the course of the mail coach from London to Norwich by way of Bury, from the consequent later delivery of the letters to the post-office here, and from the earlier despatch from thence, to the great inconvenience of the mercantile and trading houses of the city." Representations to this effect were made to the Postmaster-General, but without result. The coach started from the King's Head, Norwich, at four o'clock, and passed through Thetford, Bury, and Newmarket. It ran every day and stopped at the Golden Cross, Charing Cross, London. Another coach, by Ipswich and Colchester, set up at the Swan with two Necks, Lad Lane.

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28.—Miss Aickin, "an actress of superior talents and personal attractions," made her first appearance at Norwich Theatre in the character of Widow Cheerly in the comedy of "The Soldier's Daughter," and as Aura in the farce of "The Farm House." She played the part of Hamlet on May 4th.

30.*—"The Rev. William L. Gebbart has been elected minister of the Dutch congregation, and also appointed minister of the French church in Norwich."

—*"It is in contemplation to establish telegraphic communication between Norwich and Yarmouth for mercantile purposes." In October the Norwich Corporation agreed to pay £10 annually for its support.

—*"An earthen pot, containing 500 pieces of antient English silver coin, was ploughed up in a field near Aylsham. The pieces consisted chiefly of groats of Henry VII. and pennies of the Edwards. There were two gold angels of Henry VI."

APRIL.

6.*—"A person in the country has lately been convicted, before Mr. Crowe, Mr. Astley and Mr. Norris, in the legal penalty for working and digging in his garden and openly profaning the Sabbath. It is to be hoped that his example will operate towards the discontinuance of the practice, which, perhaps, is nowhere so prevalent as in this county."

—Leeds Mays, for horse stealing, was executed on the "new drop" on the Castle Hill, Norwich.

—Charles Pegg was publicly whipped in Norwich Market Place, for purchasing soldiers' necessaries.

13.*—(Advt.) "A main of cocks will be fought on Easter Tuesday and Wednesday, 21 in the main for ten guineas the battle, and 30 guineas the odd; and likewise two turn outs for £20 the battle, and also two byes. April 16th and 17th, at Hindringham Duke of York. The first pair of cocks to be pitted at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. Accommodation for man and horse. Feeders, Fox for Walsingham; Whisker for Wighton."

22.—At Swaffham, a man, named Angel, undertook for a trifling wager to run 20 miles in three hours. He ran it with ease in 2 hours 50 minutes.

27.—Two gun brigs, of 14 guns each, were launched from Mr. John Preston's dockyard at Yarmouth.

28.—The oil mill at Hellesdon, belonging to Mr. Wm. Parkinson, was destroyed by fire. The loss amounted to between £2,000 and £3,000.

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2.—A public meeting was held at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, when resolutions, expressive of obligations to Earl St. Vincent, for promoting an enquiry into naval abuses, with thanks to Mr.

Whitbread for introducing the tenth report of the Commissioners of Naval Enquiry to the notice of the House of Commons; and thanks to Mr. Robert Fellowes, M.P., and Mr. W. Smith, M.P., for supporting Mr. Whitbread's motion, were unanimously agreed to.

3.—The Common Council of Norwich proposed a vote of thanks to Earl St. Vincent, to the Commissioners of Naval Enquiry, to Mr. Whitbread, and to the members of Parliament for the city. This was negatived by the aldermen by 12 votes to 4.

6.—An impressment took place at Yarmouth. "Ships' parties stopped every person they met without discrimination or respect for appearances. No less than 300 persons were impressed. Some were confined in the rendezvous of the town gang, others were marched to the barracks or conveyed to the boats lying in readiness at the jetty, and the whole body were carried during the night on to the Monmouth. Next morning a regulation took place, and 50 only were detained."

14.—At a county meeting, held at the Norwich Shirehall, several resolutions, thanking Earl St. Vincent and the Commissioners of Naval Enquiry, and Mr. Whitbread, Sir J. H. Astley, and Mr. T. W. Coke for their patriotic and independent conduct in Parliament, were unanimously agreed to.

18.—An officer of the Shropshire Militia decided in his favour a wager of ten guineas, "to pick up 100 stones laid in Chapel Field, Norwich, at a distance of a yard from each other, and to deposit them in two baskets placed at the extremities of the line, in the space of one hour." Another person, a few weeks afterwards, performed the same feat in 44 minutes.

25.—Married, by special licence by the Bishop of Norwich, at his lordship's house in Manchester-square, London, Mr. Benjamin Bathurst, secretary of legation to the Court of Stockholm, to Miss Call, daughter of Sir John Call, Bart. (In November, 1809, when travelling to England with important despatches as envoy to the Court of Vienna, Bathurst mysteriously disappeared in the town of Perleberg, and was never more seen or heard of.)

—*"A street, 26 feet wide, is about to be opened, forming an entrance, which has long been most desirable, from Chapel Field directly into Bethel Street, Norwich."

The several battalions of Volunteer Infantry in the county performed a month's garrison duty in Yarmouth. The Norwich Volunteers were on duty in the city.

JUNE.

1.—Lord Frederick Beauclerk and the Hon. Edward Harbord ran a hundred yards race on Lord's Cricket Ground, London. Mr. Harbord was beaten by two yards. He afterwards ran the same distance against Mr. Lambert, and won easily.

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4.—The King's birthday was celebrated in Norwich by the garrison and Volunteers, who paraded to the number of 1,800 and fired a *feu de joie* on the Castle Meadow. The weather was very cold, and at nine o'clock at night the thermometer registered 36 degrees, only four degrees above freezing point.

8.—William Carter, a private in the City of Norwich Battalion of Infantry Volunteers, convicted, before a regimental court martial, of absenting himself from parade on four successive days, was publicly disgraced and dismissed the battalion.

22.*—"Gabriel Swallow, aged 13, son of a gamekeeper to the Hon. Col. Harbord at Hunworth, shot 21 bullets at a target 80 yards distant for a bet of two guineas. With the exception of three shots, they were all placed within 5½ inches of the centre; three bullets were one inch from the centre; five ditto, two inches; six ditto, three inches; one ditto, four inches; two ditto, five inches; one ditto, 5½ inches."

24.—Holkham Sheep Shearing commenced. Mr. Ball's threshing machine was shown at work. An ingenious model of a dibbling machine, made by a young man in the neighbourhood; a mowing machine, invented by Mr. Burrell, of Thetford; a scuffler, by Mr. Clarke; the model of a threshing machine, by Mr. Cook, of Aylsham; and an improved drill, by Messrs. Wilson and Standish, of Lynn, were also exhibited. The sweepstake, to estimate the weight of Mr. Coke's three-shear Leicester wether, was won by Lord Winchilsea, who guessed within half a pound of the actual weight.

JULY.

6.—Mr. Edward Rigby, Mayor of Norwich, in a letter to the *NORFOLK CHRONICLE*, advocated vaccine inoculation. He wrote: "I inoculated my twin children when they were eight months old with smallpox ichor, and they resisted the infection. Since then I have exposed them to patients under smallpox and at that period of the disease when most likely to communicate infection, which, as before, they were insusceptible to."

9.—Mdlle. Eloise Adelaide de Bourbon, daughter of the Prince of Condé, took the veil at Bodney Hall, the retreat of the nuns of Montargis.

—A "bugle man" of the Norwich Rifle Corps, named Hardingham, was killed by the accidental discharge of a rifle at target practice. His remains were interred, with military honours, in St. Giles' churchyard on the 11th.

16.—At a meeting held at the Guildhall, presided over by the Mayor of Norwich, resolutions were

adopted for taking the best means of stopping the progress of the contagion of smallpox, and of extending vaccine inoculation. A committee afterwards presented a memorial in favour of vaccination. On September 14th it was announced that nearly 400 of the poor had been vaccinated.

24.—A gift of silver plate was presented to Sir Thomas Beevor, Bart., at Hethel, by the Chairman and Committees of Chief Constables in Humbleyard and adjacent Hundreds, as “a testimonial of esteem and respect and approbation of the able and upright manner in which he had discharged the duties of a magistrate for more than half a century.”

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27.*—“At Diss, a number of labourers in husbandry refused to work for the customary wages, and being out of employment applied to the magistrates, who advised the parish officers to put them to work, which they accordingly did. Their business was to carry bricks in a hod from Palgrave to Diss, a distance of two miles. This medicine had the desired effect, for after two days they returned to their former employment.”

AUGUST.

3.*—(Advt.) “A main of cocks will be fought at the Sun Inn, Wells, on Tuesday, August 13th, between the gentlemen of Foulsham and the gentlemen of Wells, five guineas the battle and twenty guineas the odd. There will be two pits. Feeders, Whisker for Foulsham; Souther for Wells.”

6.—The Norwich Society of Artists opened an exhibition of paintings and drawings in their room in Sir Benjamin Wrenche’s Court.

8.—In consequence of official intelligence of preparations along the enemy’s coast, Major-General Money addressed a letter to the commandants of Yeomanry and Volunteer Cavalry in Norfolk and Suffolk, requesting them to have their corps ready for inspection, and in marching order. A similar letter was sent by Major-General Milner to the commandants of Norfolk Volunteer Infantry, adding that the requisite number of waggons was ordered for their conveyance in case of necessity.

12.—A cricket match was played at Reepham between the gentlemen of Foulsham and the gentlemen of Reepham, Hackford, Whitwell, and Corpusty “for a considerable sum.” It was won by the former, “with eight notches to spare.” The return match, on October 21st, was also won by Foulsham.

26.—A cricket match was played in Blickling Park between elevens of the Blickling and Norwich clubs, and was won by the former. It was followed by a single wicket match between the same teams, when Blickling again won, with nine wickets to go down.

SEPTEMBER.

3.—The committee of the Court of Guardians, appointed to examine the poor-rates of the city and hamlets of Norwich, and to obtain a more equal assessment, reported that an increase of £16,000 stock and £1,800 rent, calculating on the half-rental only, might be made; and recommended a general survey and new valuation to be taken, in consequence of the great alteration which had taken place in property, and in the value of land in particular since 1786, when the last survey was made.

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7.—A remarkable whirlwind occurred at Rockland St. Mary. A rowing boat, lying on the bank of the broad, was lifted into the air and blown a distance of 70 yards; and another large boat was raised out of the water and hurled a considerable distance. A young man was lifted three or four yards in the air and blown several yards. Much damage was done to the roofs of cottages and to wheat sheafs in the fields.

13.—Mr. Inledon, the famous vocalist, appeared at Norwich Theatre in his entertainment, “The Wandering Melodist.”

21.—At a meeting of the Norwich Corporation the committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of applying to Parliament for an Act for the better lighting, watching, and paving of the city, reported in favour of the proposal, and a gentleman present offered to subscribe £500 towards the undertaking. On October 26th, it was reported that the aldermen had adopted the recommendation, but the Commons threw it out by 20 votes against 16. At a meeting held on October 30th, at which the Bishop, the Mayor, and many of the principal owners and occupiers of estates were present, the petition was unanimously agreed to and signed.

28.*—“A finely preserved Saxon font has been discovered in the church of Great Hautbois, near Coltishall, by Mr. J. A. Repton. Many curious remains of antient sculpture are obscured by repeated coats of dirt and whitewash in our churches.”

—*“Died, lately, Sir James Tylney Longe, Bart., in the eleventh year of his age. By his death the Tylney property, amounting to £25,000 per annum and nearly £300,000 in the Funds, devolves on the distant branches of the Longe family.”

During this month Mr. James Neild, of Chelsea, a well-known philanthropist, visited the county gaol, the city gaol and bridewell, the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, and the Duke’s Palace Workhouse. In his report on the Hospital he wrote: “It does honour to the county, and is one of the best I have seen.”

OCTOBER.

7.—A mysterious outrage was committed at Fakenham. A man entered the bed-room of two maiden ladies, named Bale, brutally thrashed one, and attempted to cut the throat of the other, after which he decamped. The Home Office offered his Majesty's pardon to any accomplice who gave evidence that would lead to a conviction, and Mr. Edward Bale, of Toftrees, offered a reward of £100 for the discovery of the guilty person. No clue was forthcoming.

12.*—"A few days since the Russian Countess Mengdon arrived at her newly-purchased seat, called New Place, Thetford, late the residence of Mr. James Mingay."

18.—One of a pair of eagles was shot at Cantley. The extended wings measured 7 feet 4½ inches, and the bird was 2½ feet in height.

22.—A two days' race meeting commenced in Blickling Park. A ball and supper were given by Lord Suffield.

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—The Norwich Battalion of Volunteers, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Patteson, and the City of Norwich Battalion of Volunteer Infantry (Lieut.-Col. Harvey) were inspected by Major-General Milner. "A portion of the latter corps proceeded from the Castle ditches to Mile End in waggons, fitted up with seats, and provided throughout the county pursuant to general orders."

Under the Additional Force Act, Norfolk raised this month 248 men to supply vacancies occasioned by those who had enlisted out of the Militia into the regular Army.

NOVEMBER.

2.*—"The Sheriff of Norwich, Mr. J. H. Yallop, is the fortunate holder of a sixteenth share of the ticket drawn for a prize of £3,000. In the lottery of 1803, Mr. Yallop also shared a prize of £2,000, and in 1804, part of the £20,000 prize."

7.—Intelligence was received of the battle of Trafalgar, which was fought on October 21st, and of the death of Nelson. "The bells were rung and fired throughout the day, but all the joy that would have arisen from the victory was wholly absorbed in sorrow and regret for the death of the Hero of the Nile and Trafalgar." Great rejoicings afterwards took place, and addresses of congratulation to his Majesty were unanimously voted by the Corporations of Norwich, Yarmouth, Lynn, &c.

30.—A county meeting was held at the Shirehall, Norwich, when an address to his Majesty on the victory of Trafalgar was agreed to. It was also resolved to open a subscription for erecting a memorial to perpetuate the memory of Lord Nelson's victories.

DECEMBER.

3.—The Duke of Norfolk arrived at Norwich, and visited the Cathedral, St. Andrew's Hall, and other public buildings.

—Thanksgiving day. Collections were made in the churches for the relief of the families of those who fell, and for those who were wounded. At Aylsham, there was a "grand naval procession," barrels of beer were drunk in the Market Place, and a display of fireworks took place at night.

17.—A grand *fête* was held at the Norwich Assembly Rooms, in honour of Nelson's victory. Upwards of 450 ladies and gentlemen of the county and city were present at the ball and supper, and the rooms were decorated with transparencies and brilliantly illuminated. The arrangements were carried out by the Norfolk Society, established in 1770.

Among the Acts of Parliament passed this year was one to enable Mr. Daniel Henry Woodward, his sons, and their descendants to use the surname and family arms of Mr. Henry Lee Warner, late of Walsingham.

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JANUARY.

4.*—(Advt.) "To be sold, a Proprietor's Share in the Norwich Theatre, with or without transferable ticket, which will admit the holder to the Yarmouth, Ipswich, and Colchester Theatres."

—*"A man of the name of Baxter, formerly a respectable farmer at Buckenham, who took a rash resolution of refusing any kind of sustenance but water, which he continued to do for 38 days at the White Horse at Kenninghall, was induced to give up the same on Monday last by the offer of a noble lady to settle an allowance upon him. He some time ago persisted in the same mode of existence for 19 days."

9.—The church bells in city and county were tolled from twelve o'clock to two o'clock, on the occasion of the funeral of Lord Nelson at St. Paul's Cathedral.

12.—A subscription was made for the relief of the poor in Germany, who were suffering under the combined miseries of war and famine. About £300 was collected.

14.—A meeting was held at the Guildhall for the purpose of opposing the Norwich Paving Bill, and a petition against the measure was signed by 1,600 owners and occupiers. On February 8th, the Mayor (Mr. Rigby) announced that “the respectability of the signatures to the petition in favour of the Bill, and the large sum raised to defray the expenses of the application to Parliament, could not but determine its supporters to persevere firmly in promoting it.” On February 24th, the aldermen, by ten votes to eight, ordered the city seal to be affixed to the Bill. Leave was given on March 7th for the insertion of fresh notices in the Bill, in order that it might be carried before Parliament that Session. The Bill was read a first time on April 21st, and was in due course transmitted to a committee of the House of Commons. The taking of evidence for and against the Bill concluded on May 21st, and on June 13th it passed both Houses of Parliament and received the Royal assent. The first election of Commissioners under the Norwich Paving Act took place in July, and the first meeting of Commissioners was held on July 15th, when the Deputy-Mayor (Mr. Rigby) was appointed chairman; Mr. Elisha De Hague, clerk; Messrs. Harvey and Hudson, treasurers; and Mr. John Roots, surveyor.

15.—The vane and spindle of the “antient and beautiful spire” of St. Gregory’s Church, Norwich, were blown off during a severe gale.

FEBRUARY.

3.—On opening a vault at the church of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, a live bat was found therein, of a greyish colour, where it had probably lain in a torpid state more than 32 years, the distance of time since the vault was before opened.”

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8.*—(Advt.) “A main of cocks will be fought on Wednesday, February 19th, at the Red Lion Inn, Fakenham, between the gentlemen of Fakenham and the gentlemen of Foulsham. Eleven mains, two byes, and one turn out for five guineas the battle, and ten guineas the odd. Feeders, George Syder for Fakenham; David Lamb for Foulsham.”

9.—James Coleman, bricklayer, of Swardeston, was tolling the bell at the parish church, “when the crown and cannons broke from the bell, and she came down through both floors, killing him on the spot.”

13.—Married, at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, Henry Robert Bowles, acting-manager at the Theatre Royal, to Miss Aickin, of the same theatre.

16.—Died, at St. George Colegate, Norwich, Thomas Troughton, aged 88. “He was a member of the corps of Artillery raised for the internal defence during the Revolution of 1745, and is believed to be the last survivor of that loyal corps.”

22.*—“The interior of the Cathedral is about to undergo a thorough cleaning and repair. It is sixty years since a similar repair was done.” It was re-opened November 22nd.

24.—At a quarterly assembly of the Corporation of Norwich an address was ordered to be presented to his Majesty, “expressive of their gratitude for the paternal affection he has shown to his subjects by waiving every consideration for the public good in the appointment of men of the first abilities in the country to the high offices of State.” A county meeting was held at the Shirehall, Norwich, on March 28th, when a similar resolution was adopted, congratulating his Majesty on the appointment of an administration “in whom the nation feels a well-grounded confidence.” Like addresses were presented by the Corporations of Yarmouth and King’s Lynn.

27.—Landed at Yarmouth, on their return from the Continent, the 4th, 23rd, and 28th Regiments of Foot, and 300 riflemen, comprising the brigade commanded by General Paget.

MARCH.

1.*—“Lately, died, at the age of 113, Mrs. Roope, of Tharston, near Long Stratton. She lived to see her fifth generation.”

5.—A troop of the King’s German Legion (heavy cavalry) arrived at Norwich from Yarmouth, and on the following day proceeded on their march to Scotland.

7.—A public concert was given at Chapel Field House, Norwich. Vocalists: Mr. Vaughan and Mrs. Vaughan (formerly Miss Tennant); leader of the band, Mr. Parnell; at the pianoforte, Mr. Beckwith.

11.—The Board of Agriculture voted their gold medal to Mr. Thomas William Coke, “for his extensive and successful mode of irrigation, by which he has converted a track of unprofitable boggy land in Norfolk into sound and excellent water meadows.”

—The Marquis Townshend’s 85th birthday was celebrated by a dinner at the Crown Inn, and by a ball and supper at the Red Lion Inn, Fakenham.

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15.—At the Norfolk Assizes, held at Thetford, before Mr. Justice Grose, was tried the case, the King v. Anthony. This was an information filed against the defendant by the Attorney-General for assaulting John Stevenson, an officer of Excise, while in the execution of his duty. Stevenson called at the White Horse Inn, Edgefield, on December 2nd, 1805, and found smuggled liquor in panniers belonging to the defendant, whose ostensible trade was that of a vendor of oysters. The officer seized the panniers, but defendant, in regaining them, committed an assault. He was found guilty, and the case was remitted to the King’s Bench for judgment. (No further record

appears.)

—*(Advt.) "A main of cocks will be fought at the Maid's Head Inn, Norwich, on Tuesday, the 25th inst., and two following days between the gentlemen of Norwich and the gentlemen of Yarmouth. To show 31 mains, and ten bye-cocks, to fight for ten guineas a battle, and 50 guineas the odd battle. There will be five pits. Feeders, David Lamb for Norwich; Thomas Cox for Yarmouth."

16.—Died, at his house in Surrey Street, Norwich, John Manning, M.D., upwards of 30 years physician at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

17.—Died, at Snettisham Lodge, Mr. Thomas Daniell, Attorney-General of Dominica.

24.—Intelligence was received at Norwich of Vice-Admiral Duckworth's victory over the French squadron in St. Domingo Bay. Col. Patteson's Volunteers fired a *feu de joie* in the Market Place, and the bells of St. Peter Mancroft rang until midnight.

27.—Mr. Heath caught in Panxworth Broad a pike weighing 31 lbs., and measuring 45 inches in length, and 25 inches in girth.

28.—Died, at Bodney Hall, aged 49, Madame Elizabeth de Mirepoix. "Descended from one of the most distinguished families in France, she forsook the allurements of the Court for the retirement and austerity of monastic life. From the storms of the French Revolution the Benedictine Monastery (of which she had been a member 31 years and superior 22 years) sought shelter in England, and found an asylum in this county, where for the last 15 years the nuns have been occupied in the education of Catholic young ladies."

This month upwards of £800 was subscribed to defray the cost of the erection in Norwich of a monument to the memory of Lord Nelson. Mr. Browne and Mr. Percy submitted designs and models to the committee, but insufficient support was given to the movement.

APRIL.

5.*—"The King has granted the dignity of Earl to the Right Hon. Horatio Baron Walpole, to be known as the Earl of Orford." Mr. Thomas Wm. Coke was offered, but declined a peerage.

12.—At a meeting of farmers and others at Thetford, it was decided to hold a sheep and lamb fair in that town annually on September 1st. p. 48

19.—The Boreas frigate, 28 guns, was launched from the dockyard of Messrs. Stone and Custance, at Yarmouth. On the same day the Ariel sloop, of 18 guns, was launched from Mr. N. Palmer's yard.

27.—General Milner inspected the Norwich Rifle Corps this day (Sunday); the Norwich Volunteer Regiment on the 28th; and Col. Patteson's Battalion on the 29th.

MAY.

6.—Died, in his 82nd year, the Rev. George Thomas, vicar of East Dereham and brother of Dr. Thomas, Bishop of Rochester. He was succeeded by the Rev. Charles Hyde Wollaston.

14.—The annual meeting of the Dissenters Benevolent Society, presided over by Mr. Geo. Watson, was held at the Angel Inn, Norwich.

16.—A hundred yards foot race took place on Lord's Cricket Ground between Lord E. Somerset and the Hon. Edward Harbord. "Lord Edward had the start of Mr. Harbord, and maintained the lead about 60 yards, when Mr. Harbord gained upon and crossed him. There was a foul, and Lord Edward fell. Lord Frederick Beauclerk, who was umpire, gave his decision as follows:—That on account of the accident the race was deemed void, but Mr. Harbord is allowed the power of calling upon Lord Edward to run the race over again any time within the next six months upon giving his lordship six weeks' notice."

17.—The sword of the Spanish Admiral, Don Xavier Francisco Winthuysen, who died of his wounds at the battle off Cape St. Vincent, February 14th, 1797, presented to the city of Norwich by Lord Nelson, was placed in the mural monument at the Guildhall.

29.—General Milner, in a letter addressed to the commanding officers of Volunteers in Norwich and Norfolk, expressed "the high sense he entertained of the merit of the Volunteer corps in coming forward in such force, when the country, and this district in particular, was threatened with invasion by a powerful enemy."

30.—Died, at Calabar, East Indies, in his 32nd year, Capt. Smyth, 56th Regiment, son of Mr. James Smyth, attorney-at-law, of Norwich. He served in all the campaigns in Flanders and Holland under General Coote, in Ireland at the battle of Vinegar Hill, at Gibraltar during the mutiny, and under Sir Ralph Abercromby in Egypt.

JUNE.

9.—Vice-Admiral Russell, accompanied by several officers of the North Sea Fleet, stationed at Yarmouth, visited Norwich.

10.—A rowing match took place between the Lion and the Dove. The course, five miles, was

between Carrow and Whitlingham, and the Lion won by 100 yards in 34 minutes.

18.—Wrestling matches were contested on Panxworth Green in the presence of a large number of spectators. "Green, of Beighton, was champion of the green, and came off victorious from all his engagements." He was eighteen years old. p. 49

19.—Norwich Guild day. In consequence of the Cathedral undergoing reparation, the Mayor and Corporation attended service at the church of St. Peter Mancroft. The Mayor, Mr. Thomas Allday Kerrison, entertained 500 guests at dinner at St. Andrew's Hall; the ball was held at Chapel Field House.

23.—At Holkham Sheep Shearing, Mr. John Herring, jun., of Norwich, exhibited three shawls, manufactured by Messrs. John Herring and Sons entirely from the fleece of Mr. Coke's Southdowns.

24.—Lord Waldegrave, in command of a detachment of the 7th Light Dragoons, stationed at Norwich, commenced a series of three cricket matches, "with a select number of the men under his command against a party of gentlemen of this city and neighbourhood." The soldiers won two out of the three games. In the following month Lord Waldegrave came of age, and succeeded to a property amounting to £30,000 a year.

28.—Mr. Incledon appeared at Norwich Theatre in his entertainment, consisting of songs and recitations, "Hospitality, or the Harvest Home." He reappeared on the 30th.

JULY.

5.—Died, at his house in George Street, Portman Square, London, Arthur Richard Dillon, Archbishop and Duke of Narbonne, Primate of the Gauls, President of the States of Languedoc, and Commander of the Order of the Holy Ghost. "This venerable prelate was uncle to Lady Jerningham, of Costessey."

—The Primary Visitation of the Bishop of Norwich (which commenced at Thetford on May 22nd) terminated at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. "Six hundred and ninety-nine young persons from the adjacent parishes, and on the following day nearly 600 persons from the several parishes and hamlets of the city were confirmed. The total number of persons who had been confirmed throughout the diocese in the course of this visitation is computed at nearly 17,000."

10.—This day "the thermometer stood at 82, exposed to the north." On the 19th of the previous month the heat was so great that many post horses died.

12.—The Royal assent was given to an Act to enable his Majesty "to grant the Castle of Norwich, with the county gaol, Castle Hill, and certain land adjacent thereto, in Norfolk, and for vesting the same in the justices of the peace for the said county, with the use thereof."

13.—A remarkable suicide took place at Yarmouth. "Two servant women tied themselves together with ribbon, walked into the sea, and were drowned." They were the wives of privates in the Shropshire Militia. "Their husbands had come to see them the previous day, and, refusing to permit them to return with them, they committed the rash act."

14.—A large concourse assembled to witness a camping match on Crostwick Common between the Hundreds of Taverham and of Blofield. Conditions:—"Play 40 minutes; candidates to be young men under 25 and unmarried. Prize, a hat of the value of 10s. 6d. for each of the successful combatants." The affair ended in a walk over, owing to the absence of the Blofield men. "It is now 20 years since a regular camp was played at Crostwick, and that one was patronised by one of his Majesty's present ministers, who is not more celebrated for his political talents, and the accomplishments of a liberal and enlightened mind, than for his attachment to the ancient sports and amusements of his country." (Reference is here made to William Windham.) p. 50

17.—The annual water frolic and aquatic procession took place at Norwich, "led by Admiral Clarke in full uniform in the Apollo."

21.—The Corporation of Norwich again granted the use of St. Andrew's Hall to the corn merchants, as a place of exchange, at the annual rent of 50 guineas. "A letter from Mr. Opie was read, in which that celebrated artist stated that, if due care was taken to prevent persons from touching the paintings in the hall, they would sustain no injury if the hall was opened ten times a week."

26.—Arrived, at Yarmouth, the *Blanche* frigate, Capt. Lavie, with *La Guerriere*, French frigate of 50 guns, Capt. Hubert, captured on the 18th, after a desperate action of 45 minutes. *La Guerriere* had taken eight Greenlandmen and one Yarmouth vessel, all of which she had destroyed.

28.—The Volunteer corps agreed to continue their services under new regulations and at reduced pay. The regulations were made in accordance with a new Act of Parliament, which provided for the military training of the population by the calling out of 200,000 men in each year.

31.—The Duke's Palace estate in Norwich, belonging to the Duke of Norfolk, was sold in lots for £5,055, exclusive of the Public Library and house adjoining.

AUGUST.

9.*—(Advt.) "To be seen alive (from Mr. Kendrick's menagerie, 42, Piccadilly), in a commodious room at Mr. Peck's, the Church Stile, in the Market Place, Norwich, a most surprising crocodile from the Nile ever seen in this kingdom. He is so remarkably tame that any lady or gentleman may touch him with safety."

13.—The Norwich Society of Artists opened an exhibition in their room in Sir Benjamin Wrenche's Court. The exhibitors included A. Brown, W. Browne, and Stone, architectural subjects; Crome, Dixon, Gordon, C. Hodgson, Ladbrooke, Leeds, and Thirtle, landscapes; Cooper, horses and cattle; Mrs. Coppin, Freeman, and Thirtle, portraits; and Sillett, flowers and still life. "The exhibition is such as to authorise our predicting that the seeds of genius, which have evidently taken deep root in some of the artists, will secure them most respectable places in the roll of fame."

14.—The anniversary sermon for the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital was preached by the Bishop of Norwich at St. Peter Mancroft. The sum collected was £185 16s. 6d., and the proceeds of the dinner at the Swan Inn amounted to £41 9s. 6d.

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28.—The Comus frigate, 22 guns, was launched from the dockyard of Messrs. Custance and Co., at Yarmouth.

30.—The Norwich Paving Commissioners advertised that they were "ready to contract with any person or persons for watch boxes, to be made of good and well-seasoned yellow deal, and painted on the outsides of a lead colour three times in oil. Also to receive proposals for and contract with any person or persons for 36 strong and well-made watchmen's coats of a dark drab coloured cloth, large double collar, with belt of the same sewed to the coat, and white and strong metal buttons."

SEPTEMBER.

11.—Died, at the age of 100 years, Mrs. Crisp, of Loddon.

12.—Died, at Brighton, aged 76, the Right Hon. Edward Lord Thurlow, Lord Chancellor 1778 to 1793, except for a few months during the Coalition Administration in 1783, when the seals were put in Commission. He was the son of the Rev. Mr. Thurlow, rector of Ashfield, Suffolk, and was born at Braconash, Norfolk, December 9th, 1730. He was succeeded in his title and estates by his nephew, only son of the Bishop of Durham.

—Died, at Breccles, near Watton, aged 107 years and 8 months, John Stubings, husbandman. "He never occupied more than five acres of land nor received any parochial relief."

13.*—(Advt.) "Docking Snettisham, Lynn, and Norwich Telegraph, from Docking to Lynn and Lynn to Norwich. Leaves Docking at seven o'clock on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, through Snettisham and Castle Rising, to Star Inn, Lynn. Leaves Lynn at eleven o'clock, to the Woolpack, St. Giles, Norwich, through Gayton, Litcham, Mileham, Brisley, Elmham, Bawdeswell, Lenwade Bridge, Attlebridge, and Drayton, and returns the following morning at seven o'clock."

25.—A shark, measuring nine feet in length and weighing three cwts., was caught off Yarmouth.

OCTOBER.

3.—The bells of several parish churches in Norwich were tolled at noon, the hour appointed for the interment, in Westminster Abbey, of the remains of the Right Hon. Charles James Fox, who died September 13th.

4.*—(Advt.) "The Norwich and Yarmouth Machine runs every day from the Black Horse, Tombland, and White Hart, near the Wrestlers, Yarmouth."

15.—Died suddenly, aged 58, Henry Bowles, the elder, formerly of the Theatre Royal, Norwich.

21.—Blickling races commenced, and afforded "the greatest sport ever known at this place." The principal event, a sweepstake for 50 guineas for horses bred in Norfolk, was won by Col. Harbord's bay filly Czarina.

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—Launched from the dockyard of Mr. J. S. Douglas, Yarmouth, the Lord Nelson packet, 91 tons, intended for the Harwich station.

29.—A trotting match for 50 guineas took place on the turnpike road from Norwich to Watton, between Mr. King's chestnut hone Doubtful and Mr. Jeary's brown mare Velocity. "The horse won by about two lengths. Owing to a dispute respecting the horse galloping within the last hundred yards the match still remains undetermined. Fifteen and a half miles were covered in one hour."

Capt. Sir Edward Berry, R.N., was this month created a baronet, in consideration of his eminent services to the country.

NOVEMBER.

3.—A Parliamentary election took place at Norwich, resulting in the return of Mr. John Patteson, 1,733 votes, and Mr. Robert Fellowes, 1,370 votes. Mr. Wm. Smith, who polled 1,333 votes, was

the unsuccessful candidate. On the 10th "the Norwich Battalion of Volunteers received Col. Patteson, M.P., with a general salute, and fired three volleys and gave three cheers in token of their satisfaction at his being elected one of the representatives of the city."

—King's Lynn election. Lord Walpole and Sir M. B. Ffolkes returned unopposed.

4.—Thetford election. Lord William Fitzroy, 28 votes; Mr. James Mingay, 17 votes. Mr. Thomas Creevey, the unsuccessful candidate, polled 14 votes.

—Yarmouth election. The Hon. Edward Harbord and Mr. S. Lushington returned unopposed. A petition was lodged against the return, but the committee of the House of Commons declared it to be frivolous and vexatious, and the members retained their seats.

6.—Miss Elizabeth Bidwell, niece of Mr. Bidwell, of Thetford, arrived at Harwich from Berlin. "She was tutoress to the King of Prussia's children, and had a narrow escape of falling into the hands of the French, and when she landed was destitute of money and change of raiment." Miss Bidwell afterwards had an audience of the Queen at Windsor, to whom she related the details of her escape.

12.—The Sapphire sloop of war, 18 guns, launched from Messrs. Brindley's yard at King's Lynn.

13.—County election. The poll was open for six days. Mr. T. W. Coke, 4,118 votes; the Right Hon. William Windham, 3,722 votes. The unsuccessful candidate, the Hon. John Wodehouse, received 3,365 votes. "On the charring day, as well as every day during the election, there were excellent dinners provided at the White Swan and Angel, where Mr. Coke and Mr. Windham met large parties of their friends, whose convivial enjoyments were much heightened by the eloquent orations of Mr. Plumptre and the exertions of Mr. Mingay, whose good-humoured sallies and witticisms never failed to set the tables in a roar." A petition against the return of the members was presented by Mr. T. T. Berney and others, and on February 12th, 1807, the committee of the House of Commons declared the election void. On February 26th, Mr. Coke was returned unopposed for Derby, in place of his brother, Mr. E. Coke, who had accepted the Chiltern Hundreds. On March 5th, Mr. E. Coke and Sir Jacob Astley, Bart., were returned unopposed for Norfolk, and Mr. Windham took his seat, without opposition, as member for New Romney.

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24.—Died, in St. Lawrence', Norwich, Mrs. Galey, aged 101.

30.—At the meeting of the Society of Universal Good Will, at Norwich, it was reported that 187 persons, besides weekly pensioners, had been relieved during the year, making in all 2,218 since the establishment of the institution.

DECEMBER.

4.—Mr. J. W. Robberds was elected an alderman for the Ward beyond the Water, Norwich, in place of Mr. J. G. Baseley, who died December 1st.

6.—Died, in the 63rd year of his age, Thomas Osborn, bell founder, Downham Market.

13.*—"Died, lately, in the parish of St. Mary, Norwich, Sarah Pickwood, aged 49 years. This was one of the most enormous cases of dropsy on record. In the course of about 50 months she was tapped 38 times, and discharged 350 gallons of the fluid, weighing 4,656 lbs. troy. The greatest quantity discharged at one operation measured 11½ gallons, and weighed 153½ lbs."

18.—In the course of alterations at Ketteringham Hall, a fire occurred, which destroyed the centre of the building, with all the new work.

20.*—"Whenever a fire occurs in the neighbourhood the large travelling engine, belonging to the Norwich Fire Office, may be obtained by sending a man and two horses and applying to the sexton of St. Peter Mancroft Church, *in which place the engine is deposited.*"

The following Acts were passed this year:—

An Act to enable his Majesty to grant an annuity to Lady Viscountess Nelson, in consideration of the eminent services performed by the late Vice-Admiral Lord Nelson to his Majesty and the public.

An Act for settling and securing a certain annuity on Earl Nelson and the heirs male of his body and such persons to whom the title of Earl Nelson may descend, and for granting the sum of £100,000 to purchase an estate to accompany the said title; and for granting £10,000 to each of the sisters of the late Lord Nelson (Mrs. Matchem and Mrs. Bolton), in consideration of the eminent and signal services performed by the said Lord Nelson to his Majesty and the public.

An Act for amending, altering, and enlarging the powers of an Act, passed in the 42nd year of his Majesty, for paving and otherwise improving the borough of King's Lynn.

An Act for repairing the parish Church of Great Yarmouth and rebuilding the tower thereof.

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JANUARY.

10.—J. S. Cotman advertised that he had taken a house in Wymer Street, St. Andrew's, Norwich,

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"for the accommodation of those ladies and gentlemen who may favour him by becoming pupils." Terms: In the Academy, £2 2s. quarterly. Four private lessons, £1 1s.

16.—At Norwich Quarter Sessions, William Chapman, a coal hawker, appealed against his conviction, under the Hawkers and Pedlars Act, 29th Geo. III. c. 26, for "carrying coals about the streets of Norwich to sell by retail." Mr. Steward Firth ordered the conviction to be quashed, with costs. This case was considered of great importance to the citizens, and especially to the poor.

17.*—"Orders have been received in Norwich from the East India Company for 16,000 pieces of fine camblets."

18.—A length of about 40 yards of the city wall at Norwich fell in Ber Street with a tremendous crash. At the Quarter Sessions on the 16th, the Grand Jury made a presentment, in which attention was called to the dangerous state of the wall.

26.—Died, at Lakenham, Mr. James Crowe, alderman of Norwich, aged 58. He twice served the office of Mayor, in 1774 and 1797. Mr. John Steward was elected in his place.

Little Dunham Lodge, near Swaffham, was this month purchased by Mr. St. George Knudson, for £20,000.

FEBRUARY.

7.*—"A sixteenth share of No. 23,815, which has drawn a prize of £10,000, was sold to J. Turner, servant to Mr. M. F. Rishton, of Lynn."

—*"The Paving Commissioners have decided to lay the first stone according to the new system of paving in Norwich, in St. Stephen's Street."

10.—At Harper's Pantheon, Norwich, was exhibited a moving panorama, representing the funeral of Lord Nelson.

11.—A heavy fall of snow rendered the roads impassable. The Ipswich mail arrived at Norwich two hours after its usual time; and the Bury coach reached the city at about the same time, after having been once overturned. The Newmarket mail and the Expedition coach were unable to get through. The guard of the mail procured horses, rode across country with the mail bags, and on reaching Bury took a post chaise, arriving in Norwich at four o'clock on the 12th. The Expedition coach reached the city about eight o'clock the same night, drawn by eight horses. The Newmarket mail arrived on the 13th at 1.30 p.m.

11.—Several ships were wrecked during a severe gale on the Norfolk coast. His Majesty's gun brig Snipe came ashore on the South Ham, with 30 French prisoners on board, many of whom, with part of the crew and some women, perished. In all 60 lives were lost in this ship. Twelve vessels were wrecked between Cromer and Yarmouth.

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14.*—"The number of men liable to serve for this county under the Training Act is 18,152." On April 6th, 607 persons, between the ages of 18 and 45, were drawn by ballot at Norwich to be trained and exercised for 24 days. Among those drawn were "several magistrates and other distinguished personages."

17.—Died, at Windsor, in his 67th year, the Rev. Dr. Lancaster Adkin, rector of Belaugh and minister of St. Andrew, Norwich. "He was the first founder in Norwich of Sunday Schools, which he constantly attended and instructed for more than 21 years."

—Orders were given for the enlargement of the courts in the Norwich Shire-house, for the repair of the bridge leading to the Castle, for providing a palisade, and for bringing a supply of river water from the main pipes in Golden Ball Lane to the county gaol.

MARCH.

7.—Sergt. John Parker, 3rd Dragoons, stationed at Norwich on recruiting service, was apprehended on suspicion of having committed a murder at Brighton in 1796. The extraordinary statement upon which the accused was apprehended was concocted by a man named William Cobb, of St. Martin-at-Oak, who informed the Mayor that Parker, when a private in the Somerset Fencible Cavalry, met him (Cobb), then a private in Col. Villier's Fencible Light Dragoons, while halting at Dorking, and told him that he had murdered a woman at Brighton and had thrown her body into a well. An affidavit sent from Collumpton, in Devonshire, to the effect that Parker was there ill at the time of the alleged murder, was sufficient to procure him his discharge from custody.

9.—Died, in his 85th year, Henry Keymer, of East Dereham, "many years a respectable auctioneer and land surveyor, and late sole proprietor of Herring's valuable antidote for the cure of the bite of a mad dog."

11.—A bull, the property of Edward Kett, butcher, of Norwich, was baited near "Bishop Gates." The baiting "offered very great sport; the bull was a game one, and the dogs equally so."

24.—Died, in the Close, Norwich, aged 90, the Rev. George Sandby, D.D., 39 years Chancellor of the Diocese. He was Vice-Chancellor of Merton College, Oxford, in 1760.

28.*—"His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Wm. Firth, Esq., Steward of Norwich, to be attorney-general in the province of Upper Canada." On his resignation of the Stewardship on May 3rd, Mr. Firth received the thanks of the Corporation, and Mr. Robert Alderson was appointed in his place. At about this date, Mr. Thomas Amyot was appointed secretary and registrar of Lower Canada.

APRIL.

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4.—William Carter, aged 35, was executed on the "new drop," Castle Hill, Norwich, for horse stealing.

5.—The Norwich Court of Guardians resolved to petition the House of Commons against Mr. Whitbread's Bill for amending the Poor Laws.

9.—Died, at his house in Berners Street, London, in his 46th year, John Opie, R.A. His remains were interred in St. Paul's Cathedral on April 20th.

13.—The Rev. James Brown was elected minister of St. Andrew, Norwich, in place of the Rev. Dr. Adkin, deceased. There were three other candidates. None but resident parishioners were allowed to vote.

16.—Died, at his house in King Street, Norwich, aged 60, Mr. James Hudson, banker. He served the office of Sheriff in 1788, was elected alderman for the Mancroft Ward in 1791, and was Mayor in 1794. Mr. Starling Day, jun., was elected alderman in his place.

MAY.

4.—An election took place at Norwich on the dissolution of Parliament. Mr. J. Patteson, who polled 1,474 votes, and Mr. W. Smith, 1,156 votes, were returned. The unsuccessful candidate, Mr. Robert Fellowes, polled 546 votes.

—Lynn election: Lord Walpole and Sir M. B. ffolkes returned unopposed.

8.—Thetford election: Lord Wm. Fitzroy and Mr. T. Creevey returned unopposed.

—Yarmouth election: Mr. S. Lushington, 604 votes; Mr. W. Jacob, 341; Mr. A. Upcher (unsuccessful), 21.

12.—County election: Mr. T. W. Coke and Sir Jacob Astley, Bart., elected unopposed.

—At a county meeting a committee was appointed for the purpose of forming a club for the independent freeholders of Norfolk. It was a revival of the Norfolk Club, and met three times a year in Norwich, namely, in the Summer Assize week, in the Michaelmas Sessions week, and in the Easter Sessions week. The first meeting was held at the Angel Inn, on October 6th, when Sir John Lombe, Bart., presided.

14.—The birthday of the Right Hon. Wm. Windham was celebrated by a dinner at the Angel Inn, Norwich, under the presidency of Mr. Wm. Smith, M.P.

25.—A rowing match took place, from Carrow Abbey to Whitlingham, between the Victory, four oars, and the Britannia, six oars. The course was 4½ miles, and the time of the winning boat, the Britannia, 33 mins. 50 secs.

JUNE.

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1.—Died, at Worstead, Mrs. Ann Miller, formerly of Yarmouth, aged 102 years.

4.—His Majesty the King entered upon the 70th year of his age. There were great rejoicings in Norwich. The Mayor and Corporation attended service at the Cathedral, the troops—Regular, Militia, and Volunteer—paraded in the Market Place, fired a *feu de joie*, and marched past. The Mayor gave a dinner, and the several corps dined at their respective inns.

16.—Mr. Robert Herring was sworn into office as Mayor of Norwich, and gave a dinner to 150 guests at Chapel Field House. "The Mayor's wine being of the first flavour and quality, the festivity of the day was kept up till past one o'clock the next morning."

22.—Holkham Sheep Shearing commenced. The implements exhibited included an improved Norfolk plough, invented by Mr. Balls, of Saxlingham. Mr. Herring, jun., of Norwich, produced goods of his manufacture, and stated that 117 shawls had that year been made by his firm from 224 lbs. of Mr. Coke's Southdown wool. Mr. Paul, of Norwich, showed some beautiful specimens of shawls manufactured by himself, "including a flowered shawl, a very close imitation of India, made wholly of Mr. Coke's marino wool." The best implement shown this year was an ingenious device by Mr. Paul, of Starston, for catching turnip fly.

29.—Mr. Bannister appeared at the Theatre Royal, Norwich, in "Bannister's Budget, or an Actor's Ways and Means." The entertainment was repeated on July 4th.

JULY.

3.—Died, at Ferney Hill, Gloucester, Mrs. Cooper, widow of the Rev. Dr. Cooper, of Yarmouth, and daughter of Mr. James Bransby, of Shotesham. She was the author of several well-known

works, namely, "Fanny Meadows," "The Daughter," "The School for Wives," and "The Exemplary Mother."

7.—Died, at Heydon House, aged 53, William Earle Bulwer, Colonel in the Army and Brigadier-General of Volunteers.

9.—An action for *crim. con.* was heard in the Court of King's Bench, in which Sir G. B. Brograve, of Worstead Hall, Lieut.-Col. of the East Norfolk Militia, was plaintiff, and Capt. Elwin, of the same regiment, defendant. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff, damages, £2,000. At Doctor's Commons, on November 21st, 1808, the court granted a divorce *a mansâ et thoro*, prayed for on the part of Sir Geo. Brograve against Lady Brograve.

8.—Capt. Manby, barrack-master at Yarmouth, made several experiments with his life-saving apparatus in the presence of Admiral Douglas and other officers of the Navy, who expressed satisfaction with the invention.

—A single wicket cricket match was played at Thetford between two gentlemen of that town and two of Newmarket. The former won, with 37 runs to spare.

11.—Died, at Lady Fenn's, East Dereham, aged 67, Mr. John Frere, of Roydon, Norfolk, and of Finningham, Suffolk. He was member for Norwich from 1799 to 1802.

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15.—Mr. Paul, of Starston, exhibited a machine for removing lice from peas. Two men, in four hours, caught 24 pecks of lice, and in the afternoon took 16 pecks in 2½ hours.

16.—Died, aged 81, Mr. Peter Finch, who for many years held the office of Clerk of the Peace for the county.

23.—A fleet of 24 sail of the line assembled in Yarmouth Roads, under the command of Admiral Gambier, who, with Vice-Admiral Stanhope, sailed on the 26th with 16 sail of the line, 10 frigates, 10 sloops, 9 gun brigs, &c., for the Baltic. Sir Sidney Smith sailed in the Prince of Wales, of 98 guns, Admiral Gambier's flagship. A strict embargo commenced on the 24th. The remainder of the fleet afterwards sailed. An expedition, under Lieut.-General Sir David Baird, sailed from Harwich about the same time. On September 16th, intelligence was received of the surrender on the 7th of Copenhagen, with the arsenal and the whole of the Danish Navy, to the British forces, under the command of Lieut.-General Lord Cathcart and Admiral Gambier. The British fleet, which sailed from Yarmouth, sustained but comparatively trifling loss.

27.—At the Norfolk Assizes, held at Norwich, before Mr. Justice Grose, Martha Alden was tried for the murder of her husband, Samuel Alden, at Attleborough, on July 18th. While the man was asleep in bed his wife, with a bill-hook, inflicted terrible wounds on his head, face, and throat. With the assistance of a girl, named Mary Orvice, the prisoner on the 19th deposited the body in a dry ditch in the garden; on the 20th, they carried it in a corn sack to the common and "shot" it into a pond, where it was subsequently discovered. His lordship, in summing up, said that Orvice might have been charged with being accessory to an attempted concealment of murder. The jury found the prisoner guilty, and the judge "doomed her to death, to be drawn on a hurdle to the place of execution, there to be hanged by the neck, and her body to be dissected." The execution took place at Norwich on July 31st. The populace at Attleborough showed their detestation of the crime by destroying the former dwelling-house of the prisoner. It was reported that the ghost of Alden "walked" on the Castle Hill, and in the month of December a party of drunken men, who went there to "lay" the spirit, were seized by the jailer and detained in prison for two days, pending an inquiry into their conduct.

—At the same Assizes, before Lord Ellenborough, an action was tried, in which Lord Albemarle claimed for the recovery of penalties, amounting to £700, under the game laws. The defendant, one Brooke, a poulterer and wholesale dealer in game, at Thetford, was connected with the poachers and gamekeepers in Norfolk, and with the dealers in Leadenhall market. "The interruption of his commerce," said counsel, "had created as much alarm in Leadenhall market as the stagnation of trade between this country and the North of Germany had occasioned amongst the merchants at the Royal Exchange." A verdict was given for the plaintiff, damages £40, "at the rate of £5 for each head of game which had fallen out of a basket sent by the defendant to the London waggon office at Thetford for transit to the metropolis."

29.—At the public breakfasting at Harper's Ranelagh Gardens, Norwich, nearly 1,100 persons assembled, and 3,500 were present at the evening performance.

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30.—The sum of £180 3s. was collected at the anniversary service held at the Cathedral on behalf of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, and £50 16s. resulted from the dinner at the White Swan.

AUGUST.

5.—In the House of Commons a petition was presented on behalf of Messrs. Blackburne and Bonner, brewers, of Lynn, and of the inhabitants of the town, who complained of the undue influence and the arbitrary proceedings of the magistrates of that borough in withholding publicans' licences.

8.—The Norwich Paving Commissioners advertised for tenders for lighting the city. The number of lamps, it was stated, would not be fewer than 1,200 nor more than 1,400.

10.—Mr. Edmund Reader, of Sisland, near Loddon, undertook, for a bet of five guineas, to cut

and tie one acre of wheat in 16 hours in a field belonging to Mr. Burton, at Barford. In 14 hours he had cut one acre seven roods, and had tied 430 sheaves.

31.—A match at bowls was played at Cley, between three gentlemen of that parish and three of Holt, for 50 guineas a side. The latter won five games out of seven.

SEPTEMBER.

7.—The City of Norwich Regiment of Volunteers assembled on Tombland at five am., and marched to Yarmouth for garrison duty. There were on parade 26 officers, 30 sergeants, 25 corporals, and 500 rank and file.

12.—Mr. Philipsthal's Phantasmagoria was exhibited at the Theatre Royal, Norwich.

14.—Died, at Rainham, in his 84th year, George Marquis Townshend, a Field Marshal, Colonel of the 2nd Regiment of Dragoon Guards, and Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk. His lordship represented Norfolk from 1747 to 1764, and from 1768 to 1772 was Viceroy of Ireland. He acted as Brigadier-General, and gained much honour at the taking of Quebec in 1759, when the command of the troops devolved upon him, in consequence of the death of General Wolfe and of the wounding of General Monkton, second in command. His Majesty granted a pension of £1,000 a year out of the privy purse to the Marchioness Townshend.

19.*—"One day last week a child, playing in the churchyard of St. Michael-at-Plea, Norwich, found concealed behind a gravestone, covered with a tile, a parcel, containing more than £90 in forged Bank of England notes and £14 in counterfeit shillings."

21.—At a quarterly assembly of the Norwich Corporation the city gates still remaining were ordered to be taken down.

OCTOBER.

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13.—The Duke of Clarence, accompanied by the Earl and Countess Cholmondeley, visited Lynn. The Corporation presented an address to his Royal Highness, who was afterwards admitted a free burgess.

19.—Blickling races were this year supplemented by wrestling matches.

22.—Died, aged 40, at Brickhill, Buckinghamshire, on his way from Liverpool, where he had arrived from America, Robert Murray, merchant, of New York, fifth son of Dr. John Murray, of Norwich. He had been absent more than 16 years, and had revisited England, in the hope of alleviating the symptoms of a pulmonary complaint.

24.—Died, in Dublin, aged 72, Mr. James Bradfield, of Stoke Ferry, who by his will endowed a school in that village for 25 poor children.

28.—Lord Cathcart, Commander-in-Chief of the Army employed against Copenhagen, arrived in Norwich from Yarmouth, and next day proceeded to London.

29.—Louis XVIII., travelling as Count de Lille, arrived off Yarmouth in a Swedish frigate, and landed on November 2nd. He was accompanied by the Duke D'Angoulême, the Duke de Berri, and by other representatives of the French nobility.

—A severe storm occurred off the Norfolk coast, and several transports were lost at Yarmouth, where Admiral Gambier arrived with 32 sail of the line, several Dutch prizes, and a great number of frigates.

31.*—"The Militia ballot has commenced. The quota for Norfolk and Norwich is 907."

—At the Old Bailey, J. Hopgrave was indicted for an assault, with intent to murder his Majesty's officers of Excise in a smuggling affray at Cawston. The ringleader, one Jeremiah Abel, was convicted at the Old Bailey some months previously. Hopgrave succeeded in proving an *alibi*, and was acquitted. On December 8th, Richard Wiseman, of the Three Pigs, at Edgefield, was charged at the Old Bailey with obstructing the Excise officers at the same time. He also was acquitted on proving an *alibi*.

At the end of this month a shooting party at Holkham killed in three days 1,457 head of game. The party included Mr. Coke, the Marquis of Tavistock, Lords Albemarle, Spencer, Althorpe, Anson, and Bradford, Generals Walpole and Keppel, Sir J. Shelly, Col. Keppel, Messrs. W. Smith, Churchill, Collet, Wilbraham, W. Fitzroy, and Smith. Mr. Coke killed 60 the first day, 66 the second, and 70 the third.

NOVEMBER.

4.—A large barn full of barley in the straw, and a stack of barley, the property of General Money, of Trowse, were destroyed by fire, caused by an incendiary, named Thomas Sutton. At the Assizes, held at Thetford, on March 21st, 1808, before Mr. Justice Grose, he was found guilty and sentenced to death. He had eight years previously been sentenced to seven years' transportation for stealing a pony belonging to the general, and his father had suffered death for horse stealing. "At the trial he behaved in a most audacious manner to the judge, and when sentenced requested the Sheriff to let him be taken to Norwich that he might be hanged amongst his friends." He was executed on the Castle Hill, Norwich, April 9th, 1808.

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—An entertainment was given by Lord and Lady Cholmondeley to upwards of 300 persons at Houghton Hall. The great hall was converted into a theatre for the performance of an opera written by Mr. Panton. The performers included the author, Miss Wood, Lord Malpas, and the Messrs. Lanyas. Between the acts Lady Charlotte Cholmondeley and Miss Cholmondeley played a pianoforte duet. The opera was preceded by an address, spoken by Lord Malpas, and was followed by a dance and supper.

7.*—"Nathaniel Easthaugh, bellman in Norwich, in gratitude for having had possession of the city bell for 27 years (one year only excepted), has liberally subscribed the sum of ten guineas towards the new pavement, he being at times unable, through infirmity, to walk over the old one."

10.—Died, aged 52, the Rev. John Walker, one of the minor canons of Norwich Cathedral. His widow afterwards published a volume of his poems.

11.—Seven fishermen were drowned within 50 yards of the shore at Sheringham, through the upsetting of their boats in a sudden gale.

14.—The privateer *La Décidé* was brought into Yarmouth by *L'Amiable* frigate, Capt. G. Stuart. The privateer had long evaded the cruisers and committed great depredations upon commerce. She was supposed to have captured 30 prizes within three years.

27.—Died, aged 77, John Clarke Snell, of Norwich. "He was formerly of Bury St. Edmund's, and remarkable for his eccentricities and for his study of astrology, which rendered him a well-known character."

28.—John Gulley and Tom Cribb, the famous pugilists, gave an exhibition of sparring in the great room at the King's Head Inn, Norwich. Upwards of 200 persons were present, including the Right Hon. William Windham and the Hon. Edward Harbord.

30.—At the annual meeting of the Society of Universal Good Will at Norwich, it was reported that 2,420 persons had been relieved since its establishment.

DECEMBER.

12.—Married, at his lordship's house, Charles Street, Berkeley Square, London, the Right Hon. the Earl of Craven to Miss Louisa Brunton, of Covent Garden Theatre, and daughter of John Brunton, Esq., formerly of Norwich, who gave the bride away. "The Earl is in his 37th and the fair bride in her 25th year." Mr. Brunton was for many years manager of the Norwich Theatre, and Miss Louisa Brunton was a favourite performer there.

13.—Died, in St. Simon's, Norwich, aged 86, Mrs. Mary Mack. "She lived several years in the service of the late Mr. W. Tilyard, of Poringland, during which time she constantly travelled the number of 2,920 miles annually, which in ten years amounted to 29,220, the house being fully four miles from Norwich, and her master, who was a very eccentric character, never failed sending her every day (Sunday not excepted) for such things as his whimsical and capricious fancy suggested he stood in need of."

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—Died, at Claxton, Mrs. Eliza Norton, in her 101st year.

19.*—"A telegraph or signal station is on the point of being erected upon the hills leading from Norwich to Thorpe. It is to be commanded by a naval officer, and the object of it is to open and maintain a prompt communication with Yarmouth on the one side, and with the telegraphs between Norwich and London on the other." Messages were afterwards sent from the Admiralty to Yarmouth in 17 minutes. The chain of communication was by Strumpshaw, Thorpe Hills, Honingham, Carlton, and Harling, and thence by way of Thetford and Bury St. Edmund's, across Newmarket Heath, to London.

21.—Experiments were made at Norwich, with the view of testing the practicability of General Money's proposal to Government for mounting cannon on waggons for the protection of vessels on the coast. The Artillery officers at Woolwich gave General Money credit for his invention, and many ship owners and masters of vessels approved the plan.

An Act was passed this year for enabling Rear-Admiral Bentinck, tenant for life under the will of his late father, Mr. John Albert Bentinck, to charge his estates in the county of Norfolk with the sums therein mentioned, for embanking, improving, and increasing the same estates by the means therein mentioned.

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JANUARY.

9.*—"Capt. Manby's invention for rescuing persons from vessels stranded on a lee shore has received the approbation of the Lords of the Admiralty." On February 12th the apparatus was successfully employed in saving the crew of a vessel named the *Elizabeth* of Plymouth. In May, the Society of Arts awarded their gold medal to Capt. Manby for his invention; and Parliament at different times rewarded him with grants amounting to £6,000, and adopted his apparatus at various stations on dangerous parts of the coast.

10.—Lord Hutchinson and Lord L. Gower arrived at Norwich from Yarmouth, where they had landed from the Belette sloop of war, on their return from St. Petersburg.

14.—During a heavy gale several vessels were stranded between Blakeney and Sheringham. Much damage was done by an inundation at Cley-next-the-Sea.

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17.—Died, of typhus fever, in his 20th year, Viscount Trafalgar, only son of Earl Nelson.

23.*—“In consequence of the anniversary of King Charles’s martyrdom, the nights of performance at the Theatre Royal, Norwich, next week, will be Monday, the 25th, Wednesday, the 27th, Thursday, 28th, and Friday, 29th.”

FEBRUARY.

11.—A great snow storm. The coaches which should have arrived on Friday did not reach Norwich until the following Tuesday and Wednesday. “The mail guards were obliged to traverse the country with the bags on their shoulders, sometimes on foot, up to their breasts in snow, and sometimes on horseback, across the open fields and heaths. From the Friday till the following Tuesday the bags for London by Newmarket were dispatched hence in post chaises. Labourers were employed in clearing the highways, and in some places they cut three miles through the snow.” So complete an obstruction to communication had not occurred since 1797, when the coaches were four days performing the journey from London.

14.—Died, in London, in his 60th year, “that eccentric and truly worthy character,” the Rev. Joshua Larwood, rector of Swanton Morley, and many years chaplain on board the Britannia. He was the author of “Erratics,” and of several other works.

15.—The constables of Norwich destroyed many dogs which had been found without muzzles in the public streets. Several cases of rabies and of deaths from hydrophobia were reported at this date.

17.—Died, at the age of 83, at Norwich, Mr. Francis Columbine. He served the office of Sheriff in 1769, and of Mayor in 1776.

Meetings were held in Norwich and throughout Norfolk this month, at which Mr. Joseph Lancaster lectured on his improved method of education. Lancasterian schools were established in Norwich, Lynn, and Downham in May, 1809.

MARCH.

2.—The Hon. William Asheton Harbord appointed Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the county of Norfolk, in place of the Marquis Townshend, deceased. The Corporation of Norwich, on May 3rd, conferred upon Mr. Harbord the honorary freedom of the city.

5.*—“The Dean of Norwich has appointed Dr. Beckwith to be organist of the Cathedral, in the room of Mr. T. Garland, resigned.” (Mr. Garland died on February 21st, aged 77, having been organist 59 years.)

8.—Died, at Norwich, aged 77, William Love, musician. “He was formerly leader of the band at the Theatre, a person of great genius in his profession, of great suavity of manners, and of great improvidence in conduct.”

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11.—At a meeting held at the Angel Inn, Norwich, at which Mr. T. W. Coke presided, Mr. Nathaniel Kent, of Ripon Hall, was presented by the agriculturists of the county with a massive silver goblet, in recognition of “his integrity and impartiality between landlord and tenant, in his profession as a surveyor of land, and for his liberal and upright attachment to the interests of agriculture.”

30.—The Racoon sloop of war, 20 guns, was launched from Mr. J. Preston’s dockyard at Yarmouth.

31.—Died, at Wells-next-the-Sea, aged 82, Mr. Charles Boyles, brother of Mrs. Murray, widow of Dr. John Murray, of Norwich.

—Died, at Melton House, aged 18, Miss Astley, eldest daughter of Sir Jacob Astley, Bart. She was in the act of placing coals upon the fire, when her dress became ignited, and she succumbed to her injuries within twenty-four hours.

APRIL.

2.*—“We understand that, in consequence of many burdens lately brought on the city by the birth of illegitimate children, the Corporation of the Guardians have offered a reward of 2s. 6d. to any person who shall give information of the pregnancy or delivery of any unmarried woman in Norwich.”

4.—The week commencing this date, during which the ward elections were held at Norwich, was for the first time referred to as “cleansing week.” “Many voters, who had been cooped up at farm houses in the country at great expense, were brought in post chaises to the polling places. For the last four days we have had as much ringing and firing of bells as if we had received a confirmation of the reports of the naval victory in the Mediterranean.”

9.—The performance for the benefit of Mr. Hindes, manager of the Theatre Royal, Norwich, produced the largest receipt ever known at the house on a like occasion, namely, £163.

16.—John Chapman, 34, and William Fuller, 26, for shooting at and wounding a gamekeeper in the service of Lord Cholmondeley, were executed on Castle Hill, Norwich.

28.—A county meeting was held at the Shire-house, Norwich, to take into consideration the measure pending in Parliament for prohibiting the use of grain in distilleries, and for the substitution of sugar. It was resolved to petition against such prohibition as likely to prove injurious to the owners and occupiers of land in Norfolk. (Parliament determined, however, in favour of using Colonial produce instead of English barley.)

30.*—(Advt.) "There will be a match of cocks fought between the gentlemen of Norwich and the gentlemen of Norfolk, to show 25 mains and 8 byes, to fight for two guineas a battle, and 20 guineas the odd. One turn out for ten guineas; to be fought on the 2nd and 3rd day of May, at the King's Head, in Magdalen Street, Norwich. A pair of cocks to be pitted at twelve o'clock precisely. Feeders, Lamb for Norwich; Carter for Norfolk."

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Died, this month, aged 100, Mr. John Myhill, of Catfield.

MAY.

2.—A new peal of ten bells was opened at St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth.

3.—Mr. Robert Alderson was elected Governor of the Norwich Court of Guardians, in the place of Mr. Robert Partridge, resigned.

6.—Mrs. and Miss Robertson, of the Close, Norwich, and the Misses Doune were returning to the city from Hockering, when they were stopped by a highwayman near Cossey Wood. He was armed with pistols, and, after taking all their valuable articles of jewellery, rode off.

10.—An Expedition, consisting of 150 transports, sailed from Yarmouth for the Baltic, for the protection of Sweden. The Mars, Admiral Keats, the Audacious, Capt. Lukin, and other warships formed the convoy; and Sir John Moore, with Major-Generals Paget and Murray, had command of the troops.

21.—The coach house, brew house, and offices at Blickling Hall, with 180 stand of arms, were destroyed by fire.

JUNE.

4.—The Society for the Encouragement of Arts and Manufactures awarded their silver medal to Mrs. Coppin, of St. Stephen's Street, Norwich, for her oil painting, "The Gamesters."

—An annual ploughing match was inaugurated at Ellingham by the Rev. Wm. Johnson, to encourage the use of oxen in husbandry.

6.—The Norwich Regiment of Volunteer Infantry, Col. Harvey, 500 strong, proceeded to Yarmouth for garrison duty, and returned to Norwich on the 18th.

13.—A cricket match, for 50 guineas a side, was played at Swaffham, between the gentlemen of Swaffham and the gentlemen of Shipdham, and was won by the latter.

16.—Died, at Norwich, in this 68th year, Sir Roger Kerrison, banker, and for many years Receiver-General for Norfolk. He was an alderman of the Mancroft Ward, served the office of High Sheriff in 1800, and was twice Mayor of Norwich, 1778-1802.

20.—Holkham Sheep Shearing commenced. The sweepstakes of 28 subscribers, at 10s. 6d. each, for naming the weight of Mr. Coke's three-shear half-bred merino wether, was won by Mr. Thomas More, of Watham, who guessed the exact weight, 132 lbs. A patent dibbling iron, which deposited the seed at the time the holes were struck, exhibited by the Rev. Mr. Barker, of Woodbridge, was the winning implement. Mr. F. Smith, of Norwich, exhibited specimens of ladies' merino dresses, scarves, shawls, stockings, coating, and cassimers, most of which were made from the wool of Mr. Coke's sheep. "A pair of worstead stockings were of so delicate a fabric that the two stockings passed at the same time through a lady's ring. A manufacturer had ordered a dozen pair at 18 guineas."

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21.—The Guild feast given at St. Andrew's Hall by the Mayor of Norwich, Mr. Starling Day, jun., was attended by 580 guests.

JULY.

12.—At the Norwich Quarter Sessions, the Norwich Flour Company appealed against the assessment of their premises in St. Andrew's. The company was described as an unprofitable concern. The assessment was reduced.

—A member of the Swaffham Cricket Club played and beat, with great ease in one innings, "six players of professional celebrity in that town."

13.—The thermometer registered 97 degrees in the shade at Catton. Many horses died from the excessive heat.

14.—Sergt.-Major Marshall, of the Thetford Volunteer Corps, and his son were killed by an accidental explosion while sorting damaged cartridges.

18.—A prize fight, for £40 a side, took place on Kirstead Green, between Wm. Underwood, of Seething, and John Chase, of Brooke. Eighty-five rounds were fought in two hours. Underwood won.

21.—Thorpe Water Frolic took place. "The Admiral of the flotilla was placed in a small boat and carried round Thorpe Gardens several times, with guns firing, flags flying, and music playing. The company sang 'God Save the King' and 'Rule Britannia.' A young gentleman favoured the company with an excellent hornpipe on the top of the Apollo barge."

23.—The bankruptcy of Sir R. Kerrison and Sons created much sensation in Norwich. "The crowd was so great in the King's Head Inn yard of persons who came to prove their debts that many had to return without proving them." The amount proved was considerably over £580,000. On January 16th, 1809, the creditors agreed to pay the sum of £5,500 to Lady Kerrison, in lieu of dower and of other claims and demands she might have on the estate. On May 13th, a dividend of 6s. 8d. in the pound was ordered to be paid on the 17th to the 3,600 creditors who had proved their debts. Dividends amounting to 16s. 4d. in the pound were afterwards paid.

29.—At a special meeting of the Norwich Corporation, an address to his Majesty was unanimously agreed to, "on the subject of the noble struggle of the patriots of Spain and Portugal against the Ruler of France, and of the generous aid given to their endeavours by our Government."

AUGUST.

1.—Mr. Stephen Springall, farmer, of Wroxham Hall, and his nephew, aged 12, were drowned at Wroxham Water Frolic, through the capsizing of their boat.

8.—A remarkable storm occurred at Norwich. Streets were inundated and cellars flooded. "The roaring of the waters in falling from the roof to the lower leads of the Cathedral was so tremendous as literally to drown the noise of the thunder that accompanied it." p. 67

15.—The Norwich Society of Artists opened their fourth exhibition.

20.*—"At the Hospital anniversary at Norwich, the sum collected at the Cathedral was £161 1s., and at the dinner, £53 7s. Of the church collection, £1 6s. 6d. was base coin."

—*"Among the many performers who have contributed in the course of the Assize week to the entertainment of the city, may be reckoned the wonderful John Howes, from Eyke, near Woodbridge. Though bereft of sight and moving in a humble sphere of life, his arrival in Norwich was announced by the ringing of bells, for he carries a complete peal of twelve about with him, which, when he performs, he suspends upon a pole placed horizontally across the backs of two chairs. A variety of peals, as well as song tunes, country dances, &c., he plays with a degree of accuracy and precision that charm all those who witness his performance."

28.—Braconash Church was reopened for service by the Bishop of Norwich, after its complete restoration. Mr. T. T. Berney, of Bracon Hall, entertained many of the neighbouring clergy at dinner.

30.—Died, at the age of 101, Mrs. Mary Moneyment, of St. Faith's.

Many of the Volunteers transferred their services to the Local Militia, established this month under the Act passed in July.

SEPTEMBER.

2.—Died, in his 49th year, Dr. Richard Lubbock, of Norwich. He was educated at the Grammar School, under the Rev. G. W. Lemon, author of the "English Derivative Dictionary," was a pupil of Mr. Rigby, and studied for several years at Edinburgh University.

5.—A cricket match was played at Thetford, between the Thetford and Newmarket clubs. The former won by 50 "notches."

17.*—"At the late meeting of the county magistrates, it was agreed that the passage way from the top of the Castle Hill, Norwich, to the north-east side should be filled up, and the iron railing continued from the bridge quite round. The descent from that part of the hill towards Gurney's bank will be by a flight of stone steps."

19.—Great festivities took place at Rainham Hall to celebrate the arrival of the Marquis Townshend. "A bullock was roasted and four sheep boiled, and a large quantity of that old beverage made from malt and hops contributed to make all heads and hearts glow with gratitude to the noble donor."

21.—At a quarterly meeting of the Norwich Corporation, the Commons proposed that the representatives of the city be instructed to oppose the Bill for erecting a bridge over the river at Carrow Abbey. The motion was not agreed to by the aldermen. On December 15th, a numerous meeting was held at the Guildhall to oppose the erection of the bridge, on the ground that it was unnecessary. On February 20th, 1809, Mr. Patteson presented a petition to the House of Commons, praying for leave to bring in a Bill for carrying out the proposal. On April 21st, Mr. p. 68

Patteson moved the second reading of the Carrow Bridge Bill, which was opposed by Mr. W. Smith. Fourteen voted for the motion, and nine against. These numbers not constituting a House, the further consideration of the Bill was deferred to a future sitting, when the second reading was carried by 48 votes to 26. Ultimately, the Bill received the Royal assent. On July 26th, the Commissioners selected Mr. A. Brown's plan for an iron bridge, and on July 31st, contracts were entered into with Mr. J. G. Aggs for casting the ironwork; with Messrs. Athow and De Carle for the stonework; and with Mr. N. Wyeth for the brickwork and abutments. On December 18th, a proposition was submitted to the Commissioners in favour of abandoning the Carrow Bridge scheme, in view of the projected erection, near the Foundry, of a bridge over the Wensum. It was decided, however, to push on with the work as speedily as possible; and the first stone was laid on April 26th, 1810, by the Mayor, Mr. Thomas Back.

25.—Died, the celebrated Greek scholar, Richard Porson. He was a native of Ruston, in Norfolk. He left a sister, the wife of Mr. S. Hawes, of Coltishall. His brother Thomas, who kept a boarding school at Fakenham, died in 1792.

27.—A rowing match, for ten guineas a side, took place at Norwich, between the six-oared boats, the Britannia and the Crown Point. The latter won. Distance, 4½ miles; time, 30 minutes 30 seconds.

OCTOBER.

5.—Mr. Shelford Bidwell was elected Mayor of Thetford. "The usual entertainment was given to the Corporation. The source from whence it was, as usual, derived is worthy of record. The roast beef is provided by the Town Clerk; the boiled beef by the tenant of the tolls of the navigation; the geese by the tenant of the bridge tolls; the game and wine by the Mayor-Elect; and the keeper of the tavern adjacent to the Guildhall finds the plumb puddings. Is this immemorial custom in the above very ancient borough not the origin of the present fashionable *Pic Nics*?"

10.—About two-thirds of Col. Patteson's Volunteer Infantry were enrolled as Local Militia.

15.—The Norwich corn merchants demanded of the farmers a month's credit, instead of paying ready money for their corn as hitherto, but it was resisted by the growers, and ultimately abandoned by the merchants. In the Court of King's Bench, on November 25th, Lord Ellenborough, who was applied to for a rule, held that individuals might buy and sell upon terms agreed to, but combining to impose terms upon the growers was calculated to enhance the price of grain in the market, and to lessen the supply in the market, which was another cause for an increased price.

16.—Fundenhall Church was opened, after extensive repair. The chancel was almost rebuilt by Mr. T. T. Berney, the impropiator.

18.—A rowing match, for five guineas a side, took place between the Revenge, six oars, and the Lion, four oars. The course was from Carrow to Whitlingham and back. The Revenge won.

25.—At Blickling Races a silver cup was for the first time offered for competition by horses ridden in a regiment or troop of Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry.

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28.—The organ erected at St. Andrew's Church, Norwich, was opened by Dr. Beckwith. A grand selection from the works of Handel was played upon the instrument, and upwards of £120 was collected.

31.—At Holkham, from October 31st to November 17th, Mr. Coke and seven other guns killed 1,131 hares, 214 pheasants, 366 partridges, 983 rabbits, 30 woodcock, 12 wood pigeons, and 5 snipe.

NOVEMBER.

9.—A woman, named Mary Hudson, aged 35, escaped from Norwich City Gaol under extraordinary circumstances. She made a hole through the wall of the room in which she was confined, and crept through it into the street, taking her six months old infant with her. The wall was two feet in thickness, and she must have been employed some nights in making the aperture. The bricks were concealed beneath her bed, and the loose rubbish put into the pillowcase. Another bed served to conceal the hole in the wall. In the hue and cry advertisement, offering a reward of ten guineas for her recapture, it was stated that a Yarmouth hawker and pedlar, named Thomas Cocks, "who frequently feeds cocks for fighting in Norfolk and Suffolk," was suspected of having assisted the woman to escape. There is no record of her recapture.

15.—Swaffham Coursing Meeting took place. It was described as "the most successful meeting since the renewal of coursing here." Two hundred persons attended the ball.

24.—The Wymondham troop of Yeomanry Cavalry presented a valuable sword to the commanding officer, Capt. John Darell.

DECEMBER.

10.*—"The lay clerks of Norwich Cathedral have lately had their salaries augmented £12 each, being only the second advance since the time of Henry VIII."

17.—From Saturday, the 17th, to Saturday, the 24th, the Newmarket mail coach, owing to the heavy fall of snow, did not arrive in Norwich with the letters until after the departure of the coaches for London. Great inconvenience was occasioned thereby in commercial circles.

21.—Died, aged 18, Miss Fisher, only daughter of Mr. Fisher, of the Newmarket Theatre, and formerly of Norwich.

24.*—(Advt.) "A main of cocks will be fought at the Maid's Head Inn, Norwich, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 3rd and 4th of January, 1809; to show 31 mains, to fight for ten guineas a battle, and 100 the odd battle. Likewise to show ten bye cocks for five guineas a battle, and two turn outs. Feeders, Lamb, Norfolk; Cock, Norwich."

31.—John Gulley, Tom Crib, and Tom Belcher gave a boxing exhibition at Norwich before an audience of 800 persons.

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Col. Robert Harvey, not being joined by a sufficient number of the Volunteers under his command to permit of its becoming a battalion of Local Militia, he resigned his commission, and was succeeded by Lieut.-Col. De Hague.

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JANUARY.

14.*—"The orders lately come down to Norwich, besides affording constant employment to most of the manufacturing poor for nearly twelve months, will in the different branches of labour diffuse upwards of £40,000 in earnings, exclusive of the amount circulated for combing and spinning."

15.—The Norwich Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Lieut.-Col. De Hague, was formed into a battalion of five companies of 60 men each.

25.—A "grand operatical romance," entitled "The Forty Thieves," was produced for the first time at Norwich Theatre, with scenery specially painted by Dixon.

28.*—(Advt.) "A card. Mr. Lambert, from Leicester, respectfully informs the ladies and gentlemen of Norwich and its vicinity that he arrived on Sunday at Mr. Leech's, at the King's Head, where he will see company from 11 to 2, from 3 till 6, and from 7 till 9 each day. Admission one shilling each." Lambert died on Wednesday, June 21st, 1809, at Stamford. He was in his 40th year, and weighed 52 stones 11 lbs.

28.—In consequence of a rapid thaw, the low lying parts of Norwich were flooded. "Some of the houses were six or seven feet under water," and boats were rowed in the street at St. Martin-at-Oak. The marshes below Norwich were so inundated that the course of the river could not be traced, and the barge proceeding to Yarmouth had to return, in consequence of the men being unable to find the channel.

30.—During a violent gale a stack of chimneys fell on the roof of an old house in Cockey Lane, Norwich. Mr. and Mrs. Graham were buried in the ruins and killed. On the same night a large tree in Sprowston Park was blown down. It was planted the day King Charles was beheaded, January 30th, 1649.

FEBRUARY.

3.—Mr. S. Mitchell (as nominee for the Wymer Ward, Norwich) obtained judgment in the Court of King's Bench, by which it was ruled that Militiamen out on duty, but having dwellings in the city in which their families lived, had a right to vote at ward elections.

7.—A stage coach, owned by Mr. Wm. Funnell, and known as the Lynn and Norwich Telegraph, commenced running. It left the Star Inn, Lynn, on Tuesdays and Fridays at eight a.m., and arrived at the Woolpack Inn, Norwich, at eight p.m. It ran by way of Grimston, Great Massingham, Rougham, Litcham, Mileham, Stanfield, Brisley, Elmham, Billingford, Bawdeswell, Lenwade Bridge, Attlebridge, and Drayton. The return journey was on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

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24.—Died, at his house in Bruton Street, London, aged 85, the Right Hon. the Earl of Orford. His lordship was the nephew of the famous Sir Robert Walpole, afterwards Earl of Orford. For many years he sat in the House of Lords as Baron Walpole of Wolterton. On the death of Horace, Earl of Orford, he succeeded to the Barony of Houghton, the Earldom becoming extinct, but he was afterwards created Earl of Orford. He was succeeded by his eldest son, Lord Walpole, who was for many years member for Lynn. General Walpole, who concluded the treaty with the Maroons in Jamaica, who seconded Mr. Tierney in his duel with Mr. Pitt, and who was one of Mr. Fox's secretaries, was a younger son of the deceased Earl. The remains were brought from London for interment in the family vault at Wolterton. The funeral procession passed through Norwich on March 10th in the following order:—"Four horsemen preceding the Earl's coronet, borne on a cushion of crimson velvet by a person on horseback, bare headed; then the body in a hearse, surmounted with plumes and drawn by six horses, followed by a mourning coach and six; his lordship's coach and six, with blinds up, and servants on horseback closed the procession." The great bell of St. Peter Mancroft, and the bells of other churches tolled as the procession passed through the city.

28.—The Norwich Squadron of Light Horse Volunteers had just concluded their drill on Mulbarton Common, when Capt. Darell's hounds drove a stag across the parade ground. The Volunteers at once joined in the chase, "to which it will readily be conceived their numbers and appearance gave a great *éclat*." The stag was taken alive in a shed at Mangreen, after a run of 3 hours 10 minutes.

Died, this month, Mr. John Wagstaffe, of Bawburgh. He was the author of a poem, entitled "Stonehenge," dedicated to his friend and neighbour, Mr. Edward Jerningham.

APRIL.

3.—A trotting match took place between Young Adonis, a colt belonging to Mr. James Neeve, of Terrington St. Clement, and an eight year old horse, Hue and Cry, owned by Mr. James Mathew, of the same place. The stakes were £20 a side, and the distance five miles. The colt, which carried 13 stones, covered the distance in 19 minutes, and won.

10.—A meeting was held at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, at which resolutions were passed, thanking Col. Wardle and his supporters for their conduct in Parliament, respecting the charges preferred against the Duke of York.

21.—A new peal of bells was opened at Wiveton. The tenor, weighing upwards of 11 cwts., was cast and hung by Mr. Wm. Dobson, of Downham Market.

22.—The postmasters announced that "from the wonderfully high prices of horses, hay, corn, &c.," they were "under the disagreeable necessity of charging eighteen pence per mile from this date."

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27.—Died, aged 32, in Arras prison, John Rising, sixth son of Mr. Robert Rising, of Somerton Hall. He commanded the Vanguard letter of marque, which was captured, on her return from Trinidad, off Beachy Head, by the Ambuscade, after a desperate resistance. The remains of the deceased were followed to the grave by upwards of 200 Englishmen.

MAY.

9.—The six regiments of Norfolk Local Militia assembled for 28 days' training at Norwich, Yarmouth, Lynn, and Swaffham.

11.—Notice was issued of an intended application to Parliament for an Act for erecting a bridge over the river Wensum, at or near the Foundry, in the parish of St. Peter per Mountergate, Norwich, for making roads for connecting the bridge with the Thorpe turnpike road and the Castle Hill, and for raising money to carry the Act into execution. A petition for leave to bring in a Bill was presented in the House of Commons in February, 1810, and on March 13th the Bill was read a second time, and committed. It was announced on April 14th that the measure had passed the House of Commons, and been read a first time in the House of Lords. On April 18th, the Bill received the Royal assent. The first stone of the bridge was laid on August 6th by Alderman Jonathan Davey, the projector of the undertaking. The contractor was Mr. Mendham, of Holt.

12.—On this day the thermometer stood at 80 degrees in Norwich.

13.—The Rev. Charles Millard appointed Chancellor of the Diocese of Norwich, on the resignation of the Rev. Henry Bathurst.

19.—The officers of the Lynn Freebridge Legion presented a sword to their commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. Taylor.

JUNE.

3.—Died, aged 49, John Christmas Beckwith, Mus. Doc., organist of Norwich Cathedral and St. Peter Mancroft. On the 7th, "the remains of this eminent musician were interred in St. Peter's Church under the organ, agreeable to his own desire." His son, Mr. John Beckwith, succeeded him in both appointments.

7.—Died, in his 68th year, at his house in St. Saviour, Norwich, Mr. Thomas Watson, who served the office of Sheriff in 1789, and of Mayor in 1790.

17.—Mr. Bannister appeared at the Theatre Royal, Norwich, in his entertainment, "Bannister's Second Budget for 1809."

18.—Miss Booth, a well-known Norwich musician, elected organist at the Octagon Chapel, in the place of Mr. John Beckwith.

19.—Holkham Sheep Shearing commenced. An improved turnip drill, made by Mr. Coke's blacksmith (Mann), was exhibited. "By this drill the oilcake dust and turnip seed are kept separate till they come into the funnels, from which they combine and fall into the drills." A manure drill cart, invented by Blyth, of Norwich, was also shown. "This implement first ploughs the soil, deposits the manure, and sows the seed after it, and both are instantly buried up." It was worked by two horses and three men. Mr. Lester, of Paddington, exhibited a working model of a newly-invented machine for separating the corn and seeds from the straw and chaff.

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20.—Guild Day at Norwich. Mr. Thomas Back was sworn in as Mayor, and entertained 640 guests at the Guild feast in St. Andrew's Hall. At the ball at Chapel Field House the dancing was

opened by the Mayor and Mrs. William Jerningham. The prisoners in the city gaol thanked the Mayor "for one guinea on the Guild Day, and for a plentiful basket of meat from the hall, which was equally divided amongst them."

26.—The Bishop of Norwich confirmed 800 persons at the Cathedral.

27.—Swaffham Races re-established with great success. Four plates were run for on this and the next day, and several of the horses were from Newmarket. "Public ordinaries were provided at the different inns; that at the Crown was attended by a select party of 68 ladies and gentlemen. At seven the former retired to their toilettes, and at about nine o'clock proceeded to the assembly-room, where the company numbered 200 persons. The ball was opened by Mr. P. Hamond and Miss Upcher."

Brooke House (with 170 acres of land), formerly the residence of Sir Roger Kerrison, was this month purchased by Mr. Thomas Kett, of Seething, for £16,010.

JULY.

5.—Arrived, at Yarmouth, part of the 40 sail of transports, for the purpose of receiving on board the 2nd Battalions of the 11th and 59th Regiments of Foot, the 1st Battalion of the 79th, and other regiments for the Expedition.

11.—At Norwich Quarter Sessions, George Hubbard was indicted for stealing a pair of velveteen breeches. "The offence being for a grand larceny the prisoner was allowed to plead the benefit of clergy." He was sentenced to six months' solitary confinement and to be publicly whipped.

12.—A curious case was tried at the Norfolk Quarter Sessions. In the course of the inquiry into the conduct of the Duke of York in September, 1808, it was stated that a Mrs. Sinclair Sutherland had written to his Royal Highness to induce him, "for certain reasons," not to permit Major Turner, 3rd Dragoon Guards, to sell out in favour of Lieut. Sitwell until the following March. In consequence of this communication, Major Turner's resignation was not accepted until some months after it had been sent in. Major Turner went to reside at Buckenham, in this county. Owing to the annoyance to which he was subjected by Mrs. Sutherland, who, it was alleged, had been under his protection, he appeared in court and moved to exhibit articles of the peace against her. The court ordered the defendant to enter into her own recognisances of £100 and to keep the peace for one year. At the Quarter Sessions on October 4th, Major Turner exhibited fresh articles against Mrs. Sutherland, and stated that seven days after entering into her recognisances she again appeared at his house and committed a breach of the peace. The court thereupon ordered Mrs. Sutherland to find two sureties of £100 each, and to keep the peace for twelve months. Not being prepared with her bond, she was committed to Norwich Castle, but was afterwards released upon two Norwich gentlemen agreeing to be bound for her.

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15.—Mr. Inledon appeared at the Theatre Royal, Norwich, in his entertainment, in three parts, entitled, "A Voyage to India." A recitation was given by Mr. Powell, formerly of Norwich Theatre, and of Drury Lane Theatre.

22.—A duel was fought, "in a grove near Norwich, between Mr. B . . . n and Mr. L . . b . . t, both of Norwich, in consequence, we understand, of their paying their addresses to the same young lady. The parties fired, but neither received any injury, after which a reconciliation took place, and Mr. L. resigned his pretensions to the fair lady."

24.—A letter was received by the Commandant of the Norwich Volunteer Infantry, from the Lord Lieutenant of the County, "signifying his Majesty's intention not to make any further allowance for clothing to Volunteer corps, and desiring to know whether the Norwich Volunteers would consider themselves a corps, or transfer their services to the Local Militia?" The Colonel replied "that they would continue their services as long as his Majesty would be pleased to accept them and their present clothing held out."

29.—It was announced that Mr. Henry Aston Barker, "who painted the pictures of London, Paris, Constantinople, Edinburgh, Dublin, Cairo, &c.," exhibited in Leicester Square, London, had drawn "a panoramic view of Norwich and the surrounding country, as seen from the Castle Hill, accompanied by a perspective view of the Castle, engraved in stroke by Mr. Williams."

31.—The annual exhibition of the Norwich Society of Artists was opened in Sir Benjamin Wrenche's Court.

—At the Norfolk Assizes, held at Norwich, the case of the King *v.* Larke, Mileham, and others was tried. This was a prosecution for rioting in a Dissenting meeting-house at Aylsham, and for an assault upon a preacher, named Joseph King, on Sunday evening, March 13th, 1808. The defendants behaved in a very disorderly manner in the chapel, and carried off the minister by force to the Dog Inn. The case was settled by the defendants apologising to the prosecutor in open court, and by paying the costs of the prosecution.

—At the same Assizes, Lord Chief Justice Mansfield had before him the action, Leathes, clerk, *v.* Baker. It was brought by the Rector of Reedham, under a statute of Edward VI., to recover treble the value of the tithes of corn grown on the defendant's farm there, in 1808, and involved in dispute a sum of between £300 and £400. The two main points which the plaintiff endeavoured to substantiate were, first, that the tenant had not set out the tithes according to law; and, secondly, if set out, it was done fraudulently and unfairly. It was proved that in one field

defendant cut the whole crop, tithed and carried a part on one day, and the remainder on the following day. The Judge ruled that this mode of tithing was contrary to law, and said he was sorry to be obliged to direct the special jury to find for the plaintiff. The jury, after requesting his lordship to inform them what was the lowest sum they could award, so as not to subject the defendant to costs, assessed the amount at £8. A similar action was brought by the same plaintiff at the Lent Assizes at Thetford, on March 19th, 1810, against a farmer, named Maddison, when the jury found for the defendant. At the Norfolk Assizes, held at Norwich, on August 13th, 1810, before the Lord Chief Justice, Baker brought an action against Mr. Leathes, to recover damages for inconvenience and loss sustained by him in 1808, by reason of the defendant allowing his tithes to remain and rot on the plaintiff's land. A verdict was given for Baker, damages, £150. At the same Assizes, Mr. Leathes brought an action against a farmer, named Long, for not setting out his tithes according to law. Verdict for the plaintiff, damages, £12.

31.—The Grand Jury for the County held a meeting, at which renewed efforts were commenced to procure the removal of the Lent Assizes from Thetford to Norwich. It was decided to petition Parliament with that object. At Norwich Quarter Sessions, on October 3rd, the Grand Jury made a presentment, asking the city magistrates to co-operate with the county justices. On October 11th, the Norwich Corporation resolved to aid the county in the application to Parliament, and in February, 1810, a petition in favour of the removal was presented in the House of Commons by Mr. Patteson.

AUGUST.

6.—A wedding "of an unusual kind was celebrated at Swaffham. The bride and bridegroom, young persons, were both quite blind."

10.—Races took place at Mattishall. A purse, "given by the town," was won by a horse, named Lord Paget, owned by Mr. Carter, a well-known leader of sport in the district.

14.—Died, at his seat at Costessey, aged 74, Sir William Jerningham, Bart., ("subject to the decision now pending in the House of Lords") Baron Stafford, of Stafford Castle. He was succeeded in his title and estate by his eldest son, Mr. George Jerningham, Haughley Park.

15.—News was received at Norwich of the victory of the British Army in Spain, under Sir Arthur Wellesley.

16.—The first division of the West Norfolk Militia marched into Norwich from Colchester, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Nelthorpe. The second division, commanded by Capt. Barnham, arrived next day. The regiment, which had not been stationed in Norwich for nearly 30 years, had the Earl of Orford as its colonel-in-chief.

SEPTEMBER.

4.—One hundred prisoners of war, from Flushing, arrived at the Cavalry Barracks, Norwich, from Yarmouth, and next day proceeded on their route to Norman Cross. Among them were several officers, and their wives and families, who were sent to Northampton and Chesterford. They expressed their gratitude to the Mayor, magistrates, and citizens, for the humane treatment they had received in Norwich.

13.—Overstrand Hall was purchased by Lord Suffield for £16,510.

16.*—"Mr. Laverock Love, a young officer of the Aboukir, only 18 years of age (son of Mr. Love, surgeon, of East Dereham, in this county), had the command of a launch at the bombardment of Flushing, and was the first who fired a shot. Letters have been received from several of his brother officers, speaking in the highest terms of his intrepid gallantry."

21.—A plan for the regulation of the Cattle Market was adopted by the Corporation of Norwich.

OCTOBER.

3.—H.R.H. the Duke of York left Buckenham Lodge, the seat of General Sir J. Pulteney, to whom he had been on a visit for the shooting.

7.*—(Advt.) "This day the 'Norwich and Yarmouth Courier' will be published and ready for delivery on the arrival of the mail, at the 'Courier' Office, late Post Office, Market Place, Norwich, containing the same news as the London papers delivered on Saturday in Norwich, and, of course, such as cannot appear in any country paper till the following week. A newspaper, gratis, sent post free to every advertiser."

11.—The Corporation of Norwich voted a loyal address of congratulation to his Majesty, on his entering, on October 25th, upon the 50th year of his reign. It was decided by nine votes to eight not to celebrate the Jubilee "by roasting a bullock in the Market Place and giving away 10 barrels of beer"; and the aldermen negatived a proposal to appropriate a sum out of the Corporation revenues to secure the discharge of certain debtors, as a means of commemorating the event.

17.—Three newly-erected paper mills at Elsing "were set to work on an entirely new principle."

19.—Died, in an obscure apartment in the White Hart Yard, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, Mr. Robert Fenn. "In the early part of his life his company was sought after and welcomed by persons of high rank in the sporting line. He possessed great skill as a marksman, and had the

best method of training dogs. As a tavern companion he was jocular, facetious, and replete with anecdote, entertaining the company, and inspiring mirth with his oddities and eccentricities." He was in his 75th year.

20.—The worsted and silk and worsted manufacturers of Norwich granted the weavers an increase of wages, involving an additional expenditure of £5,000 per annum.

22.—A new altar-piece, of Gothic design, the work of Mr. Copping, of St. Stephen's, Norwich, was erected in Braconash Church.

25.—Celebration of the Jubilee of George III. The Mayor (Mr. Thos. Back) and the Corporation of Norwich attended service at the Cathedral. At the conclusion of the service the civic procession returned to the Guildhall, and the garrison and Volunteers fired a *feu de joie* on the Castle Ditches. The Mayor entertained 340 guests at dinner at St. Andrew's Hall. A baron of beef, weighing 172 lbs., surmounted by the Union flag, was brought in by four grenadiers, who bore it twice round the hall to the air of "The Roast Beef of Old England," and then placed it upon the head table. Before the company separated it was resolved "that, as a testimony of respect for the Mayor and particularly for his conduct on this day, he be requested to have his portrait painted." Numerous benevolent movements were instituted in celebration of the Jubilee. One was the relief of about thirty poor citizens, with large families, who were liable to have their persons and effects seized under an execution of the Court of Requests, for various small debts, ranging from 5s. to 40s., and the whole amounting to between £26 and £27. The day was celebrated at Yarmouth, Lynn, and other towns in the county.

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28.*—"A lover of improvements requests us to hint that what has been improperly termed Cockey Lane (Norwich) for a long time, should, in consequence of the recent alterations, assume a new appellation, by terming it Market Street or some other appropriate name." (The thoroughfare here referred to is now known as London Street.)

—*"The harriers belonging to Mr. T. Thompson, of Bergh Apton, had last week one of the severest and longest chases they have yet experienced. Mr. Dyke's famous horse died in the field long before the death of the hare, and three other capital horses were very badly knocked up at the same time. Only a few of the most dashing sportsmen could keep within sight of the hounds."

29.—Died, at Earham Hall, in his 60th year, Mr. John Gurney. His remains were interred on November 3rd at the Gildencroft burial ground, Norwich, in the presence of an immense concourse of citizens.

NOVEMBER.

2.—After the interval of seven years, a Musical Festival was held at Norwich. The opening performance on Thursday, 2nd, consisted of the production of the "Messiah" at the church of St. Peter Mancroft; and in the evening a grand miscellaneous concert was given at the Theatre. On Friday, 3rd, "Sampson" was performed at the church, where also in the evening were rendered selections from various oratorios. The Festival concluded on Saturday evening, the 4th, with a miscellaneous concert at the Theatre. The principal vocal performers were Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan, Miss Booth, Mr. Gross, and Mr. Elliott. Professor Hague, of Cambridge, led the band, and Mr. Beckwith was conductor. The admission to the church was:—Middle aisle, 5s.; side aisles, 3s. 6d., but no money was taken at the door.

11.*—"The pleasant town of Diss has lately undergone so much improvement as is scarcely to be conceived, the streets having been entirely new paved, the roads much improved, and all obstructions by the projection of houses and shops removed. It will also be shortly lighted in such a manner as to render it as complete a town as any in the county."

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18.*—"Died, lately, at Warham, in his 73rd year, Capt. Isaac Eglis Warren. He was a volunteer in the siege of Quebec, and it was his solemn task to support on the rock and witness the last moments of the immortal Wolfe."

20.—Died, Sir Philip Stephens, Bart., of Horsford, in his 80th year. He was 52 years secretary to the Admiralty Office, and was afterwards one of the Lords of the Admiralty. He possessed large estates in Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, and Middlesex.

25.*—"Some idea of the extent of Norfolk farms may be formed when it is known that one occupier in the western district last year expended more than £1,100 for only one sort of manure (brought many miles), notwithstanding the immense quantity made at home, and the great number of sheep annually folded on the grounds. On another farm, 25 acres are consumed in roads crossing the lands."

DECEMBER.

2.—At the King's Head Inn, Norwich, an estate near Harleston, consisting of 120 acres of moderate land, was sold by auction for 5,990 guineas. The purchaser had also to pay a considerable sum for timber growing upon the estate. A short time previously 22 acres of "unmixed and widely lying land" near Aylsham, and by no means of the best quality, fetched nearly 2,000 guineas; the timber was taken by valuation.

12.—Died, in his 80th year, Mr. John Dalrymple, formerly a merchant in Norwich. "He was a native of Scotland, and descended of an honourable family, set immediately at Thornhill, in

Dumfries. His manly body was inhabited by a noble soul, for he was a model of probity, constancy, fortitude, and disinterestedness. To his fellow-citizens he presented, during a long and difficult career, an example of zealous and unshaken adherence to the cause of liberality." Mr. Dalrymple was a steward of the Scots Society, founded in Norwich by Dr. John Murray.

19.—Mr. Saunder's Equestrian Company opened their season's engagement at the Pantheon, Ranelagh Gardens, Norwich, "with a stud of horses, all cream coloured, late the property of his Majesty."

23.—Accounts were received at Yarmouth of the evacuation of the island of Walcheren by the British troops, 5,000 of whom died of fever after the capture of Flushing.

—Intelligence was received of the successful attack on the enemy's forts at Cortelasso, between Venice and Trieste, by Capt. Hoste, of the Amphion frigate, who on August 24th captured ten Venetian gun boats and other prizes.

—News reached Norwich of the loss of the Glory, outward bound East Indiaman, Capt. Horatio Beevor, with all the officers, crew, and passengers.

30.*—"The quantity of turkies sent up to town from Norwich within the last ten days amounted to no less than 30 tons weight, which, averaging each bird at 12 lbs., the number would amount to 6,000." p. 79

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6.—The estate of Sir R. Kerrison, deceased, at Thorpe, was sold for £38,219. Carrow Abbey House, with 32½ acres of land, was purchased by Mr. P. M. Martineau for £2,020.

8.—A prize fight took place at Thorpe, between Chapman and Pegg, "noted bruisers." It ended in the defeat of Pegg, who sustained a broken jaw.

9.—His Majesty's ship Nemesis struck on Happisburgh Sand. On the following day her guns were thrown overboard, and she was floated off.

18.—Died, in his 76th year, Mr. John Mitchell, of New Houghton. "His favourite mule, over 34 years old, at the request of the deceased, went in procession to the grave, and was to have been shot immediately after his return, but through the humane intercession of his granddaughter, Miss Young, the life of this excellent animal was saved, with the promise never to suffer it to be again used." By a singular coincidence, Mr. Reynolds, surgeon, of Massingham, while in the act of attending on Mr. Mitchell, died suddenly of the same complaint to which the patient succumbed.

20.—A reconciliation dinner was held by the corn growers and buyers at the King's Head Inn, Norwich. Mr. Crisp Brown presided. Among the toasts were "May the Buyers and Sellers in future meet together in friendship," and "May the enemies of reconciliation keep a cold water club by themselves." A second dinner was held at the King's Head on March 3rd, under the presidency of Mr. Fellowes.

—*(Advt.) "To be seen at the Angel Inn, Market Place, Norwich, where he will arrive this day, that most wonderful and surprising Yorkshire youth, 17 years of age, 7 ft. 6 ins. high, and who weighs upwards of 24 stones, who has had the honour to be introduced to their Majesties and the Royal Family at Windsor, where he was most graciously received and entertained."

25.—At a meeting of corn and coal merchants, held at the King's Head Inn, Norwich, it was resolved, in consequence of the numerous depreciations committed on the river between Norwich and Yarmouth, not to employ any vessel after March 1st, the hatches of which were not secured by locks and iron bars. It was further resolved that every lock be sealed by the merchant before the vessel started upon its voyage.

FEBRUARY.

1.—Died, the eccentric John Fransham, of Norwich. He was well versed in Latin, Greek, and mathematics, of which for many years he was a teacher.

—Died, in her 59th year, Mrs. Martineau, wife of Mr. Philip Meadows Martineau. (Mr. Martineau was re-married on February 18th, 1811, at St. Peter Permoungate Church, Norwich, by the Rev. C. Elwin, to Mrs. Somers Clarke, of Tasburgh.)

3.—Bagshaw's menagerie was exhibited on the Castle Ditches, Norwich.

4.—Died, at Gunton, in his 77th year, the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, who represented Norwich from 1756 to 1786.

10.—Mr. and Mrs. Bowles terminated their theatrical career at Norwich Theatre, and took their farewell benefit. There was a crowded audience, and the receipt of the house amounted to £160 15s. 6d. "Equally respectable in private as in public life," said the newspaper notice, "their success in the scholastic line will, we trust, be as flattering and substantial as that of the drama." On March 10th, Mr. Bowles advertised the academy conducted by himself in Queen Street, Great

Yarmouth. On July 27th, 1811, it was announced: "Mr. Bowles, of Yarmouth and late of the Theatre Royal, Norwich, qualified as a dissenting minister at the last Quarter Sessions."

14.—The East Dereham Troop of Yeomanry Cavalry presented to Capt. John Crisp a silver cup, "as a mark of respect for his conduct during the twelve years he had commanded them."

20.—At a general meeting of the Norfolk Agricultural Society, it was resolved to petition Parliament against the Bill for prohibiting distillation from grain.

22.—Died, at his house on Castle Meadow, Norwich, aged 74, Mr. William Foster, attorney. "He was a promoter of most of the public charities in the city, and the founder of many of them."

24.*—"A farm near Norwich, belonging to the Corporation, and containing not more than 77 acres of profitable land, was lately hired at the astonishing sum of £263 per annum; and the tithes, being all arable land, have long been 7s. 6d. per acre."

28.—This day was observed as one of solemn fast and humiliation. At Norwich, "nearly all the shops were shut up, and Divine service performed at all the churches. The market was held on Tuesday, instead of Wednesday."

MARCH.

3.*—"There is now living at Oxburgh, in this county, William Durrant, a gardener, who yearly eats 1,095 red herrings, chews 18 lbs. of tobacco, and, to give his nose pleasure, takes 365 ozs. of snuff. The total sum of tobacco, snuff, and red herrings is £13 18s. 10d."

—*(Advt.) "A main will be fought at the Fleece Inn, Wells, on Monday and Tuesday, the 19th and 20th inst., between the gentlemen of Norfolk and Wells. To show 31 cocks and 10 byes, and to fight for 10 gs. the battle and 100 the odd; to make four in goes. Feeders: Fisher for Norfolk, Lamb for Wells." p. 81

10.*—"During the last eleven months, the period of Miss Harriett Howell's visits to this city, three schools have been established in Norwich, in which no fewer than 294 children are now educated on the plan advocated by Mr. J. Lancaster."

—*"A drover, near Norwich, has attended the market at Smithfield for 25 years, in which time he has ridden on those journeys alone 126,000 miles."

—A court martial was held on his Majesty's ship *Utile* on a seaman belonging to the *Désirée*, "at his own request," for striking an officer and using mutinous language. He was sentenced to death.

19.—At the Norfolk Assizes, held at Thetford, Thomas William Middleton, for embezzling money the property of Messrs. Gurney and Co., by whom he was employed as clerk, at Fakenham, was sentenced to 14 years' transportation.

—The panorama, by Serries, of the town and port of Boulogne "with the flotilla, designed to invade this country, at anchor in the outer road," was exhibited at Harper's Pantheon, Norwich.

22.—Died in St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, aged 57, Nathaniel Eastaugh, the common crier, and one of the Mayor's beadles, "who except one year held the bell from 1780 up to the time of his death." He was succeeded by Anthony Bailey.

23.—Mr. Joseph Lancaster visited Norwich, and at the Theatre gave lectures on his system of education. At a meeting at the Guildhall on April 17, a free school for boys, on Mr. Lancaster's plan, was established by public subscription.

—Died in St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, aged 72, David Kinnebrook, for 40 years master of one of the charity schools, "who never till his last illness absented himself from the school for a single day."

24.—A large meeting of landowners, occupiers, and Scottish drovers was held at the Rampant Horse Inn, to discuss the right of the Corporation of Norwich to levy tolls upon cattle sold or exhibited for sale at the weekly mart on the Castle Hill. A deputation waited upon the Mayor and the Market Committee, and on April 11th a further meeting, presided over by Sir James Beevor, was held for the purpose of defending any action that might be brought by the Corporation to recover tolls.

APRIL.

3.—For the benefit of the Norwich Theatrical Fund, a performance of "The English Fleet in the year 1342," and of "the grand seriocomic pantomime, called 'Don Juan, or the Libertine destroyed,'" was given at the Theatre Royal.

12.—Died, aged 60, Mr. Thomas Barber, attorney, 27 years secretary of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

19.—Tombland Fair took place. It was stated to be customary on the occasion of this annual event for military bands to play in the Upper Close, which was used as a fashionable promenade. The bands of the 5th Dragoon Guards and the Wiltshire Militia were present on this occasion. p. 82

23.—The Norwich, Aylsham, and Cromer coach commenced running from 21, Lobster Lane,

Norwich, to the Red Lion Inn, Cromer. It left Norwich on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and returned on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The proprietor was Mr. W. Spanton.

28.*—(Advt.) “Cocking. A main will be fought at the Maid’s Head Inn, Norwich, on the 14th and 15th days of May next, between the gentlemen of Norfolk and the gentlemen of Ipswich, to show 27 mains for six guineas a battle and 100 guineas the odd; likewise six byes and two turn-outs for five guineas a battle, to make four in goes. A pair of cocks in the pit precisely at 12 o’clock. Feeders: Lamb for Norfolk, Smith for Ipswich.”

30.—A rare fish called the Opah or King-fish (*Chætodes* of Linnæus) was found on Mundesley beach.

—Mr. Patteson presented in the House of Commons a petition from the Mayor, Alderman, and Justices of Norwich, against the Bill to alter, explain, and amend the laws in force respecting bread, and for better regulating the mode of setting the price thereof out of London. The petition stated that the proposed Bill would add 4s. to the then allowance of 12s. for every quarter of wheat, and the baker for his labour, salt, &c., which would tend to raise the price of bread. The magistrates had consulted the master and wardens of the Norwich Bakers’ Company, who declared that the bakers were perfectly satisfied with the mode of regulating the assize and with the allowance of 12s. per quarter.

MAY.

2.—At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions, a man named Stebbing, of Wymondham, was indicted for using seditious language in the presence of several persons, some of whom were Militia men. The prisoner was alleged to have asserted that “if Buonaparte would come he would be the first man to join him” and that “Buonaparte was a better man to his country than King George was to this.” The jury, “to the surprise of the whole court,” returned a verdict of not guilty, “and several gentlemen on the bench expressed their strongest reprobation.” Sergt. Money, of the Militia, one of the principal witnesses for the prosecution, was afterwards appointed to an ensigncy in the 4th Garrison Battalion.

10.—The Victory, 100 guns, Vice-Admiral Sir J. Saumarez, and seven other sail of the line, sailed from Yarmouth for the Baltic.

16.—The First Eastern Regiment of the Local Militia, commanded by Lord Suffield, assembled at Aylsham and marched thence to Yarmouth for 20 days’ training. The dates and places of assembly of the other regiments were as follow:—2nd Eastern Regiment, Col. Patteson, Norwich, May 22nd; 1st Western Regiment, Col. Petre, Norwich, May 17th; 2nd Western Regiment, Col. Edmund Wodehouse, Lynn, May 21st; 3rd Western Regiment, Col. Chad, Swaffham, May 10th, whence they marched to Norwich. In consequence of insufficiency of accommodation at Norwich, three companies of the 3rd Western Regiment marched to Dereham, where the course of training was completed.

19.*—“One day last week, a young woman, of Dereham, being strongly attached to a soldier in the 24th Regiment of Foot, resolved to follow him to the wars, and habiting herself in man’s attire enlisted by mistake into the 54th Regiment of Foot recruiting in Norwich. Her sex was discovered and her intentions frustrated.”

20.—Died in London, aged 81, the Right Hon. Charles Lord Bayning, of Honingham Hall, a Privy Councillor, and High Steward of Great Yarmouth. He was succeeded by his son, the Hon. Charles Frederick Pawlett Townshend.

28.—The birthday of William Pitt was celebrated by the members of the Castle Corporation, Norwich, and other gentlemen to the number of 130, in Mr. Bailey’s great room.

JUNE.

2.*—(Advt.) “A stage waggon sets out from the warehouse, Tombland, Norwich, every Friday evening, and arrives at Bury every Saturday, returning from Bury every Wednesday, and arrives at Norwich early on Friday morning. The London waggons through Cambridge every Tuesday and Friday. The Yorkshire waggons come regularly twice a week.” (Messrs. Marsh were the proprietors of the Norwich waggons. A similar service of waggons was also run at about this date by Mack, of Norwich.)

4.—The King’s birthday was observed as usual. “The prisoners of the city gaol return thanks to the Mayor and Corporation for the excellent dinner of roast beef and plum puddings, with plenty of strong ale. Likewise to numerous unknown passengers for their gifts to the box which is carried about every Saturday afternoon by a man appointed by the court to attend on them. And they humbly request the charitably disposed to put their contributions into the box themselves, which is locked up by the governor, and its contents equally distributed by him. They have also another box outside the gaol which is opened every quarter.”

—Died at his house in Pall Mall, aged 60, the Right Hon. William Windham, of Felbrigg. Three days before the event he predicted that he would expire on the King’s birthday. He represented Norwich in three successive Parliaments—from 1784 to 1802. The remains of the deceased statesman arrived in Norwich on their way to Felbrigg on the 10th. The body lay in state at the Maid’s Head Inn until the morning of the 11th, when the journey to Felbrigg was resumed, and the funeral took place there in the afternoon. In the funeral procession at the church was “a man

bearing a false coffin."

5.—A cricket match was played between the Norwich Club and the officers of the Wiltshire Regiment, on the Town Close ground, Norwich. Norwich, 134; Wiltshire Regiment, 49-43. The return match was played on the same ground on the 14th. Norwich, 71-150; Wiltshire Regiment, 57-53.

10.—At the burial of a woman, named Bumpstead, at Thurlton, "it was not a little singular that the husband and an ass walked to church next the corpse, and also back again to the house, as chief mourners."

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11.—A prize fight took place at Limpenhoe between John Green, of Beighton, and David William Rushmer, of Thurlton. "In the first seven rounds the latter received seven knock-down blows; but in the eighth he gave the other such a violent blow that he knocked him out of time and won."

16.*—"Mr. Alderman Yallop, of Norwich, is the fortunate holder of an eighth of the ticket, 1,537, which drew a prize of £1,000 on Friday last. This is the fourth capital prize Mr. Yallop has had a share of in the different lotteries."

19.—Guild-day at Norwich. The Mayor, Mr. John Steward, entertained 750 guests at dinner at St. Andrew's Hall, and 400 attended the ball at Chapel Field House, where dancing was kept up until two o'clock next morning. "Several friends of conviviality kept the jovial spirit alive at the hall till after that late or rather early hour."

25.—Holkham Sheep Shearing commenced. One of the implements exhibited was "a fumigating machine on two wheels which, in turning, worked a pair of bellows that blew into an iron cylinder filled with burning sulphur, and shavings or sawdust, and perforated at the bottom, which, when pushed over the land, suffocated the turnip flies, cankers, &c., or caught them on a tarred cover fixed over the head of the cylinder." This remarkable contrivance was exhibited by a Mr. Plenty, of London.

JULY.

16.—A cricket match was played on the Town Close ground, Norwich, between eight of the Norwich Club and thirteen of the Wiltshire Regiment. Wiltshire Regiment, 72-78; Norwich, 32-69.

20.—A cricket match, for 50 guineas a side, was played at Swaffham, between the Norwich and Swaffham clubs. Norwich, 42-26; Swaffham, 67. The return match took place on the Town Close ground, Norwich, on August 20th. Norwich, 35-51; Swaffham, 55-30.

25.—Mr. Alderson, the City Steward, entertained the Common Council of Norwich at dinner at his house in St. Helen's. The Commons returned the compliment by entertaining the Steward at the Maid's Head Inn the following week.

26.—Died, aged 70, the Rev. William Sheepshanks, rector of Ovington, and Prebendary of Carlisle. He had been tutor to Lord Ellenborough, Sir S. Lawrence, the Bishop of Lincoln, &c., and was the intimate friend of Dr. Paley.

29.—Died in his 73rd year, Mr. John Crisp, of East Dereham, attorney, clerk to the magistrates, the commissioners, the deputy lieutenants, &c. He was captain of the Dereham Yeomanry Cavalry, and his remains were interred with military honours, at Shipdham, his native place.

AUGUST.

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2.—Earl Moira and the Countess of Loudon arrived at Cromer for the bathing season, and on the following day witnessed a demonstration of the capabilities of Capt. Manby's life-saving apparatus.

3.—At a special meeting of the Norwich Corporation it was resolved "that, having taken into consideration a paper called 'Roope's Weekly Letters,' No. 9, and being of opinion that it contains gross libellous matter against Thomas Back, Esq., late Chief Magistrate, this assembly direct a prosecution." On August 18th a meeting of freemen was held to take such measures "as will best ensure the election of Mr. Roope as Sheriff for the ensuing year." It was announced on August 25th that Mr. Mills, of Thetford, had been "persuaded" to discontinue printing the "Weekly Letters." At the election of Sheriff on August 28th, Roope was put in nomination in opposition to Mr. Troughton. The latter was returned with 625 votes to the former's 313. Roope afterwards challenged the City Steward, Mr. Alderson, to fight a duel, in consequence of his having called him a rascal as he was leaving the court after the election. An information was laid against Roope for endeavouring to incite Alderson to commit a breach of the peace; and at the Quarter Sessions on October 2nd, application was made that his recognisances of £100 in respect of the libel case be estreated on the ground of his having committed a fresh breach of the peace by public comments on Mr. Alderson's conduct. He was ordered to enter into fresh recognisances, himself in £200 and to find two sureties of £100 each, and to keep the peace towards Mr. Alderson and the public generally. At the Quarter Sessions on January 15th, 1811, the defendant, for inciting Mr. Alderson to fight a duel, was fined 40s. and sentenced to one month's imprisonment. On June 29th Roope appeared before the Court of King's Bench for the libel on Mr. Back, and was committed to the custody of the Marshal for three months, and ordered to find sureties for his good behaviour. Roope died, in his 37th year, on July 4th, 1812. "He sustained a

lingering illness of nearly four months with a resignation and fortitude highly exemplary, and met the approach of his last moments with the utmost composure, leaving a widow and five young children."

—A trotting match took place between the celebrated horse Shales, the property of Mr. John Chamberlain, of Magdalene, and Driver, owned by Mr. Reuben West, of Gaywood. They started from the South Gates, Lynn, at six o'clock, and trotted to the ninth milestone on the Swaffham road and back. At the expiration of an hour Shales had trotted 17 miles, beating the other by about 1½ miles, "with the greatest of ease, notwithstanding that he was the smaller horse and carried two stone more weight than the other." The stakes amounted to £200.

6.—At Wroxham Water Frolic about one hundred sail of boats were present.

22.—Mr. Chalmers, a comedian of considerable merit, and formerly a member of the Norwich Company, was found speechless upon the doorstep of a house in Worcester. He was removed to the infirmary, where he died.

27.—A cricket match was played on Hardingham Common between the gentlemen of Norwich and Swaffham. Norwich, 32-72; Swaffham, 143.

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29.—Died at Lynn, aged 85, Mrs. Middleton, "who resided 83 years in the house in which she died."

30.—The Norwich Cricket Club played a match against the Wiltshire Regiment. Norwich, 88-93; Wiltshire Regiment, 73-92.

SEPTEMBER.

7.—Died at Cambridge, Mr. James Bunn, miniature painter, formerly of the Pantheon and Gardens, Norwich, and for many years a performer in the Norwich Company of Comedians.

15.*—(Advt.) "Cocking.—To be fought on Thursday and Friday, the 20th and 21st inst., a main of cocks, Yarmouth against Beccles. Feeders: Danes for Yarmouth, Caisey for Beccles. Seven battles each night; five guineas a battle and ten guineas the odd. All cocks to be pitted at seven o'clock precisely each night at Cooper's bowling-green, North Quay, Yarmouth."

21.—Died, at Earsham Park, aged 71, Mr. Joseph Windham, distinguished as a scholar and antiquary.

23.—Died, aged 71, Mr. John Herring, of Norwich. He served the office of Sheriff in 1786, was elected alderman October 20, 1798, and Mayor in the following year. He introduced a scheme for the employment of workhouse children in spinning wool, by which many hundreds of pounds were annually raised by them. It was during Mr. Herring's mayoralty that the British troops returned from the disastrous expedition to Holland, and for his humane treatment of them he received the thanks of Government.

29.—Mr. Francis Morse and Mr. Thomas Troughton were sworn into office as Sheriffs of Norwich. "Mr. Morse appeared in his shooting dress, namely a short coat, leather breeches, &c., and on the Steward proceeding, as usual, to invest him with the gold chain he refused to put on what he termed 'a bauble'; nor would he wear the gown, he said, unless it was absolutely necessary. Mr. Steward Alderson observed that his refusal seemed to convey some little disrespect to the court. Mr. Morse disavowed any individual disrespect, and said he would perform his office irrespective of outward forms. He denied having assumed the office. It was forced upon him in the expectation of obtaining a fine of £80, as he was convinced there was not a gentleman on the Bench who believed when the precept was sent to him that he would serve the office."

OCTOBER.

5.—Grand musical performances were given at St. Andrew's Church, Norwich, on this and the following day. The principal vocal performers were Mr. Phillips, of the Lyceum, Mr. Clouting, and Miss Booth. Mr. Fish was leader of the band, and Mr. Beckwith was at the organ. The first part of the programme consisted of selections from "Judas Maccabeus," part two of the "Messiah," and part three of a miscellaneous selection. On Saturday evening, the 6th, a miscellaneous concert was given at the Theatre.

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11.—Died at Fulham, aged 73, Mr. Nathaniel Kent, land agent, and compiler of "The Agricultural Report of Norfolk."

17.—The first division of the West Norfolk Militia, commanded by Capt. Barnham, and on the following day the second division, commanded by Major Custance, passed through Norwich on their route to Yarmouth after nearly seven months' duty over the French prisoners at Norman Cross.

18.—Died at Southbergh, near Hingham, Mrs. Ann Smyth, "one of the nominees in the Irish Tontine established by Act of Parliament in 1773."

25.—The 51st anniversary of his Majesty's accession was celebrated in Norwich by the ringing of bells and by a military demonstration.

NOVEMBER.

2.—During a severe gale many vessels were lost on the Norfolk coast. "The beach from Wells to Yarmouth, covered with wrecks and strewed with the bodies of unfortunates washed ashore, presented a scene of calamity not easy to describe." Another gale and high tide occurred on the 10th. Capt. Manby's life-saving apparatus was instrumental in rescuing 18 seamen.

12.—Gustavus Adolphus, ex-King of Sweden, travelling under the title of Count Gottorp, arrived at Yarmouth from the Baltic on board the Tartarus sloop, Capt. Mainwaring. He landed under a Royal salute, and at once set out for London with Capt. Mainwaring. The ex-King sailed from Yarmouth on his return to the Continent on March 28, 1811.

13.—The bells of the Norwich churches were tolled from seven p.m. to nine p.m. on the occasion of the burial of the Princess Amelia at Windsor.

17.*—"In the parish of Pulham Market are now living five men whose united ages amount to 436 years, and what is extraordinary is the five men now go to daily labour."

—Died, aged 58, Edward Castleton. "He was the lineal descendant of Sir William Castleton, of Hingham, created a baronet in 1641. He died a bachelor and never assumed the title. For many years he followed the very humble employment of breeches maker in Lynn, and latterly lived on a small patrimonial allowance."

21.—A cause of divorce and separation promoted by Mrs. Beevor against her husband, came on for further hearing in the Court of Arches, Doctors' Commons, when, Mrs. Beevor having declared that she should proceed no further, the court dismissed the suit.

DECEMBER.

8.—At the Norwich Court of Mayoralty the Rev. Edward Valpy, B.D., second master of Reading School, and rector of Stanford Dingley, in Berkshire, was elected by the casting vote of the Mayor, headmaster of the Free Grammar School, Norwich. The other candidate was the Rev. John Clarke, M.A., Ingham.

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15.—Died, aged 79, at Mortlake, Mrs. Coke, of Hanover Square, London, mother of Mr. T. W. Coke, of Holkham.

22.—Norwich Market was "glutted" with turkeys. "The same fowls for which in the morning 14d. per pound was asked, in the afternoon when the last coaches were going away 9d. per pound would have gladly been taken. At one coach office 800 hampers were received. Twelve carriages were laden with poultry and game, and each carriage was drawn by six horses, and having 10 stages 60 horses were employed by every coach, which will amount to the astonishing number of 720 horses to draw poultry, sausages, and game sent within three days from this city to the Metropolis."

25.—The Mayor and Corporation of Norwich attended service at the Cathedral on "the feast of the Nativity, commonly called Christmas Day." In the afternoon "most of the churches and chapels were lighted up and decorated with holly and evergreens, according to antient custom."

This year was passed an Act for the better paving, lighting, cleansing, and watching of Great Yarmouth, for removing nuisances and annoyances therein, and for making other improvements in the town.

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JANUARY.

19.*—"Greatly to the credit of the numerous population of Norwich the Bridewell doors were thrown open several days during the present week, there not being a single person confined for any misdemeanour, a circumstance that has not before happened for a great number of years."

A piece of plate, value 100 guineas, was this month presented by the principal inhabitants of East and West Flegg Hundreds to the Rev. B. U. Salmon, for his public services as a magistrate, and as a mark of their individual esteem.

FEBRUARY.

2.—A county meeting, presided over by the High Sheriff, was held at the Shirehouse, Norwich, when resolutions, stating the injury that would be sustained by a continuation of the prohibition of the use of grain in the distilleries, were agreed to. A committee of landowners and corn growers was appointed to adopt measures for the protection of the interests of agriculture. (The Distillery Bill was thrown out by the House of Lords.)

7.—Died, at Norton Place, near Lincoln, in his 78th year, Mr. John Harrison, twice member of Parliament for Thetford.

10.—Died, at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, in his 79th year, the Rev. Neville Maskelyne, Astronomer Royal, and rector of North Runcton.

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12.—Died, the Rev. Philip Wodehouse, brother of Lord Wodehouse, and a Prebendary of Norwich

Cathedral, aged 66. In digging the grave for the interment of the deceased, beneath the organ loft at the Cathedral, the workmen found, two feet beneath the surface, a stone coffin enclosing a wooden shell containing the body of Dean Croft, who died in 1670. "His remains were found apparently in a perfect state, excepting the tip of the nose, and the shroud was a little discoloured."

16.—Robert Waller and John Kerrison, who were in the permanent employment of Mr. Lindley, of Catton, were committed to Aylsham Bridewell for one month's hard labour, for "illegally combining to alter and lessen the usual time of his labourers going and being at work."

17.—Died, aged 62, John Thompson, lamp lighter of Norwich. "His lamp of life being out, and all his oil consumed, he was by his own request buried at St. Martin-at-Palace at night, all his brethren of the ladder and torch attending in the funeral procession with their flambeaux to light him to his long home, in the presence of thousands assembled on the plain."

MARCH.

14.—Died, at his seat at Euston, in his 76th year, the Duke of Grafton. His Grace had been Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, and Recorder of Thetford and Coventry.

16.—A complaint was published that the posting masters in Norfolk charged at the rate of 1s. 9d. per mile, when nowhere else was the charge more than 1s. 6d.

17.—A disastrous fire occurred at the warehouse of Messrs. R. and S. Culley, grocers, the Upper Market, Norwich. The fire engines were inefficient, and the appliances out of repair. Notwithstanding the exertions of a detachment of the Royal Artillery, under Capt. Cockburn and Lieut. Day, the fire communicated with the adjoining premises of Mr. Freeman, and the two upper storeys of his house were destroyed. "The Pope's Head had a wonderful escape, almost surrounded as it was by fire." The damage was estimated at upwards of £5,000.

20.—A general fast was observed. Business was suspended in Norwich, where the churches and chapels were numerously attended, and collections made for the relief of British prisoners in France.

23.—The county magistrates examined plans for the erection of a lunatic asylum, and accepted those of Mr. William Brown, architect, of Ipswich.

25.—At the Norfolk Assizes, which commenced at Thetford, before Mr. Justice Grose, William Charles Fortescue, Lord Viscount Clermont, was charged with an assault on Sarah Lumley, a widow, residing at Saham Toney. His lordship was ordered to pay a fine of 50 marks to the King.

—At the same Assizes the tithe case, Royle, clerk, *v.* Parsley, was heard. The plaintiff, who was rector of Hilgay and proprietor of the tithes, sought to recover treble the value of the tithes on eight acres of wheat grown on the defendant's farm. The defendant was the only occupier in the parish who paid the tithes in kind, and it was alleged that he had not fairly set them out. The jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

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28.—Died, aged 43, Lady Elizabeth, wife of Lieut.-General Loftus, and daughter of the Marquis Townshend.

30.*—"This week a main of 41 battles (of which 31 came in fray) was fought at the King's Head Inn, Norwich (Norwich against Cambridgeshire) for 10 guineas the battle, and 100 the odd. Neither, however, were winners, each having won 15 battles, and the odd battle being a draw."

APRIL.

2.—Miss Greenfield, an actress, made her first appearance at the Theatre Royal, Norwich.

2.—A Lancasterian free school was opened in College Court, St. Martin-at-Palace, Norwich, for 420 boys.

6.—The receipts at Norwich Theatre on the occasion of the benefit of the manager, Mr. Hindes, amounted to £177 15s.

9.—Mr. J. Moreton, formerly of the Norwich Theatre, died at Woolwich, in his 62nd year.

11.—Miss Biffin, born deficient of arms and legs, was exhibited in a booth at Tombland Fair, Norwich. She had previously displayed her powers in miniature painting and needlework at the Angel Inn.

15.—Died in St. Simon's, Norwich, aged 86, James Fuller, who was for 51 years clerk of that parish. His funeral was attended by all the parish clerks in the city.

21.—Interred at St. Saviour's Church, Norwich, the remains of William Andrews, aged 85, many years sexton of the parish. The funeral was attended by 22 sextons of the city.

26.—Died, at Buckenham, General Sir James Pulteney, Bart., from the effects of an accidental explosion of a flask of gunpowder six days previously. He was colonel of the 18th Regiment of Foot, and had distinguished himself in the American War. He served on the Continent under the Duke of York, and was Commander-in-Chief of the unsuccessful expedition against Ferrol. He was afterwards appointed Secretary of War. The interest of the money left him by his wife, the

Countess of Bath, amounting to £50,000 per annum, devolved at his death upon the four children of Mrs. Monkham, who had been divorced from her husband, a son of the Archbishop of York.

30.—Died in St. Peter Permoungate, Norwich, aged 63, William Harwin, nearly 40 years superintendent of the Unitarian Free Schools. "He had published a remarkably concise system of Stenography."

MAY.

4.*—"Lieut. Richard Brunton, of the 43rd Regiment, son of J. Brunton, Esq., late manager of our Theatre, is appointed Captain in the 6th Regiment of Portuguese Cacadores." p. 91

21.—Intelligence received of a brilliant achievement in the Adriatic by Capt. William Hoste in the Amphion, who with two frigates and a sloop defeated the combined French and Italian squadrons of five frigates, a corvette, &c. He captured and destroyed four of the enemy's frigates. The action took place on March 13th.

25.—A Royal license was granted to Elizabeth Barber Bulwer, widow of Brigadier-General Bulwer, of Wood Dalling and Heydon, and only child of Richard Warburton Lytton, late of Knebworth Place, Herts., to take and use the surname and arms of Lytton in addition to and with those of Bulwer.

—*"This week the churchwardens and officers, and many of the inhabitants of St. John Maddermarket, St. Stephen's, St. Augustine's, and St. John Timberhill, went the bounds of their respective parishes, when the usual ceremonies of bumping and ducking (inside and out) took place amid the ringing of bells, &c."

A census was taken in Norwich during this month. The population was returned as 37,256, an increase since 1801 of 424.

JUNE.

8.—A thunderstorm of great severity occurred in Norwich.

15.*—"General Money has made an offer to the Commander-in-Chief to raise 400 rough hussars mounted on Welsh horses, by men below the army standard, to be embarked in four months. The object of this corps is to relieve the fine regiments of Cavalry in the Peninsula from all the harassing duties of the camp."

18.—A new Methodist Chapel was opened in Calvert Street, St. George's Colegate, Norwich, by the Rev. T. Cooke, LL.D., successor to the Rev. John Wesley.

—Guild Day at Norwich. "St. Giles' Broad Street was decorated with streamers, garlands, and evergreens, whilst old Snap displayed his glittering wings and gilt tail, and cleared the way for the civic procession to the Cathedral." After the service Robert Burrage, senior pupil at the Free Grammar School, and a "plebeian," delivered the customary Latin oration at the school porch, and Mr. John Hamond Cole, having been sworn in at the Guildhall as Mayor of the city, entertained a company of 650 at the Guild feast at St. Andrew's Hall.

20.—Died, at Athlone, Ireland, aged 38, James Wheeler, formerly of the Norwich Company of Comedians.

24.—Holkham Sheep Shearing commenced.

29.—A cricket match was played on Mulbarton Common between the Ashwelthorpe and Mulbarton teams, "for 22 bottles of cyder and 22 lbs. of cherries." The Ashwelthorpe players won.

The East Norfolk Militia, commanded by Col. Wodehouse, volunteered to serve in Ireland. The Government accepted their services, and the regiment arrived in Cork in the following November.

JULY.

15.—Died, in his 69th year, at his house at Keswick, Mr. Richard Gurney. The interment took place at the Gildencroft burial-ground, Norwich.

18.—A cricket match was played on Swaffham race-course between the gentlemen of Swaffham and the gentlemen of Terrington for 50 guineas a aids. The match lasted two days. Swaffham, 122-110; Terrington, 100-69. The return match was played at Terrington on July 22nd. Swaffham, 44; Terrington, 22-20. "Even betting on the match."

22.—A cricket match was played on the Town Close ground, Norwich, between the 2nd and 3rd Norwich clubs. 3rd club, 47; 2nd club, 19-42.

—An inquest was held in St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on the body of Ann Hammont, aged 28. "She destroyed herself in a manner very uncommon. She wound a piece of tape three times tight round her neck, and, finding it insufficient to effect her purpose, she resolutely put her head into a tub of water and so completed her suffocation."

26.—The anniversary meeting of the Norfolk Agricultural Society was held at East Dereham. In

consequence of the increase of the members (nearly 200) new regulations were made for conducting the society.

27.—Died at Richmond, Surrey, the Marquis Townshend, Earl of Leicester, &c., of Rainham. He was President of the Society of Antiquaries.

AUGUST.

3.—Polito's menagerie was exhibited on the Castle Hill, Norwich.

6.—The portrait of Mr. Thomas Back, ex-Mayor of Norwich, was placed in St. Andrew's Hall. It was painted by Clover, a native of the city.

8.—After the lapse of half a century Heigham Water Frolic was revived in Norwich.

10.—A prize fight took place at Fakenham between "the noted" Christopher Cox, of Sculthorpe, and J. Withers, "the blind boy," servant to Mr. E. Holman, of the former place. "After two rounds in which Cox was confronted by his adversary, the conceit was pretty well taken out of him. Some little sparring then took place, when Cox was knocked down by a right hand facer, and after several other rounds, which were all in favour of Withers, Cox was completely beat off his legs."

12.—Between six a.m. and five p.m. two persons caught by angling near Buckenham Ferry 132 lbs. of perch, bream, and roach.

13.—At the Norwich Assizes, before Mr. Justice Heath, William Charles Walker, aged 26, was sentenced to death for a burglary at the shop of Messrs. Dunham and Yallop, silversmiths, the Market Place.

19.—A cricket match was played on the Town Close ground between the Norwich club and "the two new ones united." Norwich club, 128; united clubs, 84-65.

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Molineux, Richmond, and Belcher, "the noted pugilists," visited Norwich this month, and "gave lessons in the science of self-defence."

SEPTEMBER.

3.—Married at North Elmham, Mr. Frost to Miss Copsey. "The marriage ceremony suffered a delay of two hours in consequence of the bride not having fully made up her mind, which occasioned a large assembly of the inhabitants at the church, before whom at last the knot was tied."

5.—A comet appeared and remained visible until October 24th.

11th.—The Norfolk and Norwich Auxiliary Bible Society was instituted at a numerous meeting held at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich. The Mayor (Mr. J. H. Cole) presided. The Bishop of Norwich was appointed president of the Society.

16.—At a meeting held, under the presidency of Lord Suffield, at the King's Arms Inn, North Walsham, it was resolved that the county members be requested to petition Parliament for a Bill for making a canal from Wayford Bridge to Lingate Common, North Walsham.

23.—Yarmouth Races commenced, and were attended by 20,000 people.

OCTOBER.

8.—A grand Musical Festival commenced in Norwich, when a miscellaneous concert was given at St. Andrew's Hall. On the 9th a selection of sacred music was performed in the church of St. Peter Mancroft. The "Messiah" was produced on the 10th, selections were given from various composers on the 11th, and on both evenings concerts took place in St. Andrew's Hall. The principal vocalists were Madame Catalani, Miss Booth, Mrs. Branchi, Mr. Braham, Mr. Goss, and Mr. Bellamy. The prices of admission were: Single tickets for the church from the orchestra to the altar, 10s. 6d.; side aisles, 7s. Single tickets for the hall, for the division west of the orchestra, 10s. 6d.; other parts, 7s. The receipts amounted to £1,800.

Died, this month, Mr. Thomas Cooke, of Pentonville, a native of Norfolk. He bequeathed £6,600 three per cent. Consols to Doughty's Hospital, Norwich, expressly to augment the weekly allowance to the inmates; £1,750 to Cook's Hospital; £1,000 to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital; and a like sum to the Blind School. He also gave £2,100 three per cents. to Framlingham Hospital; £700 to Valinger's Hospital; and £2,300 to St. James's Hospital at Lynn, where the testator resided some years previously. Mr. Cooke was an eccentric character, and was known as the "Pentonville Miser."

NOVEMBER.

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9.*—"Died, lately, at Scarborough, Mr. Bramwell, formerly of the Theatre Royal, Norwich."

16.*—"The Master of the Rolls has appointed Mr. Charles Knight Murray, eldest son of Mr. Charles Murray, and grandson of Dr. John Murray, of Norwich, to be second secretary to his Honour."

18.—At a special assembly of the Corporation of Norwich it was resolved, in consequence of the increased prices of grain, to petition the Prince Regent to cause the distillation of spirits from corn to be suspended until the sense of Parliament could be taken thereon. Wheat at that time was quoted at 45s. to 63s.; barley at 20s. to 26s.; oats, 13s. to 17s. per coomb; malt, 44s. per coomb; and flour, 95s. per sack. Prices declined soon afterwards.

27.—In the Court of King's Bench, before Lord Ellenborough, a rule against Mr. Thomas Hoseason, a magistrate for the county of Norfolk, for having acted in his own cause in committing to the house of correction his servant, General Batterby, there to be kept to hard labour, and publicly whipped, was discharged on payment of costs.

30.*—"Mr. Angerstein has completely wound up his extensive mercantile concerns, and retired from business with an immense fortune, most honourably acquired. One of the last purchases which he made was a Government annuity of £3,000 on his own life. Weeting Hall, formerly Lord Montrath's, was also a recent purchase."

H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester this month visited Holkham, as the guest of Mr. T. W. Coke.

DECEMBER.

10.—At a meeting of the Trafalgar Lodge of Oddfellows, held at the Three Tuns, St. Andrew's, Norwich, the floor of the upper room gave way and precipitated the members into a lower apartment. "One of the members on finding himself sinking laid hold of the bars of the fire grate, but he soon relinquished his hold and dropped on his companions." No one was injured. The meeting, at the time of the accident, had under discussion the question of the desirability of removing the lodge to other quarters.

28.—An equestrian troupe, under the management of Mr. Moritz, opened for the season at Harper's Pantheon, Norwich.

—Bullock's Museum of Natural History and productions of the fine arts was exhibited in the large room at the Angel Inn, Norwich.

Prices were very high this month. Wheat was quoted at 100s. to 110s.; rye, 46s. to 48s.; barley, 36s. to 47s.; and oats, 28s. to 32s. per quarter. The average price of wheat was 53s. 4d. per coomb, and the average price of flour £4 11s. 6d. per sack. Coals were 46s. 4d. per chaldron.

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JANUARY.

2.—A silver vase, of the value of 200 guineas, was presented to Sir Edmund Bacon, premier baronet, of Raveningham, at the Swan Inn, Loddon, by the inhabitants of the Loddon and Clavering Hundred, as a token of their respect for him as a magistrate, and in recognition of his valuable services in the improvement of the roads in the district.

11.*—"The East India Company, on a representation from the manufacturers of camblets in Norwich, have raised their order from 16,000 to 22,000 pieces this season, and the manufacturers have lately advanced the wages of the journeyman weavers."

20.—A two days' cocking match commenced between the gentlemen of Yarmouth and the gentlemen of Blofield, for £5 a battle, £20 the odd, and two byes for £10 each. On the first day Blofield won four battles, and Yarmouth three battles and a bye. On the second day Yarmouth won four battles, and Blofield three battles and a bye. "The pit was filled each night, and there was much betting between the parties."

30.—A deputation of the citizens waited upon the Lighting and Watching Committee of the Norwich Corporation to complain of the inadequate provisions for the public safety. The committee gave an assurance that the watchmen should be periodically inspected and an inquiry made whether the funds of the committee would enable them to give an increased allowance to watchmen whereby more able men might be appointed, and the time of watching extended to a later hour.

FEBRUARY.

4.—Died, at the age of 104, John Brown, carpenter, of Wymondham. "He retained his faculties to the last, and till within a week or two of his death frequently walked twenty miles a day."

5.—A general fast was observed in Norwich.

13.—A Lancastrian school was established on the Denes at Yarmouth.

27.—Died at Worstead, Mr. Thomas Deeker, "and on the same day in Pall Mall, London, his brother, who in 1785 twice ascended in his balloon from Norwich."

MARCH.

28.*—"The partnership between Messrs. Fisher and Scraggs having expired the theatre at Thetford was opened for the season commencing with the Assize week, under the direction of Mr. Fisher only, with that success which diligence and long-established integrity merit."

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This month the public lighting of Thetford by voluntary subscription was inaugurated.

APRIL.

6.—The first annual meeting of the Norwich Association against Felonies was held at the Guildhall.

7.—Died from the effects of a wound received in the storming of Badajoz, in his 25th year, Lieut. W. S. Unthank, of the 44th Regiment, eldest son of Mr. William Unthank, of Norwich.

15.—Died at Scoulton, Lieut.-General James Hethersett, in his 77th year. "He was the last surviving officer who fought by the side of the immortal Wolfe on the day that he fell." General Hethersett possessed property of the value of £80,000.

18.*—"A few days since at Corpusty, aged 102, Samuel Mog, one of the last survivors of that British Army which fought under the celebrated General Wolfe at the battle of Quebec."

MAY.

1.—Election of Mayor at Norwich. Mr. Starling Day was nominated for the office, but asked to be relieved on account of his advanced age (78). A poll resulted, and on the 2nd the numbers were declared as follow:—Mr. Day, 761; Mr. R. Harvey, jun., 757; Mr. Alderman Davey, 566; Mr. Alderman Leman, 507. "Mr. Day sent a message to St. Peter's ringers ordering them to cease their triumphant peal, on the ground that he had declared his intention not to serve." Guild Day was fixed for June 16, and the usual quarterly assembly of the Corporation on the day preceding it had to be abandoned because the attendance was insufficient to form a quorum. Mr. Day was sworn into office on the 16th, but "there was no church, no dinner." Mr. Alderman Davey invited the freemen of the Blue and White interest to dine with him beneath the trees at Eaton Hall. The guests, 500 in number, "were refreshed on their dusty march by Mr. Alderman Yallop, at his cottage, with a pint of beer each, 600 of which were swallowed in twenty minutes."

11.—Died, Mr. Johnson, the venerable parish clerk of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, after about 35 years' service. He was succeeded by James Twiddy, a hairdresser, who possessed considerable literary ability, and was the author of many poetical productions and pamphlets on various subjects.

JUNE.

22.—Holkham Sheep Shearing commenced. Mr. Mann, of Thornage, was awarded the prize for the best implement of husbandry, namely, an improved drilling machine.

27.—In the Court of Exchequer, before the Lord Chief Baron, a prosecution was instituted by the Board of Taxes against Daniel Morling, of Yarmouth, for having obstructed Mr. Hunter, the inspector for that district, when surveying the windows of his house. A penalty of £50 was asked for, and a verdict was given for the Crown for that amount.

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JULY.

2.—A wrestling match took place at Blofield Globe between William Benstead, of that parish, and Charles Layton, "the famed wrestler, who, for his invincible skill in that science, had been declared the 'Reedham Game Chicken' at the late wrestling match at Lingwood, and who has since challenged all England." Benstead succeeded in beating the champion.

9.—Died, at Ashfield, Suffolk, Mr. James Mingay, for many years eminently distinguished as a King's Counsel, Recorder of Aldborough, and one of the capital burgesses of the borough of Thetford.

14.—Died, aged 71, Simon Watling, "many years master of the Eight Ringers public-house, St. Michael-at-Coslany, Norwich, and one of St. Peter's ringers. He was one of the company that rang at St. Peter's in York in 1772."

17.—At a meeting held at the Shirehouse, Norwich, at which Lord Viscount Primrose presided, the Norfolk and Norwich Society for the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the Church of England was established. Upwards of £3,000 was subscribed; and the Bishop of Norwich became Patron, and Lord Suffield, President.

20.—Died, at the age of 101, Mrs. Jane Fair, of St. Mary's, Norwich.

23.—Died, Mrs. Coppin, wife of Mr. Daniel Coppin, of St. Stephen's, Norwich. "She possessed a refined taste for the polite arts, and great skill in imitating the works of the old masters."

25.—Mr. Scraggs and his company of comedians concluded a theatrical season at Holt. "There is ground to hope that the patronage which was so liberally conferred by the county on the late Mr. Scraggs, will be continued to his son and family." The company was advertised as "The Original Norfolk and Suffolk Company."

27.—General Viscount Cathcart, Ambassador Extraordinary to the Court of Russia, passed through Norwich and embarked on board the Aquilon frigate at Yarmouth. Lord Walpole, one of the Lords of the Admiralty, sailed in the Calypso, on his appointment as Secretary of Legation to Lord Cathcart, who proceeded to the headquarters of the Russian Army.

AUGUST.

15.—It was reported that small-pox had broken out in Norwich. Many children were vaccinated, and by the end of the year the operation had been performed on 1,400 persons.

17.—The mail coaches arrived at Norwich, with colours flying, bringing intelligence of Lord Wellington's brilliant victory near Salamanca.

19.—William Flaxman, of Gorleston, was placed in a pillory erected in Yarmouth Market Place, and after standing the usual time was removed to the gaol to complete a term of three months' imprisonment.

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20.—The old custom of a country excursion was revived by the foreman of the Headborough Inquest at Yarmouth. "A wherry was fitted out for the purpose, and several officers of the Royal South Lincoln Regiment, with other gentlemen, were invited to accompany the inquest. The wherry was attended by several boats, and went as far as the Beccles river, where a convivial meeting was held, and the party returned at nine o'clock at night."

SEPTEMBER.

5.*—(Advt.) "Windham Petty Sessions will be held at the King's Head Inn on Monday, 28th September, 1812, for hiring and retaining servants. There will be another Sessions, as usual, on Monday, October 12th. John Syder, John Cullyer, chief constables."

6.—Intelligence received of the capture of Madrid by the Marquis Wellington. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, were rung all day, and at East Dereham on the 22nd a ball was held in celebration of the event.

—Died, at Upper Fitzroy Street, London, aged 68, Major-General Robert Bowles, an officer on the Bombay Establishment. He served in the East India Company 35 years, and was a native of Norwich.

14.—The first stone of the new chapel in the Black Boys Yard, St. Clement, Norwich, laid by the Rev. Mr. Wilkes and Mr. Alderman Davey. The chapel was opened for public worship on May 5th, 1814.

21.—Yarmouth Races commenced. There was an attendance of about 18,000. Most of the county families were present at the assembly, where the dancing was opened by Sir George Jerningham and Lady Hoste.

22.—Died at Yarmouth, aged 73, Mr. Robert Warmington. He served the office of Mayor in 1790 and 1808, and was Prussian, Swedish, Danish, Hamburgh, and American Vice-Consul, and Naval Store Keeper at that port.

25.—At the Norwich Court of Trials a motion was made by Mr. Cooper that the attornies, who then held briefs on behalf of clients, be not allowed the privilege of pleading. It was urged that the actual right of pleading existed in favour of barristers to the exclusion of attornies. The City Steward (Mr. Alderson) thought that the exclusive right of counsel rested more upon courtesy than upon any positive right, and as no authority had been cited he declined to give any decision upon the point.

OCTOBER.

3.—A correspondent in a letter to the NORFOLK CHRONICLE expressed the hope "that now Parliament is dissolving, the ancient custom of nominating the members in St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, previously to the day of election, may be revived. This used to be done formerly in order to give the old members an opportunity of explaining and justifying their past conduct as representatives, and of each candidate stating his pretensions to popular support." The Mayor refused to grant the use of the hall for the purpose.

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6.—Yarmouth Election: Capt. Lacon, 607; General Loftus, 387; Mr. Giffen Willson, 329. The two first-named were returned.

7.—Norwich Election commenced on this date and concluded on the 8th: Mr. W. Smith, 1,544; Mr. Charles Harvey, 1,349; Mr. John Patteson, 1,221.

—Thetford Election: Lord John Fitzroy and Mr. Creevey returned unopposed.

14.—Norfolk Election: Sir J. H. Astley and Mr. T. W. Coke were re-elected unopposed.

17.—St. Faith's Fair commenced. "John Dunn, the clerk of St. John Maddermarket, Norwich, and who for the last 46 years acted as the leader of the men who chaired the Whig members at their election, attended St. Faith's Fair for the 76th time, without intermission, having been carried to St. Faith's when he was two years old." Dunn died January 20, 1813.

24.*—(Advt.) "Norwich and Ipswich New Post Coach through Scole, Eye, Debenham, and Helmingham, by W. Norbrook, sets off from the Greyhound, in Norwich, on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings at eight o'clock, arrives at the Old White Hart Inn, Ipswich, the same evening, whence it sets off every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning at eight o'clock, and arrives at Norwich the same evening."

29.—A branch of the Norfolk and Norwich Auxiliary Bible Society was formed at Yarmouth; branches were established at about this date at Wymondham, Downham Market, and other towns.

31.*—"A few days since the Norwich Expedition Coach was robbed of bank notes to the amount of £500." A man, named Silvester, who presented £140 worth of the notes at a London bank, was arrested on suspicion.

NOVEMBER.

1.—James Parsons, a farrier, in the employment of Mr. Richard Watson, veterinary surgeon, Norwich, was buried with "veterinary and masonic" ceremonies at St. Gregory's Church, in the presence of 2,000 persons. The procession was headed by two farriers with white aprons, and their implements bound with white ribbons and reversed. "The corpse was carried by six brethren of a lodge called the Stags Lodge, in their regalia, the sword, middle apron, and collar laid on the pall. His favourite horse which he rode for many years, covered with black velvet, the boots and spurs across, was led behind. The head stall and bridle were adorned with white roses and facings, he dying a bachelor." At the conclusion of the service "a solemn dirge was sung which much gratified many hundreds of persons."

5.—Died, Thomas Gill, aged 86, fifty-two years sexton of St. Margaret's, Norwich. "He had been five times married, never had any children, and buried all his wives."

13.—Whilst the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, were ringing on the occasion of the receipt of the intelligence of the defeat of the French by the Russians, and of the recapture of Moscow, the Prince Regent passed through the city from Houghton on his way to Saxmundham. His Royal Highness changed horses at the Angel Inn, but did not alight. On the 14th the Duke of Clarence, accompanied by the Earl of Yarmouth, arrived at Norwich, and after dining at the Angel Inn, proceeded to join the Prince Regent at Saxmundham.

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15.—The Duke of Cambridge passed through Fakenham, from Houghton, on his way to join a shooting party at Blickling, the seat of Lord Suffield.

17.—Died, at Green Street, Grosvenor Square, London, in his 75th year, Mr. Edward Jerningham. "Although all his family were of the Roman Catholic religion he very early conformed to the Protestant faith, and remained in it till his death, having received the sacrament according to the rites of the Church of England. He was a good scholar and an elegant poet."

21.—A fully-rigged vessel, built for Mr. John Bloom, was launched from the ship-yard of Mr. Parker at Wells-next-the-Sea. "Seven ships in the harbour belonging to Mr. Bloom, dressed in their colours, fired a royal salute as the ship went off."

23.—Died at his house, Tombland, Norwich, Mr. Edward Colman, one of the surgeons of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. He served the office of Sheriff in 1795. "Having been for twenty-four years a member of the Friars' Society the brethren held a special conclave, when appropriate compositions in prose and verse were delivered, and his obituary medal was deposited in the sepulchral urn."

28.—Died at Cheltenham, in his 74th year, the Rev. George William Lukin, LL.D., Dean of Wells, forty-nine years rector of Felbrigg and Aylmerton, and half-brother to the Right Hon. William Windham.

—Equestrian entertainments commenced at Harper's Pantheon, Norwich, under the management of Mr. R. Key.

DECEMBER.

3.—Intelligence received at Yarmouth of the defeat of the French Army in Russia. On the arrival at Norwich of the coaches conveying the news, the bells of St. Peter Mancroft were rung.

17.—Further celebrations took place at Norwich on the receipt of the intelligence of the victories obtained by the Russians over the two divisions of the French Army, commanded by Marshals Daoust and Ney.

20.—Died, aged 101, Thomas Armstrong, of West Dereham, upwards of 40 years clerk of the parish.

25.—On Christmas Day "the Corporation of Thetford assembled, according to custom, at the house of the Mayor (Mr. L. S. Bidwell), and after partaking of an elegant cold collation, attended divine service at St. Peter's Church."

26.*—"In the Court of King's Bench last week an action was brought by Mr. Bignold, banker of Norwich, against Mr. Waterhouse, one of the coach proprietors, at Lad Lane, for the loss of a parcel containing bills and notes to a considerable amount. The Solicitor-General, for the defendant, produced a notice in which he stated that he would not hold himself responsible for parcels above the value of £5. The judge held this to be a good defence, and non-suited the plaintiff."

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In the course of this year upwards of 1,400 persons were vaccinated in Norwich.

JANUARY.

2.—Polito's menagerie was exhibited on the Castle Ditches, Norwich.

—*“A smuggling cutter, with 600 casks of Geneva on board, was last week captured off Salthouse by the Sheringham Revenue boat. The vessel was taken to Blakeney harbour, and her cargo deposited in the King's warehouse, at Cley.”

13.—A Methodist Chapel, erected in Tower Street, King's Lynn, and estimated to hold 3,000 persons, was opened.

17.—Upwards of 1,000 persons attended evening service at St. Andrew's Church, Norwich, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. Robert Walpole. This was one of a series of services arranged under a scheme of “evening lectures” by clergymen who had “volunteered to officiate alternately at the churches of St. Stephen, St. Andrew, and St. Lawrence.” The churches were “excellently lighted with lamps,” and the “accommodation of strangers particularly attended to by parish officers and other gentlemen.”

19.—Mr. Steward Alderson, at the Norwich Quarter Sessions, called attention to “a species of nuisance existing in various parts of the town which not only endangered the public peace but also the public health and morals. He referred to the species of houses commonly called gin shops. If the magistrates had signed the licenses of such houses, it was wholly through ignorance of the sort of houses to which they were giving their sanction.”

—At the Duke's Head Inn, Lynn, a committee of barley growers of the county presented to Mr. Wm. Becher, of Docking, a valuable piece of plate in recognition of his exertions in promoting the success of agriculture, and in opposing injurious restrictions on the corn trade.

25.—Died, aged 45, Mr. William Money Hill, of Waterden, an agriculturist of great repute in the breeding and selection of stock, and the winner of many prizes at the Holkham Sheep Shearings.

—The third great main of cocks between the gentlemen of Norwich and the gentlemen of Cambridge commenced at the White Swan Inn, Norwich, and was continued on the 26th and 27th. The conditions were: to show 41 mains for 10 guineas a battle, and 100 guineas the odd, and ten byes for five guineas a battle. The feeders were Dean for Norwich, Flemon for Cambridgeshire. Cambridge won by five battles.

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30.*—“A small farmer, who a few years since resided in the neighbourhood of Norwich, has written from Botany Bay to his former landlord, stating that Cabel, who about 25 years since was sent from Norwich Castle, is now become a very great merchant and the owner of twenty-five ships.” (In the year 1786 Cabel and a female prisoner were in Norwich Castle under sentence of transportation. During the two years that elapsed between the trial and the departure of the first batch of convicts, the woman gave birth to a child. Cabel, the father, was passionately fond of the infant, and appealed to the authorities to allow him to marry the mother. This was refused. The female and her infant were sent with the first contingent of convicts, and after a wearisome journey by coach in the depth of winter arrived at Plymouth in charge of Simpson, the turnkey of the prison. When Simpson handed over his prisoners to the captain of the transport that officer refused to take the child on board, alleging that he had no authority to do so. The mother was distracted by the separation. Simpson acted with great humanity. Taking with him the six weeks old child he proceeded to London by coach, and with much difficulty obtained an interview with the Secretary of State, to whom he related the story. The result was that not only was an order issued for the restoration of the child to its mother, but Cabel was permitted to sail by the same transport to the land of their exile.)

FEBRUARY.

2.—Mr. Charles Harvey presented to the House of Commons a petition against the claims of the Roman Catholics, which was extensively signed by the clergy of the archdeaconries of Norwich and Norfolk.

—Mr. James Webb, known as the “Benevolent Stranger,” distributed considerable sums of money among the public institutions and the necessitous poor of Norwich. “For three days the Angel Inn yard was thronged with applicants who seemed unwilling to quit the spot even till some time after the philanthropist had taken his departure.” Mr. Webb made similar distributions at Yarmouth, Bungay, and other places.

—Died, Major John Bland, aged 77, many years in the 46th Regiment. “He had been in 42 engagements, among which was the memorable battle of Quebec.” He gave various bequests to the Norwich charities.

6.—It was reported that small-pox had appeared in St. Stephen's, Norwich. Six unvaccinated children died from the effects of the disease. The Court of Guardians offered a reward of 2s. 6d. to parents for each child vaccinated. During the month unvaccinated children continued to suffer. On March 27th it was stated that Letton, Cranworth, West and East Bradenham, and Shipdham, were among the parishes of the county “who had set a most laudable example in vaccination.”

20.*—"The second cousins of Mr. Henry Kett, late of Norwich, have generously presented the sum of £500 towards the establishment of a Lancasterian school at Dickleburgh, the native place of the deceased."

26.—A trotting match took place between a mare, the property of Mr. Crisp, of Stow, Downham Market, and a mare belonging to Mr. Brett, of Fordham, on the turnpike road from the Chequers at Downham Market to the toll-bar at Fincham. The stakes, £20 a side, "were won by the former by a furlong, the latter having broke eleven times during the journey." The winner was ridden by Mr. Abraham Spinks, of Magdalen.

27.—"Died, few days since in his 105th year, Mr. Ling, of Woodbastwick."

MARCH.

4.—At a meeting held at the Guildhall, Norwich, it was resolved to open a subscription for the relief of the inhabitants of the Russian provinces suffering from the invasion of their country by the French.

5.—Died in London, William Noble, formerly a member of the Norwich Company.

6.*—"We hear the Society of the Antient Order of Stagorians is now reviving in this city, and is likely to become a very respectable one."

7.—Downham Church was re-opened for service after being closed some months for restoration.

10.—A general fast observed at Norwich. The shops were closed, and services held at the churches and chapels, at which collections were made for the relief of the poor.

12.—Died, aged 69, Mr. Edward Sharpe, for upwards of 22 years keeper of the Norwich city gaol.

24.—In consequence of the establishment of the Local Militia, the Volunteer corps of Infantry in Norwich and Norfolk were disbanded and deposited their arms. Each corps received the thanks of the Prince Regent for their patriotic services.

27.*—"The Amelia frigate, the Hon. Captain F. P. Irby, has arrived at Portsmouth after a night action with L'Arethuse, French frigate, one of the most desperate that has been fought during the present war. This excellent officer, who has been severely wounded, has been so actively employed during the last five years that he has not been resident at his seat, Boyland Hall, more than five days during that period."

31.—Died at Weasenham, aged 74, Mr. Thomas Sanctuary. "For many years he was an extensive and opulent farmer. He left his property among his relatives, with a legacy of £2,000 to Miss Coke out of respect and gratitude to his worthy landlord, Mr. T. W. Coke, under whom he acquired his handsome fortune."

APRIL.

5.—The West Norfolk Militia marched in three divisions from Berwick-upon-Tweed to Edinburgh Castle, where they entered permanent quarters.

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10.—Charles Harper, 26, and Edmond Impeon, 21, were executed on Castle Hill, Norwich, for a burglary at the dwelling-house of Mr. John Butler, of Barney. "After hanging the usual time their bodies were delivered to their afflicted relatives, and by them conveyed home for interment."

17.—Mary Turrell, apprehended on suspicion of being the mother of a newly-born child, whose dead body was found in Vipond's pond at Harleston, committed suicide by poisoning. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of *felo de se*, "and on the same evening about seven o'clock she was buried in the high road with a stake driven through her body in the presence of a vast concourse of people."

25.—Died, in his 67th year, Mr. James Bullard, many years master of the Bethel Hospital, Norwich. His death resulted from a wound in the stomach, inflicted with a scythe by a patient named Jonathan Morley, who was engaged in mowing the lawn in the inner court. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of wilful murder, and Morley was committed for trial at the Assizes, when he was ordered to be kept in custody, "being insane at the time he committed the act." In December, 1816, an order was received from the Secretary of State for the Home Department for the removal of the prisoner from Norwich gaol to the new Criminal Lunatic Asylum in St. George's Fields, London.

27.—The "light machine" commenced running between Wells and Norwich. It set out from Wells on Tuesdays and Fridays at nine o'clock in the morning, and travelled through Fakenham and Bawdeswell to the Bell Inn, Orford Hill, Norwich. The coach returned by the same road on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Mr. J. Sizeland was the proprietor.

29.—The Duke of Cumberland arrived at Yarmouth, and embarked on board the Nymphen frigate for the Continent.

MAY.

1.*—"The commanding officers of the Norfolk Regiments of Local Militia and the Norfolk and Norwich Volunteers have received orders to send the accoutrements of their respective

regiments to the nearest ports for the use of the German levies against the common enemy. The arms have this week been sent to Yarmouth."

1.—A contested election took place for the mayoralty of Norwich. The candidates were Alderman R. Harvey, jun., Alderman J. Harvey, and Alderman Davey. The freemen demanded a poll for Mr. R. Harvey, sen., and Mr. J. Ives Harvey. Mr. Harvey, the elder, strongly opposed his nomination in consequence of his infirm state of health. The polling commenced at once, and continued till six p.m. The contest was resumed on the 2nd (Sunday) at ten o'clock, and at the close the voting was declared as follows:—Davey, 764; J. Harvey, 730; R. Harvey, jun., 717; R. Harvey sen., 9. The two first-named were returned to the Court of Aldermen. At a Court of Mayoralty held on the 3rd, Mr. John Harvey was objected to on the ground that he was not an inhabitant of the city as required by the Charter. This objection was upheld by Mr. Serjeant Lens, to whom the case was submitted, and on May 20 it was resolved at a Special Assembly to apply to the Court of King's Bench for a mandamus to elect a Mayor. A writ was granted, and the election took place on June 7, when the candidates were Mr. Davey, who polled 801 votes; Mr. Barnabas Leman, 797; and Mr. J. Harvey, 749. The two first-named were returned to the Court of Aldermen, who elected Mr. Leman, and he was sworn into office on June 22.

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6.—A rowing match took place between four 4-oared boats from Carrow Bridge to Whitlingham and back, for a silver cup. The Zephyr (Mr. Yarrington) won. Distance, four miles; time, 36 minutes.

15.—A historical drama, entitled "The Siege of Sarragossa, or Spanish Patriots of 1808," by Mr. Bennett, a member of the company, was produced at Norwich Theatre.

17.—The birthday of the Princess of Wales was observed in Norwich for the first time by the ringing of the church bells.

23.—Died at Bangalore, in his 26th year, Capt. Robert Beauchamp, of the Hon. East India Company's Horse Artillery, Madras Establishment, third son of Sir Thomas Beauchamp Proctor, Bart., Langley Park.

24.—The Bishop of Norwich commenced his ordinary visitation of the diocese, at Thetford, and on the following day at St. Peter's Church, confirmed upwards of 700 persons. At St. James's Church, Bury St. Edmund's, his lordship confirmed 2,700 young persons; at Ipswich, 1,300; Woodbridge, 600; Framlingham, 700; Downham Market, 1,000; St. Nicholas' Chapel, Lynn, 1,000; Redenhall, 662; at Norwich Cathedral, 800; and in the city and hamlets, 1,000. The Bishop expressed the opinion "that the number confirmed in the diocese, which was much increased since the last confirmation, was decisive of the laudable exertions of the clergy."

—The bounds of the parish of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, were perambulated, "the officiating individuals being saluted at every part of the parochial confines by sprinklings as memorials of the occasion. The water ordeal being gone through, the gentleman repaired to a good dinner and the cheerful glass." On the 26th "the bounds of St. Andrew's were in like manner ascertained."

30.—Three African youths taken out of a Portuguese slave ship by Capt. the Hon. P. F. Irby, of the Amelia frigate, and sent by him to Norwich for education, were baptised at St. Peter Mancroft Church.

JUNE.

4.*—"At Gretna Green, Mr. Thomas Bunn, corn merchant, to Miss Sarah Cobb, second daughter of Mr. John Cobb, of Yarmouth." The parties were re-married at Gorleston by the Rev. Mr. Forster, on June 4.

7.—Mr. J. Youngs, of St. Peter Hungate, Norwich, was carried in a sedan chair to record his vote at the Mayor's election. On his return home he immediately expired. He was 85 years old.

8.—Died, at the Grotto, Thetford, Mr. John Ellis, "long known as an industrious collector of antiquities, fossils, foreign birds, &c., of which he had a large and very curious cabinet."

17.—The first recorded "speech day" at Norwich Grammar School. It was described as "the first speech day of the kind ever held at Norwich or at this school," and its inception was due to the fact that "the Latin oration which in former times used to be delivered at the school porch on Guild Day," had been "for the last two years superseded by the non-observance of that annual festival."

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19.*—"Died, last week in St. Clement's, the Widow Herring, in her 106th year."

—The officers of the Norwich Court Leet seized the defective measures of Edward Phillipps, a retail corn dealer, in King Street. The offender was fined by the court, who ordered the forfeiture of two of the measures.

20.—Mr. Bowles, "formerly a respectable performer in the Norwich Company of Comedians," preached at the Octagon Chapel to a numerous congregation.

21.—Opening day of Holkham Sheep Shearing. It was stated in the course of the proceedings, that "a very large quantity of bones is collected in Norfolk and exported from Yarmouth to distant counties, where, after being ground or crushed, they are used as manure by farmers." "Why," it was asked, "should not Norfolk and Suffolk farmers lay their bones in their own counties?"

JULY.

1.—A rowing match for pair-oared boats took place at Whitlingham. Distance, one and a half miles; the best two heats out of three. The winner of the silver cup was the Achilles, owned by Mr. Homer.

4.—The Expedition coach entered Norwich, with colours flying, and with the intelligence of the great victory of the Allied Army at Vittoria under Lord Wellington on June 21. "Mr. Coldwell, the proprietor of the coach, himself brought down from London a copy of the 'Gazette Extraordinary,' and read its glorious contents from the coach box to his fellow citizens assembled in the Market Place."

7.—The Mayor of Lynn (Mr. John Hemington) laid the foundation stone of the new Theatre in that town.

10.*—"Among the officers promoted to be lieutenant-colonels in the army in consequence of the victory at Vittoria is Major Robert John Harvey, assistant Quarter-Master-General of the Portuguese Army, son of Mr. John Harvey, Thorpe Lodge, Norwich. This gallant young officer had two horses severely wounded under him in the battle."

13.—Died, in this 70th year, Mr. Edward Barrow, of St. Saviour, Norwich. "A native of Manchester, and a yarn factor, Mr. Barrow was the first person who undertook the manufacture of cotton in this city; but what in a peculiar manner consecrates his memory is the merit of his having also been the first manufacturer of the shawl in this city, or perhaps in the kingdom. This brought in a new history in the era of the loom."

14.—At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions the Rev. Augustus Beevor appeared to try his traverse for an assault on Daniel Turner on June 4th, 1812. The Rev. James Carlos had, in consequence of the absence of the rector (the defendant), gone to officiate at Berghapton, by virtue of the license of the Bishop of Norwich. Mr. Carlos also farmed the glebe lands, and Turner was one of his tenants. Turner received a message from the defendant that he was about to clear the premises of stock belonging to Mr. Carlos, and on his going to the parsonage he was met by Mr. Beevor, who "scientifically fibbed him" about the head and face that plaintiff shrieked aloud for assistance, and two men rescued him from the clutches of his assailant. The defence was that it was "a square stand-up fight." The jury returned a verdict of guilty, upon which an arrangement was made between the parties before the court pronounced judgment. Defendant was then fined one shilling, and discharged.

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17.*—"We are happy to hear that the good effects of the victory of Vittoria were immediately felt in Norwich, as several manufacturers received large orders for broad bombazines which are made for the Spanish market, and which were ordered upon the idea of the whole of the Peninsula being now open to our trade."

—*"Died, lately, in his 59th year, that ingenious artist, Mr. Henry Neale. He was the inventor of a model of machinery to represent a cotton manufactory."

19.—A trotting match, attended with much cruelty, took place between two ponies belonging to Mr. Howlett, of Fakenham, and Mr. Burgess, of the same town. They were matched to trot twice to and from Norwich, a distance of 100 miles, in the least time. "They both performed the first 50 miles in five and a quarter hours. Howlett's pony, however, became quite exhausted when it reached the sixth mile-stone coming to Norwich on the second time and gave in. Burgess pursued his journey to Norwich, and returned as far as Morton, where the poor beast died almost immediately. Howlett's reached Fakenham much injured."

21.—The annual meeting of the Unitarian Society was held at Norwich. The Rev. Robert Aspland, of Hackney, preached at the Octagon Chapel, and the members dined at the Swan Inn, under the presidency of Mr. John Taylor.

24.*—"Mr. Powell, of Weeting (familiarly called 'Pogey Powell'), who shot the late Lord Falkland in a duel, was killed a few days ago by a fall from his horse, near Worwell, Hampshire."

27.—Died at her house in Pall Mall, in her 79th year, the Hon. Mrs. Keppel, widow of the late Hon. Dr. Keppel, Bishop of Exeter, aunt of his Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, and mother of Mr. Frederick Keppel, of Lexham Hall.

31.*—"Died, lately, Susanna, the wife of Thomas Bolton, of Bradenham, eldest daughter of the late Rev. Edmund Nelson, of Burnham Thorpe, and sister of our immortal Nelson, still more happy in her virtues than in her lineage."

AUGUST.

2.—This day was played "a grand cricket match in a field opposite the Prussia Gardens, Norwich, for 100 guineas, between eleven gentlemen of Norwich and eleven gentlemen of Bungay." Norwich, 37-46; Bungay, 74-10, and eight wickets to go down. "Bungay refused to allow Messrs. Bredwell, Clabburn, and Pooley, three expert cricketers, to play in this match." The return match took place, at Bungay on August 23. Norwich, 36-30; Bungay, 116.

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4.—A piece of plate was presented by the officers of the late City of Norwich Regiment of Volunteers to Mr. Elisha De Hague, their former Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant.

5.—A six-oared rowing match took place from Carrow Bridge to Whitlingham Point and back, distance upwards of four miles, between the Sylph (Mr. J. Harvey, jun.), and the Aurora (Mr. Lowe). The Sylph won by 50 yards in 34 minutes 8 seconds.

7.—At this date was published the statement “Norfolk grows the finest barley, and makes the worst ale of any county in the kingdom.”

—An official notice was published announcing that it was in contemplation to demolish “the public-house called St. Andrew’s Steps, and the tenements adjoining in London Lane, Norwich, to lay a small part of the site into the street for the better convenience of the public, and to erect new houses thereon.”

9.—A steam packet, intended for traffic between Yarmouth and Norwich, had her trial trip to Breydon. On her return “the boat went through the bridge amidst the acclamations of thousands of spectators.” This vessel, which was built near Leeds, plied regularly upon the Yare, leaving Turner’s bowling-green, Yarmouth, at seven o’clock in the morning, and returning from Norwich at three in the afternoon.

17.—News was received at Norwich of the defeat of Marshal Soult by the Marquis of Wellington.

—The High Sheriff, Mr. Thomas Trench Berney, arrived at Norwich from Bracon Hall, “preceded by a numerous cavalcade, his carriage drawn by four beautiful bays richly caparisoned, the attendant pages, one on each side, mounted on grey ponies and decorated with silk scarves and favours in the ancient style. The High Sheriff, in full court dress, proceeded to the Rampant Horse Inn, where he entertained a large company at dinner.”

18.—At the Norfolk Assizes at Norwich, before Lord Chief Justice Mansfield and a special jury, an indictment was preferred against the keeper of the county gaol for suffering a prisoner to escape. The indictment had been moved by *certiorari* from the Court of King’s Bench, and was tried at *nisi prius*. The main question was whether or not the magistrates of the borough of Castle Rising had legally the power of commitment to the county gaol. They had in this case exercised such power, and the gaoler had accepted the delinquent into his custody and given a receipt for him, but afterwards, on the advice of one of the visiting justices, had suffered him to go at large. The Lord Chief Justice thought it a question for decision in Westminster Hall rather than for an Assize of *oyer* and *terminer*. Prosecuting counsel disclaimed all intention of enforcing the punishment of the gaoler, and the facts were all admitted on the part of the county, whereupon the special jury, *pro forma*, found the defendant guilty.

Lord Wodehouse, this month, presented to the parish church of Hingham a stained glass window, in which were represented the subjects of the Crucifixion, the Descent from the Cross, the Resurrection, and the Ascension.

SEPTEMBER.

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1.—Killed at the siege of San Sebastian, in his 21st year, whilst gallantly fighting with his regiment, Lieut. George Norris, of the 47th Regiment, eldest son of the Rev. George Norris, of Foulsham.

2.—Died, at the house of her nephew, Mr. C. P. Herbert, at Setch Bridge, near Lynn, in her 85th year, Mrs. Stevens, “widow of Mr. George Alex. Stevens, of facetious memory, well known as the author and performer of the celebrated ‘Lectures upon Heads,’ and other pieces.”

3.—At Yarmouth General Sessions and gaol delivery, before the Mayor and Sub-Steward (Mr. W. Adair), John Boulton Hannah, aged 70, was indicted for the wilful murder of his wife by strangling her on April 14th. “After the murder he washed the woman’s face, laid the corpse out, and was found sitting by the fire smoking his pipe with the body near.” He was hanged at Yarmouth on the Monday following the trial.

18.*—“The Earl of Kingston one day this week, at Heydon, bagged 56 brace of birds for a wager with the Earl of Yarmouth for a large sum.”

28.—Died, aged 80, Edward Whetstone, 44 years clerk of the parish of Trowse Newton. He was originally a journeyman weaver, and had acquired some property. He purchased and presented an organ which was placed in the church in 1803, and his remains were interred beneath the instrument.

29.—A meeting was held at St. Andrew’s Hall, Norwich, for the purpose of forming an association in aid of the Church Missionary Society. The Rev. H. J. Hare, of Docking, presided, and it was resolved that such association be formed, and “that it be known as the Norfolk and Norwich Church Missionary Society for Africa and the East.” Upwards of £800 was subscribed.

OCTOBER.

2.—Died at Yarmouth, Mrs. Martha Biggs, widow, aged 103.

—Bannister’s Equestrian Company, from Astley’s Royal Amphitheatre, commenced a season at the Pantheon, Norwich.

5.—A grand Musical Festival commenced at Norwich, under the direction of Mr. Pettet, with a miscellaneous concert in St. Andrew’s Hall. On the morning of the 6th, 7th, and 8th, the

"Messiah," the "Creation," and the "Redemption," were rendered in St. Peter Mancroft Church, and concerts were given in St. Andrew's Hall on the evenings of the 7th and 8th. The principal performers were Mrs. Dickons, Mrs. Bianchi Lacy, Miss Booth, Master Hobbes, Mr. Braham, Mr. Goes, Mr. Hawes, and Mr. Bellamy; leader of the band, Professor Hague; organ and pianoforte, Mr. Pettet.

11.—Seventy of the supporters of Mr. William Smith dined at the Swan Inn, Norwich, to celebrate his return as member for the city.

16.*—"Mrs. Faucit and Mr. Vining, both late of the Norwich Company, have made their appearance on the boards of Covent Garden Theatre, and have been very favourably received."

17.—The Duke of York, accompanied by the Earl of Yarmouth, passed through Dereham on his way from Heydon, where his Royal Highness had been shooting with the Earl of Kingston.

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23.*—"In consequence of the numerous robberies which have lately been committed in the vicinity of Norwich, it is in contemplation to establish a horse patrol to act in various directions for the protection of property and persons."

25.—The festival of St. Crispin and Crispianus was revived by the journeymen shoemakers of Norwich, "who paraded the streets with music, and celebrated the day, through the liberality of their masters, at various houses."

28.—Died, aged 65, Mr. Edward Billingsley, of Hockwold-cum-Wilton. He served the office of High Sheriff in 1787.

31.—Died at New Buckenham, in her 101st year, Mrs. Mary Gibbs. "She was born the 5th day of May, 1713, being the day peace was proclaimed with France in the reign of Queen Anne."

NOVEMBER.

1.—Died, at East Dereham, Dame Eleanor Fenn, widow of Sir John Fenn, knight. "Under the names of Mrs. Teachwell and Mrs. Lovechild, she wrote several books for the benefit of the rising generation." Her remains were interred at Finningham, Suffolk.

4.—News was received at Norwich of the defeat of Buonaparte near Leipsic. St. Peter Mancroft bells were rung, and a bonfire lighted in the Market Place. There were further celebrations on the 10th on receipt of the news of the successes in Germany, and of the surrender of the fortress of Pamplona.

14.—A new organ was opened at Holt Church.

15.—This day was fixed for the celebration of the victories gained over France in Spain and Germany. At Norwich a bullock was roasted whole in the Market Place. The roasting commenced at nine o'clock the previous evening (Sunday, 14th). At noon a grand procession started from the Castle Meadow, and, passing through the principal streets, entered the Market Place. "At one o'clock Mr. Lowden, the butcher, commenced to carve the bullock, but the crowd broke over the barriers, and there was a disgusting waste of good provision." Six hundred 2d. loaves and ten barrels of stout were given away. A public dinner took place at the Angel Inn, and in the evening a huge bonfire was lighted in the Market Place. Great depredations were committed in obtaining materials for the fire, and several offenders were committed to Bridewell. There was also a procession of stage coaches, and an effigy of Buonaparte was burned. A general illumination followed. Celebrations also took place in nearly every town and village in the county.

16.—Died at Worlingworth, Suffolk, aged 81, Lewis Johnson, 35 years parish clerk of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. He resigned the office in 1812.

23.—Intelligence received in Norwich of a counter Revolution in Holland.

29.—Capt. Cockburn, commanding Royal Artillery in Norwich, sent to Yarmouth 500,000 ball cartridges for the use of the Orange Patriots in Holland.

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30.—A wrestling match took place at Barford between "the noted Game Chicken" and "the East Tuddenham champion. There was a vast concourse of spectators, and the odds were seven to one on the Game Chicken, who won with the greatest ease, and was offered to be backed for 100 guineas against any 11 stone man in England."

DECEMBER.

4.*—"Among the officers severely wounded in the late action in Bayonne were Lieut. James Day, of the Royal Horse Artillery, son of Mr. M. S. Day, jun., of Norwich, and Lieut. Charles Eaton, second battalion, 95th Regiment, son of the Rev. Eaton Browne, of Elsing."

18.—Eight French officers, taken prisoners at Cuxhaven, arrived at Norwich by steam barge from Yarmouth, on parole, and on the 20th left for Chesterfield. In a letter to the Mayor they acknowledged, in warm terms, the kindness they had received from the citizens of Norwich.

19.—The Expedition coach arrived at Norwich with the intelligence of the defeat of Marshal Soult by the Marquis Wellington.

JANUARY.

1.—A remarkable funeral took place at Shelfanger. The body of Mr. Smith, a farmer, was conveyed from Fersfield in a waggon drawn by his own team. The coffin was covered with a waggon tilt, and sacks of straw served as seats for his children and grandchildren. Behind the waggon walked his riding horse as chief mourner, and the singers of the congregation chanted a funeral dirge. "He was a person who in habits, manners, and opinions exhibited a singularity that was not easily paralleled."

4.—Died at St. Gregory's, Norwich, aged 61, Mrs. Chesnutt, wife of Mr. John Chesnutt. For many years she was a favourite dancer on the Norwich stage.

—At a special assembly of the Corporation of Norwich, it was decided to present to the Prince Regent an address, congratulating him upon "the late glorious victories with which the Almighty had been pleased to crown the arms of his Majesty and his Allies."

5.—Died, of wounds received at Bayonne, Ensign Hardy, 31st Regiment of Foot, son of Mr. James Hardy, of Hethersett.

6.—Died, at his house at Catton, Mr. Jeremiah Ives Harvey, Alderman of Conisford Ward, Norwich. He served the office of Sheriff in 1779, and was Mayor in 1783. He was in his 69th year.

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7.—A curious incident occurred at the funeral of Benjamin Edwards, for 20 years coachman to Lord Suffield at Blickling. "The corpse was conveyed from the house to the church for interment, followed by thirty servants in their liveries. After the Rev. Mr. Churchill had retired from the grave an old acquaintance came forward and performed a promise which had been made by each party, which was done as follows:—He enquired his age, and was informed it was 64. He then took a bottle of rum from his pocket and threw it upon the head of the coffin. From the fall the bottle broke and the rum was distributed upon the lid of the coffin. He said 'God bless him. I have performed my promise as I am sure he would have done had I gone first.'"

8.*—"A few days since the harriers of Mr. J. Gooch unexpectedly found an outlying deer in Hempnall Wood, which they immediately drove from covert, and it afforded a most capital chase without a break for an hour and forty minutes, through sixteen parishes and a hard run of 28 miles."

—*"Lieut. Robert Blake, of the 3rd Regiment of Foot, was so severely wounded in the action near Bayonne that he had his leg amputated."

9.—Very severe weather was experienced this month. On the 9th at nine p.m. the thermometer fell 20 degrees below freezing point, and the severity of the frost rendered the river impassable between Norwich and Yarmouth. On the 19th occurred a heavy fall of snow, which blocked the roads and prevented traffic. The mail bags were brought to Norwich on horseback; the London waggons which should have arrived on the 19th came in on the evening of the 20th, drawn by teams of twelve or fourteen horses. Carriers who had arrived in the city were unable to return; the Yarmouth coach was preceded by an empty waggon which, drawn by six horses, made a road for it. A second sharp frost occurred on February 15th, and continued to the 25th, when the thermometer registered 17 degrees below freezing point.

10.—Mr. Crisp Brown was elected an Alderman for Coslany Ward, Norwich, in place of Mr. Jeremiah Ives Harvey, deceased.

13.—A general thanksgiving took place for the late victories. The Mayor and Corporation of Norwich attended service at the Cathedral, and at the various churches and chapels in the city collections were made for the poor.

—The portrait of Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., painted by Sir Thomas Lawrence, was presented to the county magistrates by the subscribers, and placed in the Grand Jury chamber at the Shirehouse, Norwich.

26.—At a meeting held at the Guildhall, Norwich, presided over by Mr. Steward Alderson, it was decided to establish a similar society to the Norwich Benevolent Society, but upon a more extensive and permanent plan. Visitors were appointed for each parish, and £2,400 was raised.

—News was received at Norwich of the conclusion of Peace between this country and Denmark, and St. Peter Mancroft bells were rung in celebration.

29.—A main of cocks was fought at the Swan Inn, Norwich, between the gentlemen of Cambridgeshire and the gentlemen of Norwich, for 10 guineas a battle and 100 guineas the odd. Cambridgeshire won with five battles to the good.

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FEBRUARY.

5.—Died at Scratby Hall, the Countess Dowager Home, aged 68.

—*"At the last General Quarter Sessions of the peace for the borough of Lynn, before Mr. Robert Beville, Recorder, Mrs. Ann Clarke received the awful sentence of death for wilfully and

maliciously attempting to stab her husband, Mr. W. Clarke, a ship master, with intention to murder him." The prisoner was afterwards reprieved, and the sentence commuted to transportation for life.

—Arrived at Yarmouth, Capt. Spencer, of that port, who had escaped from France, where he had for four years been a prisoner of war in the fortress of Bitche.

18.—Died, at Hethel Hall, in his 89th year, Sir Thomas Beevor, Bart. An active magistrate for more than half a century, he was created baronet during the Whig administration of the Duke of Portland in 1783.

—Died, at Walsham, Suffolk, aged 69, the Very Rev. Coombe Miller, Dean of Chichester and rector of Winfarthing and Snetterton. He was buried at Eccles, near Attleborough.

22.—The Corporation of Norwich subscribed £100 to the fund for relieving the distresses of the unfortunate sufferers in Germany.

26.—In the Arches Court, Doctors' Commons, was heard a cause for the restitution of conjugal rights promoted by Mr. (afterwards Sir) Thomas Beevor, of Mangreen Hall, against Ann Beevor. The parties were married at the parish church, Hargham, on August 24th, 1795, and cohabited together until June 30th, 1802, when Mrs. Beevor left her husband's house, and some time after promoted a suit of divorce or separation by reason of his cruelty. In that suit Mr. Beevor was dismissed from the cause. In this case the court admonished Mrs. Beevor to return again to the society of her husband.

28.—Died at Cardiff, Lieut. W. H. Clifford, husband of Mrs. Clifford, of the Norwich Theatre.

MARCH.

1.—On the information of Joseph Stannard, a Norwich printer, named Stewardson, was fined "for omitting to affix his name to a song printed by him." (See July 12th, 1814.)

11.—Died, at his house in Welbeck Street, London, Mr. Henry Jodrell, of Bayfield Hall, who was for many years Recorder and Member of Parliament for Yarmouth, and one of the chairmen of Norfolk Quarter Sessions.

12.*—"Died, last week, at Woodbridge, Mrs. Fisher, wife of Mr. Fisher, manager of the Norfolk and Suffolk Theatrical Company."

15.—Died, at Bath, aged 34, Mr. R. Harley Cushing, comedian, a native of Norwich.

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18.—The Newmarket mail arrived at Norwich, with the horses decorated with laurel, bringing confirmation of the intelligence in the "Hague Gazette," of Marshal Blucher's victory over the French on March 9th. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft were rung.

21.—At the Norfolk Assizes, held at Thetford, before Mr. Justice Heath, the action *Mann v. Carroll* and others was tried. The plaintiff was master of the Red Lion Inn, Thetford, and the defendants executors of the late Mr. James Mingay, Member of Parliament for the borough. The claim was for £338 15s. 5d., the amount of certain expenses incurred at plaintiff's house at the General Election of 1806, including a dinner on the polling day, and a ball and supper on the following evening. Mr. Mingay and Lord William Fitzroy were returned, but the former had been unseated, and several questions arose as to his personal liability: first, whether or not any assumpsit could be fixed upon him at all; second, whether or not he was liable for the whole; third, whether he was or not jointly liable with his colleague; and fourth, whether or not upon the event of his death such liability vested in the survivor, absolving the personal representatives of the deceased. The defendants endeavoured to show that the expense of the entertainments was incurred by the Corporation of Thetford, and that Mr. Mingay took part as a guest and not as lord of the feast. The Judge held that Mr. Mingay "was personally liable from having partaken of the entertainments, it having been decided in many cases that in all public feasts the individuals present were jointly and severally liable for the whole expense incurred." A verdict was given for the plaintiff for the full amount, subject to a reference as to the items of the bill.

—At the same Assizes Robert Trundle and Rosetta Trundle were criminally indicted for forging a writing purporting to be the will of Mary Inalls, of Great Dunham, and for suborning witnesses to prove the due execution of such writing to affect the disposition of the property of the deceased with intent thereby to defraud the next of kin. The document had been proved as a will in the Archdeaconry Court of Norwich on July 17th, 1812, and was drawn in favour of the prisoners. The Judge thought there was not sufficient evidence of forgery, and under his direction the jury acquitted the accused.

24.—The Dutch Regiment, about 600 strong, which had been formed at Yarmouth, embarked in three transports from that port for Holland.

25.—Died, at Barnbogle Castle, his lordship's seat in Linlithgow, in his 86th year, the Right Hon. Neil Earl of Rosebery, K.T. He married first, in 1764, Susan, only sister and heiress of Sir Randal Ward, Bart., of Bixley, who died in 1771, without issue, and secondly, in 1775, Mary, daughter of Sir Francis Vincent, Bart., by whom he had two sons and three daughters.

26.*—"Lieut.-Col. Harvey, acting Quarter-Master-General of the column of Lord Wellington's army which fought in the battle of St. Boes, and had the brunt of the late actions, escaped

unhurt. Lieut.-Col. Kerrison, of the 7th Hussars, greatly distinguished himself in the late actions. He seized the opportunity of charging the French infantry in disorder and flight, taking a great many of them. This regiment took about 600 prisoners. The whole army was witness of this affair with whom it is a subject of admiration."

APRIL.

2.*—"Mr. William George Daniel, of Folly House, Kent, and of Foulden Hall, in this county, a captain in the Army, and lord of the manor of Hackney, in the county of Middlesex, takes the surname and arms of Tyssen."

6.—With colours flying and the passengers decorated with the white cockade, the Newmarket mail brought to Norwich news of the entry of the Allied Army into Paris on March 31st. The church bells were rung, and a bonfire lighted in the Market Place. The rejoicings were renewed on the 9th, 10th, and 11th, upon the receipt of the intelligence of the counter Revolution, Buonaparte's abdication, and the restoration of the Bourbons. On the last mentioned day the horses were removed from the mail coach, and the people dragged it thrice round the Market Place. The Chevalier De Bardelin, a French emigrant gentleman, formerly in the service of the King of France, left Norwich, where he had resided 15 years, to accompany Louis XVIII. to Paris.

9.—The Rev. T. C. Munnings, of Gorgate Hall, East Dereham, exhibited at Norwich Market specimens of his "preserved turnips." He introduced the plan of earthing up the roots in November and December for consumption in March and April.

11.—Miss Binfield, of the Norwich Theatre, was elected organist of St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich.

16.*—"Mr. G. G. Lowne, a native of Norwich, who was taken prisoner on board his Majesty's ship Shannon, when that frigate was wrecked on the rocks of La Hogue in December, 1803, lately arrived here, having made his escape from close confinement at Cambay on the approach of the Allies to that part of the French frontiers."

19.—A grand *fête* was held at Yarmouth in honour of the victories. It commenced with a pageant called "The Triumph of Neptune." The "sea god" landed upon the beach and headed a procession round the town. In the procession was an effigy of Buonaparte in fetters. "Afterwards 58 tables were laid on the Quay from north to south, each accommodating from 120 to 150 persons, to whom roast beef and plum pudding were served." After dinner there was a naval procession to the Denes, where donkey races and other sports took place; a bonfire concluded the day's rejoicings. The public subscription to defray the cost of the celebration exceeded £1,000.

23.*—"The Earl of Home takes the surname of Ramey in addition to that of Home, in compliance with a condition contained in the will of his maternal grandfather, Mr. John Ramey, of Yarmouth."

—*"Died last week, aged 83, Mr. William Cutting, formerly a manufacturer, of Norwich, who served the office of Sheriff in 1790."

—*"Died last week, at Oakingham, Berks., aged 63, John Waddy, late of Covent Garden, and formerly of Norwich Theatre."

29.—An organ erected in St. Stephen's Church, Norwich, by Mr. England, was opened by Mr. Pettet. Mrs. Solomon and Mr. C. Smith were the vocalists, who also took part in a concert held in the evening at Noverre's Room, St. Michael-at-Plea.

MAY.

1.—This day (Sunday), being May Day, "came on agreeably to charter," the election of Mayor of Norwich. The polling continued throughout Sunday and Monday. At seven o'clock on Sunday evening the votes recorded were: Alderman Robberds, 762; Alderman Davey, 616; Alderman Back, 508; Alderman Patteson, 170. "The majority for Alderman Davey over Alderman Back being 108, the friends of the latter demanded that the books should be opened again next morning." The second day's poll was closed by agreement at 12 o'clock, when the result was declared as follows: Davey, 757; Robberds, 919; Patteson, 180; Back, 763. A scrutiny was demanded on behalf of Mr. Davey. It commenced on the 12th and continued till the 19th, when Mr. Davey withdrew. Mr. Robberds and Mr. Back were then returned to the Court of Aldermen, by whom the former was elected to the office of Mayor.

5.—Mr. Fitzgerald, a favourite actor in the Norwich Company, appeared as Shylock, and delivered a farewell address, on leaving the circuit for the Theatre Royal at Hull and York, of which he was appointed patentee.

7.*—(Advt.) "Stoke Mills near Norwich. Jeremiah Colman having taken the stock and trade lately carried on by Mr. Edward Ames, respectfully informs his customers and the public in general that he will continue the manufacturing of mustard, and he takes leave to assure those who may be pleased to favour him with their orders that they shall be supplied in such a manner as cannot fail to secure their approbation."

17.—At a special assembly of the Corporation of Norwich it was resolved to petition Parliament against the proposed alteration in the Corn Laws.

18.—Thorpe Asylum was opened for the reception of forty male pauper lunatics.

19.—The minister, churchwardens, and principal inhabitants of St. Giles', Norwich, went the bounds of the parish, and afterwards dined at the Woolpack Inn. "Ale, buns, and bumps were distributed among the attendants, one of whom swam across the basin in Chapel Field to observe the line of demarkation between St. Peter's parish for which he received half a crown."

21.*—"The long depending wrestling match between Lock and the Game Chicken was lately decided in favour of the former after a severe contest of a quarter of an hour."

24.—A *fête* in celebration of the victories commenced at Thetford. A procession escorting an effigy of Buonaparte "loaded with irons" went round the town, and a ball took place in the evening. On the 26th 1,500 persons were entertained at dinner in a paddock. The Mayor presided, and the Bishop of Norwich witnessed the proceedings. Sports were held, and at night a bonfire was lighted, and the effigy of Buonaparte consumed in the flames. p. 117

The death took place at Oulton, this month, of Mrs. Margaret Dent, at the age of 100.

JUNE.

1.—Died in London, aged 53, Mr. Robert Herring, of Bracondale, Norwich. He was alderman for South Conisford Ward, served the office of Sheriff in 1791, and was Mayor in 1807. Mr. Thomas Thurtell, of Lakenham, was elected to the vacant aldermanship on June 6th.

—A public meeting was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, when resolutions were moved by Mr. E. Taylor in opposition to the Corn Bill. The resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, represented that the citizens had for twenty years suffered great privations and hardships from the advance in price of all necessaries of life, and particularly of "bread corn," that they viewed with alarm the measure introduced in Parliament as calculated to raise the price of grain; and that the proposed alterations in the Corn Laws were ill-timed, unwise, and oppressive.—The "Bill for Regulating the Importation Duties" was defeated in the House of Commons by a majority of ten on June 6th, and on the arrival of the intelligence by the Newmarket mail on the 8th, the horses were removed from the coach, which was drawn for three hours through the streets. Persons with large loaves of bread on their heads were on the box seat, bells were rung, and pistols fired, and at midnight a bonfire was lighted in the Market Place, and many depredations were committed by those who obtained the materials with which to feed the flames.

3.—The Expedition coach arrived at Norwich with news of the definite Treaty of Peace, which was signed in Paris on the 30th ult. Amid great rejoicings the people dragged the coach four times round the Market Place, and through the principal streets. On the 15th 500 freemen of the Long Ward were entertained by Mr. S. Mitchell to a dinner of roast beef at Harper's Gardens; on the 16th the Mayor entertained the parochial poor, and there was a grand illumination in the evening. Peace was formally proclaimed on the 27th by the Mayor and Corporation walking in procession to various parts of the city. Before being admitted to the Close the Mayor knocked thrice at the gate, and informed Mr. J. Kitson, the Bishop's registrar, that admittance was asked by virtue of his Majesty's writ. The proclamation was then made in the Cathedral precincts, and on returning to the Guildhall the Corporation partook of refreshments. Mr. Sheriff Higgins entertained the company to dinner at his house in Pitt Street, and also feasted the poor. Thanksgiving services were held on July 7th, and 723 charity children were entertained in St. Andrew's Hall. On the 20th at a quarterly assembly of the Corporation an address was voted to the Prince Regent congratulating him on "the highly honourable and auspicious Peace concluded with France."

20.—Mr. Robert Partridge, alderman, presented to the Corporation of Norwich "an elegant tripod in the Grecian style, to support a silver candelabrum of three lights, surmounted with the figures of St. George and the Dragon," given by him in 1786.

21.—Guild Day was held in the "old style" at Norwich by Mr. J. W. Robberds on his being sworn in as Mayor. The feast at St. Andrew's Hall was attended by upwards of 500 guests, and a ball took place in the evening at Chapel Field House. p. 118

22.—A Musical Festival, "in celebration of the Peace," commenced at the church of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, with a performance of "Judas Maccabaeus." The "Messiah" was given on the 23rd, and a selection of sacred music on the 24th. On each evening a miscellaneous concert took place in St. Andrew's Hall. The principal performers were Madame Catalani, Miss Stephens, Miss Booth, Mr. Braham, Mr. Garbett, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Welsh; leader of the band, Dr. Hague; organ and pianoforte, Mr. Beckwith.

JULY.

1.—A meeting, presided over by the Mayor, was held at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, when resolutions were passed in favour of the abolition of the African slave trade, and it was decided to petition the House of Commons to the same effect. The opponents of the resolutions moved, as an amendment, that the Prince Regent was the only person to be addressed pending the negotiations with France upon the subject. The resolutions were adopted by large majorities.

2.*—"Capt. Matthias, of Stanhoe Hall, has returned to his family in perfect health after being a prisoner in France ten and a half years."

4.—Holkham Sheep Shearing commenced on this date, a fortnight later than usual owing to the Peace celebrations in Norwich and the county. "None of the implements possessed sufficient

merit to entitle the inventor to the handsome premium offered by Mr. Coke.”

6.—Peace was proclaimed at Yarmouth by the Mayor and Corporation going in procession through the town. At night there was a general illumination.

7.—Peace was proclaimed at King’s Lynn.

12.—At the Norwich Quarter Sessions the case of the King *v.* Griggs was tried. This was a prosecution at the suit of Mr. Joseph Stannard, a pork butcher, against the defendant, a dealer, for the publication of a libel in the form of a song, entitled “Soup Meagre Joe.” The song reflected on the quality of the soup made by Mr. Stannard, at the request of a Mr. Mitchell, for distribution among the poor of the city during the severe weather in February, 1814. It was stated that the prosecutor neither received nor expected remuneration. His beneficence was rewarded by gross insults from the mob, by assaults, by placards in the streets, by anonymous letters, and by songs which were sung by “Blind Peter” and another ballad singer. One of these songs was printed by Mr. Stewardson from MS. furnished by the defendant. The jury, after four hours’ deliberation, returned a verdict of guilty, and the defendant was fined £10.

13.—The first division of West Norfolk Militia, under the command of Col. Nelthorpe, marched into Norwich, from Yarmouth, where they had landed the previous morning from the Tickler cutter, and four Berwick traders from Leith. St. Peter’s bells were rung, and the men received the hearty congratulations of the citizens. The second division arrived on the 16th, commanded by Major Barnham. On the 18th the Earl of Orford, colonel of the regiment, entertained the officers and their friends at the Maid’s Head Inn. The regiment on the 19th received the thanks of the House of Commons for their services.

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19.—Died at Long Stratton, aged 60, the Rev. William D’Oyly, for more than 20 years curate of Stratton St. Michael and Flordon with Hapton. He raised a fund of nearly £500 by small subscriptions for widening and improving Briggs’ Lane, Norwich.

23.—Capt. William Hoste, R.N., was created a Baronet.

28.—Dr. James Edward Smith, of Norwich, founder and President of the Linnean Society, presented to the Prince Regent a set of the Transactions of the Society, and received, on the recommendation of Lord Sidmouth, the honour of knighthood.

30.*—“The four sons of Mr. C. E. Bagge, M.P., late of Quebec House, Dereham, are authorised to take the name and arms of Lee Warner instead of Bagge.”

AUGUST.

8.—The Mayor and Court of Aldermen visited the annual exhibition of the Norwich Society of Artists.

11.—The Hon. John Wodehouse, as foreman of the Grand Jury at the Norfolk Assizes, proposed, and Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., seconded, resolutions recommending that a subscription be opened for the erection of a monument to the memory of Lord Nelson. At a meeting of the Norwich Corporation on October 22nd it was resolved that the city subscribe £200, and the Speaker was requested to attend the county meeting, and urge that the monument be erected on the Castle Hill “or some other commanding situation in or near the city.” At the county meeting, held the same week, it was announced that the subscriptions amounted to £5,138. At a meeting held at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, on January 14th, 1815, it was resolved that the monument be erected at Yarmouth. The committee, at a meeting held during the Norfolk Assizes at Thetford on March 29th, 1815, after inspecting 44 plans and designs, “selected an Athenian Doric column sent by Mr. William Wilkins, architect, of London, a native of Norwich, and author of ‘Magna Græcia.’” Nearly £7,000 was subscribed.

14.—Died, in Parliament Place, London, aged 85, Mr. E. H. Delaval, of Seaton Delaval, Northumberland, and of Hoddington, Lincolnshire. “By his death the mansion house of Seaton Delaval, and the family estate of the late Lord Delaval, has devolved upon Sir Jacob Henry Astley, Bart., M.P., for Norfolk, whose mother was his lordship’s eldest sister.”

20.*—“The officers of the 7th Hussars have presented Col. Kerrison with a piece of plate, of the value of 200 guineas, in testimony of their admiration of his gallantry at the battle of Orthes.”

22.—Races were held at Cromer, which at the time was very full of company, and the “new subscription room” and dances a great attraction to many distinguished visitors. “From the course being in the immediate neighbourhood of Gunton and Blickling,” it was expected that Cromer races would “soon vie with those of Yarmouth, &c.”

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30.—Mr. William Burt and Mr. R. Hawkes were candidates for the office of freemen’s Sheriff at Norwich. The former was returned with 810 votes as against 726 polled by his opponent. It was stated that “so severe a contest at the election of Sheriff had not taken place since 1781.”

SEPTEMBER.

11.—Died, at Hoveton House, aged 85, Mr. Anthony Aufrere, for fifty years an active magistrate in the county.

13.—The portrait of Mr. William Smith, M.P. (painted by Thompson), was placed in St. Andrew’s

Hall, Norwich.

17.—Capt. Robert D. Patteson, 6th Regiment of Foot, second son of Mr. John Patteson, of Norwich, was killed during the sortie made by the American troops from Fort Erie.

—*“Last week a single wicket match was played at Downham Market for a considerable sum between Mr. William Griggs, of Stow Bardolph, and Mr. James Hall, of Downham. Griggs, 8-37; Hall, 11-9.”

26.—Died at Hadleigh, aged 34, Henry Reeve, M.D., one of the physicians of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, and of the Bethel Hospital, Norwich.

28.—A peal of six bells, purchased by public subscription in celebration of the Peace, was opened at New Buckenham. The bells were cast by Dobson, of Downham Market, and the tenor weighed 12 cwt. “A prize of six hats, value 10s. each, was given to the company who gave proof of their skill in ringing the best peal.” The Hopton company were declared winners, a distinction which was warmly contested by the Norwich men.

29.—Died, in St. Giles', Norwich, aged 85, the Rev. Thomas Howes, rector of Morningthorpe, and of Thorndon, Suffolk. “He was a profound scholar, and a formidable antagonist with Bishop Horsley of Dr. Priestley in the Tractarian controversy in 1781. He was also the author of several theological works.”

OCTOBER.

17.—Mr. Thomas Coldwell, coach proprietor of Norwich, was presented by the Corporation with the freedom of the city in recognition of his services in forwarding the mails to and from Norwich during the severe weather of the previous winter.

19.—At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions, “the justices having regard of the present high price of hay and oats,” ordered the following additional rates of allowance to be made in the county to persons who provided carriages for the conveyance of his Majesty’s forces in their marches, or for their arms, clothing, or accoutrements: 1s. for every mile any waggon with four or more horses, or any wain with six oxen, or with four oxen and two horses and their driver; 9d. for every mile any cart with four horses, or carrying not less than 15 cwt.; and 6d. for every mile any cart or carriage with less than four horses, and not carrying 15 cwt.

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20.—Mr. Samuel Wesley, the eminent organist, gave a recital at the church of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

21.—The Castle Corporation at Norwich celebrated its jubilee. The first meeting was held at the Bell Inn, Orford Hill, in 1764, under the name of the Bell Corporation, and “was governed by a Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen, and the usual officers attached to a Corporation.” In 1793 the members were “much divided on the politics of the day, and particularly upon the French Revolution.” The society then separated into two political parties, “when those who viewed with horror the proceedings of the French Convention, and the attempts made by the correspondents to bring about a revolution in this country,” removed to the Castle Inn, assumed the name of the Castle Corporation, and espoused the principles of Pitt. At this dinner Mr. Charles Harvey, M.P., presented to and invested the “Mayor” (Mr. Crisp Brown) with a medallion containing a cameo likeness of Pitt.

22.—Four troops of the 5th Dragoon Guards marched into Norwich and occupied the Cavalry Barracks, whence the detachment of Royal Artillery was removed to the Infantry Barracks in St. Michael at Coslany.

29.—For an attempted felony, Charles Pegg stood in the city pillory in Norwich Market Place for one hour. “The hoary-headed culprit was taken back to the City Gaol.”

NOVEMBER.

20.—Died, aged 74, James Church, sexton of St. Peter Permouthergate, Norwich. “He had held the situation near fifty years, and buried upwards of 3,000 persons.”

22.—Died, at Eaton Hall, in his 55th year, Mr. Jonathan Davey, alderman of Norwich. Mr. Nathaniel Bolingbroke was elected in his place alderman of Colegate Ward.

23.—Died, at Costessey (at the seat of his nephew, Sir George Jerningham), General Jerningham, who was born in 1742, entered the service of France, and became colonel commandant of several of the Irish regiments. At the Revolution he returned home, where he remained until the Peace of Amiens in 1802, when he again proceeded to France. Unable to recover his property there, he was, on the renewal of hostilities in 1803, by order of Bonaparte, detained a prisoner with the rest of his countrymen, and it was only on the King’s restoration that he was released.

26.*—“Tower half-pence being refused to be taken in exchange, Mr. Smith, M.P., has written to the Mint, who have agreed to accept them under certain conditions.”

28.—Four troops of the 5th Dragoon Guards marched from Norwich for Ipswich. A troop of the Duke of Brunswick’s Oels marched in on December 2.

DECEMBER.

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9.—A riot was occasioned at King's Lynn by sailors who, with a number of other persons, forcibly took a portion of the crew from a vessel about to sail, and demanded a general rise of wages. The Brunswick Hussars from Norwich and the Freebridge and Lynn Legion speedily put an end to the tumult, and three of the rioters were taken to Norwich Castle under cavalry escort. At the Norfolk Assizes, held at Norwich in July, 1815, the offenders were sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

12.—The Duke of Gloucester left Holkham Hall after a week's visit to Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P.

13.—The new tenor bell for St. Peter Mancroft church, Norwich, was deposited in the tower preparatory to its being hung in place of the old one, which had been taken down and broken up. The new bell was inscribed, "To the King, Queen, and Royal Family, this harmonious peal of 12 bells is dedicated. Thomas Mears, London, fecit, 1814." The weight was 42 cwt., 2 qrs., or about 28 lbs. heavier than its predecessor.

21.—Gas light was introduced at the shop of Mr. Harrison, the Market Place, Norwich. "Sixteen brilliant lights were kept burning for five hours at the trifling expense of 9d. in coals. The gas is conveyed from a small fireplace in the kitchen through tubes into branches."

31.*—"The Prince Regent has been pleased to grant the dignity of a baronet to Mr. Thomas Preston, of Beeston St. Lawrence."

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JANUARY.

6.—At Brighton Pavilion the Prince Regent conferred the honour of knighthood on Colonel Kerrison, 7th Hussars.

12.—Mr. Crisp Brown, as "Mayor" of the Castle Corporation, Norwich, presented to Mr. Thomas Back a silver vase in recognition of his "zealous and liberal support of the loyal and constitutional principles of the society."

13.—At a public meeting held at the Guildhall, Norwich, presided over by the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved to petition Parliament against the continuance of the Property Tax under any modification whatever. Both Members for the city supported the resolutions. A meeting of the owners of estates, and other contributors to the Property Tax, in Norfolk, took place at the Shirehouse under the presidency of the High Sheriff. Similar resolutions were adopted on the ground that the tax was "unjust, unequal, and inquisitorial." At Yarmouth, Lynn, and other towns in the county like protests were made.

14.—Equestrian performances were given at Norwich Theatre for a short season, commencing on this date. The "beautiful and surprising troop of horses" appeared in the dramatic spectacles of "Timour, the Tartar," "Blue Beard," "The Tiger Horde," and "Lodorska." p. 123

—*"All those who have witnessed the performance of Mons. du Pain, at the Angel Inn, Norwich, particularly his emerging his hands and feet in boiling lead, express their astonishment at his feats, and the room is crowded every day."

—*"Died, lately at Lynn, aged 70, Mr. William Munsen, who pursued the employment of a shoeblick. He was reported to be the illegitimate son of a nobleman, and would never accept offers of pecuniary assistance which were secretly made to him by his unknown parents. He supported himself for 50 years by his humble employment, and was generally known as "Billy Boots." (A detailed account of this individual was compiled by Hone from the notice in the NORFOLK CHRONICLE.)

16.—The fifth great main of cocks between the gentlemen of Norwich and the gentlemen of Cambridgeshire commenced at the White Swan Inn, Norwich, and after a sharp contest, which lasted the two following days, was won by the home representatives by a single battle. Betting was in favour of Cambridgeshire.

21.*—"The game bull which has been frequently baited near Carrow Abbey is a very gentle animal, but no dog has yet been found that can pin him down."

24.—A prize fight took place between Pegg, "the noted bruiser," and Fox, a horse dealer, of Costessey. "It lasted an hour, when the former received such a 'pegging' that he was carried off in a state of insensibility."

—A sea eagle, measuring seven feet six inches from tip to tip of its expanded wings, and three feet from the crown of its head to the end of its tail, was killed at Rollesby.

FEBRUARY.

4.*—"Messrs. Mackie, of Norwich, in a very handsome and public-spirited manner, have presented the trustees of Carrow Bridge with nearly 500 plants of the Cœrulean willow, and have also been at the whole expense of planting them on each side of the road leading towards Thorpe."

7.—The new Theatre at Lynn was opened under the management of Mr. John Brunton with "Lovers' Vows" and "Raising the Wind." In addition to the manager, the company included Mr.

Foote, of the Theatre Royal, Dublin; Mr. and Mrs. Hall, from the Theatre Royal, York; Mr. Tokeby, Mr. Renaud, Mr. Gomery, and Mrs. Grove, of the Theatre Royal, Haymarket. On the 9th Mr. C. Kemble appeared as Macbeth; on the 11th, Miss Eliza Brunton made "her first appearance on any stage" as Desdemona to Mr. Kemble's Othello; and on March 25th Mrs. Jordan appeared as Widow Cheerley in "The Soldier's Daughter," and on succeeding evenings as Miss Hoyden in "The Trip to Scarborough," as Widow Belmour, and as Nell in "The Devil to Pay." A brilliant season terminated on April 18th. It was said that "in beauty, simplicity, and correctness of style" this house could "hold competition with any theatre out of the Metropolis."

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9.—Fifty thousand persons assembled to witness a balloon ascent by a Mr. Steward from the Prussia Gardens, Norwich. The balloon rose a short distance and fell in Messrs. Mackie's nursery grounds, went up again and descended in a garden. The mob rushed in, tore the balloon to pieces, and would have roughly handled the aeronaut but for General Money taking him into his carriage and conveying him to a place of safety. A public subscription had been opened for some weeks previously to defray the cost of the ascent; and another list was started to recoup Mr. Steward his loss.

27.—A cocking match took place at the Lobster Inn, St. John Maddermarket, Norwich, between North Walsham and Norwich. Feeders: Lamb, for North Walsham; Stafford, for Norwich.

MARCH.

1.—The poor freemen of Great Wymer Ward, Norwich, presented a silver cup, of the value of 50 guineas, to Mr. Samuel Mitchell, one of the nominees of the ward.

—A match was decided at Blickling Park between three horses belonging respectively to Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Roper, of Coleby, and Mr. Wright, of Aylsham. The best of three one mile heats was won by Mr. Sheppard's horse. A second race between two horses, the property of Mr. Gay, of Oulton, and Mr. Smith, of Aylsham, was won by the former.

4.—Died, at Drayton, Sarah Codenham, aged 105. "This poor woman had been so long in poverty and affliction that, according to the overseer's calculation, she had cost them £500."

8.—At a meeting held at the Guildhall, and presided over by the Mayor, it was resolved to petition the House of Lords against the Corn Bill, which had been passed by the House of Commons by a majority of 119. (The Bill was passed by the Lords and received the Royal Assent on the 23rd.)

15.—The Expedition coach arrived in Norwich "with the gratifying account displayed in large letters on its panels" of the ratification of the Treaty of Peace with America. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft were rung, and a bonfire was lighted in the Market Place.

17.—Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., Lord Albemarle, and other gentlemen, while attending a cattle show held on the Castle Ditches, Norwich, by the Norfolk Agricultural Association, were attacked by a mob in consequence of their supposed support of the Corn Bill before the House of Commons. The mob drove them into the Angel yard, and it was not until the Brunswick Hussars had been called out, and the Riot Act read, that the disturbance was quelled. By strategy Mr. Coke and his friends escaped through the back gate of the Angel Inn and drove to Quidenham Hall. Some of the rioters were apprehended, and one of the Brunswickers was wounded by a stone. The Mayor and magistrates of Norwich received the commendations of Government for their activity and exertions in suppressing the disturbance. The Grand Jury at the Norfolk Assizes, held at Thetford on March 29th, resolved "to enter into a subscription to bring to justice the instigators of the late premeditated attack on Mr. Coke and other gentlemen." On May 2nd the Corporation of Norwich accorded their thanks to Col. Von Tempsky and the officers and privates of the Brunswick Hussars for their prompt assistance in quelling the riot.

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—A curious race took place in Chapel Field, Norwich. The competitors were Thomas Jenner and William Palmer, "two men with two wooden legs each." The wager of £1 was won by the former.

25.—In the official year, ending this date, Norfolk (including Norwich) raised the sum of £219,238 10s. 1d. for the poor, church rate, highway rates, &c.

27.—At the Norfolk Assizes, which commenced at Thetford on this date, before Mr. Justice Heath, a curious case, the King v. Garratt, was heard. This was a criminal indictment which had been moved by *certiorari* into the Court of King's Bench, and was tried at *nisi prius*. "It was for a nuisance complained of by the exposition of a stallion in the public market of East Dereham." The Judge was of opinion that the mere fact of leading a stallion to market was not an offence indictable at law, and the defendant was acquitted.

A number of human bones and upwards of 20 urns, containing bones in a calcined state, were this month dug up at a farm at Markshall, adjoining the Roman camp at Caister, near Norwich.

APRIL.

6.—A new farce ("written by an eminent artist resident in the city"), founded upon the story of "John Gilpin," and interspersed with music, was produced at the Theatre Royal, Norwich. On the 17th another new production was staged, "an historical operatic drama in two acts, called 'The Rebellion, or Norwich in 1549,'" by Mr. George P. Bromley, a member of the Norwich Company.

22.—Died, at his son's house in Weymouth Street, London, aged 67, Mr. William Wilkins, of Newnham, near Cambridge, patentee of the Norwich Theatre Royal.

—The staff of the West Norfolk Militia, stationed in Norwich, received orders to raise men by beat of drum instead of by ballot. Recruiting parties were sent out for that purpose. It was announced on May 13th that these parties, under the direction of Capt. Borrow, had been very successful in obtaining men.

24.—A smuggling lugger was captured off Hunstanton by the Tiger revenue cutter with 840 tubs of Geneva on board.

26.—Died, at Norwich, aged 89, Dr. John Beevor, an eminent physician.

MAY.

2.—The Norwich Court of Guardians having employed surveyors at a great expense to make new assessments of property in the several parishes within the walls of the city for the purpose of equalising the poor-rates, St. Saviour's Vestry meeting passed a resolution protesting against it on the ground that it would have the effect of increasing both general and local taxes. The vestries of other parishes passed similar resolutions. At this time the Norwich Guardians raised about £20,000 annually for the relief of the poor.

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11.—Early in the morning a boat's crew from his Majesty's ship Cadmus, at Yarmouth, when passing down the river to the harbour's mouth with impressed seamen, were attacked by a mob on both banks, and several of the sailors were severely wounded with stones. The mob seized the gig belonging to the Cadmus and destroyed her. The Admiralty offered a reward of £20 for the conviction of the offenders. At the Norfolk Assizes held at Norwich on August 14th, 1816, before Lord Chief Justice Gibbs, seven persons were indicted for riotously assembling and rescuing from the press gang, legally authorised, a person who had been impressed. The defendants, with one exception, were found guilty. In the following December they were sentenced in the Court of King's Bench to nine months' imprisonment each.

13.—Died, in St. Giles' Street, Norwich, aged 20, Mr. H. Fisher, son of Mr. David Fisher, manager of the Norfolk and Suffolk Company of Comedians.

18.—At this date a series of disturbances occurred at Norwich Theatre. Mr. F. A. Vining, a member of the company, in a letter dated May 18th, and addressed to the patrons of the Theatre, referred to the "injustice and cruelty which had been heaped upon him within its walls." He had left Norwich to accept an engagement at Covent Garden Theatre and appeared there with success for 90 or 100 nights. At the end of the London season he accepted a further engagement at Norwich, when, it was alleged, that Mr. Vining, "being found unworthy of a situation in another theatre," Mr. Jones, a member of the Norwich Company, was "discharged to make room for him." Mr. Vining denied any personal knowledge of the matter. On May 29th several friends of Mr. Jones were committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions for creating disturbances at the Theatre. At the Quarter Sessions on July 11th the recognisances of the sureties who had been bound over for the accused were discharged, "it being the intention of the prosecution to prefer an indictment at the ensuing Assizes." At the Assizes held on July 25th the Grand Jury found true bills against the defendants, when the indictments were traversed and the accused discharged till the next Assizes. On that occasion the defendants entered into recognisances to appear at the next ensuing Assizes, and no further record is given.

20.*—"The diversion of hawking, a sport antiently much used, has been revived in this country on a considerable scale by Lord Rivers, Major Wilson, of Didlington, and Mr. Downes, of Gunton. Their subscription hawks, under the management of German falconers, have afforded much amusement to numerous spectators. Last week they were exhibited at Newmarket after the races, and flown off at some rooks in the Flat, which they speedily brought down."

25.—A Methodist Missionary Society for the Norwich District was formed at a meeting held at Calvert Street, Norwich.

29.—The prisoners in the City Gaol, Norwich, returned thanks to the Mayor and Corporation "for 10s. worth of beer given them on the anniversary of King Charles Restoration."

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4.—King George III. attained his 78th year on this day (Sunday). The Corporation of Norwich attended service at the Cathedral, the Brunswick Hussars fired a *feu de joie* in the barrack square, and the Light Horse Volunteers, commanded by Major J. Harvey, marched into the Market Place, and after thrice discharging their pistols gave three cheers for the King. "The children belonging to the Sunday School of the Independent Chapel at Lynn, about 800 in number, were regaled with cake and wine." On the 5th a society at Norwich, known as "The Loyal Heroes," celebrated the Royal birthday by dining at the Pigeons, Charing Cross.

6.—Married at St. Peter Mancroft church, Norwich, Lieut.-Col. Robert John Harvey to Charlotte Mary, only daughter of Mr. Robert Harvey, of Watton. After the service "the wedding party returned to their carriages, a wedding peal was rung, and the Norwich Light Horse, forming a guard of honour, acted as escort to the bride and bridegroom, and fired a *feu de joie* in front of their house."

12.—A grand camping match took place at Ranworth. "They played 24 a side, but neither party goaled the ball, and it was decided by a bye." Between 2,000 and 3,000 persons were present.

—A wrestling match for a subscription purse of £5 took place at the Bird-in-Hand, Kirby. The prize was won by a Reedham man. "A grand milling afterwards took place between Chapman and Ellis, the Newmarket Lad. It was strength and ferocity against science and steady courage, and was won by the latter, who blinded his opponant in 25 minutes."

17.—The Brunswick Hussars, commanded by Col. von Tempsky, left Norwich on their route to Harwich to embark for the Continent.

23.—News was received at Norwich of the battle of Waterloo, fought on June 18th. Cannon were fired, and bells rung in celebration of the victory. The rejoicings were renewed on the 27th, when the Expedition and other coaches brought intelligence of the second abdication of Buonaparte. The Expedition coach, decorated with laurel and flags, was dragged through the streets to the singing of "God save the King" and "Rule Britannia," and a bonfire, fed with the stalls from the fish-market, and with other stolen material, was lighted at night.

24.*—"That long and justly complained-of nuisance, St. Stephen's pit, is about to be removed. The Corporation of Norwich have ordered a lease of it to be granted to Mr. Edward Bacon, builder, and four houses are to be erected on its scite agreeable to a plan delivered by him for that purpose."

JULY.

3.—Holkham Sheep Shearing commenced. Among the implements exhibited was a machine for spreading hay. "It was drawn by one horse, and by means of strong iron rakes affixed to an axle or centre completely spread a number of swathes (three or four according to the length of the rakes) as fast as the horse could walk."

6.—A "long and scientific battle" took place between Chapman and Ellis on a meadow on the Suffolk side of the Waveney, near St. Olaves Bridge. "From the first to the 17th round the superior size and strength of Chapman carried him through, and betting was two and three to one in his favour; but, in the 18th, Ellis went in and gave his opponent three desperate facers, which brought the betting even till the 31st round, when Chapman beginning to show evident marks of severe punishment, had his right eye closed; betting, two to one on Ellis. In the 54th round the left eye was closed, and his head became truly terrific, and had from its swollen state a giant-like appearance." Ellis was the winner after a contest of one hour, 12 minutes, for a subscription purse of £7!

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8.—Died at Swaffham, aged 88, Thomas Chesney, gardener. "What is very remarkable he never was more than four miles from Swaffham."

—The following names were published as those of local officers present at the battle of Waterloo:—Lieut.-Col. Charles West, 3rd Regiment of Guards; Lieut. the Hon. Horace G. Townshend, 1st Regiment of Guards; Lieut. Sigismund Trafford, 1st Royal Dragoons, eldest son of Mr. S. Trafford Southwell; Ensign Alfred Cooper, 14th Regiment, youngest son of Mr. C. Cooper, Norwich; Col. Sir Edward Kerrison, 7th Dragoons (? Hussars); Lieut.-Col. Archibald Money, 11th Light Dragoons; and Major Sir George Hoste, Royal Engineers.

11.—At Norwich Quarter Sessions, John Watson was indicted for conspiring with two other persons unknown to fraudulently obtain a bank note for £10 from Thomas Starling. The prisoner and two persons, apparently strangers, were boasting at a public-house how much money they possessed, when the accused taking prosecutor aside told him that if he could lend him a £10 note it would enable him to win a wager. The prosecutor went out, borrowed the money, and placed it in the hands of the prisoner, who with the other conspirators went away, taking the money with them. The prisoner was sentenced to seven years' transportation.

13.—Arrived at Yarmouth two transports from Ostend with 300 sick and wounded soldiers of the Duke of Wellington's army. They were removed in keels from the ships to the hospital on the Denes.

15.*—"The Postmasters-General have established a penny post six days a week to Stalham, with open letter boxes for the receiving of letters at that place, Neatishead, and Hoveton, near Wroxham Bridge."

28.—The High Sheriff, in compliance with a requisition signed by the county justices in Quarter Sessions, convened a meeting at the Shirehall, Norwich, when, on the motion of Mr. Robert Fellowes, seconded by the Hon. Col. Wodehouse, a subscription was opened for the relief of the wounded survivors, and the widows and children of the soldiers who fell at Waterloo. This subscription amounted to £7,000. Collections were also made in the city and county churches.

29.—A balloon ascent was made from the Ranelagh Gardens, Norwich, by Mr. Sadler. "All night long hundreds continued to flock into town, and at daybreak the roads were literally thronged with people. Some hours before noon the principal avenues to the Market Place were blocked up with vehicles for which accommodation could not be found in the inn yards, and horses were picketed in the streets. Lodging and accommodation at the inns were very difficult to obtain, and in many instances a guinea was given for a bed." Miss Bathurst, daughter of the Bishop of Norwich, presented the aeronaut with a banner previous to the ascent. The balloon rose at 3.35 and descended at 4.30 p.m., in a field near Sprowston Hall. "Among the company present in the Ranelagh Gardens was General Money, who 30 years previously, namely on Saturday, July 23rd, 1785, made a similar ascent, and was blown out to sea, where he was rescued by the Argus

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Revenue cutter.”

31.—A baker was fined before the Mayor of Norwich for “exposing bread to sell on the Lord’s day before the hour of ten o’clock in the morning.” Shortly afterwards 15 persons were summoned for like offences, and the Master and Wardens of the Bakers’ Company applied that the fines might be strictly enforced.

AUGUST.

1.—A cricket match was played on Hempton Green between the united parishes of Litcham, Dunham, and Brisley, and of Walsingham and Fakenham. “The latter team, although unparalleled in the annals of cricketeering, did not get a single notch.”

5.*—“Mr. Bellamy, the favourite comedian of the Norwich Company, is engaged by the managers of Covent Garden Theatre at a liberal salary.” The London Press criticised his “provincial twang,” and described his performance of the part of Polonius as “somewhat outlandish.”

8.—Died, at Downham Market, Mr. Zachary Clark, “one of the people called Quakers.” He founded a Lancastrian school in the town, and in 1811 published an account of the different charities belonging to the poor in Norfolk.

13.—A serious fire occurred near the church of St. Lawrence, Norwich. Six houses were destroyed. The fire originated at the house of a cabinet maker named Hubbard.

15.—The first division of the West Norfolk Militia marched from Norwich for Ipswich under command of Major Barnham; the second division, under Lieut.-Col. Nelthorpe, marched on the 16th, and the remainder on the 17th. The strength of the regiment was upwards of 500 rank and file, chiefly raised in three months by beat of drum. The corps embarked at Harwich, and sailed for Ireland on August 28th.

—A division of the King’s German Legion, under command of Capt. Meyer, marched into Norwich from Harwich, where they had landed from Cuxhaven.

19.*—“Last week a well-contested battle was fought at Cley between John Bell and the noted Matthew Randall, well known for his skill in gymnastic exercises. Betting was two and three to one in favour of Randall. After 20 minutes’ hard fighting Bell won. The known bottom of Bell and the tried science of Randall drew a considerable concourse of people, among whom were noticed many distinguished characters of the neighbourhood. A handsome subscription was made for the conqueror, who was taken from the ground in a gentleman’s carriage.”

—The Norfolk, Suffolk, and London Accommodation Coach, owned by John Noller, was advertised to leave the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning at eight o’clock, and to travel through Scole, Eye, and Debenham. Fares: Insides, 18s.; outsides, 12s.

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19.*—“Died, last week, aged 94, John Minns, worstead weaver, of St. Paul’s, Norwich. He had anticipated the event 16 years ago, and had then his coffin made, which he had ever since kept in an adjoining room, and actually used as a cupboard.”

22.—The Corporation of Yarmouth elected Mr. Robert Alderson, Steward of Norwich, Recorder of that borough.

SEPTEMBER.

3.—A lad, named Henry Thirkettle, when nutting in Hempnall Wood, touched the wire of a spring gun, and the charge entering his body inflicted terrible injuries. William Ebbage, in the service of Mr. Henry Osborne, of Heydon Hall, was on October 28th similarly injured. Mr. Gurney, barrister, was consulted as to the legality of the use of spring guns. His opinion was that their use was not lawful, and that in case of death a verdict of murder might be returned against the master who authorised the use of, and the servant who set a spring gun. A contrary opinion was expressed by another barrister.

6.—Died at Ber Street, Norwich, aged 68, Martin Drumme, a noted bird fancier, “by which business he had accumulated considerable property.”

9.*—“According to the Charter of the borough of Yarmouth, the Aldermen and Common Councilmen are annually to assemble and choose *before they separate* ‘the most discrete’ alderman to be Mayor. The election of Mr. Cory did not take place until after a strong trial of patience and abstinence on both sides. The electors assembled on the *Tuesday* noon, and remained shut up (with only such provisions as they carried in their pockets) until ten o’clock on the *Thursday* night, when the six whose supplies were first exhausted found themselves obliged to agree with the other six who were better provided, and to surrender their votes to avoid starvation, and a third night’s confinement in the Church Hall.”

16.—Equestrian performances commenced at the Pantheon, Harper’s Gardens, Norwich, under the management of R. Usher, “late clown at Astley’s Royal Amphitheatre, and J. Clarke, the celebrated equestrian of the Royal Circus, London.”

19.—At the Yarmouth Race Assembly on this date “it was the general remark that there was too much display in the ball-room, attributed by some to the ladies in the hurry of setting off having left, what ought to be considered a necessary article of dress, behind them.”

25.—Married, Mr. D. Fisher, manager of the Norfolk and Suffolk Company of Comedians, to Miss F. B. Bane, niece to Mr. Aldrich, of Pulham.

—Died at Burnham Westgate, Sir Mordaunt Martin, Bart., aged 75. He passed the last 50 years of his life in retirement at Burnham Thorpe, devoting his time principally to the study and practice of agriculture.

26.—Died at Yarmouth, aged 50, Mrs. Holland. "Her death was occasioned by her being frightened by the stories of a Mrs. Spaul, who pretended to tell fortunes." Mrs. Spaul was committed to gaol by the Mayor.

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29.—Mr. Thomas Thurtell, alderman, and Mr. William Foster were sworn into office as Sheriffs of Norwich, and entertained a large company to dinner at Chapel Field House.

OCTOBER.

1.—Died at his house on Tombland, Norwich, Robert Dixon, aged 35. He studied at the Royal Academy, settled in Norwich as an artist in 1800, and gave lessons in drawing. "As a scene painter Mr. Dixon stood proudly pre-eminent, and Norwich Theatre may boast of monuments of his greatness." A public exhibition of his works was held in the room of the Norwich Society of Artists, and on January 22nd, 1816, a performance was given at the Theatre, for the benefit of his widow and children.

17.—At the Norwich Quarter Sessions the Grand Jury made a presentment on the defective state of the pavements, and expressed the opinion that, the streets were inadequately cleansed and lighted.

19.—A grand musical performance was given at St. Stephen's Church, Norwich, in aid of the Blind School. The principal performers were Miss King, Mr. Barrow, and Mr. French; leader of the band, Mr. Fish; at the organ, Mr. Pettet.

21.—The Norwich, Ipswich, Colchester, and London Post Coach was advertised to start from the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, at eight o'clock every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning.

NOVEMBER.

4.*—"Died lately, aged 101, Mrs. Stockings, of East Harling."

11.—The Day Norwich and London New Post Coach was advertised to perform the journey between Norwich and the Metropolis in 14 hours. It started from the Rampant Horse Inn every morning at six o'clock, and arrived the same evening at the Black Bull Inn and Spread Eagle Inn, Gracechurch Street. It left London at six o'clock on the following morning. The proprietors were Richard Gurney, Ann Nelson and Sons, T. and J. Boyce, Samuel Bright, and William Jones.

14.—The Duke of York arrived at Quidenham Hall on a visit to the Earl of Albemarle for a week's pheasant shooting.

16.—In the Court of King's Bench, Benjamin Branford, Joshua Forby, James Jessup, and William Quant, convicted at the Norfolk Assizes of conspiring to falsely accuse Mr. Henry Goggs, of Whissonsett, of a serious offence, were sentenced, Branford to twelve months', Forby to six months', and Jessup and Quant to three months' imprisonment in Norwich Castle.

24.—Died, at Thursford, Sir George Chad, Bart., aged 84.

27.—The Marquis Cornwallis, Earl and Lady Chatham, and other notabilities, passed through Norwich on their way from Blickling Hall to Henham Park.

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30.—The Duke of Gloucester, the Lord Bishop of Norwich, and the Earl and Countess of Albemarle, visited Mr. T. W. Coke at Holkham.

DECEMBER.

1.—Lord Sydney visited Yarmouth and was presented with the patent of the office of High Steward of the borough. His lordship invited the Corporation to dinner at the Nelson Hotel, and General Loftus, M.P., by whom he was accompanied, gave a ball at the Town Hall.

7.—A sixteenth share of the lottery prize of £50,000 three per cent. consols was drawn by Mr. C. Davy, farmer, Great Plumstead.

16.—Died at his house in St. James's Square, London, in his 70th year, Charles Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England. He was succeeded in his titles, hereditary honours, and principal estates, by Mr. Barnard Edward Howard, of Fornham, near Bury St. Edmund's.

18.—Colombier's French Company of Equestrians commenced an engagement at the Pantheon, Norwich.

24.—Died, Mrs. Mary Dye, of Elsing, aged 101.

—Lord and Lady Castlereagh arrived in Norwich, and after dining at the Norfolk Hotel, proceeded on a visit to Lord Suffield, at Blickling Park.

30.*—"A fire engine completed by Mr. Jordan, an ingenious mechanic, of this city (Norwich), and requiring only 18 men to work it, was tried against one of Hadley and Co.'s patent engines in the Market Place yesterday, and proved equal, if not superior, to it in power. Messrs. Hartley's engine cost £180 and Mr. Jordan's only £80."

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JANUARY.

5.—At a Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons held at Norwich, Sir Jacob Henry Astley, M.P., was elected Grand Master.

6.—Mr. Thomas Coldwell was appointed postmaster at Norwich, in place of G. Litchfield.

—*"One day this week a salmon trout measuring one yard four inches, and weighing twenty-one pounds, was caught in Trowse River, near Norwich."

18.—Thanksgiving day for the restoration of Peace. The Mayor and Corporation of Norwich attended the Cathedral in state, and services were held at most of the city churches.

20.—Died, aged 83, Mr. James Clabburn, many years keeper of the Close Jail, at Norwich.

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—*"An order has been received at Norwich for upwards of 10,000 pieces of broad whites from the East India Company, and distributed among the different manufacturers much in the same proportions as last year."

—*"There is now living in Forncett St. Mary a Mrs. Knights, who is 106 years old."

24.—Mr. Betty, originally known as the Young Roscius, commenced an engagement at Norwich Theatre. He appeared as Douglas, Sir Edward Mortimer ("The Iron Chest"), and Rolla ("Pizarro").

25.—At the 51st anniversary meeting of the Castle Corporation, at Norwich, Mr. Thomas Back presented to the society two medals to be worn respectively by the "Recorder" and "Steward." They were intended to commemorate the battle of Waterloo.

25.—A memorial was sent to the Postmaster-General by the inhabitants of Norwich, setting forth the great inconvenience occasioned by the late delivery of letters by the mail. Afterwards the coach arrived at twelve o'clock instead of at one o'clock.

27.*—"Died, at Exeter, aged 63, Mr. John Bennett, formerly of the Norwich Theatre."

29.—Died, in his 87th year, Mr. Robert Harvey, of Norwich. He twice served the office of Mayor (1770 and 1800), and at his death was "Father of the City." "He enjoyed the gratification of seeing his three surviving sons holding high municipal positions, one of whom received the additional honour of being its representative in Parliament."

FEBRUARY.

3.—Mr. Dowton commenced an engagement of four nights at Norwich Theatre. He appeared as Sir Anthony Absolute, Abednego ("The Jew and the Doctor"), Sir Francis Gripe ("The Busybody"), Scout ("The Village Lawyer"), and Old Dorley ("Who's the Dupe?").

4.—Died at Hamilton Place, London, Robert, Earl of Buckinghamshire, Baron Hobart, President of the India Board. He was half brother to John, Earl of Buckinghamshire, who resided at Blickling, and who was father of Lady Suffield and Lady Castlereagh.

5.—Died in St. Stephen's, Norwich, aged 69, Sir John Odingsells Leake, Bart., formerly of Quebec House, East Dereham.

12.—Mr. Elliston appeared at Lynn Theatre as Duke Aranza ("The Honeymoon") and Rover ("Wild Oats").

16.—A high tide at Yarmouth. The Denes and the west side of the haven were inundated. A similar occurrence had not been recorded since 1791. A flood also took place at Lynn.

17.—Mrs. Davison, of Drury Lane, appeared at Norwich Theatre as Letitia Hardy ("Belle's Stratagem"), and on succeeding evenings as Maria ("Of Age To-morrow"), Peggy ("The Country Girl"), &c.

20.—A meeting was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, when resolutions against the continuance of the Property Tax, and a petition to the House of Commons, were adopted. On the 9th a county meeting was held at the Shirehouse, Norwich, at which a petition to both Houses of Parliament for repealing some of the taxes affecting agriculture, was unanimously agreed to. The meeting was held in consequence of a requisition signed by farmers only who confined their objection to the clause in the Property Tax which related to the tenants' duty, and to the Agricultural Horse Tax. On the 23rd a second county meeting was held, when resolutions congratulating the county on the rejection of the Property Tax and the relinquishment of the War Duty on malt were passed. A petition to Parliament was also unanimously agreed to, recommending a reduction of the military establishment, and the adoption of such a system of economy as might render a further continuance of War Taxes unnecessary.

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25.—Died at Ranworth, William Browne, in his 104th year.

26.—Mrs. Bartley, of Drury Lane, appeared as Isabella ("The Fatal Marriage"), at Norwich Theatre.

MARCH.

4.—Mr. Incledon, accompanied by Mr. Collyer and Master Taylor, commenced a four nights' engagement at Norwich Theatre. He appeared as Capt. Macheath ("Beggars' Opera"), Hawthorne, Tom Tug, and Steady ("The Quaker").

9.*—"One day this week some men were opening in St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich, a vault which had been closed nine years, when they found three bats entirely covered with mould and dust. They were in a state of complete torpidity, but one of them immediately took flight."

13.—A severe thunderstorm, accompanied by rain and hail, occurred at Yarmouth and other places in the neighbourhood.

18.—Miss L. Kelly, of Drury Lane, appeared at Norwich Theatre as Juliet. She was joined on the 21st by her sister, Miss F. Kelly.

—At the Norfolk Assizes, held at Thetford, before Mr. Baron Wood, Robert Lord, *alias* Davies, and William Hardy were indicted for having forged notes in their possession. A curious circumstance led to the detection of the first-named prisoner. A parcel was sent from London by the Fakenham coach addressed to "Isaac Davies, Tivetshall Ram, Norfolk." The address was so badly written as to be mistaken for "Swetshall Ram," and, as no such place could be found, the proprietor of the coach opened the parcel and discovered the forged notes. Lord was found guilty, and sentenced to 14 years' transportation. Hardy was acquitted.

19.—Died, Nehemiah Haylett, of Kenninghall, aged 101.

21.—Died, at Lynn, Mr. Thomas Day, in his 87th year. He was the oldest burgess in that town, and the last of the officers of the West Norfolk Militia, who, in 1759, volunteered their services to the Government. In 1779, when the Lynn Volunteers were formed, Mr. Day was selected Colonel Commandant.

23.*—"Died lately at Dunham, in his 85th year, Thomas Grounds, and about an hour after, Jane, his wife, in her 83rd year. They were both buried in one coffin."

29.—At a public meeting held at the Guildhall, Norwich, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Robert Fellowes, seconded by the Rev. J. Ives, to establish a Savings Bank. The bank was opened, with offices in St. Andrew's Hall, on April 29th, and on the first day £86 3s. 6d. was received from depositors in sums of 1s. and upwards.

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30.*—(Advt.) "By desire of Thomas Thurtell, Esq., and William Foster, Esq., Sheriffs of the City of Norwich, at the Theatre Royal, on Saturday, April 6th, the Comedy of 'The Road to Ruin,' the Farce called 'The Lyar,' and the Burlesque Opera 'Bombastes Furioso.'"

31.—Died very suddenly at an advanced age, in the pulpit of Hales Church, the Rev. Valentine Lumley Barnard, rector of Stockton, Norfolk.

APRIL.

3.—A meeting of merchants, manufacturers, &c., was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, when resolutions were passed to instruct the members of Parliament for the city to watch and oppose the intended measure for allowing the exportation of wool free of all restrictions. The measure was for the time relinquished.

4.—A public meeting was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, at which it was unanimously resolved to petition Parliament for the repeal of the Insolvent Debtors Act, as being in its operation injurious to trade and commerce.

6.*—"A troop of the 1st Royal Dragoons arrived at Norwich from Ipswich last week. The officers and soldiers were wearing their Waterloo medals."

—Edward Lea was executed on the Castle Hill, Norwich, for uttering forged Bank of England notes.

15.—Sir Simon le Blanc, one of the judges of the Court of King's Bench, and many years leading counsel on the Norfolk Circuit, died in London, in his 68th year.

—Mr. and Mrs. Bartley, of Drury Lane Theatre, commenced playing a round of characters at Norwich Theatre.

16.—The Rev. St. John Priest was instituted to the rectory of Billingford, on the presentation of Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., who "acknowledged, in a very handsome manner, the obligation he felt to that gentleman for his exertions in the cause of agriculture, and particularly as secretary to the Norfolk Agricultural Association, which office he had held for 13 years without emolument."

19.—A main of cocks of 21 battles was fought at the Feathers Inn, Yarmouth, between the gentlemen of Norfolk and the gentlemen of Suffolk, at five guineas the battle and ten guineas the odd. Feeders: Layton for Norfolk, Kersey for Suffolk. The match was continued on the 20th.

23.—At Norwich Quarter Sessions John William Smith was charged with stealing a silver spoon from the Waggon and Horses public-house, the property of William Smith, and a coat, the property of Michael Callow, from the Crown Inn, St. Stephen's. The prisoner, a farmer, had occupied 300 acres of land, and resided on his own estate at Great Ellingham. He was sentenced to seven years' transportation.

24.—By the alteration introduced by Government in the Local Militia establishment the pay of the permanent staff ceased, the accoutrements were sent into store, and the non-commissioned officers and drummers discharged. The only officer retained was the adjutant, who was placed on the reduced pay of 4s. per diem. p. 136

27.—Died, aged 85, Mr. Henry Thompson, one of the chief burgesses of Thetford. He had been a member of the Corporation more than half a century, five times served the office of chief magistrate, and in 1806 was appointed one of the assistant justices of the borough.

MAY.

3.—At a quarterly meeting of the Norwich Corporation it was ordered that the Hospital and City Committees be empowered to recommend to the next assembly to make such abatements in the rents of the Corporation farms as they might think necessary in consequence of the reduced price of grain, wheat being from 36s. to 37s.; barley, 11s. 6d. to 13s.; and oats, 9s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. per coomb.

11.—The first division of the West Norfolk Militia, under command of Col. Nelthorpe, marched into Norwich on their return from Ireland; the second division, under Major Barnham, arrived on the 13th. The regiment was disembodied on June 17th.

—*“Died in September last at Allahabad, in his 32nd year, Richard Turner, jun., Judge of the Provisional Court at Agra, and eldest son of the Rev. Richard Turner, Great Yarmouth.”

16.—A serious riot occurred at Norwich. A crowd assembled in the Market Place, threw fire balls and broke the windows at the Guildhall. They then broke into the New Mills, threw a quantity of flour into the river, and carried some away in sacks. On their return from the Mills they smashed many windows in St. Andrew's, Bank Street, Tombland, Magdalen Street, and other localities. Dr. Alderson came out of his house to remonstrate with them and was knocked down. The Mayor and magistrates assembled at the Guildhall, special constables were sworn in, and the mob dispersed. A picket of the West Norfolk Militia was stationed all night at the Guildhall, and a party of the 1st Royal Dragoons patrolled the streets. The disturbances were renewed on the 18th, when the Riot Act was read, and the mob dispersed by the military.

18.—The proprietors of the Norwich Expedition coach to London by Thetford and Newmarket announced a reduction of fares to £1 15s. for inside, and £1 for outside passengers. From this date the Expedition started at three o'clock in the afternoon and reached London at nine o'clock next morning.

20.—A riot took place at Downham Market. The magistrates assembled at the Crown Inn were publicly insulted, and so much disorder ensued that the Upwell Yeomanry Cavalry were called out, and the Riot Act read, after which the crowd gradually dispersed. A demand had been made for wages of 2s. per day to be paid every Monday and Thursday. In consequence of the farmers having refused to comply, another disturbance took place on the 24th, when two women and several men were apprehended and committed to Norwich Castle. The prisoners were charged at the Norfolk Assizes, held at Norwich in August, before Lord Chief Justice Gibbs, when sixteen were found guilty and sentenced to death, but only two, Daniel Harwood and Thomas Thody, were left for execution, which took place on the Castle Hill on August 31st. “The recollection of his wife and children and the horror of immediate death overcame Thody's fortitude. He was nearly sinking down under the agony of grief and terror, which he expressed by convulsive shrieks, and was obliged to be supported by several men.” p. 137

22.—At a meeting of owners and occupiers of land, at Diss, a series of resolutions was proposed by the Rev. Mr. Manning, rector, in favour of the commutation of the tithes. It was decided to petition the House of Commons on the subject. Similar meetings were held in other parishes in the district.

27.—Mrs. Mardyn, of Drury Lane Theatre, commenced an engagement at Norwich Theatre as Albina Mandeville in the comedy of “The Will.” On succeeding evenings she appeared as Amelia Wildenham (“Lovers' Vows”), Widow Brady (“The Irish Widow”), Miss Peggy (“The Country Girl”), and Miranda (“The Busybody”).

28.—At a “grand wrestling,” which took place at Kirby, twenty-four “professors” entered the ring, and “a finer display of science was never exhibited.” A man named Starling was the winner. “A smart milling took place between Broughton and Ives, the former a regular descendant of the great pugilist of that name. Ives proved entirely destitute of science and was badly beaten.”

31.—Under the sanction of the Norwich magistrates and the Court of Guardians the defective silver of the labouring poor of the city was exchanged for current coin.

JUNE.

8.*—“Died last week at Reedham, in his 104th year, John Andrews, a labouring brickmaker. He

married in the early part of his life, and had six children, who are now old people. He was left a widower at 55, and at 64 married his present widow, who was but 22. Notwithstanding the disparity of years she proved the greatest blessing to him in his old age, for she treated him with the greatest kindness and attention."

10.—A new theatre was opened at East Dereham by the Norfolk and Suffolk Company of Comedians. "It is fitted up in a style of neatness and elegance scarcely to be met with in any country town. The painting and decorations of the interior were executed by Mr. D. Fisher, to whose known taste they do ample credit. Mr. Fisher has brought with him a most respectable company."

15.—Died, Mrs. Cross, of Swaffham, aged 100.

17.—At a quarterly assembly of the Corporation of Norwich a congratulatory address was ordered to be presented to the Prince Regent on the marriage of the Princess Charlotte of Wales and Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg. A similar address was voted by the Court of Mayoralty on July 10th.

—A three days cocking match between the gentlemen of Norwich and the gentlemen of Norfolk commenced at the White Swan, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, for 10 guineas a battle and 100 guineas the odd. Norwich won by six battles.

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17.—The old people in the Great Hospital, St. Helen's, Norwich, having been deprived of the dinner of roast goose on Michaelmas Day in consequence of the death of the benefactor who provided it, Mr. Robert Partridge on this date "signified to the Norwich Corporation his intention to give £100 as a benefaction that the Michaelmas dinner of goose may be revived and continued in future."

18.—Guild Day at Norwich. The Mayor (Mr. W. Hanks) entertained the members of the Corporation at luncheon at the Guildhall; and on the 19th "gave plenty of beer and plumb cake" to the poor of his own and of other parishes.

—The first anniversary of the battle of Waterloo was celebrated at the Cavalry Barracks, Norwich, by a dinner to the non-commissioned officers and privates of the 1st Royal Dragoons, to other soldiers quartered in Norwich, and to pensioners. The wives and children of the soldiers were also entertained. The cost was defrayed by public subscription, of which £10 was given by the Corporation.

29.*—"At Whaplode Drove feast last week Mr. John Goodger, aged 104 years, danced a hornpipe, sang a song, and played at four-corners, the latter being his favourite amusement, to the great gratification of the company present."

JULY.

1.—At Holkham Sheep Shearing, which commenced on this date, improved horse hoes were shown by Mr. Blaikie, Mr. Coke's farm manager.

10.—George Wilson, the pedestrian, undertook to walk 50 miles in 12 hours at the Prussia Gardens, Norwich. He commenced at eight o'clock and finished the first mile in 11 minutes 35 seconds. His pace was afterwards a mile in from 12½ to 13 minutes. He completed the distance at 7.45 p.m. with 15 minutes to spare. On the 22nd a man named Skipper, an ostler at the Barley Mow public-house, Norwich, backed himself to walk over the same course in the same time, and completed his task in 11 hours 10 minutes. On August 27th Wilson commenced a walk of 50 miles per day of 13 hours for five successive days on the bowling-green of the Crown public-house at South Lynn, and accomplished the task. "What is very remarkable he never perspired. On the third day he lost his great toe nail off the left foot, which he pulled out by the roots in the presence of numerous spectators."

17.—At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions four labourers were indicted for having riotously assembled with 100 other persons at Hockham, on May 19th, and destroyed a thrashing machine, the property of Mr. William Burlingham. Two of the prisoners were sentenced to twelve months', and two to three months' imprisonment, and all were required to find sureties for their future behaviour. (This was the first machine breaking case recorded in the county.)

18.—After a week's continuous rain, which greatly impeded the hay harvest, a severe thunderstorm occurred. On the 31st the crops were beaten down by heavy rains, acres of turnips were washed away, and in several villages the lanes were full of water. On August 12th there was another heavy rain, and on August 31st a hurricane blew, wrecking many colliers between Blakeney and Mundesley. The rains continued to the month of October, when, in consequence of the low lying lands being under water, all hopes were abandoned for the favourable termination of the harvest. Such wet weather had not been experienced since 1799, in which year there were only 166 fair days.

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20.—A public announcement on this date stated that the following coaches started from the Angel Inn, Norwich:—The London Royal Mail, by way of Newmarket, every afternoon at 3.45; the London Royal Mail, *viâ* Ipswich and Colchester, ditto; the Wells Prince of Orange Post coach (William Sizeland and T. S. Coldwell), Wednesday and Friday at 12.45 p.m., Sunday at 8.15 a.m.; Holt Duke of Wellington Post coach (T. Coldwell and J. Love), *viâ* Aylsham, every afternoon at 3.45. From the Rampant Horse Inn: The London Day coach (in 14 hours) every morning at six.

From the Norfolk Hotel: The Telegraph London coach (in 13 hours) every morning at seven o'clock, *viâ* Newmarket. The last two were opposition coaches. The proprietors of the Day coach announced that, although the Telegraph had been started in opposition, they would "not risk the lives of their passengers by racing against time," but would continue to perform the journey "with steadiness and regularity."

29.—One of the new steam packets plying between Norwich and Yarmouth got aground on Breydon. Mrs. Clifford and other members of the Norwich Company of Comedians were on board. "By their detention the performance at the theatre could not take place, and the expectant audience had their money returned."

30.—A two days cocking match commenced at Yarmouth, "in the large room adjoining the Feathers Inn," between the gentlemen of Norwich and the gentlemen of Yarmouth.

AUGUST.

10.—The annual exhibition of "The Norfolk and Norwich Society of Artists" was advertised to open on this date at the "New Room," Theatre Plain, Norwich. It was announced that "this Society consists of the principal part of the original artists." On the same day was advertised "The 12th annual exhibition of the Norwich Original Society of Artists, established 1803." The exhibition was to take place during the Assize week, "in their great room, Sir Benjamin Wrenche's Court, Cockey Lane." The NORFOLK CHRONICLE makes this comment:—"The schism which has taken place among the exhibiting artists appears to have been productive of increased exertions on the part of the respective members of both societies. Our sincere wish to promote their fame and prosperity, and to heal rather than to ferment their differences, induces us earnestly to recommend their performances to the attention and patronage of the public which they highly deserve."

12.—Mr. Kemble appeared in the part of Cato at Norwich Theatre. On succeeding evenings he took the characters of Penruddock ("Wheel of Fortune"), King Lear, Shylock, Sir Giles Overreach ("A New Way to Pay Old Debts"), and Macbeth.

18.—The Judges of Assize on leaving Norwich passed through Attleborough, and attended service at the parish church. The Lord Chief Justice, Sir Vicary Gibbs, in walking through the nave, discovered a stone on which were his own crest and arms; the inscription thereon was to the memory of Capt. John Gibbs, who died October 22, 1695. "Mr. Le Neve," says Blomfield, "calls him the famous Capt Gibbs. He was a celebrated man on the turf in King Charles the Second's time. He laid a wager of 500 guineas that he drove his light chaise and four horses up and down the deepest place of the Devil's Ditch on Newmarket Heath, which he performed by making a very light chaise with a jointed perch, and without any pole, to the surprise of the spectators." p. 140

24.*—"Her Royal Highness Princess Charlotte has graciously expressed her determination not only to wear but to introduce and recommend the coloured bombazins, manufactured in Norwich." Mr. William Williment was appointed manufacturer to her Royal Highness.

25.—A woman named Fox, 100 years old, walked from Norwich to Plumstead, a distance of nearly five miles. "She commenced her journey at eight o'clock in the morning, rested three hours at her friend's house, and walking home arrived at Norwich at seven o'clock in the evening."

31.*—"The stupendous undertaking of the tunnel of Tavistock canal, communicating the Tavy and the Tamar, was engineered by Mr. John Taylor, jun., of Norwich."

—Thomas Moy was executed on the Castle Hill, Norwich, for sheep stealing. "He was 33 years of age, farmed 100 acres of land at Binham, and has left a wife and seven young children."

SEPTEMBER.

7.—Cromer Theatre was described as a place of entertainment "fashionably attended." "The house, or rather, barn, which is neatly fitted up, is under the management of Mr. Eldred."

11.—At a meeting held at the Guildhall, Norwich, "the situation of children employed in sweeping chimnies" was discussed, "and the means of superseding the necessity for such employment by mechanical means" were taken into consideration. A committee was appointed to promote the use of the sweeping apparatus, which, however, was but partially adopted.

16.—Intelligence was received at Norwich of the successful attack on Algiers by the British fleet, under the command of Admiral Lord Exmouth, on August 27th. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft were rung in celebration of the event.

23.—A silver cup and two drinking horns were rowed for by four-oared boats, the best two heats out of three, from Carrow Bridge to Thorpe and back, distance two and a quarter miles. Five boats competed. The cup was won by the Cytherea (Mr. Joseph Stannard), and the horns by the Friends (Mr. Garland).

OCTOBER.

4.—The third or "grand victory match" was played on Hempton Green, Fakenham, between the Holt and Aylsham cricket clubs. Aylsham won with seven wickets to spare. p. 141

14.—A public meeting was held at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, at which it was agreed to petition

the Legislature to effect a retrenchment of the public expenditure, and a reform of the House of Commons.

17.—The new Concert Room in St. George's Bridge Street, Norwich, purchased of the proprietors of the Steam Flour Mill, and fitted up by the members of the Hall Concert (a musical society which had existed 30 years) was opened. The room was capable of seating 300 persons.

23.—A pigeon shooting match took place on a field near the Town Close, Norwich, between Mr. Nicholas Bacon, and the Rev. Mr. Pitman, of Oulton. "They fired 21 shots each, but it proved a drawn bet, for they each killed 14 birds. Mr. Pitman brought down his 15th bird, but as it fell two inches beyond the distance allowed, 100 yards, it could not be reckoned. There were many bets depending, which, of course, remained undecided." (This is the first recorded pigeon match in Norfolk.)

24.—Wheat was standing uncut in several parts of Norfolk, on the same farm where corn was sown for next year's crop.

28.—A salmon trout, 57 inches in length and weighing 16½ pounds, was caught at the New Mills, Norwich. On the 31st another of 26 pounds weight was taken at the same place.

29.—At a special meeting of the Norwich Corporation an address was ordered to be presented to the Prince Regent, praying for "the utmost retrenchment of the public expenditure consistent with the welfare of the State."

NOVEMBER.

2.—Died at Narford Hall, the seat of Mr. Andrew Fountaine, his son-in-law, Mr. Thomas Penrice, of Great Yarmouth, to whom the eccentric Lord Chedworth left the bulk of his large property.

9.*—"The wealth of Mr. Watson Taylor, the purchaser of Houghton Hall, is immense. For that mansion, and a large track of land around, he gave the Marquis Cholmondeley £350,000. Mr. Taylor, by the will of an ancestor, is bound to spend £700,000 in landed estates, and besides the income which may arise from them he has £95,000 a year."

10.—Buxoo, a Bengalese, a native of Calcutta, was publicly baptised at Burnham Market church by the Rev. John Glasse, by the names of John Henry Martin. He was brought over to this country in a ship commanded by Capt. Glasse.

14.—The Courier steam packet made its passage from Foundry Bridge, Norwich, to Yarmouth in three hours twenty-five minutes.

28.—The Duke of Gloucester made his annual visit to Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., at Holkham Hall. During the week's shooting Mr. Coke killed at Warham a female *Falco Lagopus*, or rough legged falcon, measuring nearly five feet across the wings, and two feet one inch in length. The male bird was afterwards caught in a trap at Wighton. Two of these birds were taken the following week at Wighton.

Died this month, Mrs. Tabitha Starling, of Brooke, aged 103.

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7.—The Duke of Gloucester concluded his visit to Holkham. On the last day his Royal Highness proposed the toast, "Prosperity to those Whig principles which placed the House of Hanover on the Throne of Britain."

14.*—"Died lately, regretted by all who knew him, in the 65th year of his age, Charles Boyles, Esq., Vice-Admiral of the Blue, and a few years since Colonel of the Royal Marines. This distinguished officer commanded the Windsor Castle man-of-war in the action off Ferrol, between the English fleet, under Sir Richard Calder, and the combined fleets of France and Spain. During this engagement it fell to the lot of but few ships to be advantageously opposed to the enemy. The return to Portsmouth of the crippled Windsor Castle with two Spanish 74's was a triumph exultingly spoken of by Nelson as being principally the achievement of a Norfolk man. Admiral Boyles was a native of Wells in this county, and eldest son of Charles Boyles, Esq., many years collector of the customs at that port. He commenced his naval career with Lord Nelson in the *Raisonnable*, when commanded by Capt. Suckling."

21.—Wombwell's "Royal Menagerie of foreign beasts and birds" was exhibited on the Castle Ditches, Norwich.

31.—A prize fight took place at Wickhampton between Samuel Smith and James Rushmer. One hundred and eleven rounds were fought in two hours five minutes, when the ring was broken into, and owing to the confusion it was impossible to renew the fight, which was declared drawn.

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JANUARY.

1.—At a public meeting held at the Guildhall, Norwich, a subscription was opened for the relief of the labouring and manufacturing poor. Upwards of £3,050 was contributed, and several works were commenced for the improvement of the city. At Yarmouth over £1,000 was subscribed, and

460 men were employed in forming roads to the bath-house, jetty, &c.

4.—Several coach advertisements were published this month. On the 4th it was announced that the Norwich, Ipswich, Colchester, Chelmsford, and London Accommodation coach (J. Noller and Co.) set out every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from the Coach and Horses, Bethel Street, Norwich. The proprietors of the Expedition coach announced that a "single body coach upon a now construction" would start from the White Swan, St. Peter's, Norwich, every afternoon at three o'clock, and travel by Thetford and Newmarket, to London, where it arrived on the following morning at eight o'clock. "For the better accommodation of outside passengers the coach has a car attached to it with an awning and sliding curtain."

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4.*—"Died lately, at an advanced age, Mr. Christopher Jarvis, many years a miller at Wendling, and was wounded at the memorable battle of Minden."

20.—Mr. Mathews, of Covent Garden Theatre, appeared at Norwich Theatre as Goldfinch ("The Road to Ruin"), Somno ("The Sleep Walker"), and in his sketch entitled "The Humours of the Playhouse."

—On the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, were rung 5,016 changes of Norwich Court Bob Maximus in four hours two minutes, the first length of that intricate peal ever rung in England on twelve bells. It was conducted by Mr. R. Chesnut.

25.*—"Messrs. Squire, Son, and Hills, of St. Faith's Lane, Norwich, in addition to the rectifying and vinegar departments have erected extensive works for the purpose of making flour of mustard."

26.—Died at Grosvenor Place, London, Caroline, Dowager Countess of Buckinghamshire, widow of John, Earl of Buckingham, of Blickling, and mother of Viscountess Castlereagh. "She requested in her will that none of her family should wear mourning for her." The funeral was at Blickling.

—The church of St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, was opened for Sunday evening lectures, in addition to those of St. Andrew and St. Stephen.

27.—Miss Kelly appeared at Norwich Theatre as Peggy ("The Country Girl"), and Annette ("The Maid and the Magpie").

FEBRUARY.

1.*—"Died lately, aged 87 years, John Hoy, of Hackford, near Reepham. He was a soldier in the 48th Regiment of Foot under General Wolfe, and saw him fall on the plains of Abram, in North America. When on saying his noble commander was slain he was knocked down by a Lieut. Clarke with the butt end of a musket. Hoy was a soldier 18 years, 17 of which he passed without once reposing on a bed."

4.—A loyal address was voted by the Corporation of Great Yarmouth congratulating the Prince Regent upon his escape from the attack made upon him on his return from the opening of Parliament on January 28th. The Corporation of Norwich adopted a similar address on the 24th.

6.—The complete peal of 5,040 changes of Grandsire Triples was rung by the ringers of Wells-next-the-Sea on eight bells in three hours seven minutes.

13.—The new silver coinage of crowns, half-crowns, shillings, and sixpences was exchanged for the old at the Guildhall, Norwich, and at the Town Hall, Yarmouth. The bankers to whom the new coins were sent were:—Gurneys and Co., Norwich, Halesworth, Fakenham, Holt, Harleston, Lynn, Wells, and Yarmouth; Bagge and Bacon, Lynn; Day and Co., Swaffham; Willett and Son, Thetford; Payne, Tuffnell, and Co., Wells; Kett and Back, Norwich; Harvey and Co., Norwich; and Day and Sons, Norwich.

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14.—Died, aged 70, at his house in the Close, Norwich, Mr. Robert Partridge, alderman for the Conisford Ward. He was Sheriff in 1780 and Mayor in 1781.

15.—Mrs. C. Kemble appeared at King's Lynn Theatre in the character of Mrs. Oakley ("The Jealous Wife"). The proceeds of the performance were in aid of a fund for the relief of the poor.

—*"On the secession of Mr. Hindes at the close of the Norwich theatrical season, he will be succeeded by Mr. Smith, and the acting management will devolve upon Mr. Bellamy."

—Great distress still prevailing among the poor of Norwich, the Relief Committee granted the further sum of £200 to be expended in labour. It was decided to cut a road through Butter Hills to Carrow Bridge.

—*(Advt.) "The public are respectfully informed that *on February the 18th only* Irish, French, and plain silver will be taken at the Theatre Royal, Norwich."

21.—The Right Hon. George Horatio Cholmondeley, Earl of Rocksavage (eldest son of the Marquis Cholmondeley), was elected Member of Parliament for Castle Rising, in place of the Hon. Cavendish Bradshaw.

22.*—"A Yarmouth correspondent is anxious to know (1) by what authority the communication between the body and aisles of St. George's Chapel has been cut off; and (2) why the Mayor or

Lord Bishop is not applied to to remove the nuisance to the congregation?"

25.—An inquest was held at Norwich on the body of Elizabeth Pope, aged 83, "who on Sunday evening, being alone in her apartment *over the portico of St. Lawrence's church*, accidentally set herself on fire, and was burnt in a terrible manner."

26.—Died, aged 75, at Swaffham, Mr. Francis Blomfield, "the last male branch of the family of Blomfield, the county historian."

27.—Mrs. C. Kemble appeared at Norwich Theatre as Mrs. Oakley ("The Jealous Wife"). On subsequent evenings she took the parts of Letitia Hardy ("The Belle's Stratagem"), Caroline ("The Prize"), Lady Teazle, and Myrtelle ("The Broken Sword").

The Prince Regent this month conferred the honour of knighthood on Lieut.-Col. Robert John Harvey, K.T.S., in recognition of his distinguished services in the Peninsular War.

MARCH.

3.—A single wicket cricket match was played in Chapel Field, Norwich, between "a noted player from Sussex," named Michan, an ex-officer, and a Hertford man, named Pratt. The latter won by six wickets, and decided "considerable bets."

8.*—(Adv.) "Cocking. A match for cocks will be fought at Holkham New Inn on the 10th and 11th of March, between the gentlemen of Wells and the gentlemen of Holt. To fight for £10 a battle and £50 the odd; and two turn outs for £20 a battle. To fight in silver spurs. Feeders: Lamb for Wells, Nash for Holt."

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10.—Miss Davison, of Drury Lane Theatre, commenced an engagement at Norwich Theatre, during which she appeared as Rosalind, Juliana ("The Honeymoon"), Margaretta ("No Song, no Supper"), Lady Townley ("The Provoked Husband"), Miss Tomboy ("The Romp").

14.—A charge of blasphemy was exhibited before the magistrates at East Dereham against one Henry Balls, for publishing a handbill entitled "The Great Assize." (There is no further record of the case.)

19.—The Revenue cutter Ranger, Capt. Sayers, of Yarmouth, captured a large lugger with an armed crew of 36 men. In the action the Ranger lost three killed and seven wounded. The cargo consisted of 507 ankers and 945 halves of spirits, 27 bales of tobacco, and 47 bales of Bandannas, the whole worth £8,000.

24.—At the Norfolk Assizes, which commenced at Thetford on this date before Sir Robert Graham, one of the Barons of the Exchequer, the *crim. con.* action, Laton *v.* Beauchamp, clerk, was tried. The special jury, without leaving the box, gave a verdict for the defendant.

—Mr. Bartley appeared at Norwich Theatre as Dr. Cantwell ("The Hypocrite") and the Mock Doctor. Mrs. Bartley on the 29th played Lady Constance to Mr. Bartley's King John. On subsequent evenings he impersonated Capt. Allclack ("The Invisible Girl"), and Sir Adam Contest ("The Wedding Day").

—Mr. Blanchard, at Lynn Theatre, appeared as Ollapod ("The Poor Gentleman"), and Crack ("The Turnpike Gate").

26.—Died at Trowse Old Hall, aged 77, General John Money, Colonel of the 3rd Regiment of Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry. He entered the Army as a volunteer in Elliott's Light Horse in the Seven Years' German War, and was with them at the battle of Tillinghausen. He was afterwards a captain in the 9th (or Norfolk) Regiment of Foot, and in the American War was Deputy-Assistant Quarter-Master General to the army commanded by General Burgoyne. He was the author of several pamphlets on military and other subjects. About 40 years before his death he built the mansion known as Crown Point, where for more than 30 years he gave an annual ball.

APRIL.

3.—A grand performance of sacred music was given at St. Andrew's Church, Norwich. Mrs. Card, a native of the city, was the principal vocalist, and the choruses were sustained by local amateurs.

—Norwich Infantry Barracks (disused) were sold by auction, without reserve, by Mr. R. Cana, auctioneer.

4.—A terrible explosion occurred on Wright's Norwich and Yarmouth steam packet at Foundry Bridge, Norwich. Of the 22 persons on board, five men, three women, and a child were killed; six women with fractured legs and arms were conveyed to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, where one died; and the remaining seven escaped without sustaining material injury. The sum of £350 was raised for the relief of the sufferers. A boat worked by horse power was subsequently placed upon the river. "The four horses walked as in a thrashing machine or mill. Each in his path which was 18 feet in diameter. The horses by walking a distance of two miles propelled the vessel six or seven miles."

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5.—A county meeting was held at the Shirehall, Norwich, pursuant to requisition and presided over by the High Sheriff (Mr. H. N. Burroughes), "for the purpose of congratulating the Prince Regent on his escape from the late atrocious attack upon his person, and of praying his Royal

Highness to dismiss from his presence and councils those advisers who, by their conduct, had proved themselves to be alike enemies to the Throne and the people." The resolutions were moved by the Earl of Albemarle, seconded by Mr. S. T. Southwell, and supported by Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., and the Rev. George Glover. They were opposed by the Hon. Col. Wodehouse, Mr. Edmond Wodehouse, Mr. Serjeant Firth, and Mr. J. Harvey. The High Sheriff declared the resolutions to be carried "by a most decided majority." An address founded on the resolutions was also adopted, and was presented to the Prince Regent by Mr. Coke at the Levée on April 21st.—In consequence of these proceedings a document, known as the "Norfolk Declaration," was signed by upwards of 900 noblemen, gentlemen, clergy, and freeholders of the county, who considered the Ministers "eminently entitled to the gratitude of their Sovereign and the country." The Declaration was presented to the Prince Regent at the Levée at Carlton House on July 1st, by the Lord Lieutenant of the county, accompanied by the Earl of Orford, the Earl of Ancram, Lord C. Townshend, the Hon. Col. Wodehouse, the Hon. Edward Harbord, Mr. Edmund Bacon, Mr. Edmond Wodehouse, M.P., Mr. Charles Harvey, M.P., &c.

7.—Mr. Incledon commenced a five nights' engagement at Norwich Theatre previous to his departure to America. He appeared as Hawthorn ("Love in a Village"), and Harry Blunt ("The Turnpike Gate").

14.—A "three double days' play of cocks" commenced at the White Swan Inn, Norwich, between the gentlemen of Norwich and the gentlemen of Cambridgeshire, for 10 guineas a battle and 200 guineas the odd. Feeders: Fisher for Norwich, Thompson for Cambridgeshire. The match was won by Cambridgeshire.

—A peal of eight bells, including a new tenor cast by Mears, of London, was opened at North Elmham by the St. Peter Mancroft company of ringers, who rang 5,040 changes of Norwich Court Bob in three hours nineteen minutes.

16.—A new tragedy, entitled "Edwin, Heir of Cressingham," founded on Mrs. Porter's historical romance, "The Scottish Chiefs," and written by Mr. Edward Ball, of Norwich, was produced at Norwich Theatre for the first time, and received with much applause.

21.—Mr. A. T. Fayerman, "surgeon professor" to the "Royal Medical Institution," Red Lion Street, Norwich, presented to the Prince Regent, at the Levée at Carlton House, the first annual report of the proceedings of the institution, with an address from "the Brunswick Knights of Norwich, and the two lodges of the Ancient and Royal Order of Stagorians," congratulating his Royal Highness on his "escape from the late attack." The Knights and Stagorians, with a band of music and colours, set out from the Rampant Horse Inn to meet their President on his return to Norwich on the 22nd, "but the harmony and conviviality of the meeting were completely outraged by the assembled mob, who broke the windows of Mr. Simmon's house at Prussia Gardens, tore up the shrubs, threw volleys of stones at the processionists who were on horseback, and broke the windows of Mr. Fayerman's house in Red Lion Street." (The Stagorians were a society founded in 1728.)

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28.—Died, at his house in Berners Street, London, aged 61, Sir Jacob Henry Astley, Bart., M.P. He was succeeded in his title by his eldest son.

—Died in St. Giles', Norwich, Mrs. E. Layton, aged 100 years.

MAY.

1.—Mr. Crisp Brown and Mr. Thomas Thurtell, the two senior aldermen below the chair, were returned to the Norwich Court of Aldermen without opposition, and on the 3rd Mr. Brown was unanimously elected Mayor.

5.—Mr. A. Guggle, of Wells-next-the-Sea, introduced an "improved double bathing machine, so constructed as to render it perfectly safe at all times, and regulated in a few seconds to any depth of water preferred by the bather."

8.—The Norwich Court of Guardians ordered a new valuation of property in the city and hamlets.

19.—The election to fill the vacancy caused in the representation of the county by the death of Sir H. J. Astley, commenced at Norwich. The candidates were Mr. E. R. Pratt, of Ryston, and Mr. Edmond Wodehouse, of Sennowe Lodge. The polling continued for five days and closed on the 23rd, when the result was declared as follows:—Wodehouse, 3,896; Pratt, 3,321.

27.—Died at his seat, Great Melton Hall, aged 86, Sir John Lombe, Bart. He was succeeded in his title by his great nephew, Mr. Richard Paul Jodrell. The deceased baronet bequeathed his large estates to Mr. Edward Beevor, of the Middle Temple, barrister-at-law, who by special Act of Parliament, which received the Royal Assent on July 7th, was authorised to assume the surname and bear the arms of Lombe instead of those of Beevor, in compliance with a condition in the will of the deceased.

28.—The birthday of Mr. Pitt was celebrated by a dinner at the Assembly Rooms, Norwich, at which Mr. Charles Harvey, M.P., presided.

—Died at St. George's Tombland, Norwich, Mrs. Phœbe Crow, aged 77, "who in 40 years' practice as a midwife brought into the world 9,730 children."

31.—Mr. Betty appeared as Hamlet at Norwich Theatre on the closing night of the season, when

Mr. Smith, the new manager, delivered an address at the conclusion of the performance.

—The Brampton Indianman was launched from Mr. Bottomley's yard, and the Wodehouse brig from Messrs. Lauker and Spong's yard, King's Lynn.

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4.—King George III. entered upon his 80th year. The event was celebrated in Norwich by the ringing of bells and by a parade of the Light Horse Volunteers and Yeomanry Cavalry.

9.—Two thousand spectators were present at "the 10th annual grand wrestling match for prizes given by a society of amateurs for the encouragement of gymnastic exercises," held at Kirby Cane. There were 24 competitors, and the winner was Martin Hingle.

17.—Guild Day at Norwich. Mr. Crisp Brown, the Mayor elect, observed all the ancient customs, and entertained 300 guests at the guild feast.

18.—A meeting of resident gentry, clergy, yeomanry, and principal householders of North Greenhoe and Brothercross Hundreds, was held at Wells-next-the-Sea, under the presidency of Sir William Bolton, when resolutions were passed expressive of their deep concern at the insults offered to Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., at a meeting held at Norwich on the previous Saturday and during the county election, and an address was ordered to be presented in accordance with the terms of the resolutions.

19.—Mr. Mathews gave his entertainment, "Mail Coach Adventures," at Norwich Theatre.

22.—Moses Levi, aged 62, "of the Jewish persuasion," was baptised by the Rev. George Baldero at the parish church of Rainham St. Martin.

25.—A severe hailstorm occurred in West Norfolk. Some of the hailstones measured six inches in circumference. Much damage was done. Many rooks were afterwards found dead.

JULY.

5.—Haddock's exhibition of automata was opened in the Great Room, Davey Place, Norwich.

7.—At the Holkham Sheep Shearing, which commenced on this date, the address voted at Wells-next-the-Sea on June 18th was presented to Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., who, in reply, said he did not attribute blame to the poorer classes who had been deluded into the belief that he was their enemy, but he did blame the Mayor of Norwich, who, in his official capacity, should have prevented what had taken place. These remarks led to a very long and acrimonious newspaper correspondence.

9.—The Rev. Charles Nourse Wodehouse was installed a prebendary of Norwich Cathedral, in place of the Rev. John Pretyma, D.D., who died at Lincoln on June 5th.

15.—The salt marshes near Wells-next-the-Sea were inundated by a high tide during a northerly gale, and nearly 300 sheep, the property of Messrs. Tuthill, Moore, and John Blomfield, of Warham, were drowned.

—A meeting of the gentry, clergy, and yeomen of the Hundreds of Guiltcross and Shropham was held at East Harling, under the presidency of the Earl of Albemarle, when an address was voted to Mr. Coke, M.P., and presented to him at Thetford Wool Fair on July 26th.

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19.—Thomas Carter was publicly whipped in Norwich Market Place for stealing a cow.

—At the Norwich Court of Mayoralty, the Mayor stated that complaints had been made to him of offences committed in the city by bakers, foggers, and others, exercising their trades on Sunday. The Court gave notice that it was not lawful "to make or bake any bread, rolls, or cakes of any sort or kind on the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday," nor to deliver them "at any time after half past one of the clock in the afternoon of that day."

24.—Skipper, the pedestrian, undertook for a wager of 25 guineas to walk from Norwich to Thetford and back, a distance of 55 miles, in 12 hours. "He walked 54 miles, but having only four minutes to perform the last mile, gave in."

AUGUST.

6.—Died at his house in the Lower Close, Norwich, aged 55, Mr. Frank Sayers, M.D., author of "Poems, including Sketches of the Northern Mythology," and "Disquisitions, Metaphysical and Literary, Antiquarian and Historical." A monument, with a Latin inscription by the Rev. F. Howes, was erected in the Cathedral to the memory of the deceased.

7.—Died at Hoveton St. John, Mr. Thomas Blofeld, D.L., for many years one of the chairmen of the Norfolk Quarter Sessions.

11.—Sports were held at Reedham under the patronage of Mr. Layton, of Reedham Hall. The principal event was a wrestling match, taken part in "by twenty-four as fine athletic young fellows as England can produce."

12.—A cocking match, "fought in silver," between the gentlemen of Norwich and the gentlemen of Yarmouth, commenced at the Feathers Inn, Yarmouth, and concluded on the 14th. Feeders:

Lamb for Norwich, Nash for Yarmouth.

15.—The first stone of the Nelson Monument on the South Denes, Yarmouth, was laid by the Hon. Col. Wodehouse (chairman of the sub-committee), in the presence of the Mayors and Corporations of Yarmouth and Norwich. A civic dinner was given, and in the evening a ball, attended by 350 persons, took place at the Town Hall.

—Mrs. Rigby, wife of Dr. Rigby, gave birth, at Framingham, to three boys and a girl. One lived 18 days, and the other three from eight to ten weeks. At a quarterly meeting of the Norwich Corporation on September 12th, the Court of Aldermen resolved that a piece of plate be presented to Alderman and Mrs. Rigby in commemoration of the birth, to which the Commons “cordially acquiesced on the understanding that if the same event should happen in their own body they should put in a claim for a similar complimentary memento.” A violent personal dispute ensued between two members of the Common Council, “which so alarmed eight of the members for the Ward beyond the Water that they left the room without leave of the Speaker, the consequence being that the whole proceedings proved abortive.” Another meeting was held on the 27th, when the presentation was amicably agreed to, and on December 24th Dr. and Mrs. Rigby were given a silver bread basket, “with the names of the children and the arms of the family richly emblazoned thereon.”

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16.—The thirteenth annual exhibition of the Norwich Society of Artists was opened in Sir Benjamin Wrenche’s Court. Mr. W. M. Sharp was president, Mr. J. Freeman vice-president, and Mr. P. Barnes, secretary. The Norfolk and Norwich Original Society of Artists advertised their thirteenth exhibition to be held at the New Room, Theatre Plain—Mr. R. Ladbrook, president; Mr. J. Sillett, vice-president; Mr. J. Thirtle, secretary. Both exhibitions were honoured by the presence of the Mayor and Corporation.

—Died at his house, Chapel Field, Norwich, Mr. John Ninham, aged 63, artist and engraver.

23.—Mr. Keen performed at Norwich Theatre in the character of Richard III. On succeeding nights he appeared as Othello, Bertram, Sir Giles Overreach, Sir Edward Mortimer, Selim (“Barbarossa”), Shylock, Octavian (“The Mountaineers”), and Paul (“Paul and Virginia”). He afterwards fulfilled an engagement at Yarmouth Theatre.

26.—A contested election took place at Norwich for the office of freemens’ Sheriff. Mr. John Lovick was returned with 807 votes as against 718 polled by his opponent, Mr. George Harvey.

SEPTEMBER.

6.*—“Last week two troops of the 5th Dragoon Guards, under the command of Major Irwin, marched into Norwich Barracks, and relieved the two troops of the Royal Dragoons, ordered to Scotland.”

10.—The Bishop of Norwich confirmed 800 persons of both sexes at a special service held at Norwich Cathedral.

13.*—“Died lately, at Madrid, at the house of her sister, Lady Whitlingham, Barbara, wife of Mr. Bartholomew Frere, his Majesty’s secretary to the Embassy at the Ottoman Porte. The marriage had been solemnized by proxy according to the usual forms, but Mr. Frere having been detained at Constantinople, neither had the happiness of seeing each other since their union.”

26.—Skipper, the pedestrian, undertook to walk 60 miles in 12 successive hours on the bowling-green at the King’s Head Inn, East Dereham. “He was so exhausted in the last two miles that he could not accomplish his task.”

—A meeting was held in St. Andrew’s Hall, Norwich, when an auxiliary association to the London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews was established, with the Lord Bishop as president.

27.—Died at Kirby Cane parsonage, from injuries received by the accidental discharge of a gun, the Hon. C. J. Keppel, fifth son of the Earl of Albemarle.

—A party of Indian jugglers gave a performance at Mr. Noverre’s ball-room, “near Messrs. Gurney’s bank,” Norwich.

OCTOBER.

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1.*—(Advt.) “Christopher Woods has been a prisoner in Norwich Castle during four and a half years, and there must remain for life, unless assisted with £20 to enable him to put in an answer to a bill in Chancery. The attention of the truly Charitable is earnestly requested in behalf of this unhappy man, his distressed wife, and four children.”

11.—Mr. Robert Baker, glover and breeches maker, of Wells-next-the-Sea, was found murdered in Market Lane, about 200 yards from the town. His skull was beaten in and his throat cut. The county magistrates, assembled for other business at the Shirehall, Norwich, ordered the printing of 3,000 handbills giving notice of the murder. These were taken by the constables to every coach, fish cart, and other conveyance leaving Norwich. A man named James Johnson, 29 years of age, was apprehended on suspicion at the King’s Head Inn, Hethersett, on October 15th. The prisoner was tried at the Norfolk Assizes, held at Thetford on March 19, 1818, when, after a trial lasting seven and a half hours, the jury returned a verdict of guilty, and he was sentenced to

death by Mr. Justice Dallas, "his body to be delivered to the surgeons to be anatomised" on the Saturday following. On the prisoner asking for "a longer period than two days in which to prepare for eternity," the judge ordered death to be postponed until the following Monday, on which day the execution took place on the Castle Hill, Norwich, in the presence of 5,000 spectators. "Mr. Wilson, a gentleman from London, and Mr. Austen, a pupil of Mr. Dalrymple's, performed the dissection and prepared the subject for the lectures which have been daily delivered by Mr. Crosse." At the trial an indictment was preferred against an accomplice of the prisoner, one William Hardiment, not in custody. A third man, Benjamin Neal, was in custody charged with being an accessory before the fact, but the bill was thrown out by the Grand Jury. (See March 28th, 1822.)

14.—Under the direction of Messrs. Beckwith and Pettet a grand Musical Festival began at Norwich, and was continued until October 19th. Miscellaneous concerts were given in St. Andrew's Hall, and selections from oratorios in St. Peter's church. The principal performers were Mrs. Salmon, Miss Frith, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Hawes, and Mr. Bellamy.

22.—A single wicket match was played at Holt by Frost, a member of the Holt Cricket Club, and Pilch, of the Litcham Club, for £10 a side. Pilch was the winner.

28.—Mr. W. Finch announced that he had acquired Harper's Gardens, "near St. Stephen's Gates, Norwich." Mr. Harper, the former proprietor, removed to the Falcon Inn, Ditchingham.

30.—Died, in his 85th year, James Vines, for upwards of 60 years a member of the St. Peter Mancroft company of ringers, at Norwich.

NOVEMBER.

5.—A salmon trout, measuring 40 inches in length and weighing 21 pounds, was killed at the New Mills, Norwich.

7.—An express arrived at Norwich bearing tidings of the death of Princess Charlotte. "Three post chaises and four followed a few hours after with gentlemen from some of the first London houses, to buy up all the black bombazines that the manufacturers had on hand, some of whom, however, had earlier intelligence of the melancholy event by letter brought by the express messenger, who arrived here on horseback." It was subsequently stated: "Notwithstanding the immediate and necessary exertions of all persons employed in the manufacture of bombazines and other articles of sable hue, they have not yet been able to satisfy the demand for goods of this description, whilst the dressmakers, &c., have found it difficult to execute all the orders they have received. During the last week all the coaches have departed heavily laden with manufactured goods." On November 19th, the day of the funeral, black was worn generally, St. Peter's bell was tolled, and the Mayor and Corporation attended service at the Cathedral. "The Mayor substituted for the official cloak of justice one of black crape, and he also wore weepers."

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10.—Messrs. Adams' troupe of equestrians commenced a season at the Pantheon, Norwich.

14.—Died, whilst on a visit to Holkham Hall, Elizabeth, Countess of Albemarle.

15.*—"There have recently been cast at the bell foundry at Downham five clock bells for the new General Post Office, Dublin. A large bell is now preparing at the same place for erection in the Wabash, Indiana State, North America, by a religious society of Germans who have settled there."

20.—Several persons "who had long resisted the threats and entreaties of the inhabitants of Old Buckenham" were convicted before a magistrate at Larlingford, and fined for playing cricket on Sunday, October 2nd, on Old Buckenham green.

DECEMBER.

5.—At a special assembly of the Corporation of Norwich addresses of condolence were voted to the Prince Regent and to Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg, expressive of the deep grief felt by the citizens on the death of the Princess Charlotte. Similar addresses were presented by the Corporations of Yarmouth, Lynn, and Thetford.

—Died in St. Stephen's, Norwich, in his 74th year, Mr. James Hardy, of Hethersett. He served the office of Sheriff of Norwich in 1800.

6.—Messrs. Caldwell, Waterhouses, and Co., advertised the establishment of a service of "new light caravans upon springs." The conveyances left Norwich every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning at eight o'clock, and arrived at the Swan-with-two-Necks, Lad Lane, London, on the following morning at six o'clock. They were despatched from London every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evening at five o'clock, and arrived in Norwich the next afternoon at three o'clock. The rate of carriage from London to Norwich was 9s. per cwt., and from Norwich to London 11s. per cwt.

15.—A three days' cocking match commenced at the White Swan, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, between the gentlemen of Norfolk and the gentlemen of Suffolk. A main of 31 cocks was won by Norfolk six battles ahead, and a match of 11 chickens by Norfolk one battle ahead. The byes, of which 14 were fought, were even. Stakes: £10 a battle and £200 the odd; chickens, £5 a battle and £50 the odd; byes £10 per battle. Feeders: Lamb for Norfolk, Nash for Suffolk.

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16.—A prize fight took place on Bungay Common between Sutton, the Black, and Ned Painter, who was accompanied from Norwich by a large number of his supporters. Fifteen rounds were fought in one hour forty-two minutes for a purse of £100, £80 for the winner and £20 for the loser. Painter, "the best man of the day with Norfolk training," won. "Several well-dressed women were present at the fight."

20.—The Fakenham and London post coach, the Patriot, was advertised to run from Fakenham on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The proprietors were Robert Leamon, Fakenham; T. W. Woer, Swaffham; Thos. Golding, Newmarket; George Barton, Cambridge; and John Eames, London.

—Joseph Penny, of Yarmouth, who impersonated Neptune at the Peace festival at Yarmouth on April 21, 1814, was drowned with his son whilst sailing a small boat in stormy weather.

27.*—"The commissions executed and presents sent from this land of turkies greatly exceeded any former year. It is calculated that upwards of 4,000 have been despatched by different conveyances from Norwich during the past week, which, averaged at nine pounds each, at 10d. per pound, amounted to £1,500."

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JANUARY.

3.—Shore's menagerie was exhibited on the Castle Ditches, Norwich.

5.—The Norwich Court of Guardians determined to proceed with the valuation of property in the city and hamlets. Messrs. Rooks, Athow, and Stannard were appointed to make the valuation at the remuneration of £850.

6.—Twelfth Day was observed in Norwich, "when the confectioners made a grand display of their frosted and ornamented cakes. Mr. Turner, of the Gentleman's Walk, had one weighing 220 pounds and measuring three yards in circumference. It was sawn to pieces next day." Mr. and Mrs. Patteson gave a Twelfth Night ball and supper at their residence in Surrey Street, at which 140 guests were present.

8.—At a meeting, presided over by Mr. T. O. Springfield, at the Swan Inn, Norwich, resolutions were moved by Mr. Edward Taylor, and a subscription raised to testify "the estimation in which they hold the extraordinary and intrepid exertions of Mr. Hone, in defence of the liberty of the Press, and to assist to defray the expenses of his repeated prosecutions."

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—Died, aged 100 years, Ashton Goodyer, formerly keeper of the workhouse at Tilney.

13.—At a county meeting held at the Shirehall, under the presidency of the High Sheriff (Mr. H. N. Burroughes), addresses of condolence with the Prince Regent and Prince Leopold on the death of the Princess Charlotte, were moved by Lord Walpole and seconded by the Hon. Col. Wodehouse. The Ven. Archdeacon Bathurst opposed the addresses on account of the omission of the name of the Princess of Wales, and moved as an amendment "That any addresses to the Prince Regent and Prince Leopold, unaccompanied by an address to the Princess of Wales, would operate as an insulting neglect to one of the first characters in the Royal Family, and as a disrespect to the memory of her who was the pride and hope of the British people." The amendment was seconded by Mr. N. Palmer, of Yarmouth. The High Sheriff objected to put the amendment, as the name of the Princess of Wales had not been included in the requisition. The addresses were then adopted. Archdeacon Bathurst alone dissenting.

15.—Lord and Lady Castlereagh and Prince Esterhazy, the Austrian ambassador, passed through Norwich on their return to London after a visit to Lord Suffield at Blickling.

16.—Died at Old Windsor, aged 71, the Right Hon. Lord Walsingham, of Merton Hall. He was the only son of Sir William de Grey, several years Lord Chief Justice of Common Pleas. In 1787 he was appointed joint Postmaster-General, and to within two years of his death had been chairman of the Committees of Privileges, &c., in the House of Lords.

19.—At a meeting of the inhabitants of Yarmouth, held at the New Hall, upwards of £6,000 was subscribed for aiding a plan to extend the navigation of the river Waveney from Bungay to Diss. The sum of £5,000 was raised in the latter town. At a meeting held at Bungay on February 5th the scheme was opposed by the landowners through whose property the projected canal was to pass. On February 13th the inhabitants of Thetford met to oppose the undertaking, as it was likely to be injurious to the tolls of the Lesser Ouse. It was announced on February 28th that £20,000 had been subscribed, and that the expense of carrying the scheme into execution would be £36,931. A meeting was held at Yarmouth on March 10th, at which it was decided "out of respect to Mr. Adair and the rest of the proprietors to defer application to Parliament until the ensuing Session." Ultimately the scheme was abandoned. In the course of the discussions on the project, "it was thrown out in a highly respectable quarter that the end in view might be answered and all objections obviated by the substitution of an iron railway for a canal." (This is the first instance in which a "railway" is mentioned in the NORFOLK CHRONICLE.)

—Mr. Sinclair, from Covent Garden Theatre, appeared at the Theatre Royal, Norwich, as Orlando ("The Cabinet"), Apollo (in the burletta of "Midas"), and Henry Bertram ("Guy Mannering").

26.—The stacks of Mr. John Balls, farmer, Lessingham, were destroyed by fire, his calves

suspended by their necks from a beam in an outhouse, and other outrages committed. At the Norfolk Assizes, held at Thetford in the month of March, James Thompson was indicted for firing the stacks, and, after a trial lasting five hours, was acquitted.

31.—Miss Davison, of Drury Lane, commenced an engagement at Norwich Theatre, during which she appeared as Lady Teazle, Priscilla Tomboy ("The Romp"), Lady Bell ("Know your own Mind"), Roxalana ("The Sultan"), and Lady Racket ("Three Weeks after Marriage").

FEBRUARY.

4.—Died, at Hethersett, aged 70, Mr. John Buckle, one of the aldermen of the Great Ward of Mancroft, Norwich. He served the office of Sheriff in 1787, and of Mayor in 1793.

16.—Mr. Emery, of Covent Garden, made his first appearance at Norwich Theatre, as Tyke ("The School of Reform"). His other characters included Robin Roughead ("Fortune's Frolic"), Zekiel Homespun ("Heir at Law"), and Sheepface ("The Village Lawyer").

21.—Died, aged 88, Mr. William Utten, of the Lower Close, Norwich, formerly chapter clerk to the Dean and Chapter, and secretary to the Lord Bishop of Norwich.

28.*—"Mr. D. Fisher, whose performance of the arduous characters of Hamlet, Macbeth, and Richard III. at Drury Lane were so excellent as to induce the managers to engage him at a liberal salary from the commencement of next season, has been engaged to perform those characters at Norwich, and will make his first appearance this evening in the part of Hamlet." Mr. Fisher was a son of the manager of the Norfolk and Suffolk Company of Comedians.

MARCH.

2.—The Carrow Bridge toll bar, at Norwich, was let for three years at the annual rent of £224.

4.—During a severe gale from the south-east great damage was done to shipping on the Norfolk coast, and several vessels were driven ashore. At the church of Pulham St. Mary the Virgin the chancel window, 20 feet by 11 feet, was almost demolished, and another window on the south side was entirely blown out with the stone work. Four large sheets of lead were blown off the roof of East Bilney Church.

—It having been represented to the Norwich Court of Mayoralty that "the annual Fair on Tombland hath for several years past been continued to an unreasonable time of the night, not only to the disturbance and inconvenience of the inhabitants, but so as to prevent the decent observance of next day, being Good Friday," it was ordered "that the ensuing Fair on Maunday Thursday shall end at eleven o'clock in the evening of that day, when all persons resorting to the same are to repair to their respective houses, and all those who shall have goods, stalls, and shows are directed to cease their several trades and occupations at the said hour of eleven, and immediately to remove and carry their goods and effects from the said fairstead." The Fair was held on March 19, when "there were few exhibitions on Tombland, the show caravans, which were more numerous than usual, being judiciously arranged on the Castle Meadow."

9.—The election of Common Councilmen for the four wards of Norwich, commenced on this date. "The ascendancy of the Purple and Orange or of the Blue and White party in the Corporation is supposed to have some influence at a General Election, and as that event is considered to be at no great distance, neither money nor exertions were spared to obtain a majority in the Long Ward." The expenses were estimated at some thousands of pounds, from £15 to £40 was paid for votes, and the freemen were brought in carriages from the country to vote as at a Parliamentary Election.

10.—Married at Benacre, by the Rev. Richard Gooch, Capt. G. W. Manby, barrack master, Yarmouth, to Sophia, daughter of Sir Thomas Gooch, Bart., of Benacre Hall, and sister of Mr. Sherlock Gooch, M.P., for Suffolk.

16.—At the Norfolk Assizes, held at Thetford, the *crim. con.* action, Muskett v. Gurney, in which the damages were laid at £10,000, was tried before a special jury. Verdict for the defendant.

19.—The first Norwich Sick Poor Repository was held at Mr. Noverre's room, St. Michael-at-Plea, on Tombland Fair day. "The room was crowded by the beauty and fashion of our town and its vicinity, and the counters were completely cleared at three o'clock, when the receipts amounted to £115."

24.—Died at Hare Street, Romford, Mr. Humphrey Repton, the celebrated landscape gardener. He was buried at Aylsham.

26.—The organ at Swaffham church was opened by Mr. Beckwith, of Norwich. Selections of sacred music were rendered at the church, and in the evening a miscellaneous concert was given in the Assembly-room. The principal vocalists were Mrs. Card, Miss Williams, Mr. C. Fisher (tenor), and the choristers from Norwich Cathedral.

31.—Married, at Redenhall Church, by the Ven. Archdeacon Oldershaw, Mr. Gurney Barclay, of Tavistock Square, London, to Miss Freshfield, of Harleston. "On the bride's return the horses were taken from her carriage, and, amid the cheering of the delighted people, she was drawn, attended by a band of music, through the town."

APRIL.

5.—The London mail by way of Bury and Newmarket was discontinued, and two light four-inside coaches, called the Mercury, substituted, starting from the Angel Inn, Norwich, at 4.45 p.m., and from the Golden Cross, Charing Cross, London, at six p.m., Sundays excepted. The proprietors of the Expedition post coach substituted two light post coaches which ran from the Swan Inn, Norwich, every afternoon at four o'clock, and from the White Horse, Fetter Lane, London, at 4.30. The mail by Bury and Newmarket had been established 33 years, and was discontinued from lack of public support. The Norwich and London mail by Ipswich and Colchester continued to run as before.

8.—The Eau Brink Drainage Bill was read a third time in the House of Commons, and the Act was subsequently passed for increasing the fund for carrying into execution the several previous Acts for improving the drainage of the fens, and the navigation of the several Norfolk rivers communicating with the river Ouse. p. 157

11.—Six prisoners escaped from the Norwich City Gaol by breaking through an 18-inch brick wall, whence they entered the snuff manufactory of Messrs. Waite and Cozens, and with their irons on made their way to the Market Place. With one exception they were speedily recaptured.

—*“According to the returns of the Tax Office to March 25, 1817, the Norfolk Land-tax amounted to £63,471 10s. 7d.; redeemed, £18,526 16s. 2d.”

14.—The Norwich Paving Commissioners, in consequence of complaints regarding the imperfect lighting and watching of the streets, appointed a committee of fourteen of their members, and co-opted other persons, to superintend the placing of the watchmen. The committee were requested to “occasionally perambulate the city, and to observe the state of the lamps and the conduct of the watchmen.”

18.*—(Advt.) “To be fought at the White Swan Inn, Norwich, on Monday, April 20th, 1818, and two following days, three double days play of cocks for 10 guineas a battle, and 200 guineas the odd, between the gentlemen of Norwich and the gentlemen of Cambridge. Feeders: Lamb for Norwich, Thompson for Cambridge.”

—*(Advt.) “The London and Norwich mail coach by Colchester and Ipswich. The Postmaster-General having thought proper to discontinue the mail coach by Newmarket, which had been established 33 years, from the public not having latterly given it that support which its usefulness demanded, the contractors for the remaining mail by Ipswich and Colchester, which will in future be the conveyance of the Norwich letters, hope that so useful a carriage in this commercial city and county will have such success as to promote its future encouragement and continuance.”

23.—St. George's Day was observed in Norwich as the festival of the tutelar saint of England and as the appointed date for the celebration of the birthday of the Prince Regent. St. Peter's bells were rung, and at night a ball was given at Chapel Field House.

24.—A meeting, presided over by Mr. J. J. Gurney, was held at the Lancasterian School, Norwich, to encourage the establishment of Sunday schools.

26.—Died at Norwich, aged 47, the Rev. Augustus Beevor, M.A. “He was educated at Bennet College, Cambridge, where he early distinguished himself, and as a reward of his literary merits, received many college prizes. He was rector of Berghapton, Norfolk, and of Otley, Suffolk.”

27.—After the interval of 15 years the boundaries of the county of the city of Norwich were perambulated by the Mayor (Mr. Crisp Brown), attended by the Sheriffs, several of the aldermen, city officers, and others on horseback, and by a great number of persons on foot. Much beer was drunk *en route*, and at Earlham the chief personages were entertained by Mr. J. J. Gurney, and 400 men and boys received each a pint of beer and a piece of cake. A man swam the river at Earlham, another crossed it at Hellesdon. “When proceeding in the direction of Sprowston they were met on the road, leading from Norwich to Crostwick, by Mr. James Cozens, who formally declared his intention to protest against the establishment of the line of boundary which they were taking, and pointed out a boundary mark nearer Norwich, which on inspection proved to be that of St. Clement's parish.” p. 158

MAY.

1.—A two days' poll commenced for the election of Mayor at Norwich. The poll was declared on the 2nd as follows:—Ald. Marsh, 821; Ald. Leman, 820; Ald. Thurtell, 474; Ald. Back, 412. Mr. Leman was on the 3rd elected, by the Court of Aldermen, Mayor for the second time.

3.—At a meeting of the Norwich Corporation it was agreed to present congratulatory addresses to the Prince Regent and to the Princess Elizabeth on her marriage with the Hereditary Prince of Hesse Homburgh. On a ballot in the common council-room there were 24 for and 24 against the addresses. The Speaker (Mr. Samuel Stone) gave his casting vote in favour of the addresses, which accordingly became acts of assembly.

6.—The birthday of Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., was celebrated at Harleston, Wells, Wymondham, and other places by public dinners.

12.—A prize fight took place on a field near Thorpe Asylum between William Cox, blacksmith, and John Camplin, a Norwich weaver. “Among the spectators were a great number of females.”

Camplin was seconded by Ned Painter, and Cox by Wharton. Twenty-nine rounds were fought in 42 minutes for £5 a side. Cox won. Another fight between Pegg and Short, "who milled each other for more than an hour," resulted in the victory of the latter.

13.—A new gallery erected in North Walsham church was opened with a grand selection of sacred music from the works of Handel, under the direction of Messrs. Fish and Card, of Norwich. The principal vocal performers were Mrs. Card, Mr. Frewer, and Mr. Barron, and the choruses were supported by performers from the Norwich concerts, and by the Cathedral choristers.

16.—Died at Lynn, Ann Crawforth, aged 104, supposed to be the oldest member of the Methodist Society.

18.—Miss Brunton, granddaughter of Mr. John Brunton, the former manager, appeared at Norwich Theatre as Letitia Hardy ("The Belle's Stratagem"). Her other characters during the engagement were Miss Hardcastle, Rosalind, and Lady Elizabeth ("The Day after the Wedding").

19.—A new peal of six bells, cast and hung by William Dobson, of Downham Market, was opened at Northwold. Prizes of ten guineas and five guineas were offered to competing companies who performed the best and next best peals of 720 complete changes. The New Buckenham and Hopton ringers were adjudged equal.

—At the Norwich Consistory Court, sentence of suspension for two years was passed by the Rev. William Young, Chancellor, on the Rev. Edward Leathes, rector of Reedham with Freethorpe, for neglecting to perform his ministerial duties in those churches for about eight months in the course of the years 1816 and 1817.

20.—Bull-baiting took place on Carrow Hills, Norwich. "The game old bull resisted every effort of the well-seasoned dogs, and remained master of the ring. A young bull was afterwards brought in, who is to be trained up to exercise the rising generation of the canine species, and for the amusement of the lovers of this fine art." p. 159

—A rowing match between two four-oared boats, the Swift and the Adriadne, took place from Carrow to Whitlingham. The Swift, "rowed by four brothers of the name of Lanham, well known on the stream," won. "The match was for each other's boat, valued complete at £14 or £15." (This is the first instance in which the names of the rowers are given.)

28.—The annual dinner in commemoration of Pitt's birthday was held at the Assembly Rooms, Norwich, under the presidency of the Hon. Col. Wodehouse.

—Tenders were invited for taking down the existing and building the new bridge, at Hellesdon, either of timber or iron. The Corporation on June 30 accepted the tender of Mr. Frost to build an iron bridge for £1,140.

30.—Miss Byrne began a short engagement at Norwich Theatre, during which she appeared in favourite comic operas and musical entertainments. Her impersonations included Adela ("The Haunted Tower") and Rosina.

—*(Advt.) "A match of cocks will be fought at the Angel Inn, St. Stephen's, Norwich, on June 15th and 16th, between the gentlemen of Norfolk and the gentlemen of Norwich, to show fifteen mains and five byes. To fight for £5 a battle and £20 the odd. Feeders: Stafford for Norfolk, Lamb for Norwich."

31.—Died at Wakefield, Mr. Fitzgerald, manager of the Leeds, Lincoln, Sheffield, and Hull Theatres, and many years a favourite performer in the Norwich Company.

JUNE.

1.—Mr. Charles Harvey, M.P., issued an address to the electors of Norwich, in which he announced his intention of declining to offer himself for re-election.

2.—Died at Coltishall, Mr. William Warrant, aged 100 years.

4.—The 81st birthday of George III. was celebrated in Norwich. The Mayor and Corporation, preceded by a band of music, went in state to the Cathedral.

8.—A camping match, Norfolk against Suffolk, took place at Kirby Cane for £10 a side, and, after a spirited contest, Norfolk won. "This is the first *thorough boxing camping match* which has taken place for these last 35 years, and considering that not five out of the twenty individuals who played had ever before been engaged in any pugilistic contest, it was astonishing to observe the spirit of gallantry which animated both parties. The spectators amounted to some thousands, among whom were many gentlemen of rank and fortune."

9.—Parliament having been dissolved and the writ for the election received, Mr. W. Smith and Mr. R. H. Gurney, the "Blue and White" candidates, made their public entry into Norwich. The Hon. Edward Harbord, the "Orange and Purple" candidate, was met at Mile End on the 11th. His barouche was drawn into the city by the crowd, and a large cavalcade of freeholders and freemen was in attendance. Thence until the day of election there was an active canvass in the city, and party feeling ran high. p. 160

15.—Seaman's Museum of Natural History was exhibited on Orford Hill, Norwich.

16.—Guild Day at Norwich. Many members of the freemen's clubs, with blue and white favours in their hats, and with party flags flying, marched into the Market Place in order to attend the new Mayor to the Cathedral. Alderman Herring protested against such a display of party feeling on this day. Mr. Smith, the Parliamentary candidate, addressed the people from a window in the Market Place, saying that anything like party appeared to be indecorous on such an occasion, and he for one should put his colours into his pocket. His example, however, was not generally followed. After service at the Cathedral Mr. Barnabas Leman was sworn in as Mayor, and the guild feast, given in St. Andrew's Hall, was attended by 300 guests.

17.—Norwich Election began on this day, and the poll closed on the day following at 1.30 p.m., with the following result:—W. Smith, 2,089; R. H. Gurney, 2,032; the Hon. Edward Harbord, 1,475. The two first-named were returned.

—Thetford Election: Lord C. Fitzroy and Mr. N. R. Colbourne were returned without a contest, on the withdrawal of Mr. Webster.

—Castle Rising Election: Lord Rocksavage and the Hon. F. Greville Howard were returned unopposed.

18.—Lynn Election: Lord Walpole and Sir M. B. ffolkes were returned unopposed.

19.—Yarmouth Election: The Hon. George Anson, 780; C. E. Rumbold, 760; E. K. Lacon, 651; General Loftus, 612. The two first-named were elected.

23.—Norfolk Election: Mr. T. W. Coke and Mr. E. Wodehouse were returned unopposed. Mr. Philip Hamond, of Westacre, opened a canvass in opposition to Mr. Wodehouse, but relinquished it on the eve of the election. After the charring Mr. Coke and his friends dined at the Swan Inn, Norwich, and Mr. Wodehouse and his supporters at the Angel Inn. At night the members attended the ball at Chapel Field House, where the dancing was opened by Mr. Coke and Mrs. Micklethwaite and by Mr. Wodehouse and Mrs. N. Bacon.

Dr. C. Brown, of Margaretta Farm, and Mr. T. B. Plestow, of Watlington Hall, received, this month, the honour of knighthood.

JULY.

4.—Spring, Scroggins, Purcell, and other celebrated pugilists, gave a boxing display at the Swan Inn, Norwich.

6.—Died, aged 78, Mr. Richard Beatniffe, many years a well-known bookseller in Norwich.

—Holkham Sheep Shearing commenced. The only new implements exhibited were a manure drill, by Mr. Frost, of Saham, and a self-sowing dibbling machine, by Mr. Woodward, of Norwich.

12.—A severe drought of nine weeks' duration was ended on this day by a "joyful rain."

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—A new light post coach, called "The Day," carrying four insides and ten outsides, commenced running from the Angel Inn, Market Place, Norwich, to the Crown and Anchor Tavern, the Quay, Yarmouth. The journey occupied three hours each way, and the coach was owned by T. S. Coldwell and Co.

13.—Races for hackneys, hunters, and ponies, took place at Wells-next-the-Sea, upon "a fine level width of firm beach sand." An immense concourse of spectators attended.

15.—Died at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, aged 72, Capt. James Murray, adjutant of the 2nd Regiment of Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry, and formerly captain in the 9th Regiment of Foot. He served with distinction during the whole of the American War.

16.—The first stone of a new bridge at Letheringsett was laid by Mrs. Best, of Bayfield Hall. The company, after being entertained to breakfast by Mr. William Hardy, proceeded through his gardens to a deep excavation in the bed of the river, where the stone was placed in position amid the cheers of the spectators and the firing of guns.

20.—The performances of Mr. David Fisher's company in "the elegant little theatre" at East Dereham, terminated on this date, "when the performers assembled on the stage and drank a parting glass and bade farewell of the crowded audience amid shouts of applause."

22.—A grand cricket match played on Newmarket Heath for 330 guineas a side, between the Holt and Newmarket clubs. It concluded on the 23rd, when the score was as follows:—Newmarket, 84-101; Holt, 114-74.

23.—A silver cup was rowed for by three boats at Norwich, and won by the Apollo (Bacon). Distance, five miles; time, 38½ minutes.

—A troop of the 15th Light Dragoons (King's Hussars), commanded by Major Cochrane, marched into Norwich to relieve the 5th Dragoon Guards, who the same day set out for York.

25.*—"Mr. Case, a respectable farmer, at Stratton Strawless, lately sustained a loss of 30 young turkies and 11 goslings, all which a voracious fat sow devoured after a hearty breakfast."

27.—Mr. Blanchard, of Covent Garden Theatre, appeared at Norwich Theatre as General Heartall ("The Soldier's Daughter"). Among the other characters impersonated by him during his

engagement were Crack ("The Turnpike Gate"), Lazarillo ("Two Strings to your Bow"), Abednego ("Jew and Doctor"), Caleb Quotem ("The Wags of Windsor"), and Dr. Ollapod ("The Poor Gentleman").

—At a meeting of the merchants of the city, held at the Angel Inn, Norwich, under the presidency of Mr. Crisp Brown, it was agreed to open up a trade from Gainsborough to Yarmouth, and to employ four vessels to sail alternately from both places.

31.—Died at his house in St. James's Square, London, Viscount Anson. He married in 1794 Ann Margaret, second daughter of Mr. T. W. Coke, of Holkham, and was succeeded in his title and estates by the Hon. Thomas William Anson, M.P. for Yarmouth.

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12.—Two gentlemen "angling on that beautiful river at Buckenham, belonging to Sir Thomas Beauchamp Proctor," caught 210 pounds of fish, the greater part of which were bream. This was described as "a circumstance unprecedented in this or any other part of the country."

15.—The whaler Enterprize from Greenland, Capt. Sanderson, arrived at her berth at South Lynn, with eleven "fish" on board, "which it is supposed will produce about 160 tons of oil, estimated to be worth £6,000, exclusive of whalebone, &c."

28.—A cricket match was played at Bungay between the Holt and Bungay clubs, for stakes amounting to £132. Scores: Holt, 89-130; Bungay, 54-28. The return match was fixed for September 7th, but Bungay paid forfeit. In the first match, owing to men being objected to on both sides, "it was played with only ten batsmen, but with the usual numbers in the field."

SEPTEMBER.

1.—Robert Skipper, the Norwich pedestrian, began a walk of 1,000 miles in 20 successive days. He started from St. Stephen's Gates at five o'clock a.m. and returned from the twenty-fifth milestone on the Thetford road at nine p.m. He relinquished the task on the ninth day in consequence of lameness.

8.—Miss O'Neil commenced a five nights' engagement at Norwich Theatre. She appeared in the characters of Belvidera ("Venice Preserved"), Juliet, Mrs. Haller ("The Stranger"), Mrs. Beverley ("The Gamester"), and Mrs. Oakley ("The Jealous Wife"). "The box office was literally besieged every morning, and the spirit of politeness and gallantry maintained only a very feeble influence over the conduct of the assembled multitude. No law prevailed but that of the strongest; nothing was to be heard but shrieks, reproaches, and lamentations—nothing to be seen but bonnets cramped up, hats squeezed flat, torn gowns and coat flaps, and a motley mob in the highest state of exasperation, fermentation, and desperation. On the nights of the performance the house was crowded in every part. Families of the highest respectability, both of the town and from the country, were to be seen contenting themselves, many of them with inconvenient situations. Even the orchestra was occupied by the audience." The receipts averaged £200 a night, and Miss O'Neil, including her benefit, received £700.

—A public meeting was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, at which it was decided to apply to Parliament for leave to bring in a Bill for widening and deepening the Norwich river so as to render it navigable by vessels of burden from Norwich to the sea. The Mayor presided, and the project, which afterwards gave rise to the famous agitation "Norwich, a Port," was introduced by Mr. Crisp Brown.

—Buonaparte's military coach was exhibited by Mr. Bullock, of the London Museum, at Mr. Smith's coach manufactory, Swan Yard, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

26.—The Phenomena day coach was advertised to run from the Angel Inn, Norwich, and the One Bull Inn, Bury, to the Bull Inn, Aldgate, London, in fourteen hours. It set out from Norwich at a quarter to six. The proprietors, William Pawson, T. Bridgeman, George Archer, and Ann Nelson, Son, and Co., prohibited racing on the part of their coachman. The rival coach, the Norwich and London Original day coach, started from the Norfolk Hotel every morning at a quarter to seven and ran to the Spread Eagle, Gracechurch Street, and the Swan with Two Necks, Lad Lane, through Bury, Sudbury, Chelmsford, and Romford. Racing was prohibited by the proprietors, namely, R. Gurney, T. Boyce, Chapman, S. Bright, J. Boldero, J. Tomlinson, Elizabeth Boyce and Son, and W. Waterhouse.

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28.—Died, the Rev. St. John Priest, A.M., master of Scarning Free School, rector of Reepham with Kerdiston and of Billingford, and vicar of Parham with Hacheston, Suffolk. He was secretary of the Norfolk Agricultural Society from its institution in 1800.

OCTOBER.

1.—Married, at York, Upper Canada, Mr. Samuel Peters Jarvis, barrister, and son of the late secretary of that province, to Mary Boyles, youngest daughter of the Hon. W. D. Powell, Chief Justice of Upper Canada, and granddaughter of Dr. John Murray, of Norwich.

3.—Sir Edmund Lacon, Kt., of Great Yarmouth, Mr. Thomas Hare, of Stow Hall, and Mr. Edward Stracey, of Rackheath Hall, were created baronets.

12.—Died at St. George's Colegate, Norwich, aged 50, Mr. Thomas Allday Kerrison, who was Sheriff in 1798, Alderman in 1803, and Mayor in 1806.

13.—A sailing match, which took place at Thorpe for a silver cup, was won by the Dreadnought (Stone), which beat the Albion (Ganning), and the Argo (Harvey).

—A trial took place at midnight of a gasometer with complete apparatus erected by Messrs. John and Philip Taylor, of London, at the factory of Messrs. Joseph Oxley and Sons, of Norwich. They were the first to introduce gaslight into a Norwich factory.

21.—At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions, Mark Woodcock appealed against a conviction for taking toll at a turnpike gate off soldiers when on duty. The 15th Light Dragoons, stationed at Lynn, were being "taken out for an airing" and on passing through Gaywood gate the appellant demanded toll of them, to the amount of 4s. 4½d. He alleged that the soldiers were not on duty, and that they passed through the gate wantonly and unnecessarily, and in order to give him trouble. The court confirmed the conviction.

24.—Messrs. T. S. Coldwell and William Horne, proprietors of the Mercury coach, from the Maid's Head, Norwich, through Wymondham, Attleborough, and Thetford, to the Golden Cross, Charing Cross, London, advertised "reduced fares at what you please." The coach ran every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

—Adams' Equestrian Troupe commenced a season at the Ranelagh Gardens, Norwich, where a stage was provided for the production of pantomime and burletta.

25.—The premises and stock of Mr. Griffiths, plane and tool maker, near St. Gregory's Church, Norwich, were destroyed by fire.

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31.—Died of apoplexy, at Holt, Mr. William Stokes, Clerk of the Peace for Norfolk. He was 66 years of age, and had held the office 19 years. His eldest son died at Fakenham on the following day. Mr. Robert Copeman, of Aylsham, was appointed to the vacant clerkship.

—Four boys were whipped in Norwich Market Place, pursuant to sentence passed upon them at the Quarter Sessions.

NOVEMBER.

1.—The Expedition coach from Norwich to London, carrying only four insides, with car added to carry six insides, started running on this date from the White Swan, Norwich. Fares, four insides, 18s. each; the car, six insides, 14s. each; outsides, 10s. 6d. each. The proprietors were Thomas Bryant and John Eames and Co.

2.—Thiodon's "mechanical and picturesque theatre of arts" (automata) was opened at Norwich Theatre.

4.—Married at Gissing, W. Newby, of Burston, to Susanna Fleet, of the former place, widow. "Their united ages amounted to upwards of 140 years. Nearly 40 years ago she married John Fleet, her first husband, who, after living with her several years, set out on his travels and visited the most distant parts of the world. The only report that ever reached her was the news of his death, when, having given what she considered a decent time to his memory and his loss, she again entered into the state of matrimony. After living several years with her second husband the first returned and claimed her, and his death which lately happened gave her the second opportunity of being legally united to the man of her heart, which actually took place, and she was a second time married to the same person."

5.—At a meeting of the Navigation Committee, held at the Guildhall, Norwich, a letter was received from the Mayor of Yarmouth, in which he expressed the fear that the projected scheme for widening and deepening the Norwich river would prove injurious to Yarmouth harbour. It was pointed out that there was an alternative plan of making a cut about a mile lone: across Thurlton marshes to join the Waveney about a mile below St. Olave's Bridge, and thence proceeding to Oulton and Lothing Broads and entering the sea at Lowestoft. The meeting considered the alternative scheme the more eligible one, and Mr. Cubitt, engineer, was ordered to make a survey and prepare an estimate of the expense.

9.—At Holkham eight guns killed 516 head of game in one day, namely, eight partridges, 40 pheasants, 237 hares, 216 rabbits, 14 woodcock, and one snipe. In seven days 2,574 head were killed.

18.—On the official account being received of the death of the Queen at Kew Palace, the great bell of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and the bells of the other churches in the city were tolled for two hours. On Sunday, the 22nd, the pulpits in the churches were draped with black, and on December 2nd, the day of interment, the shops were closed, and the bells tolled from six to eight o'clock in the evening. The Corporation attended service at the Cathedral. At Yarmouth and Lynn the day was observed in a similar manner. Addresses of condolence were afterwards passed by each Corporation.

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20.—Mr. William Bell, of Norwich, while shooting with a party at Sprowston, "killed at one shot five and a half brace of that rare bird called the golden plover, a shot not to be paralleled in the annals of sporting notoriety."

DECEMBER.

3.—Mr. Edward K. Lacon, who had canvassed Yarmouth as a candidate for the Parliamentary election consequent upon the elevation to the peerage of the Hon. T. W. Anson, announced in an address to the electors his intention to retire from the candidature on the ground that “the prejudices so unjustly excited against him were not yet fully allayed.” The Hon. George Anson was returned without opposition on February 11th, 1819.

5.—Landed at Cromer from the Earl of Leicester packet, from Holland, Mr. Horsley, of Islington, and his little son. The boy had been kidnapped by Charles Rennett, a cousin of Mrs. Horsley, who had entered into litigation respecting some property to which the child was entitled. Rennett carried him to France, whence he was traced to Braker, near Bremen. The boy was recovered unharmed and handed over to his father, and Rennett, on his arrest, was tried in London on May 28th, 1819, and sentenced to seven years’ transportation.

12.—Wombwell’s Menagerie was exhibited on Castle Hill, Norwich.

24.—A tradesman at Beeston next Mileham made a wager that he would carry twelve stone of flour a distance of ten miles in six hours, “which Herculean task he performed in five hours and a quarter. The odds at the start were three to one against him.”

26.—A county meeting was held at the Shirehouse, Norwich, to consider the propriety of presenting an address of condolence to the Prince Regent on the death of the Queen. Col. Wodehouse was about to move an address, when Mr. Nathaniel Palmer, jun., of Yarmouth, anticipated him by moving one of his own framing, the last paragraph of which contained an allusion to the criminal code. It was seconded by Mr. Clarke, of Berghapton, and supported by Archdeacon Bathurst. Col. Wodehouse then moved his address, which was seconded by Mr. T. Cubitt, and supported by Mr. M. Elwin and Mr. C. Harvey. Much altercation and confusion ensued, and the High Sheriff (Mr. Edward Lombe), who presided, adjourned the meeting *sine die*. Those who approved the address proposed by Col. Wodehouse adjourned to the grand jury room and signed it. It was subsequently presented to the Prince Regent.

—Died in Little Charlotte Street, London, aged 29, Mrs. Fisher, wife of Mr. David Fisher, of Drury Lane Theatre. She left a family of three children.

Remarkably mild weather was experienced during this month. The cuckoo was heard at the beginning, and vegetation advanced till the middle of the month.

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JANUARY.

12.—A new peal of six bells hung in St. Gregory’s Church by Mr. Hurry, of Norwich, was opened by the St. Peter Mancroft ringers, and a dinner in commemoration of the event took place at the Old Goat, Goat Lane.

13.—At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions was tried the appeal *Burrows v. J. Stracey*. The appellant was the keeper of the Norfolk and Norwich Arms public-house at Sprowston, and was convicted by the respondent under 26th George III., for selling beer without a licence, when in reality he then had a licence authorising him to do so from the Supervisor of Excise for Norwich under certificate from the magistrates of that city. He appealed against the conviction on the ground that the county magistrates had not the power to grant him such licence, his house being situated in the county of the city of Norwich, and not within the county of Norfolk as contended by the respondent. Counsel for the appellant produced the Charter made in the reign of Philip and Mary, whereby various lands lying in the county were granted to the Corporation of Norwich, amongst which was that part of Sprowston where the appellant’s house stood. The Town Clerk of Norwich was called for the respondent, and said he never remembered the magistrates of the city having exercised acts of jurisdiction over the locality in question, nor had it ever paid rates to the city. The court confirmed the conviction.

14.—Died at his apartments in Drury Lane, London, Mr. E. H. Seymour, formerly of Norwich Theatre. He was author of a work dedicated to Sheridan—“Remarks Critical, Conjectural, and Explanatory on the Works of Shakespeare.”

23.—Madame Tussaud’s collection of “composition figures representing ninety public characters” was exhibited at the Angel Inn, Norwich.

25.—The Fox birthday dinner, held at the Norwich Assembly Rooms, was presided over by the Earl of Albemarle, who was supported by Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., Viscount Bury, the High Sheriff, and Mr. W. Smith, M.P.

29.—The Rev. Levi Walton was elected headmaster of the Free School, Scarning, in place of the Rev. St. John Priest, whose predecessor was the Rev. Robert Potter, Prebendary of Norwich Cathedral.

It was announced this month that Mr. Thomas Clabburn, of All Saints, Norwich, had left the following bequests: To the parishes of St. John Timberhill, St. Michael-at-Thorn, St. Michael-at-Coslany, and St. John Sepulchre, £200 each; and to All Saints’ and St. Paul’s, £400 each; the interest to be given in bread and coals the first Monday in February each year. To the parish of

Tasburgh, £400; and to Tharston, Flordon, and Newton Flotman, £200 each; the interest to be applied in like manner. To the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, £800; to the Treasurer of Cook's Hospital, £800; and the like sum to the Hospital, on trust, "that the poor women therein might receive one shilling each every Monday for ever"; to the Bethel, £200; and a like sum to seven of the benevolent institutions in Norwich.

FEBRUARY.

2.—The petition of the Norwich Grand Jury at the last Summer Assizes, praying for two general gaol deliveries in the year, was presented to the House of Commons by Mr. W. Smith. Mr. Colborne, member for Thetford, presented another petition from the Mayor and Corporation of that borough, praying that there should be no change in the existing arrangements. On the 24th the Corporation of Norwich petitioned Parliament in favour of Assizes being held twice a year in the city.

—At a general Court of Guardians held at Norwich, Dr. Rigby reported that small-pox had made its appearance in several parishes in the city, and an order was made that the city surgeons vaccinate all poor persons desirous of availing themselves of their assistance.

3.—Mr. J. W. H. Payne, a native of Norwich, where he was formerly a printer and bookseller, "being reduced in circumstances was allowed to appear at the Theatre in the character of Hamlet. He succeeded in exciting the risibility of the other performers, and the loud laughter of the audience."

IMPROMPTU ON MR. PAYNE'S PERFORMANCE AS HAMLET.

"Let mortal man his grief and care give o'er,
Nor crave the aid of potion or of pill;
For Payne now makes our sides with laughter sore,
And, tho' he threatens, yet—neglects to kill."

8.—Mr. Mathews appeared at Norwich Theatre as Solomon Gundy ("Who Wants a Guinea?"). His impersonations on succeeding evenings included Scrub ("The Beaux' Stratagem") and Goldfinch ("The Road to Ruin"). He also gave his entertainments, "A Trip to Paris," "At Home," and "The Actor of All Work."

9.—At a general meeting of the Norwich Paving Act Commissioners a plan submitted by Mr. Gostling, of Birmingham, for lighting the city with gas was taken into consideration, and on the motion of Mr. P. M. Martineau it was agreed, by 26 votes to 17, that "it is expedient to light such parts of the city with gas on the plan suggested and that the necessary steps be taken to carry the plan into effect." A committee was also appointed to further the project. On September 30th a meeting was held at the Guildhall for the purpose of receiving information relative to the proposed introduction of oil gas. The meeting was adjourned until the 25th, when the Mayor was invited to call a public meeting. The Paving Commissioners met on October 12th, when permission was given to break up the streets to lay down pipes, provided that such breaches were repaired to the satisfaction of the City Surveyor at the expense of the promoters. A public meeting was held on October 26th, at which it was recommended that a company be formed for the purpose of lighting the city with oil gas, and that not less than £2,500 be raised in shares of £25 each for carrying the resolution into effect. Two separate bodies appear to have come into existence, the one known as the Oil Gas Company, and the other as the Oil Gas Community. These bodies adjusted their differences, and on December 1st Mr. Charles Harvey obtained leave in the House of Commons to bring in a Bill for lighting with gas the city and county of the city of Norwich. The Bill was read a second time on December 21st, and in due course became law. On January 31st, 1820, the first of the iron gas pipes were laid in the Market Place; and on May 10th, 1820, the street lamps and burners in several shops were lighted with gas for the first time. "In the Market Place it produced a strong and steady light as far as it extended, and before Messrs. Bignold's house and office in Surrey Street, where there were three lamps, the effect was brilliant."

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12.—A salmon measuring 48 inches in length, 23 inches in girth, and weighing 33 lbs., was caught at the New Mills, Norwich. "These fish, which are frequently taken in the same place, are mistaken by some for trouts or salmon trouts."

15.—Miss Booth, of Covent Garden Theatre, appeared at Norwich Theatre as Letitia Hardy ("The Belle's Stratagem"). Her other impersonations included Little Pickle ("The Spoiled Child"), Helen Worret ("Man and Wife"), Priscilla Tomboy ("The Romp"), Angela ("The Castle Spectre"), Amanthus ("Child of Nature"), and Mary ("The Innkeeper's Daughter").

16.—Miss Fanny Brunton made her *début* at Lynn Theatre as Una ("The Wood Demon"). Mr. Brunton spoke an introductory address. At the close of the Lynn season, Mr. Brunton and his company proceeded to Birmingham, where he had engaged the Theatre on his own account.

18.—Died in London, Sir Thomas Berners Plestow, Kt., of Watlington Hall, aged 70.

20.—Elizabeth Wells, wife of Robert Wells, of Gressenhall, gave birth to four living children—three boys and a girl.

24.—The honorary freedom of the city was conferred upon Mr. R. H. Gurney, M.P., for Norwich.

—The portrait, by Clover, of Mr. B. Leman, Alderman of Norwich, was ordered to be placed in St. Andrew's Hall.

—The Corporation of Norwich petitioned Parliament praying that the punishment of death for the crime of forgery be commuted for one less severe, and for a general revision of the penal laws.

27.—One John Larkin was apprehended at Norwich "on a strong suspicion of being the person who stole a bag containing £4,739 in notes belonging to the Fakenham bank, on August 13th, 1817, from the messenger's gig, which was conveying it from Messrs. Gurney's bank in Norwich." (There is no further reference to this case.)

Died, this month, aged 100, Thomas Goodings, carpenter, of Lammas.

MARCH.

7.—Died, in her 89th year, Mrs. Mary Murray, widow of Dr. John Murray, of Norwich. "Possessing a disposition congenial with that of her late excellent husband, her long life was distinguished by the practice of benevolence and of every Christian virtue."

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8.—A new tragedy, entitled "Bertha," written by Mr. Edward Ball, of Norwich, was produced for the first time at Norwich Theatre.

—A public meeting was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, at which a subscription was raised for the relief of the distressed inhabitants of the Scilly Islands. It amounted to £315.

9.—The Hon. Edward Harbord, the unsuccessful candidate for Norwich at the previous General Election, arrived in the city and dined with the King and Constitution Club at the Maid's Head Inn. He was elected a member of the club.

—At a meeting of merchants, manufacturers, and tradesmen, held at the Guildhall, Norwich, it was resolved to petition Parliament to amend and alter the Acts for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in England.

15.—Capt. Manby exhibited before the Mayor and Corporation of Yarmouth "a light fire cart, provided with the necessary apparatus ready on the alarm of fire, to be applied by one man."

—Mrs. Faucett, formerly a permanent member of the Norwich Company, and afterwards of Covent Garden Theatre, appeared at Norwich Theatre as Widow Cheerly ("The Soldier's Daughter"). During her engagement she also impersonated Clara ("Matrimony"), Florinda ("The Apostate"), Mrs. Haller ("The Stranger"), Lady Contest ("The Wedding Day"), and Ellen Rosenberg.

16.—The foundation stone of Prince's Street Chapel, Norwich, was laid by the Rev. John Alexander. A brass plate was placed in the stone with the following inscription:—"This plate was deposited on the 16th day of March, 1819, and in the 59th year of the reign of George III., in the foundation stone of the Protestant Dissenting Chapel, erected on a piece of freehold ground in the city of Norwich, and in the parishes of St. Michael-at-Plea and St. Peter Hungate, by the congregation attending the ministry of the Rev. John Alexander." The building was opened for service as the Independent Chapel on December 1st, 1819, when sermons were preached by the Rev. Thomas Raffles, A.M., Liverpool, and the Rev. John Leifchild, of Kensington.

20.*—"We understand that the cooping of freemen preparatory to election of nominees for the Long Ward, Norwich, on the 31st inst., commenced more than a fortnight ago. This practice has hitherto been treated with much indifference, but as it is likely to be annually resorted to, every sincere friend of the purity of election and of the real interests of the poor men who are thereby taken from their families and from their ordinary occupations, must view it in a very serious light." The election of common councilmen commenced in the week beginning March 28th. "The consequence of this year's struggle has been to continue the ascendancy of the 'Blue and White' interest in the Common Council. Both parties succeeded in creating a superabundance of noise and confusion and in putting themselves to a vast deal of trouble, vexation, and expense. In length of purse the 'Blues and Whites' appear to possess a decided advantage over their 'Purple and Orange' opponents, and cooping, bribing, and corrupting were freely and openly practised."

29.—Mr. Richard Mingay, a well-known member of the orchestra at Norwich Theatre, appeared upon the stage as Crack in the farce of "The Turnpike Gate."

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APRIL.

1.—A prize fight for a subscription purse of £50, given by the amateurs of Norwich, took place on Rumburgh Green, near Bungay, between Purcell and Warkley, of Norwich, a pupil of Oliver. The former was seconded by Ned Painter and Fuller, and the latter by Oliver and Scroggins. Forty-five rounds were fought in two hours three minutes, and the battle ended in favour of Purcell.

3.—A grand boxing entertainment took place at the White Swan, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, at which Oliver, Fuller, Turner, and Scroggins appeared.

5.—Died at St. George's Colegate, Norwich, aged 67, Mr. John Aldis, who served the office of Sheriff in 1813.

10.—Died, aged 101, Charles Grimmer, of Norwich.

—Died, Mr. George Cobb, of Diss, aged 100.

—James Belcham was executed on Castle Hill, Norwich, for committing a burglary in an outhouse at Castleacre. He was 34 years old, and “left an aged mother, a wife in her last stage of pregnancy, and two children.” The execution was witnessed by many well-dressed women. The culprit was buried in Castleacre churchyard, and on the Sunday following the execution “a funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Gibbs to a congregation amounting to 1,000 persons.”

15.—A public meeting was held at St. Andrew’s Hall, Norwich, at which it was decided to petition Parliament against the duty of 6s. 6d. per chaldron on coals.

17.*—“We are informed that three cargoes of *foreign barley* have arrived this week at Yarmouth, which were purchased in London, and that the greater part is already brought to this city (Norwich), where it will be malted. It is a novel circumstance to have barley in the London markets at such low prices as to induce the Norfolk maltsters to bring it into this great barley county to be manufactured into malt.”

—*“Several of those machines denominated Pedestrian Hobby Horses have been exhibited here this week. The principle of this invention is taken from the art of skating, and consists in the simple idea of a seat upon two wheels propelled by the feet acting upon the ground. The riding seat or saddle is fixed on a perch upon two double shod wheels, running after each other, so that they can go upon the footways. To preserve a balance a small board covered and stuffed is placed before on which the arms are laid, and in front of which is a little guiding pole, which is held in the hand to direct the route. The swiftness with which a person can travel is almost beyond belief—eight, nine, or even ten miles an hour may be done on good level ground.”

18.—In response to a circular letter issued by the Bishop of Norwich to the clergy of the diocese, sermons were preached at the Cathedral, and at most of the churches in the city and county in aid of the funds of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. The effort was made chiefly with the view of assisting the Bishop of Calcutta (the Right Rev. Dr. Middleton, formerly of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich), in his benevolent plans to establish Christianity in the East Indies. The collections, subscriptions, and benefactions exceeded £1,800.

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19.—A three “double day play of cocks” commenced at the White Swan Inn, Norwich, between the gentlemen of Norwich and the gentlemen of Cambridge, for 10 guineas a battle and 200 guineas the odd. Norwich won by a single battle. Feeders: Lamb for Norwich, Thompson for Cambridge.

24.—Master Sewell, the Lincolnshire gigantic youth, 13 years of age, and weighing 18 stone, and Miss Elenor Fitzjohn, Queen of the Dwarfs, 19 years old, 30 inches high, and weighing 27 lbs., were exhibited at the Two-Necked Swan, Market Place, Norwich.

—Died at St. Stephen’s, Norwich, aged 60, Mr. James Wade, butcher. He served the office of Sheriff in 1810.

26.—James Bigmore, aged 20, left Sudbury at 12.30 noon with the Phenomenon coach by the side of which he ran the whole way thence to Norwich, where he arrived at five minutes to seven o’clock. “To keep up with the coach he was obliged to run eleven miles in the first hour. On arriving at places where the coach stopped he did not take refreshment or repose, but assisted in putting the horses to at every change. He was not at all distressed on reaching Norwich.”

MAY.

1.—At a meeting held at the Rampant Horse Inn, Norwich, it was determined to call a general meeting of the farmers to consider the propriety of establishing an agricultural association to co-operate with the London General Association for the Protection of the Rights and Interests of Agriculture. At the meeting which took place on the 15th the Norfolk Association of Agriculturists was duly formed, and on the 29th Mr. Utting, of Ashwellthorpe, was appointed president.

3.—George Bidder, only 12½ years of age, demonstrated in the Old Library Room, St. Andrew’s Hall, Norwich, his extraordinary powers of mental calculation. He made a return visit in August.

6.—The Grand Jury at the City Sessions made a presentment to the effect that the Norwich gaol was not capable of being converted into an efficient prison for the purpose of the classification of prisoners.

13.—Died, aged 100, Mrs. Hannah Scott, of Holt.

21.—A meeting was held at the Assembly Room, East Dereham, to take into consideration the best means of obtaining navigation between that town and Norwich. A subscription was opened.

22.—Thomas Jennings, pedestrian, ran 18 miles on the turnpike road between Downham Market and Denver in two hours three minutes.

24.—The 24th Regiment of Light Dragoons, commanded by General Loftus, and chiefly composed of Norfolk men enlisted in Norwich, was disbanded at Chatham. The regiment left England in 1796, and was actively employed in India, under Lord Lake, during the Marhatta campaigns, for which service, among other distinctions, it received an honorary standard. In general orders

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issued on the departure of the regiment from India on October 8th, 1818, its services were very highly spoken of.

26.—A silver candelabrum, valued 200 guineas, was presented to Mr. John Patteson, at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, by members of the Norwich Fire and Life Societies, in recognition of the services rendered by him to the institutions. Mr. Patteson's collection of pictures by English, Italian, and Flemish artists was this month sold by auction by Mr. Christie, and realised the sum of £2,349.

28.—Pitt's birthday was celebrated by a dinner at the Assembly Rooms, Norwich. Mr. J. Patteson presided.

JUNE.

1.—Died suddenly at Yarmouth, Mr. Thomas Sutton, aged 66. He was surveyor to the Corporation of that borough, and was also surveyor of the works in connection with the erection of the Nelson monument. Mr. Sutton was on the summit of the pillar when he complained of dizziness, and instantly expired.

—Mr. John Watson, of Chapel Field, Norwich, proprietor of the Royal Ipswich Mail coach, issued the following notice:—"As I have been unexpectedly *turned out* of my coach office in the Angel yard, and have been the proprietor of the Ipswich mail 35 years, I trust you will continue to give that long established *City Coach* your accustomed protection, and I hope my residence amongst you for seventy-four years will plead so much in my favour, that you will be induced to desire your parcels for the city to be sent to the Maid's Head, St. Simon's, or to Mr. J. M. Murry's, No. 9½, Davey Place."

4.—The birthday of George III. was celebrated for the last time in Norwich, Yarmouth, Lynn, East Dereham, and other towns in the county.

5.—"Flying Actæons" were exhibited at the Prussia Gardens, Norwich, by Messrs. Brouslly and Stratford. "The machine consists of a chair fixed on to a four-wheeled carriage, in which the rider sits and guides the fore wheels, turning corners in a similar manner to the velocipedes. One hand only, however, is necessary, the other being at liberty to hold an umbrella. The hind wheels, which force the machine along, are put in motion with the feet of the rider by means of two foot-boards moved up and down alternately. With the assistance of the hand bars in going up steep hills this carriage will travel at the rate of eight miles an hour, and may easily be made for two persons to sit abreast. It is equally convenient for both males and females."

9.—Mr. Kean commenced a short engagement at Norwich Theatre, during which he appeared as Brutus, Sir Giles Overreach, Rolla, and Hamlet.

13.—Died at Cheltenham, aged 63, Thomas Holl, formerly of Norwich, and many years proprietor of the "Worcester Herald."

17.—A grave was opened under peculiar circumstances in St. Julian's churchyard, Norwich. A woman had died of small-pox, and was buried within 48 hours of her death. It was suspected that she had been buried alive, and the rumour was circulated that groans had been heard proceeding from the grave. On the body being exhumed a medical man pronounced life to be extinct.

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18.—Died at his house on Castle Meadow, Norwich, aged 53, Mr. William Stevenson, veterinary surgeon. "He was an excellent operator, and stood alone and unrivalled in comparative anatomy and pathology."

—A piece of plate, valued at 100 guineas, was presented at the Half Moon Tavern, Yarmouth, to Mr. N. B. Palmer, in recognition of his services in securing the return to Parliament of the Hon. George Anson and Mr. Rumbold.

19.—The Norwich and London caravans were advertised to perform the journey in 24 hours. They set out from the Angel Inn at six a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and from the Swan-with-Two-Necks, Lad Lane, London, on Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday evening. Goods were conveyed from London to Norwich at 7s. per cwt., and from Norwich to London at 9s. per cwt.

22.—Mr. Nathaniel Bolingbroke was sworn into office as Mayor of Norwich. There was no guild feast, but 80 of the Mayor's friends dined at the Assembly Rooms in honour of the day.

JULY.

4.—A severe thunderstorm occurred, accompanied by a tremendous hailstorm and a heavy rain. Hundreds of acres of turnips were washed away in various parts of the county. Upwards of £600 worth of damage was done to the wheat and barley crops of Mr. William Ungless, of Whitwell, near Reepham.

5.—Holkham Sheep Shearing commenced. In a speech at the dinner Sir John Sinclair confessed that he came to Holkham prejudiced in favour of the broad-cast system of agriculture, but after what he had seen and heard during his visit he was now convinced that the drill system was superior.

8.—Many deaths having occurred from small-pox in Norwich the Mayor, in accordance with a

requisition, called a public meeting at the Guildhall, and resolutions were passed in favour of general vaccination. From January 6th to the September ensuing 519 deaths were recorded. "There has not been a single death from small-pox in those parishes where vaccination has most prevailed."

9.—Work was completed at the Nelson Monument, Yarmouth, and the scaffolding on the top removed.

12.—The Duke of Gloucester and Princess Mary, with other distinguished personages, paid a visit to Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., at Holkham.

14.—Died at his house in Union Place, Norwich, aged 39, Mr. William Saint, "whose extraordinary mathematical talents advanced him to the honourable situation of professor of that science in the Royal Institution at Woolwich." In the latter part of his life he was employed in teaching mathematics in Norwich. His widow was appointed matron of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

20.—A cricket match for £500 was played at Newmarket, between the Holt and Cambridge clubs. Holt, 93-56; Cambridge, 65-34.

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27.—A meeting, presided over by the Mayor, was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, for the purpose of "taking into consideration the state of mendicity in the city." The meeting was adjourned until October 22nd, when, on the motion of the Hon. Edward Harbord, it was unanimously resolved to establish a Society for the Suppression of Mendicity in Norwich. At the first annual meeting, held on October 9th, 1820, it was reported that 437 vagrants had been dealt with by the society, and had been relieved with food and lodgings at small expense, and others had been handled over to the magistrates as notorious impostors.

28.—The first anniversary of the King and Constitution Club was celebrated by a dinner at the Maid's Head Inn, Norwich. Mr. Thomas Starling Day was president, and Mr. Skipper, vice-president.

AUGUST.

1.—Mr. Thomas Amyot, formerly private secretary to the Right Hon. William Windham, deceased, and a resident in Norwich, was appointed Registrar under the Act for establishing a Registry of Colonial Slaves in Great Britain.

3.—Two troops of the 9th Lancers, commanded by Capt. Daly, arrived in Norwich to replace the 15th Light Dragoons ordered to Manchester.

4.—A prize fight took place in Kirby Park between Cox, the Norwich blacksmith, and Christopher Barlee, the Berghapton Groom. Seventy-two rounds were fought, and Cox won. Upwards of 5,000 persons were present.

10.—At the reception of his Majesty's Judges of Assize at Norwich the coach of the High Sheriff of Norfolk (Sir W. W. Dalling) was drawn by a team of six piebald horses, "preceded by a full retinue"; and the City Sheriffs rode in a coach drawn by four greys, and attended by their servants.

—Married, at Quidenham Church, by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Mr. James Macdonald, M.P., only son of Sir Archibald Macdonald, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, to the Right Hon. Lady Sophia Keppel, eldest daughter of the Earl of Albemarle. A grand entertainment was given to the gentry, yeomanry, and poor of the neighbourhood in tents erected in the park; sports were held, and among the banners displayed were those taken at the Havanna by the late earl.

11.—At the Norfolk Assizes, which commenced at Norwich on this date, John Pycraft, of Westwick, was charged before Mr. Justice Burrough, with administering arsenic to his infant child, in consequence of which it died. The prisoner, who made no defence, was, after a trial of six hours, found guilty and sentenced to death, "his body to be delivered to the surgeons to be anatomised." The execution took place on the Castle Hill on the 16th. "The culprit had a diminutive form and decrepid figure; when the platform fell his chest expanded at intervals during the space of seven or eight minutes, although every precaution was taken to shorten his sufferings by the addition of some heavy appendages. After dissection had been performed the body was exposed to public view at the Shirehouse for one hour."

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12.—Married at Holkham, by the Rev. Charles Anson, Archdeacon of Carlisle, the Earl of Rosebery to the Hon. Anne Margaret Anson, eldest daughter of Viscount Anson, deceased.

14.—Messrs. R. Goose, Goldings, and Co., advertised that the "Real Telegraph" coach which ran from the Rampant Horse Inn, Norwich, at seven in the morning and arrived in London at eight in the evening, had "no concern whatever with the coach starting from the Angel, and called 'The Telegraph.'" The fares were:—Inside, £1 4s.; outside, 14s.

—The Norwich Society of Artists announced its 15th annual exhibition of pictures at its room in Sir Benjamin Wrenche's Court. This year there was no rival exhibition.

23.—The Duke of Sussex, as Grand Master of England, installed Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master at a Masonic gathering which took place in Norwich.

—The proprietors of the Expedition coach commenced running the Defence day coach, from the

White Swan Yard, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, to the Angel Inn at the back of St. Clement's Church, Strand. The up journey was performed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and the down on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Fares.—inside, 21s.; outside, 12s. The Expedition night coach ran as usual.

28.—Edward Fisher, convicted at the previous Norfolk Assizes of stabbing William Harrison, was executed on the Castle Hill, Norwich. "After receiving the sacrament he long held the cup and bread with the wildest expression of agony in his eyes and features. He left a wife and seven children to lament the unhappy end of a husband and father. He was of a reserved, sullen, and gloomy temper, in his religious profession a Methodist, and to a certain degree of unsound mind."

SEPTEMBER.

2.—A cricket match between Holt and Bungay was played on Bungay Common. "The Bungay players, although allowed Fennex, had smuggled into their side two more professed Marylebone players." Much wrangling took place on the 3rd, when Bungay refused to go on with the game, and the match was claimed by Holt. The return match was played at Holt on the 13th; Bungay had Fennex, Sparks, and Razell on their side. Scores: Holt, 120-73; Bungay, 73-104. "Mr. Pilch, of the Holt club, made 57." The following notice was appended to the report of the match:—"The Holt club take this opportunity of publicly declaring their determination to decline any further contest or connection whatever with the Bungay club."

11.—Mr. Young, who had previously appeared at Yarmouth, commenced an engagement at Norwich Theatre. His characters included Hamlet, Macbeth, Penruddock ("The Wheel of Fortune"), King Lear, and Zanga ("The Revenge").

13.—The corner-stone of the new pump-room and baths at the Thetford chalybeate spring was laid with appropriate ceremony by the Duke of Grafton. His Grace and the Duchess drank of the water of the spring, dinner was served at the Guildhall, and a ball took place in the evening.

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15.—A prize fight took place on Tasburgh Common, between Barlee, the Berghapton Groom, and Belasco. Between 8,000 and 10,000 persons were present. Hundreds of women attended, "some of very dashing and many more of respectable appearance to be spectatresses of bloody noses and cross buttocks." Forty-one rounds were fought, and the contest ended in favour of Belasco.

16.—A public meeting was held at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, "in order to take into consideration the late disastrous transactions at Manchester on August 16th. The Mayor presided, and resolutions were passed asserting the right of the subject to petition the King. The legality of the Manchester meeting was affirmed, the conduct of the magistrates and Yeomanry Cavalry censured, and a subscription was opened for the relief of the sufferers. An address was also proposed for presentation to the Prince Regent, in which his Royal Highness was asked to remove certain ministers from his presence and councils. The address was afterwards presented to the Prince at Carleton House by the members for the city. A counter declaration was also circulated in Norwich, and received 1,608 signatures. In due course it was presented to the Prince Regent.

20.—A meeting, presided over by the Mayor, was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, to take into consideration the best means to be adopted to carry into effect a plan for making a new street, and for erecting a bridge over the river Wensum at Duke's Palace. The meeting was adjourned till October 18th, when a resolution in favour of the plan was rejected by a considerable majority. A meeting of the supporters of the undertaking was held on November 29th, under the presidency of Mr. George Morse, when it was reported that £7,000 of the £9,000 proposed to be raised by shares of £25 each had been subscribed. A Bill was afterwards introduced into Parliament, and was read a second time on December 17th. On February 26th it was announced that the Bill had not been passed in Committee of the House of Commons owing to the interference of the petitioners, and that the promoters would have to commence fresh proceedings in the new Parliament. On July 8th, 1820, it was stated that the Bill had passed both Houses. The foundation-stone of the bridge was laid on August 28th, 1821, by Mr. Alderman T. S. Day.

24.—The Mayor and Corporation of Yarmouth voted a loyal address to the Prince Regent, expressive of their "detestation of the wicked and atrocious attempts of seditious and disaffected subjects in various parts of the kingdom, now openly and avowedly meditating the subversion of the laws and Government, the annihilation at once of all distinctions of rank, and the sacred rights of property."

OCTOBER.

1.—A squadron of the 14th Light Dragoons, under the command of Capt. Anderson, arrived at Norwich to replace the 9th Lancers. Detachments were sent to Yarmouth and Holt.

5.—Died, aged 32, Mr. John Charles Beckwith, organist of the Cathedral and of St. Peter Mancroft church, Norwich. His remains were interred on the 11th in a grave beside that of his late father beneath the organ loft of St. Peter's church. Mr. Z. A. Buck was, on the 9th, appointed Cathedral organist and master of the choristers, and on the 13th Mr. Alfred Pettet was elected organist by the parishioners of St. Peter Mancroft.

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16.—The East Dereham and London Telegraph coach was advertised by John Leverett and Co. It started from the Cherry Tree Inn every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 6.30 a.m., and travelled by Shipdham and Watton to the King's Head, Thetford, to meet the Norwich Telegraph. The Dereham Telegraph then proceeded to the Woolpack Inn and the Angel Inn at Bury St. Edmund's, whence it returned to Thetford on the following day and met the Norwich Telegraph on its return from London, and arrived at Dereham the same evening at nine o'clock. On Saturday the Dereham Telegraph ran to Norwich and back.

25.—The Duke of Wellington passed through Norwich on his way to Blickling Hall. On changing horses at the Angel Inn he was warmly cheered by the crowd.

29.—Pursuant to requisition a county meeting was held at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, on adjournment from the Shirehouse in consequence of the excessive crowd, to "take into consideration the transactions which unfortunately took place at Manchester on August 16th." The High Sheriff (Sir William Windham Dalling) presided, and resolutions were passed asserting the right of Englishmen to meet for the purpose of petitioning, and demanding a Parliamentary inquiry into the transactions. It was also decided to present an address to the Prince Regent. A declaration, previously published, was signed by the Lord Lieutenant and upwards of 1,000 other noblemen, gentlemen, clergy, and freeholders, expressing their reasons for dissenting from the meeting as tending to prejudice the public mind against the magistrates and military.

NOVEMBER.

1.—A peal of five bells, cast at the Whitechapel foundry, and hung by Hurry, of Norwich, was opened at Wroxham church. Five hats were offered as a prize to the company who rang the best of three peals. The South Walsham ringers won.

—Sir Edward James Smith, of Norwich, President of the Linnæan Society, was elected Honorary Professor of Botany at the Royal Institution, London.

6.—The Norwich and Yarmouth Telegraph post coach was announced to run daily from the Angel Inn, Norwich, to the King's Head Inn, Yarmouth, in two and a half hours. Fares: Inside, 5s.; outside, 3s.

13.*—"Capt. Borrow has retired from the adjutancy of the First or West Norfolk Regiment of Militia after 42 years' service."

24.—A meeting of the inhabitants interested in the woollen manufactures of Norwich was held at the Guildhall, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of applying to Parliament for a repeal of the duty imposed upon the importation of foreign wool.

DECEMBER.

7.—Died at St. Giles', Norwich, at a very advanced age, Mrs. Mary Fisher, mother of Mr. David Fisher, comedian.

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JANUARY.

1.*—(Advt.) "Ned Painter begs to inform his friends and the public that he has taken the Sun and Anchor Tavern, Lobster Lane, Norwich, where he will have for their accommodation the best ales, London porter, spirits, wine, &c., and he hopes by strict attention to merit patronage and support. N. P. begs to inform the Amateurs of Norwich and Norfolk that he intends to give private lessons in sparring in the most scientific style and at reasonable terms at all hours of the day."

13.—Died at Catton, aged 68, Mr. Robert Harvey, an Alderman of Norwich, and a magistrate for the county. He served the office of Sheriff in 1784, and of Mayor in 1787.

15.—Very severe weather set in. The thermometer fell to seven degrees. A rapid thaw took place on the 18th, and a flood ensued.

17.—Lord and Lady Castlereagh, accompanied by the Marquis of Ancram, arrived in Norwich on their way to visit Lord Suffield at Gunton. Whilst the horses were being changed at the Angel, a mob hooted and hissed the visitors, and one of the ringleaders was seized by Mr. Crisp Brown.

18.—Died in London, aged 92, Mrs. Linley, widow of Mr. Linley, formerly proprietor of Drury Lane Theatre, who was father of the first Mrs. Sheridan, and of the Rev. O. T. Linley, of Norwich.

20.—The Duke of Wellington passed through Norwich on his way to Gunton. His grace returned to the city on the 27th on his journey back to town.

21.—Died, John Nash, of Hempnall. He was clerk of the parish 56 years, keeper of the Swan Inn 35 years, and at the age of 40 weighed 24 stone.

23.—Died at Ludham, aged 79, Thomas Smith, shoemaker. "By his particular request he was carried to the grave by six men of his own trade, each with his leather apron tied round him, and stirrups with hand leathers attached slung across their shoulders."

24.—Fox's birthday was commemorated by a dinner at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, at which 460 noblemen and gentlemen were present. The company included H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, the Duke of Norfolk, the Earl of Albemarle (who presided), Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., &c.

25.—Intelligence was received in Norwich of the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent.

27.—The Castle Corporation at Norwich celebrated their 55th anniversary.

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29.—Mr. Harley, of Drury Lane Theatre, commenced an engagement at Norwich Theatre. The performances were interrupted by the intelligence of the death of George III., and were resumed on February 17th. His characters included Marplot ("The Busybody"), Tristran Fickle ("The Weathercock"), Popolino ("The Sleeping Draught"), Risk ("Love Laughs at Locksmiths"), Caleb Quotem ("The Wags of Windsor"), Peter Fidget ("The Boarding House"), Phantom ("Frightened to Death"), and Somno ("The Sleep Walker").

30.—A messenger from London brought to Lord and Lady Castlereagh, who were staying at Gunton Hall, intelligence of the death of George III., which was announced in Norwich on the morning of the 31st. Most of the shops were immediately closed, and the bells of the parish churches were tolled for three hours.

FEBRUARY.

2.—The accession of George IV. was proclaimed on the Castle Hill, Norwich, by Sir William Windham Dalling, Bart., High Sheriff of the county of Norfolk, who was accompanied by Mr. Edmond Wodehouse, M.P., and other gentlemen, who gave three cheers for his Majesty. In accordance with a writ addressed to the Mayor and Sheriffs of Norwich on the 1st inst., the proclamation was made in the city with due formality on the 2nd. The Corporation assembled at the Guildhall, and the 14th Light Dragoons paraded in the Market Place. From the leads of the Guildhall, after a flourish of trumpets, the Town Clerk (Mr. Elisha de Hague) read the proclamation amid loud cheers. A procession was afterwards formed and passed through the city, the proclamation being read at various points. "At the upper gate of the Close the Under Chamberlain advanced and demanded the gates to be opened in pursuance of the King's writ. Mr. J. Kitson, the Chapter clerk, then answered from within, 'In obedience to his Majesty's commands the gates shall be opened.'" After the proclamation had been made in the Close the procession returned to the Guildhall, where refreshments were served. The proclamation was made in similar form at Yarmouth, Lynn, and Thetford.

16.—This being the day of the funeral of the late King, all the shops in Norwich were closed, and almost every person appeared in deep mourning. The Mayor, members, and officials of the Corporation, wearing black scarfs over their robes, went in solemn procession to the Cathedral, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. Prebendary Thurlow. At the different churches and chapels throughout the city proper Psalms and lessons were read, and in the evening muffled peals were rung.

21.—Died in the Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Norwich, Mr. Thomas Back, aged 52. He served the office of Sheriff in 1802, was elected alderman of the Great Ward of Mancroft in 1808, and Mayor in 1809; and shortly before his death was appointed a deputy lieutenant for the county of Norfolk.

24.—Mr. Young appeared at Norwich Theatre as Othello. On subsequent evenings he sustained the characters of Brutus, The Stranger, Sir Edward Mortimer ("The Iron Chest"), King John, Petruchio, and Coriolanus.

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MARCH.

1.—A severe storm and high flood occurred in the Lynn district. A large number of vessels were stranded on the Norfolk coast.

2.—Died at Norwich, aged 85, Mr. Starling Day, who served the office of Sheriff in 1775, was elected alderman in 1777, and Mayor in 1782-1812.

6.—Miss Brunton appeared at Norwich Theatre as Rosalind. She also played the parts of Lady Contest ("The Wedding Day"), and Lady Teazle (to the Charles Surface of Mr. Brunton). In a piece, entitled "An Actress of all Work," she sustained seven different characters.

7.—Parliament having been dissolved by proclamation on February 28th, consequent upon the death of the late King, the Norwich election was fixed for this date. The sitting representatives, Mr. William Smith and Mr. R. H. Gurney, were returned without opposition. The circumstance of a Norwich election passing off without a contest had not occurred since 1774, when Sir Harbord Harbord, Bart., and Mr. Edward Bacon were elected.

10.—Yarmouth election, which began on the 7th, concluded on this date. The result was declared as follows:—The Hon. George Anson, 753; Mr. E. E. Rumbold, 750; Lieut.-General Michel, 612; Mr. Josias H. Stracey, 612. The two first-named were elected.

13.—Mr. T. W. Coke and Mr. Edmond Wodehouse were re-elected without opposition to represent Norfolk. Among the other local elections which took place were the following:—Thetford, Lord C. Fitzroy and Mr. N. W. R. Colbourne, returned unopposed; Castle Rising, the Earl of Rocksavage and Col. F. G. Howard, unopposed.

15.—Died in St. Andrew's, Norwich, aged 64, Mr. John Lovick, common councilman for the Great Ward of Wymer. He served the office of Sheriff in 1817.

16.—At a special assembly of the Corporation of Norwich an address of condolence on the death of his late Majesty and of the Duke of Kent was unanimously passed, and afterwards presented to the King by the members for the city.

20.—At the Lent Assizes held at Thetford, the Grand Jury made a presentment to the effect that Norwich Castle was inefficient, as then constructed, for the purposes of a county prison.

24.—Died at Catton, aged 66, Mr. Jeremiah Ives, an acting magistrate for the county, and alderman for the Great Wymer Ward. He was Sheriff in 1782, and Mayor in 1786-1801.

25.*—"Cleansing week, at Norwich, has resulted in the restoration of the ascendancy of the 'Purple and Orange' party in the Corporation of the city."

APRIL.

3.—A prize fight took place in a field at West Burlingham between Rushmore, a blacksmith, of Limpenhoe, and Layden, the Cantley carpenter. The match was for £100, subscribed by the fathers of the combatants. Rushmore was attended by Ned Painter, and Layden by Potter, of Yarmouth. "There were 44 rounds of hard milling without science or skill, and Rushmore won."

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—Mr. Kean appeared at Lynn Theatre for a short season as King Richard III., Othello, Shylock, &c.

6.—A prize fight took place at St. Faith's between Cox, the blacksmith, of Norwich, and Teasdale, "the noted prize fighter from London, who had been brought to Norwich and passed off as a countryman under the feigned name of Johnson." More than 5,000 persons were present. Ned Painter and Purcell attended on Teasdale, and Warkley and Hurry on Cox. The battle lasted one hour thirteen minutes, and 65 desperate rounds were fought. "Cox faced his man and fought with great resolution, and drove his adversary over the ropes eleven times. In the end, however, superior science prevailed, and in the 65th round Cox received several violent blows on the left eye, which had been cut on one of the stakes in a fall in the second round, and victory was declared in favour of Teasdale. After the battle the imposition was discovered, and a hand bill circulated, declaring all bets void. The friends of Teasdale denied any deception, and said his name was really Johnson."—Another battle took place for a subscription purse of £5 on the same ground, between Dan, a stonemason, of Norwich, and Sparks, a blacksmith, of Norton. Dan won after 25 rounds had been fought.

13.—Mr. Edward Ball's new melodrama, "Giraldi" (founded on Mrs. Opie's popular tale, "The Russian Boy"), was performed for the first time at Norwich Theatre, and received with great applause.

15.—A county meeting was held at the Shirehouse, Norwich, the High Sheriff (Mr. G. S. Kett) presiding, at which an address of condolence on the death of the late King was adopted, and afterwards presented to his Majesty by the High Sheriff.

24.—This day was appointed for the celebration of his Majesty's birthday. At Norwich the Union flag was hoisted on the steeple of St. Peter Mancroft, and the bells were rung. The 14th Light Dragoons fired a *feu de joie* in the barrack square, and the Norwich Light Horse Volunteers a salute on the Castle Meadow. The several troops of Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry paraded in review order.

28.—A grand *fête* was given in Heydon Park in celebration of the majority of Mr. William Earle Lytton Bulwer. The inhabitants of Heydon and of the neighbouring villages went in procession to the park, where dinner was served at 155 tables. A performance was given by a troupe of equestrians, and "28 barrels of strong ale were placed in different positions in the park."

MAY.

1.—A contested election for the office of Mayor of Norwich commenced this day and ended on the 2nd, when the result was declared as follows:—Alderman Burt, 1,173; Alderman Marsh, 1,077; Alderman Thurtell, 1,018. Mr. Burt was afterwards chosen Mayor by the aldermen.

2.—Died, in his 89th year, Mr. William Calthorpe, the oldest inhabitant of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. "He generally commenced his morning walk about four o'clock during the summer season, and gradually later as the days became shorter. He almost constantly attended daily prayers at St. Peter's Church."

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3.—At a quarterly assembly of the Norwich Corporation, Mr. A. A. H. Beckwith was elected Speaker of the Common Council.

5.—Four prisoners made their escape from the city gaol at Norwich. Each prisoner was wearing his leg irons, and their escape was observed. One was apprehended immediately, another was captured at Wymondham, a third at St. Augustine's gates, and the fourth surrendered.

10.—Died at Cheltenham, aged 57, Major-General Sir Haylett Framingham, K.C.B., colonel of the Royal Horse Artillery and commanding officer of Royal Artillery in Ireland. He was the eldest son of Mr. C. Framingham, of Swaffham, and served under Wellington in the Peninsula.

14.—The Bishop of Norwich commenced his Ordinary Visitation at Thetford, where he confirmed 1,500 persons. The numbers confirmed in other centres in the diocese were:—At Newmarket, 2,900; Sudbury, 2,400; Bury St. Edmund's, 4,320; Stowmarket, 2,200; Ipswich, 2,300; Woodbridge, 1,400; Framlingham, 1,900; Halesworth, 1,300; Lowestoft, 600; Beccles, 700; North Walsham, 1,370; Holt, 1,200; Fakenham, 2,000; Lynn, 2,000; Downham, 1,300; Swaffham, 1,600; and Dereham, 1,230. The Visitation concluded on July 1st, and was said to have "redounded highly to the honour of the clergy of this extensive diocese, as the number of persons confirmed greatly exceeded all former visitations."

—Died at King Street, Norwich, in her 104th year, Mrs. Laney, widow of the Rev. Benjamin Laney, formerly rector of Mulbarton.

20.*—"The depredations on the river Yare during the last five years have amounted to £25,000."

24.—At a meeting of the clergy of the county of Norfolk and of the diocese of Norwich, held at the Swan Inn, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, under the presidency of Archdeacon Bathurst, it was decided to petition Parliament against the claims of "the Roman Catholic persuasion."

29.—Pitt's birthday was celebrated by a public dinner at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, at which 350 noblemen and gentlemen were present. Lord Bayning presided.

JUNE.

1.—A detachment of the 10th Light Dragoons, commanded by Major Stapleton, arrived at Norwich to relieve the 14th Light Dragoons, who on the same day left on their route to Canterbury.

4.—Died at his house in the Close, Norwich, Mr. Thomas Tawell, aged 57, "who, having been deprived of his sight for some years, founded the Hospital and School for the Indigent Blind in Norwich, in 1806."

13.—Died, aged 84, at her house in Surrey Street, Norwich, Mrs. Holland, "formerly and for many years a respectable actress in the Norwich company."

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14.—Died at the Great Hospital, Bishopgate Street, Norwich, aged 70, John Dale, "who for many years travelled the circuit with the Norwich company as dresser to the actresses, and whose skill and ingenuity in that capacity stood unrivalled, for the taste and excellence which he manifested in his profession. By his industry he was enabled to support his father and mother in their extreme old age."

19.—Mr. Booth appeared on the Norwich stage as Richard III. His other characters were King Lear, Octavian, Sir Giles Overreach, and Jerry Sneak ("The Mayor of Garrat").

20.—Guild Day at Norwich. The Corporation attended service at the Cathedral, and Mr. William Burt was sworn in as Mayor at the Guildhall. He afterwards entertained 600 guests at the guild feast at St. Andrew's Hall, and in the evening gave a ball at Chapel Field House.

22.—A fire engine, constructed by Mr. Jordan for the Norwich Union Fire Office, "was tried on the society's house in Surrey Street. It discharged three barrels of water a minute, and its price is £78—cheaper by £50 than the more cumbrous engines."

26.—The First or West Norfolk Militia, commanded by the Earl of Orford, assembled on the Castle Hill, Norwich, for 28 days' training. "The next morning the men paraded in their new scarlet coats and blue pantaloons." The regiment was paid off on July 23rd, when "the Earl of Orford made each of the non-commissioned officers a handsome present for their exertions."

28.—A dinner was given at the Feathers Hotel, Holt, in honour of Mr. W. E. L. Bulwer, on his accession to the Heydon estate. Mr. R. Brereton presided over 320 guests.

30.—A meeting of the owners and occupiers of lands and tenements in the hamlets of the city was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, under the presidency of Mr. J. Harvey, when resolutions were moved against the new and increased assessment of the hamlets to the poor rates, according to the valuation of property made by order of the Court of Guardians, and a subscription was started for defraying the expenses of appealing against the mulct and of any other legal proceedings.

JULY.

3.—Holkham Sheep Shearing, which commenced on this date, was attended by a very large company. "Perhaps we cannot give our readers a better idea of the utility of the system of agriculture practised at Holkham, than to inform them that it and the adjoining country for many miles around were fifty years ago a barren waste where scarcely a rabbit could find subsistence, and that it is now the garden of England, covered with most luxuriant crops of every description." H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, and the Russian Princes Potemkin and Trabetzkoy, were present this year. Mr. Morton, of Leith, showed a small cast-iron plough, performing five different operations; a revolving harrow, and a weed extirpator.

3.—A prize fight took place on Tharston Common between Dan, the stonemason, and Gales, the butcher. The stakes amounted to £20, and 120 rounds were fought in one hour twenty-one minutes. Gales was the winner.

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8.*—"We congratulate the county on the election of a Norfolk man, Dr. Hyde Wollaston, to the president's chair of the Royal Society. It is a curious circumstance that the presidents of three very distinguished and scientific bodies, and two of the principal officers of two others are natives of this county, namely, Dr. Wollaston, president of the Royal Society; Sir James Edward Smith, president of the Linnæan Society; Dr. Astley Cooper, president of the Medical Chirurgical Society; Mr. Richard Taylor, secretary of the Linnæan Society; and Mr. John Taylor, treasurer of the Geological Society."

17.—The great prize fight between Painter and Oliver, commemorated by Borrow in "Lavengro," took place near North Walsham. The stakes were £100 a side, and the amateurs of Norwich gave £20 towards the training expenses of Oliver, on condition that he fought within reasonable distance of Norwich. The battle was contested upon a platform. A staging about 100 yards in length was erected for the accommodation of spectators, for whom, also, sixty waggons were formed in a circle round the outer ring; £50 was collected at the gate, and the sums charged for admission to the seats on the staging produced £80. The greatest order prevailed among the 20,000 persons present, the ring being kept by Shelton, Randall, Turner, Scroggins, Eales, Josh Hudson, Harmer, Purcell, and other noted pugilists. Oliver was seconded by Cribb and Belcher, and Painter by Spring (his former opponent) and Paul. The odds were five and a half to four on Painter. Twelve rounds were fought, and Painter won. His colours (yellow) were hoisted upon a waggon, and he was everywhere greeted with loud cheering. Many of the London contingent lost heavily over the fight.—A second battle took place between Sampson, the Birmingham youth, and Martin, the baker (the Master of the Rolls). The former was seconded by Turner and Paul, and the latter by Cribb and Spring. The odds were six to four on Martin, who won after 29 rounds, fought in 38 minutes. It was during this fight that the thunderstorm, so vividly described by Borrow, occurred. At a dinner given at North Walsham the same evening Painter announced that this was his last appearance in the prize ring. Other "festivities" took place the same week. On the 19th there was a "turn up" between Josh Hudson and Belasco on Gurney's bowling-green, Norwich, the former of whom was seconded by Spring and a Norwich amateur, and his opponent by Martin. Thirty-three rounds were fought, in the course of which Hudson dislocated his shoulder and lost. The sum of £10 was collected round the ring. On Saturday, 22nd, a benefit was given for Painter in the large room at the Swan Inn, at which most of the above-named pugilists appeared. "The amateurs could not separate without giving a chance to West Country Dick, who was matched against George Redgrave." The fight was decided in the room. Dick won after a contest of eleven rounds occupying sixteen minutes.

—The great main of cocks annually fought between the gentlemen of Norwich and the gentlemen of Cambridgeshire this year fell through. A match was accordingly arranged with the gentlemen of London. It commenced on this date at the Swan Inn, Norwich, for £10 a battle and £100 the odd, and ended on the 19th, when the local sportsmen won by four battles. Feeders: Nash, sen., for London, Lamb for Norwich.

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19.—Married at St. Luke's Chapel, Norwich Cathedral, by the Lord Bishop, the Rev. Heaton C. de Crespigny, second son of Sir W. de Crespigny, Bart., M.P., to Miss Caroline Bathurst, third daughter of his lordship.

AUGUST.

1.—Died in St. John Maddermarket, Norwich, the Rev. Edward Beaumont, "who for 62 years had exercised the functions of a Catholic priest in this city." He took up his residence in Norwich on August 1st, 1758. His remains were interred on August 8th in St. Giles' church after the funeral service had been performed in his own chapel according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church.

2.—A meeting was held at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, for the purpose of passing resolutions expressive of sympathy with her Majesty Queen Caroline. The Mayor (Mr. W. Burt) declined to preside and left the Hall, and Mr. Alderman Leman then took the chair. The resolutions were adopted. The only person who expressed disapproval was Mr. Kerrison Harvey, who narrowly escaped rough handling. An address of congratulation was also adopted, and was presented to the Queen by Mr. N. Bolingbroke and Mr. Edward Taylor.

11.—Died in St. Margaret's, Norwich, aged 46, Capt. Robert Tinkler, R.N. "He signalised himself by his intrepid bravery in several engagements, in which he had received twenty-one wounds. Capt. Tinkler was cabin boy on board his Majesty's ship Bounty (Capt. Blyth) at the time the crew of that ship mutinied in the South Seas in 1789, and was one of the twelve persons who with the captain were turned adrift in a boat by the mutineers. Capt. Blyth and his companions, after a voyage of 1,200 leagues, during which the only sustenance they had was one ounce of bread and a quarter of a pint of water each per day, had the good fortune to arrive at the Dutch settlement of Cupan, in the island of Timor."

14.—Jennings, the pedestrian, undertook to walk 100 miles in twenty-two hours at the Prussia Gardens, Norwich. He covered 90 miles in twenty hours eight minutes, "and would have finished with ease, but a misunderstanding having taken place between the timekeepers he thought proper to give up."

19.—A detachment of the 9th Lancers marched into Norwich from Nottingham, under the command of Capt. D'Este.

—The Norfolk Society celebrated the 50th year of its establishment by a dinner at the Norfolk

Hotel, Norwich. Mr. T. Cubitt, Father of the Society, presided, and Major Payne was vice-chairman. (This was a non-political society.)

—A county meeting was held at the Shirehouse, Norwich, when resolutions protesting against the mood of proceeding by Bill of Pains and Penalties against her Majesty, Queen Caroline, were adopted. A petition for presentation to the House of Commons against the Bill was also agreed to. The resolutions were moved by the Hon. George Walpole, seconded by the Ven. Archdeacon Bathurst, and supported by Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P. The High Sheriff (Mr. S. Kett) declined to preside, and Mr. Edmond Wodehouse, M.P., dissented from the proceedings as impolitic and unnecessary.

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29.—This being the anniversary of the Decollation of St. John an assembly was held at the Church Hall, Yarmouth, at which the Mayor and Corporation were present, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, chamberlain, churchwardens, and other officers of the borough for the year ensuing. "The inquest was balloted for and locked up on Tuesday afternoon, and kept without fire, candle, meat, or drink till ten o'clock on Thursday morning, when they returned the following gentlemen as being elected to fill the respective offices:—Mr. John Goat Fisher, Mayor; Mr. William Barth, chamberlain; Mr. T. Bateman and Mr. John Preston, churchwardens."

—A contest for freemen's Sheriff took place at Norwich. Mr. E. T. Booth was elected with 929 votes, against 478 recorded for Mr. Peter Finch.

SEPTEMBER.

1.—Mr. Robert Hamond, shooting in West Norfolk, killed to one brace of pointers, and "without cleaning his gun," 53 brace of partridges, a hare, and a landrail. He missed eight shots, lost only one brace of birds, and had only one double shot. The gun was by Scarlett, of Swaffham.

5.—A prize fight took place on Ashby Common, near Thurton, between Cox, the Norwich blacksmith, and Barlee, the Berghapton Groom, for a purse of £25. Walkley and Payne seconded Cox, and Ned Painter and Teasdale waited upon Barlee. "The odds were greatly in favour of Cox till the 30th round, when Barlee planted some severe blows, and in the 47th round floored his opponent. In the 53rd round Cox made a desperate effort and beat, or rather ran down, his opponent in every round till the 80th. The betting was now seven to four in favour of Cox. Barlee again exerted himself, and in the next six rounds planted several desperate hits on his adversary's face, and in the 88th round brought Cox to the ground by a tremendous blow under the jaw, and won the fight in one hour twenty-three minutes. Cox's head and face presented a frightful spectacle, and not a feature of his countenance could be distinguished."

—Died at the house of Mr. Robert Marsham, at Stratton, Sir Edmund Bacon, premier baronet, of Raveningham. He was in his 71st year, and his death was occasioned by a fall from his carriage on August 30th. "Sir Edmund was director of the Loddon and Clavering Incorporation, and chairman of the committee of the Norfolk Lunatic Asylum. He had made unremitting exertions to improve the public roads. It was one of his fixed opinions that the roads might be kept in a good state of repair by the fair performance of the Statute duty without the imposition of tolls, and he practically evinced the truth of the opinion which he had formed. In the attainment of this important object he had to encounter the prejudices of the ignorant and the complaints of the interested, but he steadily pursued his course regardless of the unpopularity which he thus caused, and at length had the gratification of making converts of his most decided opponents."

12.—Miss Macauley, from the King's Concert Room, London, gave her literary and musical entertainment, *La Petit Souper*, at Norwich Theatre. On the 14th she gave a dramatic reading at the New Concert Room, St. George's.

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18.—A fire broke out on the premises of Mr. Neale, coach maker, St. Giles' Gates. The whole range of workshops was consumed, and damage done to the amount of £2,000.

24.—Died at his seat at Nackington, Kent, Mr. Richard Milles, of North Elmham, aged 85.

25.—Cossey bells, rehung by Messrs. T. and J. Hurry, of Norwich, were re-opened. "Five good hats" were offered for competition.

29.—Mr. Henry Francis and Mr. E. T. Booth, Sheriffs of Norwich, gave a dinner to 130 guests at Chapel Field House. "A turtle, weighing 130 lbs., was dressed by Mr. Snow, and so highly relished that not a fragment remained."

Rear-Admiral Philip Wilkinson assumed this month the surname and the arms of Stephens, in compliance with the request contained in the will of his maternal great uncle, Sir Philip Stephens, Bart., for many years Secretary to the Admiralty.

OCTOBER.

1.—Died, aged 47, at Dunkirk, Mr. Charles William Jerningham, second son of Sir William Jerningham, of Costessey. "Mr. Jerningham had served eight camps in the Austrian Army with distinguished valour, being engaged in the great battles of Jemappe and Fleurus, and was several times wounded." His remains were interred at Costessey on October 23rd.

7.*—"It is with mingled feelings of shame and disgust that we state no less than four pugilistic battles were fought on Sunday morning last on Mousehold Heath, near Norwich, and that many hundreds of persons were present to witness the unchristianlike scene."

16.—At a dinner held at the King's Arms Inn, North Walsham, under the presidency of Capt. Simpson, Capt. Cooper was presented with a piece of plate by the inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood as a testimony of their high esteem for his public conduct and private worth.

19.—At the opening concert of the Harmonic Society, Mr. and Miss Mori made their first appearance in Norwich. Mr. Mori is stated to have been "well known as one of the first violin performers of the present day."

21.—The Rev. Edward Bankes, LL.B., was installed a Prebendary of Norwich Cathedral, in place of the Rev. George Anguish, A.M., resigned.

—*"Died at her father's house in Gun Lane, in this city, aged 19, Miss Smith, daughter of Mr. Smith, of Norwich Theatre."

NOVEMBER.

3.—Died at Yarmouth, aged 70, Sir Edmund Lacon, Bart., senior alderman of the borough. He four times served the office of Mayor. He was succeeded by Mr. Edmund Knowles Lacon, of Ormsby.

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11.—Soon after the arrival at Norwich of the coaches with the intelligence of the abandonment of the Bill of Pains and Penalties after its third reading in the House of Lords, the bells of "one or two of the minor parishes" were rung, a few houses illuminated, and parties paraded the streets with flambeaux, crying "Light up for the Queen." An attempt to make a bonfire on the Castle ditches was prevented by the magistrates, many of the torches were put out, and eight of the torch bearers taken to the watch-house. In view of a disturbance 1,000 special constables were sworn in on the 13th, on which evening a procession was formed on Tombland. In passing through the city the mob groaned outside houses which were not illuminated, and an iron ball was hurled through the window of Dr. Reeve's house in St. Giles'. On the 23rd a public meeting was held at St. Andrew's Hall, presided over by the Mayor, when congratulatory resolutions and an address to the Queen were adopted. (The address was subsequently presented to her Majesty at Bradenburgh House by Mr. N. Bolingbroke, who was accompanied by Mr. W. Smith, M.P., and Mr. Edward Taylor.) After the meeting a bonfire was lighted in the Market Place. "We understand that an impression of the NORFOLK CHRONICLE (surely not dishonoured by being obnoxious to such a crew) was committed to the flames." Demonstrations took place at Yarmouth, Lynn, and other towns.

13.—The Olympic Circus was opened by Mr. T. Cooke at the Pantheon, Norwich.

19.—Died in St. Andrew's, Norwich, aged 81, an eccentric person named Charles Archer. "It was his constant practice to be at his post every morning at four o'clock with his kettle of hot cocoa and saloop. His station was near the Two-Necked-Swan, and he was allowed half a pint of porter each morning for calling up the landlord at six, which custom continuing 14 years he drank at that house 2,556 half pints, or something more than 319 gallons. He had formerly been in the 12th Regiment of Foot, and lost a leg in the memorable siege of Gibraltar, for which he was granted a pension which he received 39 years. But what most affected his mind next to the misfortune of having his leg shot away was to see a hog, a circumstance related by himself, snatch it up in his mouth and run away with it without his being able to prevent it."

28.—Died, in his 82nd year, at the Great Hospital, Bishopgate Street, Norwich, Robert Davey, "who for several years was leader of the nocturnal band of musicians vulgarly called 'mumpers,' though their performances justly entitled them to a more respectable appellation. He personated Orpheus in the grand procession which took place in Norwich in honour of Bishop Blaize on March 24th, 1783."

29.—H.R.H. the Duke of York passed through Norwich on his way to Gunton Hall, the seat of Lord Suffield. On the duke's approach to St. Stephen's Gates the horses were taken from his carriage, and it was dragged through St. Stephen's Street and Rampant Horse Street to the Market Place. After changing horses at the Angel Inn, his Royal Highness proceeded on his journey. On the following day the Duke of Wellington passed through the city on his way to Gunton.

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30.—Died, aged 102, Mr. John Walden, of Wells-next-the-Sea.

DECEMBER.

1.—A special assembly of the Norwich Corporation was held at which a loyal address to his Majesty was adopted. Similar addresses were passed by the Corporations of Yarmouth and Lynn.

2.—At a special assembly of the Corporation it was resolved to grant the honorary freedom of Norwich to the Duke of York and the Duke of Wellington. These illustrious personages arrived unexpectedly in the city on their return from Gunton on the following day (Sunday, 3rd). After attending service at the Cathedral they proceeded to the Angel Inn, where the Mayor (Mr. William Burt), the Sheriffs, and other civic officials waited upon them. The Steward (Mr. Robert Alderson) read the address passed on the previous day, and the admission to the freedom of the city was completed in due form. His Royal Highness and the Duke of Wellington returned thanks, and afterwards invited the company to luncheon. On their departure from Norwich the same afternoon they were enthusiastically cheered.

9.—The Duke of Gloucester visited Col. Dixon at Rainham, and afterwards proceeded to Holkham as the guest of Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P.

10.—Died at Hethel, aged 68, Sir Thomas Beevor, Bart., D.L., one of the chairmen of Norfolk Quarter Sessions.

13.—A meeting of the owners, occupiers, and inhabitants of the hamlets was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, to take into consideration the expediency of establishing an effective police for the district. Resolutions were passed asking the assistance of the city magistrates. In consequence of the numerous highway robberies and burglaries, and other depredateions committed in city and county, public meetings were held and resolutions passed granting a reward of £5 to watchmen who apprehended offenders. It was stated that more burglaries had been committed within the three preceding months than in the former twenty years.

25.—The Hon. George John Watson, of North Elmham, second son of the Right Hon. Baron Sondes, deceased, assumed the surname and arms of Milles, in compliance with the will of his maternal grandfather, Mr. Richard Milles, of North Elmham, and of Nackington, Kent.

27.—A meeting, presided over by Mr. John Morse, Father of the City, was held at the Angel Inn, Norwich, at which resolutions expressive of attachment to his Majesty's person and Government, and to the established constitution in Church and State were passed, and a loyal address to the King adopted. The address, which received 1,634 signatures, was presented to his Majesty in the following January by Mr. Charles Harvey, M.P., Mr. John Harvey, alderman, and Sir Robert John Harvey. Similar addresses were adopted by the Corporations of Yarmouth and Lynn.

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JANUARY.

2.—A meeting of the dyers, dressers, and manufacturers was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, under the presidency of Mr. John Harvey, chairman of the manufacturing interest, to consider "the most effectual means of checking the violation of the Sabbath, which has of late arisen to a most shameful height, in consequence of the recent increase in the trade of the city"; and the notice "on the part of the dyers and dressers of bombazines announcing to the manufacturers the conditions on which alone they had agreed to conduct their business, namely that of holding goods which they may have in hand at the time of any bankruptcy or failure as a lien for any balance due to them on their accounts." The meeting was adjourned *sine die*.

6.*—"The Rev. Alfred Inigo Fox, of Woodton Hall, has assumed the surname of Suckling only, with the arms of Suckling, quarterly, with his own, pursuant to the will of the late Robert Suckling, of Woodton Hall."

9.—Mr. Mathews appeared at Norwich Theatre in his entertainments, "At Home," "A Trip to Paris," and "Country Cousins."

—At Norwich Quarter Sessions, Sarah Powell, keeper of a boarding school, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for cruelly ill-treating and wounding Mary Ann Phillips, aged 6½ years.

13.—At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions, the case of the King on the prosecution of Robert Leamon, the younger, against Edmund Heagren Gibbs for assault, was tried. The defendant, an opulent farmer living at Quarles, pleaded guilty to the charge. The offence was committed in Fakenham Market Place, and it was alleged that the defendant several times struck the plaintiff with a jockey whip. He was fined £300.

22.—Mr. Dowton appeared at Norwich Theatre as Sir Peter Teazle and Restive ("Turn Out"). On succeeding evenings he took the parts of Job Thornberry, Sir Anthony Absolute, Barnaby Brittle, Old Drugget ("Three Weeks after Marriage"), Sheva ("The Jew"), &c.

27.*—(Advt.) "£100 Reward. Whereas at about nine o'clock on the evening of the 22nd inst., Mr. John Thurtell was attacked in Chapel Field, Norwich, by three men, knocked down, and robbed of a pocket book containing £1,508 in notes, thirteen of which were of the Bank of England, value £100 each, and the name of John Thurtell is endorsed on them. Notice is hereby given that whoever will give information which might lead to the apprehension and conviction of the persons concerned in this robbery, shall be paid the above reward on applying to Mr. Thurtell; and any person concerned in the robbery who will give information of his accomplices will receive the reward and a free pardon. Norwich, January 23rd, 1821." (In the following week it was announced that a commission of bankruptcy had issued against John Thurtell and John Giddens, bombazine manufacturers, dealers, and chapmen. Soon afterwards Thurtell absconded.)

29.—The first anniversary of the King's Accession to the Throne was celebrated in Norwich by peals on the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, and of several of the minor parishes of the city. At Methwold a lad named T. Coates, aged 11, rang second in a peal of single bob major, and "the company challenged England for his equal."

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FEBRUARY.

3.—At a meeting held at the Rampant Horse Inn, Norwich, the Norfolk Agricultural Association

adopted a form of petition to be presented to the House of Commons upon "the present deplorable condition of Agriculture."

10.*—"The remains of two bodies (no doubt those of Roman soldiers) were lately dug up in a field opposite the west front of the Roman camp at Caister, near Norwich. Nothing was entire of them except several teeth and a metal brooch in excellent preservation, although they cannot have been interred less than 1,400 years. Eleven or twelve human skeletons, supposed to have been buried after some battle, were also discovered on a farm at Longham, near Mileham, close at the foot of an antient ditch, which Parkin supposes gives name to the Hundred of Launditch. Eight or ten years ago, in removing a tumulus in the same parish, some urns were discovered."

10.—Bloggs' London caravan was advertised to run from the Rampant Horse coach office, Norwich, to London in 24 hours. It started on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at four o'clock, and returned on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. The Norwich and London Fly vans ran from the Star Inn, Norwich, to the Bull Inn, Aldgate.

—Dr. Lewis Evans was elected physician to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on the resignation of Dr. Alderson, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded by the governors for his professional services of 50 years.

12.—Miss Macaulay commenced at Norwich Theatre an engagement of four nights, during which she appeared as Lady Randolph ("Douglas"), Violante ("The Wonder"), Jane Shore, Rosabello ("Rugantino"), Lady Townley ("The Provoked Husband"), and Phœbe ("Rosina").

15.—By the careless driving of the coachman the Morning Star, Yarmouth coach, was overturned at Scole Inn, and of the three inside and nine outside passengers, one, Mr. Butterfield, of Leeds, was seriously injured, and died on April 14th. At the Norfolk Assizes in March, 1822, an action was brought by Butterfield's employers against the owners of the coach for the recovery of damages sustained by them by the loss of their servant. The jury found for the plaintiffs, damages, £100; expenses, £258; and costs, 40s.

17.—The perfectly new house of Mr. John Cator, at Woodbastwick, was destroyed by fire. "The interior of the building was consumed, the walls alone left standing."

24.—Mr. J. M. Murry, of Davey Place, Norwich, advertised himself as "sole agent for the sale of Bridgman's patent iron coffins as security to the deceased persons."

26.—Mrs. Davison appeared at the Theatre Royal, Norwich, in the character of Letitia Hardy. On subsequent evenings she performed Priscilla Tomboy, Hypolita ("She Wou'd and She Wou'd Not"), and Kathleen ("The Poor Soldier"). p. 192

28.—An unusually large supply of white herring was received from Yarmouth at Norwich. The fish were sold at a penny a dozen at Fye Bridge staith, and afforded great relief to the poor.

MARCH.

3.*—"Died lately at Reepham Moor, St. John Hunt, who was buried by his desire in his best suit of clothes, great coat, hat, &c. A tobacco box, short pipe, and walking stick were also deposited by his side in the coffin."

—Mr. Richard Taylor, of Norwich, published his well-known work, the "Index Monasticus."

—Died at his house in Queen Street, Norwich, Mr. William Foster, an alderman of the Wymer Ward.

5.—Died, at Versailles, in her 70th year, Miss Hannah Brand, formerly of Norwich.

7.—Three prisoners confined in the city gaol, Norwich, and charged with capital offences, effected their escape by making a hole through the wall of their cell. They were recaptured.

—Mr. Edward Temple Booth, Sheriff of Norwich, was elected an alderman of the Great Ward of Wymer, in place of Mr. Foster, deceased. The other candidate was Mr. Richard Shaw, who served the office in 1818.

8.—A new tragedy, entitled "Antigone," written by Mr. Edward Ball, of Duke's Palace House, Norwich, was produced at Norwich Theatre for the first time.

13.—Mr. E. Wodehouse presented to the House of Commons petitions from the owners and occupiers of land in the vicinity of Norwich, Yarmouth, and North Walsham, on the depressed state of agriculture, praying for a repeal of the last duty on malt, and for the substitution of a modified tax on property. At this date wheat was making 25s. to 31s.; barley, 9s. to 12s. 6d.; oats, 9s. to 10s.; and malt, 34s. per coomb.

22.—A performance took place for the benefit of the Theatrical Fund, established for the relief of aged and decayed actors of the Norwich company. The Freemasons gave their patronage, and, in full regalia, attended the Theatre, where the pieces produced were the comedy "Secrets worth Knowing," and the musical farce "The Padlock." The proceeds amounted to £117 2s. 6d.

26.—Mrs. Bartley commenced at Norwich Theatre an engagement, during which she appeared in the characters of Bianca ("Fazio"), Jane Shaw, Madame Chermont ("Adrian and Orrilla"), Mary Stuart, and Catherine ("The Taming of the Shrew").

31.—The freedom of the city of Norwich was presented to Capt. William Edward Parry, R.N., prior to his departure for the Arctic Seas to ascertain the existence of a north-west passage. He was a nephew of Dr. Rigby, of Norwich. The parchment was presented in an oak box, made of a piece of the wood of the Hecla, the ship commanded by him in his voyage of discovery towards the North Pole in 1819-20.

APRIL.

2.—A new peal of bells, hung by Messrs. Hurry, of Norwich, was opened at Ditchingham.

3.—Died, aged 92, Thomas Burton, "father of the St. Peter's company of ringers, Norwich."

—Died in St. George Colegate, Norwich, aged 88, Mrs. Goulty, widow of Mr. John Goulty, and aunt to Admiral Lord Nelson.

—Mr. R. Morlege, many years confidential clerk to Messrs. W. and S. Bircham, of Reepham, "left that place with his family, a wife, and seven children, one an infant, in a covered van for Liverpool, there to embark for Baltimore, and from thence to proceed in his van, which he takes on board with him, about 400 miles up the country, and to settle on the banks of the Ohio."

5.—Died in St. Swithin's, Norwich, aged 84, the Rev. James Lane, for 32 years Roman Catholic priest in the city.

7.—A "new and elegant" light post coach, "The Times," was announced to set out from the Angel Inn, Norwich, to the Swan-with-Two-Necks, Lad Lane, London, on Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday morning at six o'clock, by way of Scole, Bury, Sudbury, and Halstead. It returned on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. The proprietors, W. Start, J. Thorogood and Co., regretted "the circumstance which rendered the dissolution of partnership between them and Mrs. Nelson indispensable, in consequence of which they had no connection with the Phenomena coach." Thorogood himself drove the coach both to and from London.

9.—Mr. J. Brunton, the former manager, and his daughter, Miss Fanny Brunton, performed at Norwich Theatre. They appeared respectively as Othello and Desdemona on the opening night, and on subsequent evenings as Horatius and Horatia ("The Roman Father"), and Wildlove and Zephyrina ("The Lady and the Devil"). "Miss Brunton, though not 19 years of age, has made great progress towards histrionic excellence."

10.—At a public meeting held at the Town Hall, Yarmouth, under the presidency of the Mayor (Mr. Fisher), a committee was appointed and a subscription opened for the formation of a fund from which to reward boatmen for rescuing persons from shipwreck.

14.—The Wellington coach ran from Norwich on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday to Stamford, where it effected a connection with coaches to the Midlands and the North.

15.—Wombwell's Menagerie was exhibited on the Castle Meadow, Norwich.

17.—The erection of a new jetty was commenced at Cromer. It was finished in the summer of 1822. "Erected on massy iron frames by Mr. Hase, of Saxthorpe, it exhibits a magnificent proof of the skill of the engineer, and of his honourable attention to his contract."

22.—Died in St. George's Colegate, Norwich, after a few days' illness, John Crome, the elder. He was president of the Norwich Society of Artists, and an artist of considerable repute. His remains were interred on the 27th in a vault in St. George's church.

23.—St. George's Day being the day appointed for the celebration of his Majesty's birthday, the Corporation of Norwich attended service at the Cathedral, and the 9th Lancers and the Norwich Light Horse Volunteers fired three volleys with their pistols in the Market Place. The Mayor gave a dinner at his house, Major Harvey and the officers and men of the Light Horse dined at the White Lion Inn, St. Benedict's, and several members of the Common Council met for dinner at the Castle Inn. The Loyal Heroes or Sons of Pitt, and several other societies dined at their respective club houses.

—Miss Rosalie Corri appeared at Norwich Theatre as Polly ("The Beggars' Opera"). Her other characters included Louison ("Henri Quatre"), Zerlina ("The Libertine"), &c.

25.—At a meeting held at the Guildhall, Norwich, for the promotion of vaccination amongst the poor, it was stated that in 1819, when about 500 persons died of small-pox, "the figures of persons liable to take the disease was on an average of five years not less than 1,000 annually." Since that year vaccination had again languished, and in 1820 not 100 of the poor were vaccinated. The meeting directed that a census be immediately taken for the purpose of ascertaining how many persons remained unvaccinated, and what would be the extent of the danger attending the introduction of small-pox.

26.—A smuggling boat was captured at Yarmouth between the Nelson monument and the old jetty, by boats of the Revenue cutter Ranger, Capt. Sayer. The smuggler had on board about 400 tubs of Geneva, and a quantity of dry goods, and her crew escaped by jumping overboard and swimming ashore.

28.*—"Died last week at Swaffham, the widow Turner, aged 96, formerly a midwife. Mrs. Turner had a perfect remembrance of the girl who was burnt at Lynn on April 1st, 1731, for aiding and assisting in the murder of her mistress, and was taken by her friends to visit her in prison a few

days before the execution of that dreadful sentence.”

—Gurney’s Original day coach was advertised to leave the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, for the Spread Eagle, Gracechurch Street, and the Black Bear, Piccadilly. The proprietor referred to the liberal patronage he had received “amidst the powerful ruinous competition among other parties concerned in the Norwich and London coaches.”

30.—At the White Swan Inn, Norwich, commenced a three double days’ play of cocks, for 10 guineas a battle and 200 guineas the odd, between the gentlemen of Norwich and the gentlemen of Cambridgeshire. Feeders: Lamb for Norwich, Burn for Cambridge. Norwich won by seven battles ahead in the mains, and two in the byes.

MAY.

1.—There was a contest this year for the Mayoralty of Norwich. At the close of the poll the numbers were declared as follow:—Alderman Rackham, 986; Alderman Hawkes, 950; Alderman Marsh, 630; Alderman Yallop, 631. The two first-named were returned to the Court of Aldermen, who elected Mr. Rackham to serve the office.

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2.—Died at his ancestral seat at Great Ormesby, aged 68, Mr. James Symonds, who was descended from one of the oldest families in Norfolk.

8.—At a meeting of the merchants, manufacturers, dyers, &c., held at the Guildhall, Norwich, presided over by Mr. John Harvey, it was resolved to petition Parliament for a repeal of the tax on imported foreign wool.

12.—A foot race of 30 miles was run at New Buckenham, between two men named Tuttle and Beales. The former won easily in five hours nine minutes.

13.—Died at his house in Surrey Street, Norwich, aged 72, Mr. William Stevenson, upwards of 35 years proprietor of the NORFOLK CHRONICLE. He served the office of Sheriff in 1799.

—Died at Lyng, Christopher Allcock, aged 91. “He served in the first draft of the Norfolk Militia when called out in the glorious year, 1759, and such was his attachment to the military service that he made a reserve of his coat that it might serve him for a shroud.”

18.—Died at Norwich, aged 53, Robert Chesnut, leader of the St. Peter’s ringers.

19.—The “safety” coach from the Rampant Horse Inn, Norwich, commenced running to London on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings by way of Thetford, Bury, and Newmarket.

23.—At a special court of the Norwich Guardians it was agreed to petition the House of Commons against the Bill introduced into Parliament by Mr. Scarlett, for amending the laws relating to the relief of the poor in England.

28.—The principal inhabitants, with many other parishioners, perambulated the parish of St. Clement’s, Norwich, and afterwards dined at the Bull Inn, Magdalen Street.

30.—A glass bottle was thrown from the gallery on to the stage of Norwich Theatre by a youth named Wheeler, son of a former member of the Norwich company. He was apprehended by Mr. Smith, the manager, taken before the Mayor, and sentenced to one month’s imprisonment in the Bridewell.

JUNE.

12.—Costessey Guild was held, and the “Mayor” sworn in with great formality. Several “splendid equipages” appeared in the subsequent procession.

—The festivities connected with Necton Guild were carried out on a scale of much splendour in a field adjoining the residence of Major Mason, of Necton Hall, the patron of this annual gathering.

—The Census was completed on this day at Norwich. The city, with its hamlets and the Close, contained 10,833 houses and 50,173 souls, namely, 22,732 males and 27,441 females. In comparison with the returns at the previous Census these figures showed an increase of 2,300 houses and of 12,917 persons.

18.—Guild Day at Norwich. Mr. William Rackham was sworn in Mayor, and entertained 650 guests at the guild feast at St. Andrew’s Hall.

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—Died, aged 52, Charles Hague, Mus. Doc., professor of music at the University of Cambridge.

—At an assembly of the Norwich Corporation, the Tonnage Committee was ordered to obtain plans and estimates for the improvement of the south side of St. Andrew’s Hall, and of the plain and gardens. The proposed work included the taking down of the old Library Room and the Court of Conscience, which formed part of the entrance to the Hall, and completely obscured and disgraced the structure; the erection of a Gothic porch on part of their site to correspond with the architecture of the original building, and the laying open of the whole south side of the Hall, “by taking down the present garden walls, so as to form a square in front of the hall.” It was also proposed that the building be no longer used as a corn exchange.

—About twenty of the Waterloo men resident in Norwich were entertained to dinner at the Coach and Horses, Red Lion Lane, in celebration of the anniversary of the battle.

23.*—"The curious antique pump in St. Lawrence, in this city (Norwich), erected by Robert Gybson in 1576, has been lately put into repair, and the singular inscription and ornaments thereon repainted by the present proprietor, Quarter-Master Betts, of the West Norfolk Regiment."

28.—The Marshland free bridge, built by Messrs. Jolliffe and Bank, under the direction of the engineer, Mr. Rennie, and forming a direct means of communication between the eastern and northern districts, was opened on this date. A procession of carriages, preceded by a band of music and banners, with 7,000 pedestrians, passed over the bridge at one o'clock. The carriage of Mr. Thomas Hoseason led the van. Among the vehicles was the Lynn and London coach, drawn by four bays decorated with ribbands and flowers.

JULY.

2.—Twelve smacks were despatched from Wells to a newly discovered oyster bed at Happisburgh, whence they returned on the following day with from 100 to 121 tubs each.

—*"Notwithstanding the clouds which lower on the landed interest, the sun of Holkham's prosperity has shone forth with undiminished splendour," was the comment which prefaced this year's report of the Holkham Sheep Shearing. The business of the meeting commenced with an inspection in front of the hall "of the various processes in the manufacture (by the labourers' children and the parish poor) of part of the crop of flax and hemp grown upon Holkham Park Farm in the last year. The several operations of breaking, heckling, and spinning were gone through by females of various ages with ease and facility." Some of the sacks and sheeting manufactured from the materials were also shown. The gathering was attended by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, the Duke of Bedford, the Earl of Albemarle, Lord Erskine, Lord Crewe, Sir F. Burdett, Mr. Hume, &c. "The magnificent hospitality of these meetings congregated men from all parts of the civilized world. None but agricultural subjects were discussed. On these the most conflicting opinions were freely given and as freely canvassed, but anything political was excluded. And thus, although the political opinions of Mr. Coke and most of his personal friends were not only very decided, but for a great period, and that the most brilliant era of the Holkham meetings, unpopular with the great majority of those connected with the landed interest, yet men of every shade of political opinion were heartily welcome . . . and although they might hear some favourite theory of farming ridiculed they never would find anything hurtful to their political feelings advanced. The Sheep Shearing of 1821, indeed, was an exception. Political topics were then introduced. It was a bad omen. This Sheep Shearing was the last."—"Journal of the Royal Agricultural Society," Vol. XIV., part 1.

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7.—Miss Biffin paid a return visit to Norwich, and was exhibited at St. Peter's Steps, the Market Place.

19.—Norwich, in common with the cities and towns of the kingdom generally, celebrated the Coronation day of King George IV. The Mayor and Corporation went in procession to the Cathedral, preceded by a troop of the 9th Lancers, commanded by Capt. Campbell, sixty-four Waterloo men wearing their medals, and by the loyal and constitutional clubs with their flags. The procession was closed in by the Norwich Light Horse Volunteers. After service a roasted bullock, weighing 60 stones, was distributed in the Market Place, with 2,880 penny loaves, and several barrels of beer. There was a similar distribution in Ber Street. A dinner took place at St. Andrew's Hall, under the presidency of the Mayor, and at night a display of fireworks was given on a staging erected on the south side of the Market Place. A very elaborate triumphal arch, erected near the Guildhall, was brilliantly illuminated. There were like demonstrations at Yarmouth, Lynn, and other towns in the county.

29.—Died at St. John Timberhill, Norwich, John Smith, schoolmaster, aged 54, "the author of several scholastic works and an English grammar."

30.—A grand cricket match between the Holt and Nottingham clubs commenced at Holt, and was continued on the two following days. It terminated in favour of Nottingham, with ten wickets to spare—Nottingham, 150-154; Holt, 80-73. The Holt team included R. J. Brereton, Garwood, N. Pilch, William Pilch, F. Pilch, W. Englebright, R. Englebright, Frost, Brunton, Carmichael, and Goggs.

31.—The new river or Cut from King's Lynn to Eau Brink was opened. At 8.30 a steam barge passed beneath the new bridge into the Cut, followed by a great number of boats. After the commissioners had viewed the work the steamboat returned to Lynn, where dinner was served at the Town Hall, under the presidency of Lord William Bentinck.

AUGUST.

1.—Died at his house in Charles Street, Berkeley Square, the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, his Majesty's Lieutenant of Norfolk. His lordship, who was in his 54th year, dying without issue, he was succeeded in his title and estates by his brother, the Hon. Edward Harbord, M.P. for Shaftesbury. The remains of his lordship arrived at Aylsham, and lay in state at the Black Boys Inn on August 12th, and the funeral took place at Gunton on the 13th.

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4.*—"In the recent creation of baronets are Major-General Sir Edward Kerrison and Mr. Astley Paston Cooper, surgeon to his Majesty's person."

6.—The Norwich Assurance Company and the Norwich Union Society combined their establishments under the style of the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, with a capital of £550,000.

9.—Official intelligence was received in Norwich of the death of Queen Caroline. Her Majesty died at Bradenburgh House, Hammersmith, on the 7th.

10.—The organ in Loddon church, the gift of Mr. Thomas Reynolds, of Chedgrave, was opened with a performance of sacred music by Messrs. Pettet and Woolman. The principal vocalists were Miss Gaskill, of Norwich Theatre, Mrs. Card, and Mr. French; and the instrumental band was composed of Norwich and Yarmouth amateurs. "Tickets: middle aisle, 3s.; side aisle, 2s."

11.*—"A troop of the 4th Dragoons arrived here last week to replace the troop of 9th Lancers, who have gone to Canterbury."

—*"Died, last week, at Surlingham, Mrs. Elizabeth Utting, in her 104th year."

14.—Mr. Justice Richardson, in charging the Grand Jury at the Norwich Summer Assizes, made reference to the large number of street robberies and burglaries that had taken place in the city. "Several persons had their pockets picked in court; one man was detected in the act, and was committed to Bridewell."

17.—Among the civil actions tried at the Norwich Assizes, before Sir Robert Dallas, Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, was that of *Crawcour v. Smith*. It was for the recovery of the cost of a suit of clothes, &c., bought by the plaintiff in consequence of having received from the defendant a fictitious card of invitation to dine at the Guild feast in 1820. The defendant, who admitted the sending of the card, was heard to remark that "he would rather undergo transportation than not see the plaintiff (a Jew dentist) at the door of the Guildhall in his pomps and opera hat." Counsel for the defendant endeavoured to show that the order for the apparel was given subsequent to the plaintiff receiving notice of the fictitiousness of the card; and he argued that even if he had gone to the feast he could not have partaken of it without incurring the censure of the higher orders of his religion. Mr. Sergeant Blossett, for the plaintiff, replied that "of the 600 covers placed on the tables on Guild Day there were several of which Mr. Crawcour might partake without injury either of his soul or his stomach." The jury found for the plaintiff—damages 1s. (Mr. Crawcour on September 23rd met with a terrible accident on Tombland. The horse, which he was driving, ran away, and he was thrown from the vehicle. His leg was fractured in so shocking a manner that immediate amputation was rendered necessary.)

18.—Col. the Hon. John Wodehouse, M.P., was appointed his Majesty's Lieutenant, Vice-Admiral of the county, and Custos Rotulorum, in place of the late Lord Suffield.

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20.—A fire took place on the premises of Mr. Cross, Lower Earham, by which his barns and outhouses, hay, corn, and straw stacks were destroyed. The damage was estimated at £1,000.

21.—Belzoni, the celebrated traveller and discoverer of Egyptian antiquities, visited Norwich, and stayed with Mr. Jeremiah Ives, at his residence, St. Catherine's Hill, where several gentlemen of the city were invited to meet him.

22.—Died, aged 72, Mrs. Mary Mountain, of Norwich. "On the first establishment of the Institution for the Indigent Blind in this city she tendered her gratuitous services as matron, and for 16 years filled that situation."

28.—A contest for freemen's Sheriff took place at Norwich. Mr. Joseph Gibson, 680; Mr. T. O. Springfield, 442. A scrutiny was afterwards demanded and granted, but was abandoned.

SEPTEMBER.

1.*—"The Easton Lodge estate, the property of the late Mr. W. Foster, has been purchased by Mr. Thomas Trench Berney, of Morton Hall, for 30,000 guineas."

—*"The tower of the antient church of St. John of Maddermarket, Norwich, which has long been in a state of dilapidation, is now taking down to be reduced by 14 feet, so as just to leave room for the bells."

—A panorama of Waterloo was exhibited at Ranelagh Gardens, Norwich.

6.—The freemen of the "Blue and White" interest presented to Mr. Alderman James Marsh a silver vase, weighing upwards of 100 ozs. The presentation was made at the Angel Inn, Norwich, by Mr. Edward Taylor.

—Workmen digging at the bottom of Bethel Street, Norwich, discovered a human skeleton "laid exactly in the crossway of the roads; it was thought to be the body of a criminal who died in prison and was buried there."

8.*—"That highly esteemed performer, Mr. Vining, has formed a very advantageous engagement with the proprietor of the Bath Theatre, and will leave the Norwich company at the termination of Bury Fair." (He was succeeded by his brother, Mr. J. Vining, who ultimately became a great favourite on the Norwich stage.)

10.—Miss Dance, of Covent Garden Theatre, appeared at Norwich Theatre in the character of Belvedera ("Venice Preserved"). Her other impersonations included Lady Teazle, Juliet, Widow

Cheerly ("The Soldier's Daughter"), Mrs. Haller, Maria ("The Citizen"), &c.

16.—Died at Downham Market, at a very advanced age, William Howlett. "He was for many years employed as a labourer on the premises of Mr. E. R. Pratt, at Ryston. About 30 years ago he sold his wife, and delivered her to the fortunate purchaser in a halter in the Market Place at Downham, with whom she has ever since lived, and it is supposed they will now marry."

21.—At a quarterly meeting of the Corporation of Norwich, a committee was appointed to take into consideration Mr. Cubitt's plan for connecting the city with the sea by way of Lowestoft.

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26.—The foundation-stone of the Unitarian Chapel in Park Field, Diss, was laid by Mr. Meadows Taylor and Mr. Thomas Dyson.

28.—Experiments with a life-saving rocket on Tregrouse's principle were made on Yarmouth beach by Rear-Admiral Spranger. The rocket carried a line from the ship to the shore, and running rigging was then brought into use.

OCTOBER.

4.—Died in London, aged 64, the celebrated engineer, Mr. John Rennie, who a few weeks previously had attended the opening of the Eau Brink cut.

6.*—(Adv.) "Distressing case of long imprisonment. Christopher Wood, formerly of Lynn, bricklayer, committed in 1813 to Norwich Castle for contempt of the Court of Chancery, incurred by his inability through poverty to put in an answer to a bill filed against him to foreclose a mortgage on an estate of which, unfortunately for him, he became owner. He has been in prison eight years, and has hitherto been supported by his labour beyond the prison allowance of bread, but having lately nearly lost his sight he must in future depend entirely on the latter. The expense of putting in his answer will amount to £18, and being totally unable to raise that sum must end his days in prison unless the benevolent shall extend their bounty towards him by putting in his answer to obtain his discharge, the Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors not extending to persons in custody for contempts."

10.—Robert Skipper, the Norwich pedestrian, commenced the task of walking 1,000 miles in twenty successive days at the Prussia Gardens, Norwich. He had completed 100 miles on the evening of the 11th, and at the 390th mile was compelled to give up in consequence of magisterial interference.

27.*—"Lady Beevor, widow of the late Sir Thomas Beevor, has taken the surname of Hare out of respect to the memory of her late father."

—Died, aged 74, Mr. Edward Rigby, M.D., of Norwich. He received his medical education under Mr. Martineau, and first began practice in 1769, when he distinguished himself as an accoucheur, and was the author of a treatise on subjects connected with that branch of his profession. In 1814 he took his degree in physic. Dr. Rigby in 1786 established the Benevolent Medical Society for the relief of the widows and orphans of medical men; and in 1789 became a member of the Corporation of Surgeons and of the Medical Society in London. He was assistant surgeon of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on its establishment in 1771, surgeon in 1790, and physician in 1814. For many years he kept a private lunatic asylum; and made constant and unremitting exertions in the cause of vaccination. He wrote several treatises on agricultural subjects, and was in 1820 elected an hon. member of the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture. He was also a member of the Linnæan Society. Dr. Rigby was elected an alderman in 1802, Sheriff in 1803, and Mayor in 1805. His remains were interred at Framingham, near Norwich, on November 5th.

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28.—The county magistrates adopted a plan prepared by Mr. Wilkins for the erection of a new county gaol on the Castle Hill, Norwich, "so far as the sum of £26,000 would carry it into effect." This plan included the removal of the then Shirehouse and inconvenient courts of justice. In order that the whole of the expense of the work should not fall upon occupiers it was arranged that half only be paid by them, and the other half by the owners of estates.—On December 1st a meeting of the county magistrates was held at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, to remonstrate against the selection of the Castle Hill as the site for the new gaol. At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions in January, 1822, the subject was reconsidered, and it was finally decided by 30 to 24 votes to adhere to the Castle Hill site.—On July 29th the workmen began to prepare the ground for the foundations of the Shirehall, and on September 9th the foundation-stone was laid with "Masonic ceremony." Current coins were deposited in the cavity, and upon the stone was a Latin inscription composed by the Rev. F. Howes.—The demolition of the old debtors' court commenced on May 7th, 1823, previous to which the prisoners committed on criminal charges were removed to the different bridewells and houses of correction in the county, the debtors only remaining in the Castle keep.—On July 11th some workmen employed on the building were raising a large stone, which fell and injured four of them, and one, Nicholas Mase, died next day in hospital. The new Shirehall was completed in time to admit of the Quarter Sessions being held therein on October 15th, 1823, which was the first occasion on which the building was used. "As to the prison buildings the ancient Saxon castle with Bigod's tower is left entire in its pristine state. The hill is now surrounded with a castellated wall of Aberdeen granite 20 feet high, leaving, however, in general a space of nearly 20 feet for a public promenade on the summit of the hill." The Castle ditches and meadow had previously been improved at considerable expense by the city. These works completed the first part of the extensive scheme undertaken by the

county.

—Lord Suffield was elected one of the chairmen of Norfolk Quarter Sessions, in the room of the late Sir Thomas Beevor, Bart.

31.—There were two candidates for the vacancy occasioned upon the Norwich aldermanic bench by the death of Dr. Rigby—namely, Mr. Jeremiah Ives and Mr. Thomas Osborne Springfield. Both political parties paraded the streets with bands of music, flags, &c. The poll was declared as follows:—Springfield, 430; Ives, 268. “The major part of the electors of the Great Northern Ward received a couple of guineas each for their free and independent votes.”

NOVEMBER.

3.—An accelerated mail service was introduced between London and Norwich by the Postmaster-General. By this arrangement the Norwich and Ipswich mail coach performed the journey in one hour less time than previously. On December 8th, however, it was announced that in consequence of the Ipswich mail not having kept to the prescribed rate of travelling the Post Office authorities had been obliged to return to the former times of departure and arrival in respect to the London mail. On the 17th a new contract was entered into, by which the London mail to Norwich was conveyed *viâ* Newmarket. The coach reached the city at ten o'clock am. and departed at five p.m.

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4.—A great gale occurred on the Norfolk coast, many vessels were driven ashore between Yarmouth and Wells, and several foundered at sea.

10.*—“Mr. Charles Thurtell, son of Mr. Thomas Thurtell, of Lakenham, has obtained a lieutenancy on board the Rochefort, now in the Mediterranean.”

13.—Died at Biddeford, Devonshire, aged 63, Major Charles Berkeley Money, Royal Marines. “He had retired from the service some years on account of a severe wound received when captain on board the Royal Sovereign on the glorious 1st of June. He was a native and freeman of Norwich.”

16.—A severe storm took place. The roads were in many parts of the county rendered impassable by the heavy rains, and the marshes and low grounds were flooded.

18.—Died at the house of his son-in-law, Mr. William Mason, of Necton, the Rev. Paul Colombine, D.D., rector of Little Plumstead with Witton and Brundall, perpetual curate of Hardley, and rector of Chilton, Suffolk. He was presented to the living of Thurlton by the Mayor and Corporation of Norwich in 1757. He was in his 92nd year.

23.—Died, aged 62, Mr. William Burrows, alderman of the Great Northern Ward, and Sheriff of Norwich in 1817.

24.—Dr. Yelloly was elected physician to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, in place of Dr. Rigby, deceased.

26.—Mr. Peter Finch was elected an alderman of the Great Northern Ward, Norwich, in place of Mr. William Burrows, deceased.

DECEMBER.

1.—A troop of the 4th Light Dragoons, under the command of Capt. Pratt, left Norwich for Romford.

3.—A coursing party at Horsford “started a fine stout fox which was instantly pursued by a brace of fleet greyhounds. He kept before them for more than half a mile when the dogs turned him. After beating them off for more than an hour he was taken alive. Soon after Sir George Brograve’s huntsman and hounds came up, when the coursing party, who had joined in the chase, offered to unbag the fox for another run, but he was found too exhausted and injured for the purpose, and it became necessary to give him the *coup de grace*, and his head and brush were carried off in triumph.”

7.—Mr. R. Hamond turned off a deer at Swaffham which led the field a chase of nearly 30 miles. “It crossed the river twice, and what is most extraordinary Mr. A. Hamond, who is in his 81st year, partook of the whole chase, and was at the spot when the deer was taken near Lynn.”

8.*—“Died last week at Ramsgate, at an advanced age, the Rev. Samuel Vince, M.A., F.R.S., Plumian Professor of Astronomy in the University of Cambridge, and Archdeacon of Bedford. He was also rector of Kirby Bedon and vicar of South Creake.”

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11.—Died at his house in Mansfield Street, Sir Martin Browne ffolkes, Bart, of Hillington Hall, M.P., F.R.S. He was created baronet in 1774, served the office of High Sheriff in 1783, and in 1790 was elected member of Parliament for King’s Lynn, and continued to represent the borough without intermission until the time of his death.

—An inquest was held at Lynn by Mr. Samuel Hadley, one of the coroners of the borough, on the body of Robert Roberson, who was shot by Mr. Henry Pond, a linen draper in High Street, whilst in the act of breaking into his shop. The jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

15.*—“Robberies and depredations upon the public having been made to an extent hitherto

unknown, it is the determination of the justices in certain Hundreds to form an establishment that will give vigour and effect to the exertions of the magistrates in preventing robberies, burglaries, larcenies, poaching, and felonies of various descriptions."

17.—Cooke's Company of Equestrians commenced a season's engagement at the Norwich Pantheon.

18.—A deputation waited upon Mr. Alderman Crisp Brown, of Norwich, to acquaint him that 300 citizens had subscribed for his full-length portrait, as a mark of "the respect and esteem entertained towards him for his manly and loyal conduct upon all occasions, and for the strenuous exertions which he made during his mayoralty to promote the better observance of the Lord's day." The portrait, by Clover, was hung in St. Andrew's Hall in October, 1822.

22.*—"Mr. Alexander Baring has purchased the mansion and domains of the Hon. Mr. Petre in Norfolk, it is said for £300,000. The estate is situate near Thetford, and there are 26,000 acres of land."

—*"An experiment has been tried for the bettering of the condition of the labourers in agriculture, and for reducing the poor rates in the parish of Terrington by the apportionment of parcels of land from one to five roods, which has been found, after three years' trial, to be productive of the happiest effects."

23.—During a violent gale from the N.N.W. a new East Indiaman, the Indian, of 400 tons, from Hull to London, was wrecked off Yarmouth. The crew of 20 hands and a small part of her stores were saved. The value of the ship and cargo was estimated at £10,000.

25.—Service was held at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, when "the lighting of the church was strikingly beautiful, and had a very imposing effect by the admission of some additional lamps, which were very judiciously arranged, giving to the altar and the communion plate upon the table a very brilliant and splendid appearance."

28.—A prize fight took place at Testerton Park, the residence of Major Case, between Barlee, the Berghapton Groom, and Gales, the Norwich butcher. The former was attended by Ned Painter and Hervey, and the latter by Josh Hudson and Cullington. Seventy-eight rounds were fought in one hour three minutes, and the battle was won by Barlee. "Barlee, on being declared victor, immediately planted an oak in the ring in the presence of about 5,000 spectators in front of Testerton Hall. The two young pugilists were, by order of Major Case, taken under his hospitable roof and put to bed, where everything needful was generously offered them. A large party of the Fancy had the honour of dining with the major."

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JANUARY.

2.—A party of thieves, known as the "Cossey gang," committed great depredations in the neighbourhood of Norwich. On the night of the 2nd they broke into the Half Moon public-house, Stone Hills, and stole sixteen gallons of spirits and other property. "Tired of committing depredations on foot, about ten o'clock at night, as soon as they find those who keep horses are gone to bed, they resort to the stables and take out what horses they want, ride to the spot of depredation, whether for game, poultry, sheep, &c., and when done return the horses almost jaded and harassed to death." (See August 2nd, 1822.)

9.—The Marquis of Titchfield was elected without opposition as member of Parliament for King's Lynn, in place of Sir Martin Browne ffolkes, deceased.

12.—The poor of Norwich and its neighbourhood were informed by advertisement that medical and surgical advice was given free at the Infirmary for Diseases of the Eye, St Benedict's, Norwich (late Messrs. Day's bank), by Mr. L. Evans, M.D., physician, and Messrs. Robert Hull and T. Martineau, jun., surgeons. At a public meeting held on July 11th, under the presidency of Sir Robert J. Harvey, it was resolved that "the Norfolk and Norwich Infirmary for Diseases of the Eye, instituted and supported by Dr. Evans, Mr. Hull, and Mr. T. Martineau, has already been productive of great advantage, and is deserving of public support."

—A meeting of the proprietors and occupiers of land was held at the Shirehouse, Norwich, "for the purpose of taking into consideration the present most truly alarming state of agriculture." The High Sheriff (Sir Jacob Astley) presided. Resolutions were adopted urging the diminution of taxation by means of rigid economy, the repeal of one half of the Malt Tax, and the removal of the heavy imposts upon candles, salt, leather, &c. A petition embodying these views was ordered to be presented to the House of Commons. After this date many similar meetings were held in the principal towns and villages in the Hundreds of the county, ostensibly for the purpose of suggesting remedies for agricultural distress and of promoting Parliamentary reform. It was alleged that many of these gatherings were of a party character, and on May 18th, the NORFOLK CHRONICLE observed: "The discussion of agricultural distress was last week suspended, and the mask of Parliamentary Reform entirely thrown off by those who for the last four months have displayed so much violence against the Government in pursuing the one, and casting so much obloquy upon Parliament in assuming the other."

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24.—The annual dinner held at Norwich in celebration of the birthday of Fox was attended by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, the Duke of Norfolk, the Earl of Albemarle (who presided), Mr. T. W.

Coke, and many other representatives of the Whig nobility and gentry of the county.

28.—Two Corsican stags, presented by Lord Maynard to Mr. Robert Hamond, gave the Westacre Hunt good sport this season. "The first was turned off at Rougham on the 28th, and gave them a severe chase of nearly three hours, from the effects of which two horses died. They are very superior to the red deer of this country from their capability to endure extreme fatigue and to take the most extraordinary leaps."

31.—Norwich Theatre was opened for the season with the grand spectacle of "The Coronation."

FEBRUARY.

1.—Lord Henry Cholmondeley was elected Member of Parliament for the borough of Castle Rising, in the room of the Earl of Rocksavage, created a peer by the title of Baron Newburgh.

11.—The Papyruseum, an exhibition of models formed of paper by Mrs. Aberdein, was opened at the White Swan Inn, Norwich.

14.—A smuggling boat landed 80 tubs of gin and brandy on Snettisham beach. The crew of the preventive boat seized the cargo, a portion of which with their boat was rescued by the smugglers, who had the assistance of about 100 persons, some of whom were armed with bludgeons and fowling pieces. Twenty or thirty horses and carts were in waiting to remove the contraband goods. Two of the smugglers were wounded in the affray.

18.—Lynn Theatre was opened under the management of Mr. T. Marsters.

19.—Skipper, the Norwich pedestrian, walked 50 miles in a few minutes under eleven hours at Lynn.

23.*—"We understand that the manufactory of bombazines and crapes in Norwich is likely to be affected from the circumstance of those articles being now made in considerable quantities in various parts of Lancashire at a much lower rate of wages for the weaving than that which is paid here."

26.—Married, by special licence, at the house of the Earl of Albemarle, St. James's Square, London, by the Lord Bishop of Norwich, Mr. Thomas William Coke, M.P., of Holkham, to Lady Anne Keppel, second daughter of the earl.

27.—The machine breaking riots commenced in Norfolk. Upwards of a hundred labourers assembled at Kenninghall, and seized the threshing machine of Mr. Bailey, a farmer. The Rev. J. Surtees, of Banham, a county justice, at once proceeded to a neighbouring farm where an auction was being held, and, in the King's name, requested the auctioneer and the farmers present to assist him in quelling the disturbance. The whole party rode over to Kenninghall, and after the Riot Act had been read the mob dispersed. On March 4th there were further riotous assemblies at Attleborough, Shropham, Buckenham, Banham, &c. The Eye troop of Yeomanry Cavalry were called out, and of the 30 rioters secured eight who were regarded as ringleaders, and they were sent to Norwich Castle under cavalry escort. The Yeomanry after lodging the prisoners in gaol were assailed by a Norwich mob, who stoned them in the streets, and attacked the Trowel and Hammer public-house, St. Stephen's, where they had halted to bait their horses. The troopers returned to headquarters at East Harling after a march of eighty miles in twenty hours. Many prisoners were also committed to the Castle from other districts, and several cases of incendiarism were reported. At the adjourned Quarter Sessions for the county, held at Norwich on the 6th, the rioters were tried and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment in the Bridewells and houses of correction in the county. A guard of the West Norfolk Militia was stationed at the Castle, and a squadron of the Norwich Light Horse Volunteers did duty at the Cavalry Barracks until relieved by the 16th Lancers. The Lancers and Light Horse afterwards acted as escorts to the vans by which the prisoners were conveyed to the different prisons. On the march the military were repeatedly stoned by the mobs. Detachments of the 7th Dragoon Guards were stationed at Hingham and Attleborough, and remained at those places until the lawless disposition manifested by the rural population had subsided.

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MARCH.

9.—Wombwell exhibited his menagerie on the Castle Meadow, Norwich.

16.—Mr. Blanchard appeared at Norwich Theatre as Toby Allspice ("The Way to Get Married") and Crack ("The Turnpike Gate"). Among the other characters impersonated during his engagement were Dr. Ollapod, Sir Abel Handy, Mungo, Job Thornberry ("John Bull"), Capt. Meadows ("The Deaf Lover"), &c.

28.—At the Norfolk Assizes held at Thetford, before Mr. Justice Richards, William Hardiment and Benjamin Neal, who were concerned with James Johnson in the murder of Mr. Baker at Wells-next-the-Sea on October 11th, 1817, were put upon their trial. Hardiment had evaded apprehension, and at the Spring Assizes in 1818 the bill charging Neal as an accessory was thrown out by the Grand Jury. Several witnesses now deposed to having seen Johnson and Hardiment in company at about the time of the murder, and two persons confined in Aylsham bridewell at the same time that Hardiment and Neal were prisoners there gave evidence as to hearing conversations between the two when planning the murder. One of these witnesses (Thomas Robinson), on December 24th, 1821, met Hardiment at Beverley, in Yorkshire, and gave

information which led to his arrest. The jury found Hardiment guilty, and acquitted Neal. Hardiment was executed on the Castle Hill, Norwich, at noon on April 1st in the presence of an immense crowd of spectators. "Not more than three yards from the gallows a boy was knocked down by a gentleman who detected him picking his pockets."

—At the same Assizes, before Mr. Justice Richards, the cause Lock, D.D., v. the Bishop of Norwich was tried. In consequence of simony alleged to have been committed by the Rev. Dr. Lock, the patron of the advowson of Hilgay, the Crown had seized the living and presented the Rev. Dr. Hewlett thereto on April 6th, 1819. This action of *quare impedit* was instituted by the plaintiff to try the right of the Crown to such presentation. The defendant raised three pleas: (1) that the Rev. John Royle being seized of the living of Hilgay it was corruptly agreed that Lock should resign the living of Compton Martin, in Somersetshire, and cause him (Royle) to be presented to it, and also that Lock should pay Royle the sum of £12,900 for the advowson of Hilgay, and that in consideration of the promises Royle should resign the living and cause Lock to be presented to it. (2) That Lock being seized of the living of Hilgay did corruptly agree with one James Craddock, that in consideration of the said Craddock paying to him the sum of £25,000 he (Lock) should convey to Craddock the advowson of Hilgay, and also resign the living and cause him (Craddock) to be presented to it. (3) That Lock, being seized of Hilgay, having presented Craddock, did corruptly agree that, in consideration of Lock abandoning certain proceedings in an action for debt against Craddock, he should forego proceedings upon a bill of indictment for perjury preferred by Lock against Craddock, but Lock corruptly prevailed upon Craddock to resign the living in order that he (Lock) might present himself to it. The jury gave a verdict for the Crown generally upon all pleas. The Judge: A very proper verdict. It is very disgraceful dealing, gentlemen.

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30.*—(Advt.) "To be fought at the White Swan Inn, Norwich, on Monday, April 15th, 1822, and two following days, three double-days' play of cocks for ten guineas a battle and 200 guineas the odd, between the gentlemen of Norwich and the gentlemen of Northampton. Feeders: Stafford for Norwich, Nash for Northampton."

APRIL.

6.*—"A fish of the whale species was killed in shallow water on Cromer beach last week. Its dimensions were 57 feet long, breadth of tail, 13 feet; pectoral fin, six feet; from the eye to the end of the jaw, 13 feet; length of jaw bones, 14 feet; length of tongue, nine feet; breadth, four feet. It answers the description of the under-jawed whale."

13.—Noah Peak and George Fortis were executed on the Castle Hill, Norwich, for setting fire to three stacks on February 25th. Both men had been soldiers. Peak was present at Busaco, Albuera, and Waterloo; and Fortis was also in the last-named battle. "It is not three years since Peak came to Norwich and conveyed home for burial the body of Edward Fisher, his fellow parishioner, who was executed on the Hill in August, 1819, for stabbing William Harrison."

20.—Among the passengers who perished in the ship Albion, wrecked upon the coast of Ireland, was Miss Powell, eldest daughter of the Hon. W. D. Powell, Chief Justice of Upper Canada, and granddaughter of Dr. John Murray, of Norwich.

MAY.

1.—Four candidates were nominated for the Mayoralty of Norwich, and the poll was declared as follows:—Alderman Hawkes, 957; Alderman Patteson, 908; Alderman Thurtell, 364; Alderman Yallop, 318. The Court of Aldermen unanimously returned Mr. Robert Hawkes as Mayor.

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4.*—"Last week two gentlemen on searching the burial ground belonging to the Roman camp at Caister discovered the remains of a kiln with several urns upon it as they were placed for burning. Antiquaries having doubted whether urns found at Caister were burnt in a fire or only dried in the sun, the discovery of this kiln may be decisive of the question."

11.—A county meeting was held at the Shirehouse, Norwich, "for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of presenting a petition to Parliament for a reform in the representation of the people." There was a crowded gathering, and much confusion prevailed until the High Sheriff (Sir R. P. Jodrell) adjourned the meeting to the Castle Hill, where the speeches were delivered from waggons. Sir Thomas Beevor moved a series of resolutions, the sixth of which stated "that a petition be presented to the House of Commons praying that the House will forthwith give to the people a real representation in place of that corrupt and defective one which now exists." Mr. S. T. Southwell seconded the resolutions, which were put *seriatim* and carried *nem. con.* Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., and Mr. Edmond Wodehouse, M.P., spoke from their respective waggons, and each surrounded by his partisans, left the Hill amid much cheering.

20.—A meeting was held at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, to decide upon the rules of a society for enabling traders to oppose the discharge of fraudulent debtors under the Insolvent Acts.

25.—An immense number of persons assembled at the Eau Brink Cut at Lynn to witness the performance of "Zachariah Witmore, of Philadelphia" upon a "water velocipede." It was a hoax.

30.—A meeting was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, the Mayor (Mr. W. Rackham) presiding, at which a fund was inaugurated for the relief of the distress in Ireland. Sermons were also

preached in the churches and chapels in city and county in aid of the same object. The amount raised in Norwich and Norfolk was upwards of £3,000.

JUNE.

3.—The Leicester and Yarmouth Royal Mail coach commenced running. It started from Yarmouth at 1.45 p.m. and travelled by way of Norwich, Dereham, Swaffham, Lynn, Wisbech, Peterborough, Stamford, and Melton Mowbray. At Stamford and Leicester it was in connection with coaches to the north and west.

5.—Died at his house in Bolton Row, London, Mr. Edward Jerningham, youngest son of Sir William Jerningham, Bart. The remains were removed from London to Costessey, where they were interred beneath the altar in the private chapel. Mrs. Edward Jerningham died on June 24th.

10.—A camping match took place at Ranworth between ten men of that parish, and a like number from neighbouring parishes. "After half an hour's excellent sport, which produced some good set-tos and a few bloody noses, victory was declared in favour of Ranworth."

14.—Died at his house in Cavendish Square, London, the Right Hon. Horatio Walpole, Earl of Orford, Baron Walpole of Wolverton, and Baron Walpole of Walpole, High Steward of the Borough of King's Lynn, and colonel of the West Norfolk Regiment of Militia. The deceased nobleman, who was in his 70th year and was buried on the 25th at Wickmere, was succeeded in his title and estates by the Right Hon. Horatio Lord Walpole, Member of Parliament for Lynn.

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18.—The Guild Day festivities at Norwich were carried out with great splendour by the Mayor-elect, Mr. Robert Hawkes. After returning from service at the Cathedral, the Corporation listened to the Latin oration delivered at the Free School porch by the head boy, Peter Hansell, and after the customary ceremonies at the Guildhall, 700 guests assembled at the feast at St. Andrew's Hall. In Bethel Street, where the Mayor resided, were two triumphal arches, and on the summit of one a band played selections of music.

23.—The tower of Happisburgh church was considerably damaged by lightning during a severe thunderstorm, which occasioned much loss throughout the county.

27.—The election to fill the vacancy in the representation of Lynn caused by the elevation to the peerage of Lord Walpole commenced. The candidates were Col. the Hon. John Walpole, brother of the late member, and Sir William Browne ffolkes. Considerable disturbance prevailed throughout the contest. About 40 voters had polled for each candidate, when the mob demolished Col. Walpole's polling booth, set fire to the materials, and stoned the poll clerks. They then proceeded to the Duke's Head Inn, smashed the windows, tore the Corporation flag to pieces, and committed other acts of violence. The polling was adjourned until the 28th, when the disturbances were renewed, and a further postponement was rendered necessary, the numbers then standing: Walpole, 137; ffolkes, 72. About three o'clock in the afternoon a detachment of the 7th Dragoon Guards arrived from Norwich, under the command of Lieut. Everard. One of the ringleaders of the mob was captured and sent under escort to Swaffham Bridewell. The polling was resumed on the 29th, and at noon, when every vote appeared to have been recorded, the Town Clerk announced the numbers as follow: Walpole, 156; ffolkes, 92. The former was then declared duly elected. At the Norfolk Assizes held at Norwich on July 31st, before Mr. Justice Best, William Chandler was indicted for taking part in the riot at Lynn, and was ordered to enter into his recognisances to come up for judgment when called upon. Thomas Johnson and other persons were at the Lent Assizes at Thetford in March, 1823, sentenced by Mr. Justice Garrow to various terms of imprisonment for participating in the disturbances.

JULY.

4.—Died, at the age of 101, Mrs. Aldborough, of Trowse.

5.—A meeting of the manufacturers was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, "to consider the present prices paid for weaving." It was agreed to adopt a reduced scale of payment. Meetings of the men were called, and the employers were requested to reconsider the question. Another meeting was accordingly held on the 9th, when Mr. Beloe urged that the proposals of the employers were ill-advised. On the other hand it was stated that goods were being manufactured in Yorkshire in large quantities at much lower rates than in Norwich. It was contended by the weavers that greatly increased demands had been made upon them for house rent and coals, and that it was impossible for them to live on reduced wages. A further statement was made to the effect that the lowering of prices would tend to inferior workmanship. A mob assembled outside the Guildhall and cheered or hooted the different manufacturers whom they deemed friendly or adverse to their claims. One gentleman, Mr. William Bosley, was very roughly handled, and his hat, coat, and shoes were taken from him and torn to pieces. It was considered necessary to summon the assistance of the 7th Dragoon Guards, but the mob dispersed after the announcement had been made from the leads of the Guildhall that the manufacturers had consented to return to the old prices. The weavers spent the 10th in festivity and rejoicing.

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6.—Died, William Coward, aged 85, for 54 years parish clerk at St. Margaret's, Lynn. "He was borne to the grave by six grave-diggers, and the pall was supported by six parish clerks."

8.—Died at Calcutta, the Right Rev. Thomas Fanshaw Middleton, D.D., Bishop of Calcutta, and

formerly vicar of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

—A camping match took place at Ranworth, in the presence of 6,000 spectators, between men of the Blofield and of the Tunstead and Happing Hundreds. "So closely were the men (ten a side) matched for strength, courage, skill, and activity that the ball was nearly in the centre of the ground when time was called and play stopped. At the conclusion of the camp, Turner, of Witton, and Riches, of Upton, had a pugilistic trial of manhood. A well-fought battle of thirty-two rounds of hard milling, with little or no science, ended in favour of Riches."

19.—Mr. T. Filby, of Elsing, fell down dead in the Sessions Court at the Shirehouse, Norwich, when in the act of entering the jury box.

20.—Puxley and Nelson's "New Fly Vans" were advertised to run between the Star Inn, Norwich, and the Bull Inn, Aldgate, every day. The journey was accomplished in twenty-four hours.

—At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions, Giuliano Mantova, an Italian boy, who travelled the country with pictures for one Dominico Crostea, of Norwich, was indicted for maliciously and fraudulently taking by force from William Hill, employed by Messrs. Copeman and Petworth, solicitors, Aylsham, a child named Susan Hoffrath. The prisoner denied that he had enticed the child away, and his master gave him a good character; but the jury found him guilty, and he was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in Norwich Castle.

21.—Died at his house, Tombland, Norwich, aged 76, Mr. Charles Kitson, one of the Chapter Registrars of the diocese of Norwich.

29.—Norwich Theatre was opened for the Assize week. "Since the period of its leaving Norwich the company has been subject to almost an entire change, and it is now equal to any provincial establishment of the histrionic kind in the kingdom." The new members included Miss Wensley, Mrs. Dowton, Mr. Osbaldiston, and Mr. Ford White. Mrs. Dowton was a favourite actress in the Norfolk and Suffolk Company of Comedians, under the management of Mr. Fisher, and afterwards married Mr. Sloman, the low comedian of the Norwich Company.

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AUGUST.

2.—At Norwich Theatre a new tragedy, entitled "The Persian Heroine," written by Mr. Richard Paul Jodrell, was performed under the patronage of the High Sheriff and Lady Jodrell.

—At the Norfolk Assizes, held at Norwich, before Mr. Justice Best, James Smith was indicted for breaking into the house of William Balls, the Half Moon, Stone Hills, near Norwich, and stealing on January 2nd 16 gallons of liquors in bottles, a purse containing £8 in notes and cash, a quantity of copper coin, &c. He was found guilty and sentenced to death. (Although it was not stated at the trial, the prisoner was evidently one of the "Cossey gang" referred to under date January 2nd, 1822.) At the Norwich Assizes, Henry Carter was sentenced to death for entering the dwelling-house of John Clarke, of St. Paul's, and stealing therein several articles. The execution of these men was carried out under revolting circumstances on August 24th. From an early hour in the morning they were incessantly appealed to by the chaplain of the gaol and a Wesleyan minister to acknowledge the justice of their sentence. The procession from the gaol in St Giles' Street to the scaffold was headed by the Under Sheriffs on horseback; the Sheriffs accompanied by the chaplain and the minister came next in a mourning coach, "followed by a cart covered with black cloth on which sat the two malefactors each with arms pinioned, neck bare, and head uncovered, each sitting on the coffin destined to receive his lifeless body." Smith was well behaved, but Carter acted with great levity during the progress of the procession through the Market Place to the scaffold erected near the weighing machine on the Castle Meadow, and on the very drop itself "he seemed to evince perfect indifference to the fate which awaited him." After hanging for an hour "the bodies were carried by twelve bearers to the house of Carter's parents in St. Margaret's, and were buried on the 26th in the churchyard of that parish."

3.*—"Mr. Yarrington, of this city, plumber and glazier, has presented the Dean and Chapter of Norwich with a valuable piece of stained glass, a portrait of the Virgin, which has been placed in the west window of the Cathedral."

6.—A great cocking match lasting two days commenced at Yarmouth, between the gentlemen of that town and of Norwich. Yarmouth won eleven mains and five byes, and Norwich nine mains and seven byes. "The feeder for Norwich (Nash) proved the excellence of his management. On Wednesday evening the Norwich cock was pounded and taken by Nash, and from the superiority of his condition afterwards won the battle. In the second pit the same evening one of the Norwich cocks had his thigh broken in the first part of the battle, and afterwards fought two hours, and at one time brought the odds from ten to one against him to the same odds in his favour. He, however, eventually lost. This battle would have been withdrawn, but as the money depended upon it they were induced to continue it."

7.—Mr. Heber, "the very eminent book collector and M.P. for the University of Oxford," dined with the Bishop of Norwich at the Palace, and on the following morning proceeded to Blickling to inspect the library at the hall.

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8.—A cricket match between eleven members of the Holt club and the first eleven of the Nottingham club, commenced at Nottingham, and owing to unfavourable weather was protracted to the 11th. Scores: Nottingham, 109-91; Holt, 52-43. "Bets to the amount of several thousand

pounds were dependent upon the match."

11.—His Majesty the King passed off Yarmouth on his voyage to Scotland. "About half past five o'clock two steam tugs were seen with the Royal yacht in tow, and thousands of persons crowded to the jetty and beach." The vessels steered a course outside the Roads; but the *Perseverance* yawl put off with thirty persons on board, "and had the good fortune to fall in with the yacht as it was weathering the Newarp floating light. The company in the boat gave four cheers for the King, who came on board and returned the salutation." On his return voyage on Saturday, August 31st, his Majesty passed through the Roads, and the yacht came close in shore. "His Majesty was greatly disappointed in not receiving a supply of fresh provisions which had been previously ordered to be ready for him on his arrival off the town. The letter arrived two hours after the King had passed."

12.—Marshland free bridge and causeway were opened for the use of the public. A procession, led by the carriage of Mr. Thomas Hoseason, and followed by those of Sir Thomas Hare, Mr. Anthony Hamond, and others started from the South Gates, Lynn, preceded by a band of music. On the arrival of the procession at the foot of the bridge the horses were taken out of Mr. Hoseason's carriage and men who had been employed on the works dragged it over the bridge and causeway. After a congratulatory speech by Mr. Hoseason, luncheon was provided for 200 guests at the expense of the directors. In the evening a dinner was given at the Freemasons' Tavern, and on the marshes belonging to Mr. W. Goddard, at West Lynn, a fair for stock was held for the first time, a sheep roasted, and several barrels of beer given away.

17.*—"Thorogood, one of the proprietors of the Times coach from Norwich to London, has actually driven the whole distance, 116 miles, and been in both those cities *every day* for more than a twelvemonth, an instance of laborious perseverance altogether unparalleled."

19.—Lee Sugg, the ventriloquist, who had been before the public for half a century as a performer, gave his entertainment at the Prussia Gardens, Norwich.

29.—This being the anniversary of the Decollation of St. John the usual formalities were observed at the election of the Mayor, chamberlain, and churchwardens of Yarmouth. The inquest was locked up at twelve noon, and did not come to a decision until next morning at 7.30, when the following officers were returned: Mayor, Mr. Isaac Preston; churchwardens, Messrs. Robert Cory and Danby Palmer; chamberlain, Mr. James Lawes.

SEPTEMBER.

9.—At Thorpe Water Frolic a match was sailed by nine boats for a silver cup, gave by Mr. Harvey. Rowing matches followed, and "the banks of the Yare were thronged beyond all precedence with genteel company."

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12.—A meeting was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, for the purpose of furthering the scheme for making Norwich a port, in accordance with the plans prepared by Mr. William Cubitt, C.E. On the motion of Mr. Crisp Brown, seconded by Mr. Joseph Geldart, it was agreed to open a subscription for carrying the plans into effect, and formal notice was given of the introduction of the Bill into Parliament. (See December 21st, 1822.)

14.*—"Died last week in Norwich, well stricken in years, Mr. James Paston, a comedian of considerable talent, many years a performer in the Norfolk and Suffolk Company, and was much admired in that circuit as an actor."

25.—A camping match took place at Worstead between ten men of the Blofield Hundred and ten of the Tunstead and Happing Hundred. It terminated in favour of the former. "A poor old man, who had repaired thither to see the sport, fell down and expired on the spot."

27.—A deputation of journeyman weavers presented Mr. John Harvey with a silver vase, subscribed for by 2,300 persons, "in testimony of the high esteem in which they regarded him as a liberal patron and spirited promoter of the manufactures of his native city of Norwich, and as a small tribute of gratitude for the many acts of kindness he had manifested towards them on various occasions."

30.—Mr. David Fisher's season terminated at Swaffham Theatre. "With the close of the season has ended the use of the present Theatre, which is to be pulled down and a new one on a more extended and improved scale erected."

—A dinner was given at the Town Hall, Lynn, by the Mayor-elect, Mr. Edward Everard. The company present included, among others, Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., the Marquis of Tichfield, M.P., Col. Walpole, M.P., &c. "Some pointed remarks fell from both parties, and Mr. Coke made some remarks which called forth some observations from Mr. Wodehouse." Alderman Blencowe proposed "the health of Lady Anne," and Mr. Coke, in reply, said "it was extremely natural that he should wish for a son and heir to the Holkham estate, but declared that rather than his son should prove a Tory he should wish not to have a son at all."

—A serious accident occurred at Yarmouth on the occasion of the dinner given by the Mayor-elect. As the company were entering the Town Hall a salute was fired from some "swivels" laid on the Quay, one of which burst and severely wounded seven or eight lads. From the effects of the terrible injuries he received, one of the lads died next day.

OCTOBER.

1.—H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex arrived at Lynn on his way to Holkham Hall. A meeting of the Corporation was held, at which his Royal Highness was enrolled a free burgess of the borough. Luncheon was served at the Town Hall, and "the Mayor presented that exquisite relic of antiquity, King John's cup, filled with wine, of which his Royal Highness partook."

1.—Died, in his 81st year, at Westacre High House, Mr. Anthony Hamond. "He lived a life of extraordinary activity, and rode the foremost in the coursing as well as in the hunting field on the most spirited horses, even to a few weeks of his death. He was born at South Woodton, near Lynn, and succeeded his uncle, Mr. Richard Hamond, in possession of his extensive landed property. By the female line he was related to the Duke and Princess Sophia of Gloucester, the late Earl of Orford, and the present Marquis Cholmondeley, his grandmother being sister of Sir Robert Walpole. He was the only surviving original member of the Swaffham Coursing Society, established in 1779. He served the office of Sheriff of Norfolk in 1792, and leaves surviving three sons and two daughters."

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2.—M. Chalon, the famous French conjurer, performed at the Norwich Theatre.

8.—The Norfolk and Norwich Literary Institution was founded at a meeting held at the Guildhall. The rooms of the institution were at a house in the Haymarket.

12.*—"A short time since as two gentlemen of Norwich were fishing at Halvergate, they caught a pike which weighed twenty-two ounces and measured twenty-three inches in length; in the body of which they found a weasel in a perfect state, which weighed six ounces and measured twelve inches in length."

13.—During a terrible gale the Revenue cutter *Ranger*, Capt. John Sayers, was lost off Happisburgh with 30 of her crew. Capt. Sayer was appointed to the command of the *Lapwing* cutter in 1807, and of the *Ranger* in 1809. The latter vessel was wrecked within 50 yards of the spot where another Revenue cutter, the *Hunter*, was lost some years previously. Allegations, the truth of which was denied, were made that the inhabitants of Happisburgh shamefully neglected the signals of distress made by the *Ranger*. "The shrieks of the crew," it was said, "were heard distinctly on the shore, yet no attempt was made to rescue."

15.—A "grand music meeting" commenced in Norwich, and concluded on the 18th. Evening concerts were given at the Theatre, and morning performances in the Hall Concert Room, St. George's. The managers were Messrs. A. and E. Pettet, and the principal vocal performers M. Sapio, Mr. Beale, and Madame Camporese.

18.—Died, aged 51, Daniel Coppin, of St. Catherine's Plain, Norwich. He was a member of the Norwich Society of Artists, and was principally known for his highly creditable studies from Opie.

28.—Two men named Grint, a dyer, and Purdy, a weaver, "neither of whom had any pretensions to pugilistic science," fought for an hour near Bishop Bridge, Norwich, until Purdy became insensible, and three days afterwards died. Grint was committed for trial, and at the Norwich Summer Assizes, in 1823, was found guilty, and sentenced by Mr. Justice Blossett to three months' imprisonment.

31.—The chandling office of Messrs. Staff and Chamberlin, St. Martin-at-Palace, Norwich, was destroyed by fire. "Several hogsheads of tallow and a large quantity of candles were melted and ran down the streets in a stream into the river, from the surface of which more than ten cwt. was skimmed off by persons in boats."

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4.—Mr. Harvey was presented by the Corporation with a massive silver candelabrum in recognition of his impartial and honourable conduct as Steward and Recorder of Norwich during the period of 40 years, and of his zeal on all occasions for the interests of the city.

5.—Mutton of the best quality was sold in Lynn Market at 3d. per pound. On the 6th Mr. Martin, butcher, sold mutton at 2½d. per pound.

9.*—"Lately was launched from Mr. Bottomley's yard in South Lynn a ship of 600 tons burden with figure-head and quarter galleries, built for the Jamaica trade. She was called the *Marlborough*."

—The Phoenix new night coach from the Star Inn, Market Place, Norwich, left on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday, at four o'clock and arrived at the Bull Inn, Aldgate, at eight in the morning. It was advertised on this date as the property of Ann Nelson and Sons and Thomas Ridley and Co.

—Died at Coltishall, aged 77, Mr. William Palgrave, an alderman of Yarmouth, who served the office of Mayor of that borough in 1782 and 1805.

26.—A grand moving panorama of the battle of Genappe, St. Helena, &c., was opened in Mr. Noverre's room, St. Michael-at-Plea, Norwich.

28.—Died at Doughty's Hospital, in his 63rd year, John Swan, for many years an inhabitant of St. Peter Mancroft. "In the former part of his life he acted as watchman and parish constable. Being

of athletic make, of a stern countenance, and possessing a sonorous, rough voice he excited terror and commanded obedience to his authority. He was several years one of the appointed trumpeters for sounding before the judges in the Assize week, and also for attending at Thetford on the same occasion."

29.—An inquest was held at Loddon by Mr. Pilgrim, coroner, on the body of James Dale, who was killed the preceding day by a patient in the private lunatic asylum kept by Mr. Jollye, surgeon. The deceased, a keeper, incautiously laid down the carving knife which he was using at the dinner table, when the patient snatched it up and stabbed him in the left breast, killing him instantly.

30.—Lloyd's Equestrian Troupe commenced a season's engagement at the Ranelagh Gardens, Norwich.

DECEMBER.

1.—H.R.H. the Duke of York passed through Norwich on returning from a visit to Houghton Hall.

—Died at Downham Market, Mrs. Pidgeon. "This venerable person was 89 years of age, and what is remarkable she never had any other place of residence than the one she died in, and expired upon the same bed on which she was born."

6.—Sir Jacob Astley's hounds drew at Ringstead and chased a fox to within a mile of Fakenham, a distance of 16 miles, when the hounds became at fault. "Reynard was spied upon the tiles of a cottage, when a general cry was raised to spare him. The huntsman dismounted and caught him as he slipped off the tiles by the cottage door, and drove him in, when he was secured and saved and taken home in a sack for another day's sport."

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7.—A panorama illustrating Lord Exmouth's victory over the Algerines was exhibited in a wooden building specially erected on the Castle ditches, Norwich. It was described as "the peristrepthic or moving panorama," and was invented by the exhibitors, Messrs. Marshall.

12.—Died at Hampstead Park, Berkshire, the seat of the Earl of Craven, Mr. John Brunton, aged 82. "He was father of the late Mrs. Merry, of the present Lady Craven, and of Mr. John Brunton, manager of the West London Theatre. He was a native of Norwich, and for many years patentee and manager of the Norwich Theatre, in which situation he was highly esteemed for his judicious and liberal conduct. He was a superior actor, and in the characters of Lear, Iago, Evander, and The Stranger but few excelled him."

21.*—"We understand that Mr. Telford, successor to the late Mr. Rennie, has delivered a report on the proposed plan for making Norwich a port, in which he bears ample testimony to the satisfactory nature of Mr. Cubitt's professional investigations and remarks." Mr. John Harvey, chairman of the committee for carrying the project into execution, forwarded to the Mayor of Yarmouth a copy of Mr. Telford's report, and received in reply an assurance that the Corporation of Yarmouth would do everything in its power to oppose an undertaking "which was pregnant with the most ruinous consequences to the navigation of that port and to the trading interests of the town and neighbourhood." (See January 21st, 1823.)

26.—Lady Anne Coke gave birth to a son and heir at Holkham. The infant was christened at the town house of Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., Hanover Square, on June 21st, 1823, when their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Sussex and Gloucester stood sponsors, and Lady Andover godmother. The ceremony was performed by the Lord Bishop of Norwich.

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JANUARY.

1.—At the Norwich Adjourned Quarter Sessions, the magistrates decided to build a new gaol on a piece of ground outside St. Giles' Gates. On February 23rd the Corporation granted to the justices a lease of the site, five acres in extent, for 500 years, at the annual rent of £50. At a full assembly of the magistrates on August 26th the tenders of Messrs. Mears and Blyth for building the new gaol in accordance with plans prepared by Mr. Barnes, for the sum of £17,395, were accepted.

2.—The coming of age of Mr. Henry Jerningham, eldest son of Sir George and Lady Jerningham, was celebrated at Costessey Park with great rejoicings.

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3.—Pursuant to requisition signed by 540 occupiers of land, &c., in the county the High Sheriff of Norfolk (Sir R. P. Jodrell), convened a meeting at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, "for the purpose of taking into consideration the severe and unprecedented distresses of agriculture and the best means of relieving them." The High Sheriff presided, supported by the county members, Mr. T. W. Coke and Mr. Edmond Wodehouse. Mr. Cobbett was in the body of the Hall, and great confusion prevailed at intervals. Mr. Alderman Thurtell moved a string of resolutions in favour of the reduction of taxation and the abolition of needless and, therefore, useless places, pensions, and sinecures, such a reduction of the National Debt as was required; and the total repeal of the Malt and Beer taxes, which would relieve heavy burdens and encourage the growth of barley. Mr. George Watson seconded the resolutions. Mr. Cobbett, amid great uproar, then moved, as an amendment to Mr. Thurtell's resolutions, that a petition be presented to Parliament containing

among other suggestions the following: the appropriation of part of the public property, commonly called Church property, to be applied to the liquidation of the National Debt; the abolition of the standing army; the total abolition of sinecure pensions, grants, and emoluments; the sale of numerous public estates commonly called Crown lands, and the application of the money towards the liquidation of the public debt; to suspend by law for one year all distrains for rents; to suspend all processes for tithes for the same period, and all processes arising out of mortgages effected on houses or land; and to repeal the taxes on malt, hops, leather, soap, and candles. Not three-fourths of the audience were able to hear the reading of the petition, but it was adopted, and the resolutions moved by Mr. Thurtell negatived by at least twenty to one. Mr. Cobbett, at the close of the meeting, stood forward and said this was the greatest triumph he had ever had; it was their triumph also—the triumph of truth and sound principles. Subsequently meetings were held in the various Hundreds of the county “to disavow the Norwich proceedings of the 3rd,” and “to express abhorrence and detestation of the revolutionary doctrines promulgated, and the measures of fraud and spoliation recommended for legislative adoption.” On March 8th the NORFOLK CHRONICLE published the following paragraph: “Norfolk Petition. Serious loss. We understand the county has been so unfortunate as to be deprived of its Petition by some daring deprederator who had the audacity to steal it from the coach by which it was sent to London about a fortnight ago. The most diligent search has been made for this important document, but without success.”

4.*—“We have been called upon by several gentlemen who were witnesses of the circumstance to notice the very reprehensible conduct of the persons who drove the Day and Times coaches into this city on Tuesday evening. These coaches had been racing on the road, and proceeded at such a rapid rate that they reached Norwich at a quarter before five o’clock, having performed the journey from London, 112 miles, in less than eleven hours.”

11.—Master Hubbard, “the scissor artist,” exhibited his proficiency in cutting out profiles in paper at Norwich.

11.—At a fire which occurred at Blackthorn Farm, Diss, in the occupation of Mr. John Elsey, a chimney fell and killed John Gardiner and William Tipple. Two other persons were severely injured.

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16.—Married at Lakenham church, by the Rev. George Carter, Mr. George Thurtell, son of Mr. Alderman Thurtell, to Miss Edwards.

—Married at North Walsham, by the Rev. W. F. Wilkinson, Mr. George Fisher, of the Norfolk and Suffolk Company of Comedians, to Miss Marianne Nickless, niece of Mrs. Saul, of that place.

20.—A coach commenced running from the Crown Tavern, Lynn, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning by Swaffham and Dereham to Norwich. It returned from Norwich *viâ* Hingham, Watton, and Swaffham. Another coach set out from the White Swan, Norwich, every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday morning at eleven o’clock, and travelled by Dereham and Swaffham to meet the Stamford coach at Lynn. It returned after the arrival of the Stamford coach, by Swaffham, Watton, and Hingham.

21.—At a public meeting held at the Guildhall, Norwich, presided over by the Mayor (Mr. Robert Hawkes), it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. John Harvey seconded by Mr. Crisp Brown, and unanimously agreed, that direct and improved communication with the sea was an object of the first importance to the future prosperity of the city; that the plan for an open harbour at Lowestoft be approved; that application be made to Parliament for carrying the undertaking into execution; and that a subscription for the purpose based on shares of £100 each be immediately opened. On February 8th a letter from the fishing masters, boatmen, and pilots to Mr. Harvey, expressing the hope that the proposed plan would be of the greatest benefit to the city of Norwich as well as to the town of Lowestoft, was published.

24.—Capt. Hayes, “the Father of the British Army,” was entertained at the Star Inn, Norwich, on the anniversary of his entrance into the service. He had served 62 years.

25.—It was announced that Messrs. W. and M. Stark, manufacturers, of Norwich, had completed an establishment for carrying into operation the patent of Mr. J. F. Smith, of Dunston Hall, Chesterfield, in the method of finishing bombazines and other silk and worsted goods.

FEBRUARY.

1.—Died, Mrs. Browne, formerly of the Theatre Royal, Norwich, and mother of Mrs. J. Brunton.

—A new drama, entitled “The Fortunes of Nigel, or King James the First and his Times,” founded upon Mr. Scott’s novel, and written by Mr. Edward Ball, formerly of Norwich, was produced at Norwich Theatre for the first time.

—An action “of an entirely novel description to Norfolk” was tried in the Sheriffs’ court at Norwich, “Jonathan Wrench *v.* the men inhabiting the Hundred of Holt in Norfolk.” It was brought for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of damage the plaintiff had sustained by having a stack of corn destroyed by fire through the act of an incendiary. It was enacted by 9th George I. c 22, that the owner of property so injured was entitled to recover an amount not exceeding £200 from the inhabitants of the Hundred in which the property was situate on complying with the requirements of the Act, namely by giving notice within two days after the commission of the offence “to some of the inhabitants near unto the place where any such act

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shall be committed, and within four days after such notice that statement be made before a justice of the peace." It was admitted that the requirements of the Act had been complied with, and a verdict was given for the plaintiff—damages £143 15s.

2.—A congregation of about 120 persons, "of the sect commonly called Ranters," were assembled for worship in a room adjoining the City of Norwich public-house, St. Stephen's, Norwich, when the floor gave way and the whole were precipitated into a cellar nine feet deep. Twenty-five received material injury and were conveyed to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. Four were suffering from fractured limbs, and one person had his leg amputated.

10.—A trotting match took place between a brown mare, the property of Mr. William Day, of St. Stephen's, and a mare owned by Mr. J. Harper, auctioneer,—stakes £10, distance two miles. Ned Painter rode Mr. Harper's mare and the brown had her owner up. "They started from Earham toll-gate, and within a short distance of the starting post Mr. Day's mare broke into a gallop, and she had to turn back. By this circumstance she was dead beat."

15.—Owing to the frequency with which a number of trunks, measuring 28 inches long, 13 inches wide, and 12 inches deep, had been sent from the Rampant Horse Inn, Norwich, by the Telegraph coach to London, suspicion was aroused at the coach office, and directions were given that the porter bringing the next be detained and the parcel examined. This was done on the 15th, when it was found that the package contained the dead and naked body of an old man. The Rev. George Carter, vicar of Lakenham, identified the body as that of a man named Brundall whom he had buried a few days previously. Brundall's grave was examined and it was found that only the coffin and the shroud remained. From information given by the porter, two men named Collins and Crowe were apprehended and committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions. On July 15th they were tried, found guilty, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment, and to pay a fine of £50.

MARCH.

8.—Messrs. Marshall's panorama of the battle of Trafalgar and the death of Nelson was exhibited at Norwich.

31.—"A serio-comic Mill-Dramatic Farcical, Moral Burletta, called "The Tread Mill, or Tom and Jerry at Brixton,"" was produced at Norwich Theatre. "An exact representation of a tread mill with culprits at work made a goodly show in the lower circle, crowded the gallery, and filled the pit to the excess of squeezing."

APRIL.

2.*—(Advt.) "It having been represented that there are well-founded grounds of apprehension that some mad dogs have made their appearance in different parts of the city and neighbourhood of Norwich by whom several other dogs have been bitten, the Mayor hereby recommends all of the inhabitants who have dogs immediately to cause them to be tied up or otherwise confined, as in case of their continuing to suffer them to be in the streets, an order will be issued for their being killed" (*sic*).

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5.—The Rev. Chancellor Yonge, as one of the Visiting Justices of Swaffham Bridewell, reported to the Home Secretary, in reply to inquiries made respecting the use of the tread-wheel, "it has been in use here about four months, and during that time no injurious effects whatever have been experienced to the health of the prisoners. There have been in general a large number of prisoners and they have been very healthy, which may in some measure be owing to the regular exercise on the tread-wheel. The exercise of the tread-wheel is very salutary."

—*(Advt.) "The annual great main of cocks between the gentlemen of Norwich and Northamptonshire for £5 a battle and £200 the odd, will be fought at the White Swan Inn, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on Tuesday, April 22nd, and two following days. A silver tankard will be fought for by 16 subscribers. No cock to exceed four pounds ten ounces. The above to be fought in fair silver spurs, and to commence fighting each day at twelve o'clock. Feeders: Nash for Northampton, Skipper for Norwich."

—At noon William Bray, aged 20, was executed at the foot of the bridge, Castle Hill, Norwich, for a burglary at Shouldham. "Almost continually night and day he was crying out to God for mercy in so lamentable a manner as to leave little room for religious impressions. His parents were too poor to send for his remains, which were interred the same day in St. Michael-at-Thorn churchyard."

11.—At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions, the county justices appointed a committee to consider the best means of procuring the holding of the Lent Assizes at Norwich instead of at Thetford. On April 14th the Norwich Corporation petitioned his Majesty in favour of two gaol deliveries each year. (The NORFOLK CHRONICLE contained the following editorial note: "The holding of the Lent Assizes for Norfolk at Thetford has been long and justly complained of as a serious grievance. It is high time to put an end to the disgraceful scene annually exhibited of a body of criminals being exposed in open waggons from Norwich to Thetford, and there congregated for a week without regard to age or crime.")

16.—Died at Great Malvern, Mrs. Bathurst, wife of the Lord Bishop of Norwich.

23.—On the occasion of the celebration of the King's birthday, the members of the Norwich Light Horse Volunteers presented to Lieut.-Col. Harvey "a valuable scymetar, in recognition of his

services during the 26 years that he had commanded the corps."

25.—Pursuant to requisition a meeting was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, presided over by the Mayor, "to take into consideration the state of the British West Indian Colonies with the view to the gradual and complete abolition of slavery." Resolutions were passed in favour of the movement.

30.—A man who sold sand about the streets of Norwich drove his cart and pair of horses up the flight of ten steps, leading from Davey Place to the Castle ditches. "The horses did it with much ease and without receiving any injury, to the astonishment of the spectators."

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—A singular case came before the Mayor of Norwich. A man named Stebbings had sold his wife to a person named Turner for £6 10s., who, having paid down £4 on account, took home his "bargain" and brutally turned his lawful wife out of doors. On Mrs. Turner applying to the court for relief, the parties were summoned before the Mayor, who obliged Turner to relinquish his bargain and Stebbings to support his own wife.

MAY.

1.—Four candidates were nominated for the Mayoralty of Norwich, and the polling resulted as follows: Alderman Patteson, 835; Alderman Francis, 774; Alderman Leman, 101; Alderman Yallop, 94. Mr. Patteson was returned by the Court of Aldermen on May 3rd.

3.—At a quarterly assembly of the Norwich Corporation, it was resolved that a former order for taking toll for cattle standing for sale on the Castle Meadow be rescinded.

5.—A great main of cocks was fought at the White Swan Inn, Norwich, on this and the three following days between the gentlemen of Norfolk and the gentlemen of Herefordshire. The stakes were five guineas a battle and 200 guineas the odd battle. The feeders were Burn for Herefordshire, Lamb for Norfolk. Herefordshire won by ten in the main and three in the byes.

12.—Messrs. Stannard, Athrow, De Carle, Wright, and Coleman, of Norwich, became the purchasers of Wanstead House, Essex, which was sold by auction on this date. The amount given was £10,000, and one of the conditions of sale was that the purchaser or purchasers should clear everything away even to the foundation by Lady Day, 1825. The purchasers "absolutely sold a pair of marble chimney pieces for 300 guineas before they left the room. Thus is sacrificed on the shrine of extravagance and gambling, a mansion which cost in its erection more than £360,000, and which has no equal in the county of Essex."

13.—The first annual dinner of the Norfolk Society in London was held at the City of London Tavern. The objects of the society were: to afford means of social intercourse between persons connected with the county residing in London; to promote by mutual co-operation the general interests of its members; and to form a fund for the relief, education, or apprenticeship of such objects of charity as the society considered suitable.

22.—Died, aged 55, Mr. Thomas Coldwell, postmaster of Norwich, and a common councilman of the Great Mancroft Ward.

23.—A cricket match was played at Hockwold-cum-Wilton between 11 married and 11 single females for eleven pairs of gloves. The match terminated in favour of the former. "The parties were dressed in jackets and trousers tastefully decorated with blue ribbands."

27.—Married at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, by the Rev. John Bowman, Mr. James Vining, of Norwich Theatre, to Miss Caroline Holmes, daughter of Mr. George Holmes, of Burstall Hall, Suffolk.

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29.—In celebration of the Restoration of Charles II. the Mayor and Corporation of Yarmouth attended service at St Nicholas' Church, the ships in the harbour were "dressed," and a salute was fired from the fort at noon.

JUNE.

2.—A curious incident occurred at the Fighting Cocks Inn, Winfarthing. "A large cock, of the true fighting breed, attacked a beautiful child, of a year and a half old, belonging to the family of the landlord, and wounded him in several places in the head and face, and if timely assistance had not been at hand there is little doubt that he would have repeated his attacks till he had deprived him of his sight, if not his life. The cock was killed immediately."

4.—A new melo-drama, entitled "Eugenio, or the Secrets of the Abbey," written by Mr. J. Bambridge, a native of the city, was performed at Norwich Theatre for the first time.

5.—Mr. Marker Graze was appointed Postmaster of Norwich, in place of Mr. Thomas Coldwell, deceased.

11.—The theatrical season ended at Norwich. The benefit receipts were as follow: Mr. Smith (manager), £146; Mr. Thorne, £54; Mr. Vining, £118; Mr. Clifford, £87; Mr. G. Smith, £72; Mrs. Jones, £105; Messrs. Wharton and Hamerton, £35; Miss Brunton, £70; Miss Wensley, £72; Mr. Beacham, £79; Mr. and Mrs. Sloman, £130; Mr. Harrison, £62; Mr. Henderson, £53; Mr. Bennett, £111; Miss Glover, £45; Mr. Benson £56; Mr. and Mrs. Osbaldiston, £134; Mr. Hunt, £86; Miss Tubby, £111; Messrs. Wharton and Hamerton (second benefit in consequence of wet weather on

the previous occasion), £75; Mr. Simpson and Miss Adcock, £35. Total, £1,738; average, £82 15s.

16.—A prize fight took place near Wymondham for £5 a side between Gales and Dann. "After a hard milling contest of more than an hour, during which 70 rounds were fought without the least display of skill or science, Dann was obliged to give in."

17.—Guild Day at Norwich. The Recorder, Aldermen, and Sheriffs went in their carriages to the mansion of the Mayor-elect (Mr. J. S. Patteson) in Magdalen Street, and partook of "an elegant dejeuner"; they next proceeded to the house of the Mayor (Mr. R. Hawkes), "with whom they took some refreshment," and then to the Cathedral, where the Mayor's Chaplain, the Rev. William Frederick Patteson, preached. George Steward, second son of Mr. Alderman Steward, delivered the Latin oration at the Free School porch. After the ceremony at the Guildhall Mr. Patteson entertained 650 guests at the Guild feast, and 500 at the ball at Chapel Field House.

20.—The House of Commons in Committee of Supply granted £2,000 to Capt. Manby for his services in saving the lives of shipwrecked seamen.

24.—Died at Thetford, aged 70, Mr. Shelford Bidwell, who had served many times as Mayor of the borough, and was a great benefactor of the poor.

29.—Died at Acle, aged 59, Samuel Morris. "He was generally known as 'Old Sam.' For many years he delivered letters from the post office there, and he must have travelled some thousands of miles on foot. On various occasions when he might have made the delivery on horseback he invariably walked, and being furnished with a red guard's coat he was frequently dignified with the appellation of the 'Scarlet Runner.'" p. 223

30.—Died in St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, aged 60, Matthew Joy. "This poor man was known by the appellation of 'The Walking Baker,' and for the last eleven years of his life used to carry a large basket of bread, about eight stones weight, upon his shoulders to several villages, walking no less than 20 miles per day. He walked in all about 68,440 miles."

JULY.

1.—At a meeting held at the Swan Inn, Norwich, at which Mr. Dalrymple presided, resolutions were passed condemning the French invasion of Spain. A subscription was opened "in aid of the suffering and heroic people of that country."

11.—Died at Stiffkey, Col. Henry Loftus, of the Coldstream Guards, eldest son of General Loftus. His remains were interred in the chancel of Rainham Church.

12.*—"The antient pastime of heron hawking is still carried on in this county. Ten cast of hawks and four falconers, natives of Germany, to which country they repair annually in the autumn to catch a supply of hawks for the ensuing season, are kept at Diddlington Hall, the seat of Major Wilson, near to which place is an extensive heronry."

16.—Died at North Walsham, where he had some time resided for the benefit of his health, the Rev. Marmaduke Revell, aged 56. "He was 23 years minister in the Methodist connexion, among whom he was a useful and zealous preacher of the Gospel, which he adorned by strict conformity to its precepts."

19.—Mr. John Cross was elected assistant surgeon of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

22.—The Norfolk Rangers, under the command of Major Lord James Townshend, were inspected at Fakenham by Col. the Hon. John Wodehouse, his Majesty's Lieutenant for the county.

24.—A troop of the 15th Hussars arrived at Norwich to relieve the troop of the 1st Royal Dragoons, who marched for York.

26.—A machine exemplifying perpetual motion was advertised to be exhibited at Mrs. Chesnut's, St. Giles', Norwich. "This grand machine," it was stated, "has been going ever since it was invented, now upwards of seven years, and will continue to go without any assistance whatever by power of its own balance and pivots, or, in other words, if the materials it is made of would last for ever." The Mayor made inquiries which proved the exhibition to be a deception, and prohibited its further stay in the city.

28.—Died, at the age of 110, Mr. John Lock, of Larling. "He left behind him 130 children and grandchildren."

AUGUST.

1.—The Norwich weavers held a demonstration in celebration of the success of their Spitalfields brethren in obtaining the decision of both Houses of Parliament upon the Spitalfields Act. The clubs met in Chapel Field, and afterwards went in procession through the streets.

2.*—"Mr. Mueller, from the Haymarket Theatre, has succeeded Mr. Phillips as leader of the orchestra at the Theatre Royal, Norwich."

—Died at Winchester, the Right Hon. Charles Frederick Powlett Townshend, Lord Bayning, of Honingham, aged 38. His remains were conveyed to the King's Head Inn, Wymondham, on the 12th, and were interred at Honingham on the 13th. His lordship was succeeded by his only

brother, the Hon. and Rev. Henry Townshend, Baron Bayning.

6.—Married, by special licence, by the Lord Bishop of Norwich, at the parish church, Costessey, Thomas Alexander Fraser, of Lovat and Strichen, to Charlotte Georgina, eldest daughter of Sir George Jertingham, Bart., Costessey Hall. The marriage ceremony was previously performed in the chapel at the Hall, according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church, by the Rev. Frederick Husenbeth, domestic chaplain to Sir George. Soon after the service the bride and bridegroom left Costessey in their travelling barouche and four for Beaufort Castle, Inverness.

—In the presence of Lord Suffield, Col. Wodehouse, Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., Mr. Wodehouse, M.P., and other gentlemen, experiments were made on Mundesley beach with a new life-saving apparatus invented by Capt. Manby. It consisted of "an airtight tin case encompassing the body beneath the armpits."

12.—Mr. R. C. Harvey, an eminent agriculturist at Alburgh, near Harleston, held his first annual show and sale of stock. Mr. Spelman, of Norwich, was the auctioneer, and the company, numbering 2,000, included the Marquis of Blandford, Lord Huntingfield, and some of the most distinguished agriculturists of the county.

—The Corporation of Norwich conferred the honorary freedom of the city on Col. the Hon. John Wodehouse, Lieutenant of the county.

16.*—"Died, lately, at Sheerness, Mr. Edward Quin, many years connected with the public press of the Metropolis, and formerly a member of the Common Council. He was previously a respectable performer in the Norwich Company, under the theatrical name of Stanley. He was the author of a tragedy called "Elmira," which he published at Norwich, with some other works. He was a native of Ireland. The cause of his death was a stroke of apoplexy. His body was found resting upon the wall from Sheerness to Queensborough long after he had ceased to breathe."

23.—Mons. Alexandre appeared at Norwich Theatre in his ventriloquial entertainment, "The Rogueries of Nicholas."

—*"Died, last week in London, Mr. Robert Mildenhall, comedian and freeman of Norwich, formerly of the Norwich Theatre. He pursued his profession nearly to the end of his life, was happy in a great variety of characters, and a strictly honest man."

25.—Thorpe Water Frolic, "instituted two years ago by Lieut.-Col. Harvey," took place. Ten thousand persons were present.

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—Died at Hardingham, Mr. Hamond Alpe, aged 80. He was Lieutenant-Colonel of the 2nd Regiment of Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry.

SEPTEMBER.

10.—The Yarmouth Court of Gaol Delivery was proclaimed to be held for the trial of two persons charged with robbery from a vessel upon the high seas within the Admiralty jurisdiction of that borough. On such occasions the Mayor, Recorder, and Steward of Norwich were associated with the borough magistrates in forming the court. The Mayor of Norwich and the Mayor of Yarmouth, with Mr. Robert Alderson, who was both Recorder of Yarmouth and Steward of Norwich, "in full legal dress," with the magistrates and members of the Corporation, attended service, and afterwards proceeded to the Toll House, where the trial was conducted in due form. "A similar instance of holding an Admiralty court for the trial of pirates and robbers has not occurred here since the reign of Charles I."

13.*—"The Norwich Company of Comedians is about to lose one of its oldest and most efficient members. Mr. Bennett quits the theatrical profession. Having become proprietor of the Star Inn, Yarmouth, this able performer and respectable individual will doubtless on the stage of real life exercise that happy zeal, and we hope with equal success that happy art of pleasing which rendered him in the mimic scene so truly and deservedly a public favourite."

20.—A mineral spring was reported to have been discovered on the estate of Mr. F. Wheatley at Mundesley. The spring was situate about 600 yards from the edge of the cliff.

23.—A prize fight took place on Yarmouth Denes between two young men named Tennant and Pile. The contest lasted about 45 minutes, when Pile received a blow which rendered him unconscious, and from the effects of which he died two days after. At the Quarter Sessions in April, 1824, Tennant was sentenced to five months', and the seconds, Christopher Parker and Bennet Paul, to one month's imprisonment.

29.—The foundation-stone of the Rehobeth chapel, Union Place, Norwich, was laid by the Rev. R. G. Lemare. The chapel was opened for divine service on December 25th.

OCTOBER.

4.—A shooting match between Mr. William Coke and Lord Kennedy for 200 sovereigns a side, play or pay, "who shoots and bags the greatest number of partridges in two days' sport on September 26th and October 4th," was decided. Mr. Coke shot over his uncle's manors in Norfolk, and Lord Kennedy over Sir William Maxwell's lands at Monteith. Mr. Coke on the first day bagged 80½ brace, and on the second day 90 brace. Lord Kennedy on the first day killed 50 brace, and on the second day 82 brace.

11.—William Burton Peeling, a prisoner in Swaffham gaol, was endeavouring to hold a conversation with another prisoner in the adjoining division of the tread-mill, when he accidentally placed his head in the wheel, which drew him in and crushed him to death.

17.—The 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Westenra, were inspected at Norwich by Lord Edward Somerset, Inspector-General of Cavalry.

18.*—"Mr. Bellamy, well known as a favourite actor on the Norwich boards and late manager of the Theatre, is about to resume his professional career at Bath after a short retirement from the stage."

22.—The first annual meeting of the Norfolk and Norwich Literary Institution was held in the society's rooms in the Haymarket, Norwich, Lieut.-Col. Harvey, the president, in the chair.

25.*—"In consequence of directions given at the end of last year by the Hon. Fulke Greville Howard, one of the members for the most antient borough of Castle Rising, and who is also lord of the manor, the rubbish which had accumulated for ages in the great hall, where the court leet is held in the inward part of the castle or keep, having been cleared away, the bases of two pillars, which apparently supported an arch, were discovered, and likewise a well between these columns, 63 feet deep, in a very perfect state. Many hundred cart loads of the ruins which had fallen in from above were removed before these interesting remains were laid open to view."

26.—Died, Dr. W. B. Carter, assistant surgeon in the 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars, whose remains were buried with military honours at St. Peter Mancroft church, Norwich, on the 30th. The grave was dug at the lower extremity of the middle aisle, and the customary volleys were fired by a party of hussars stationed in the roadway between the great west door of the church and the entrance to the Swan Inn.

27.—The Norwich Pantheon was opened under the management of Mr. Kinloch, with his company from the Royal Amphitheatre, London. "A real fox chase, with dogs, horses, fox, and hounds," was the principal attraction.

31.—By virtue of a writ of mandamus granted by the Court of King's Bench, the Norwich Court of Quarter Sessions was compelled to hear the appeal "the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Hamlet of Lakenham, appellants, v. the Governor, Deputy-Governor, and others of the Court of Guardians of the City of Norwich, respondents." The appellants contended that the assessment made upon stock was not in accordance with the Act of Parliament, by virtue whereof the rate for the maintenance of the poor of Norwich was raised, and was unfair and inequitable. It was stated in the course of the trial that the real estate of the city was valued at £54,041, that of the hamlets at £15,028; the personal property in the former was estimated at £99,800, and in the latter at £5,700. The court confirmed the certificate, and dismissed the appeal.

—One of the most violent storms ever remembered occurred on this date, and resulted in many disasters on sea and land. The whole of the coast of Norfolk was strewn with wrecks, many lives were lost, and much misery prevailed. At Cromer the brig, *Duchess of Cumberland*, came ashore near the lighthouse, and notwithstanding the brave exertions of Mr. Buxton, Mr. Samuel Hoare, Mr. William Lukin, Mr. Windham, and other gentlemen, to effect their rescue the crew of sixteen perished. Among the most remarkable of the incidents on land was the subsidence of a cottage at Corpusty. The occupier, Robert Faircloth, and two women felt the house in motion, rushed out, and a few seconds afterwards "saw it sink out of sight into the bowels of the earth, leaving a vacuum of several feet deep above it which presently filled with water."

NOVEMBER.

1.*—"Died very recently in London, aged 62, Mr. William Perowne, formerly an actor in the Phoenix Company. He was a truly honest and industrious man."

8.—Died at Yarmouth, Mr. Luke Waller, in the 105th year of his age.

22.—A meeting was held at the Shirehall, Norwich, under the presidency of the Hon. John Wodehouse, Vice-Admiral of the county, at which it was decided to form a society for saving the lives of shipwrecked mariners on the coast of Norfolk. At an adjourned meeting on December 13th it was agreed to place lifeboats immediately at Yarmouth, Winterton, Blakeney, &c.

30.—Married, at Walcot church, Bath, Mr. Frederick Henry Yates, of Charlotte Street, London, to Miss Brunton, daughter of Mr. John Brunton, of Norwich.

DECEMBER.

1.—The "extravaganzic burletta" entitled "Tom and Jerry" was produced at the Pantheon, Norwich. It was described as "an animated picture deprived through the filtering stone of the proprietor's character and career, of all that might offend even the most fastidious imagination."

6.—Messrs. J. and W. Wiggins advertised their Phenomena coach to run from the Angel Inn, Norwich, every morning at a quarter to six and to arrive at the Bull Inn, Aldgate, at seven o'clock the same evening.

9.—At a meeting held at the Guildhall, Norwich, presided over by the Mayor (Mr. J. S. Patteson), it was resolved to petition the House of Commons for the repeal of the duty on coals carried coastwise.

20.*—"The portrait of Mr. William Hankes, Mayor of Norwich in 1817, painted by Mr. Clint, has lately been placed in St. Andrew's Hall."

—Drake, a showman, advertised the exhibition "in a commodious theatre upon the Castle ditches, Norwich," of a performing elephant, a boa constrictor, and a sea serpent alive, "which was discovered when they were in search of the great one, and is supposed by the most moderate calculation to measure more than 300 feet in length. It is asserted by the Linnean Society that this is of the same breed as the large one."

30.—Some remarkable vaults—the disused workings of ancient chalk pits—were discovered on the property of Mr. Sendall, near St. Giles' Gates, Norwich. They were 35 feet beneath the surface, and extended in various directions. The vaults were thrown open for public inspection and illuminated with coloured lamps.

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JANUARY.

1.—At a public meeting, held at Calvert Street chapel, it was decided to erect a second Wesleyan Methodist chapel in Norwich. A subscription was opened, and £600 contributed. The foundation-stone of the new (Lady Lane) chapel was laid on April 14th by the Rev. William Gilpin, superintendent of the Norwich circuit; and the building was opened for worship on October 21st by the Rev. R. Newton, president of the Methodist Conference, the Rev. John Anderson, of London, and the Rev. Mr. Farrar, of Leeds.

2.—Persistent efforts were made this year to obtain the removal of the Lent Assizes from Thetford to Norwich. At a meeting of the county magistrates on January 2nd, it was decided to present an address to the Lord Chancellor and Mr. Secretary Peel, representing the inconvenience and ill consequences resulting from the then existing arrangement. At a quarterly assembly of the Corporation of Norwich on February 24th, a committee was appointed to co-operate with the county justices, and a petition to the House of Commons and a memorial to the Lord Chancellor were prepared. On June 5th the city petition received the seal of the Mayor, and on June 11th Lord Suffield, in the House of Lords, presented the petition from the Norfolk magistrates. It stated that the prisoners were carried in open carts through the towns and villages, guarded by soldiers, and "it was not long since that they were exhibited as sights, one shilling being charged to see convicts of the second and third degree, and two shillings or more for condemned felons." There was a dungeon at Thetford, thirteen feet below the surface of the ground, measuring eighteen feet by nine feet, and eight and a half feet in height, and in this cell upon one occasion no less than seventeen persons were placed to sleep. The Lord Chancellor intimated that the subject was under consideration, and the petition was ordered to be printed. On August 7th the announcement was made that the Lieutenant of the county had received a letter from the Lord Chancellor, stating that the twelve Judges had unanimously decided against the removal of the Lent Assizes from Thetford. At the Summer Assizes on August 11th, the Grand Jury for the county presented an address to the Judges expressing regret at their decision, and pointing out that the chief benefits contemplated by the recent Act of Parliament for the regulation of gaols must be in a great degree frustrated by a continuance of the then state of things in Norfolk. "The late city calendar," said the NORFOLK CHRONICLE, "furnishes no less than three cases of exceptional long confinement before trial; namely, one person for more than twelve months, who has been acquitted, and two others in custody upwards of eleven months against whom no true bills were found."

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16.—At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions at Norwich, the magistrates agreed that the whole of Mr. Wilkin's plan for erecting a new gaol at Norwich Castle be carried into execution. It was understood that the entire cost of the Shirehall and prison would not exceed £46,000.

24.—Great sensation was caused in Norwich by the trial and execution at Hertford of John Thurtell for the murder of Mr. Wear on October 24th, 1823. The execution took place on January 9th, and on the 24th was published in the NORFOLK CHRONICLE a letter received by Mr. Alderman Thomas Thurtell, of Norwich, the father of the culprit, from Mr. Robert Sutton, High Sheriff of Hertfordshire, in which the writer commiserated with him in his great affliction. In the same paper was another letter addressed by Mr. N. Bolingbroke, of Norwich, to the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire, in which he wrote: "It may appear to some that he (the father) has not acted with sufficient kindness of feeling towards his unhappy son; but you may be assured, Sir, that there was no part of his conduct which could not be satisfactorily explained. He has generally acted under the advice of Mr. Unthank, a respectable solicitor in this city, my own, and others. There are many actions in a man's life of which no correct opinion can be formed without a knowledge of the motives by which such have been influenced."

29.—At a meeting held at the Guildhall, Norwich, under the presidency of Lieut.-Col. Harvey, supported by Mr. E. Wodehouse, M.P., and Mr. T. F. Buxton, M.P., it was agreed to petition Parliament to carry into effect the resolutions passed in the previous Session of the House of Commons on the subject of colonial slavery.

FEBRUARY.

2.—A fine ship called the Colville, built for the India trade, was launched from the shipyard of Mr. William Bottomley, at Lynn.

4.—Thirty-two half ankers of Geneva, sixteen casks of tobacco, and six casks of tea were discovered in a vault in a plantation belonging to Lord Suffield by the coastguard stationed at Mundesley.

7.*—"In Norfolk the number of miles of turnpike road is 271. The income per mile is £38; the expenditure per mile, £26; excess of income over expenditure, £12."

—*"The following notice appeared in a Norwich paper about 60 years ago and affords a curious instance of the then stage coach celerity: 'A wain will set off on Thursday from Norwich early in the morning and be in London on Saturday evening.' Our coaches now perform the journey in 14 hours, and our fly waggons in 24 hours!"

19.—The eight bells of St. Margaret's church, Lynn, hung by Messrs. T. and J. Hurry, of Norwich, were opened.

24.—To effect improvements in Willow Lane, Norwich, and to lay open to view the churchyard of St. Giles', a lease was granted by the Corporation to Mr. Edward Browne, Messrs. Fountain and Cattermoul, Mr. William De Carle, and Mr. J. Wright, of certain premises in that lane, for a term of 99 years at the yearly rental of £42, they covenanting to lay out from £3,000 to £4,000 on the erection of suitable buildings under the direction of the Corporation Surveyor.

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28.*—"Died, lately, in St. Giles', Norwich, aged 78, Mr. Benjamin Guyton, who for many years followed what may justly be called the first of occupations—a gardener and horticulturist. His skill in the knowledge and properties of plants and vegetables could only be equalled by his ingenuity in delineating with his pencil the curious productions of nature, particularly those of the insect tribe. Some few specimens of his art, in the various species of papilio, are in the possession of some gentlemen in this city, who knew how to appreciate merit though found in an obscure individual moving in a humble sphere of life."

—Died, "greatly and justly esteemed by all his old comrades and friends," Capt. John Borrow, many years adjutant of the First or West Norfolk Regiment of Militia.

MARCH.

3.—At a meeting of manufacturers and others at the Guildhall, Norwich, under the presidency of Mr. John Harvey, resolutions were adopted expressing satisfaction with the proposal of the Government to reduce the duties on raw and thrown silks as well as on foreign wools; but they viewed with surprise and alarm the proposal to allow the free exportation of British wool, "as a consequence of supplying foreigners with the raw material must be to throw out of employment many thousands of the labouring poor."

6.—Intelligence was received at Lynn of the death, which occurred on the 5th, of the Marquis of Titchfield, M.P. A writ for the election of a new member was moved for in the House of Commons on the 9th, and two candidates, Lord John C. Bentinck, eldest brother of the deceased marquis, and successor to the title, and Sir William Browne ffolkes, Bart., immediately issued addresses. The election took place on March 19th. "Sir William ffolkes, after leaving the hustings, was carried in a chair round the Market Place and down High Street, he addressed the crowd from the window of his committee-room, and threw amongst them a large quantity of silver coin, which was eagerly scrambled for." The result of the polling was declared as follows: Marquis of Titchfield; 177; Sir William ffolkes, 89.

11.—A meeting of the manufacturers, merchants, and others interested in the silk trade was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, under the presidency of Mr. Alderman Roberts, to take into consideration the resolutions passed by the House of Commons relative to alterations in the silk duties. A resolution was moved to the effect that the meeting viewed with satisfaction the measures proposed for the extension of the silk manufactory, "but the object could not fully be attained by the proposed immediate remission of so great a proportion of the duties on raw and thrown silks." It was advocated that endeavours be made to obtain compensation for the loss sustained upon stocks of manufactured goods, and a petition to Parliament embodying that view was adopted. On April 5th "an unusual scene was witnessed in Norwich, that being the last day on which manufacturers of the city warehoused their raw and foreign silk in order to obtain the drawback according to the late decision of Parliament. The number of pieces of bombazines and crapes bonded was about 40,000, which may be averaged at 7s. 6d. each, and the total amount of the drawback will be £30,000. Such of the goods as are for exportation are already returned to the owners, and an order is expected in a few days for the delivery of those intended for the home trade. By this arrangement, which was recommended to Government by a gentleman deputed from Norwich, little time will be lost, and the manufacturer will obtain the relief which, but for its adoption, would, under the late alteration of the law, have proved highly injurious to many of our fellow citizens." On June 23rd a dinner was given at the Rampant Horse Inn by the merchants and manufacturers to Mr. John Harvey, Mr. E. T. Booth, and Mr. T. O. Springfield, "for the zeal and ability with which they promoted the interests of the trade, and for their successful exertions in obtaining the drawback."

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11.—Died at his house in Chapel Field, Norwich, in his 71st year, Mr. John Clayton Hindes, many years manager of the Norwich Theatre. "His loss is sincerely deplored by his relatives and friends and many others whose necessities have been relieved by his benevolent hand."

—Died at Uxbridge, Mrs. F. E. Horne, widow of the Right Rev. George Horne, D.D., formerly Bishop of Norwich.

17.—The Norwich Penny Library “having after 12 months’ experience proved its worth,” it was resolved at a general meeting of subscribers, presided over by Mr. William Youngman, that it be placed on a permanent footing by public subscription. The library room was at Mr. Daines’s, St. Michael-at-Coslany.

APRIL.

2.—At a public meeting held at Lynn, the Mayor presiding, it was resolved that a gas company be formed. The shares were fixed at £20 each, and Mr. John James Coulton appointed secretary and agent.

3.—Died at the house of his son-in-law (Mr. H. Dowson, of Geldeston), aged 65, the Rev. Pendlebury Houghton. “He received his education at Warrington at the time Dr. Atkin was the classical teacher there, and after the completion of his studies continued there one year as assistant classical tutor. He first settled as minister at Dob Lane, near Manchester, whence he removed to Shrewsbury, and in 1787 was chosen a pastor, with Dr. Enfield, of the Unitarian congregation in Norwich. On the death of Dr. Enfield in 1797 he became sole minister. In 1808 he succeeded Mr. Jervis at Prince’s Street, Westminster, and in 1811 returned to Norwich. In 1812 his was invited to become joint pastor with Mr. Yates, of the congregation in Paradise Street, Liverpool, where he continued till 1823, when he retired from his ministerial labours.”

7.—At a meeting held at Norwich, it was agreed “that the Rosary burial-ground having been duly entered at the office of the Bishop of the Diocese, and therein designated a general burial-ground for the use of persons of all sects and denominations, shall be invested in trustees on behalf of those who may become the holders of shares, to be limited to 500.”

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8.—A performance was given at Norwich Theatre by the Stagorians. “The stage exhibited the appearance of the interior of a Stagorian lodge, and presented a spectacle at once novel and striking. In accordance with the principles of the assembled brethren the ceremony opened with ‘God save the King,’ and closed with the last verse of that same loyal strain. The whole was conducted and well supported by Mr. Hudson, treasurer of the lodge No. 2, Independent, who sang a song in so good a style that the audience testified their approbation by loud and repeated cheerings.”

9.—Died, suddenly, in the Fleet Prison, the Rev. John Cross Morphew, rector of Cley and of Walpole St. Peter.

10.*—(Advt.) “Mr. Edward Painter informs his friends and the public that his horse, the celebrated Tam o’ Shanter, will be shown upon Norwich Hill this day, and every Saturday during the season, at 12 o’clock. His trotting and other paces the proprietor leaves for the public at large to be their own judges, as puffing is quite out of the question. N.B.—Tam o’ Shanter will be found at the White Hart, St. Peter’s, Norwich.”

—*“Miss Bathurst, daughter of the late Mr. Benjamin Bathurst, and granddaughter of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, was riding in Rome on horseback, accompanied by Lord and Lady Aylmer and the Duc de Montmorency, when her horse slipped down the steep bank into the Tiber, and with its rider was washed away, and never seen again.” The body of Miss Bathurst was recovered on September 26th.

—The proprietors of the Expedition coach started new coaches, called the Magnet, which ran from the Swan Inn and Rampant Horse Inn, Norwich, each afternoon at four o’clock and arrived in London at seven in the morning. The return coach left the Golden Cross, Charing Cross, at six p.m., called at the White Horse, Fetter Lane, at 6.20, the Cross Keys, Wood Street, at 6.30, “cleared” from the Flower Pot and Bull Inns at seven o’clock, and arrived at Norwich at nine the next morning.

—The following malefactors were executed at Thetford: James Reeve for rape; Miles Wiseman for shooting at and wounding William Everett, gamekeeper, at Rackheath; and Robert Gibson for sheep stealing. “The body of Wiseman was buried at Hardingham churchyard, whence it was stolen by resurrection men, who had been observed lurking about the chief part of the previous day.”

15.—Wombwell’s National Menagerie was exhibited at Tombland Fair, Norwich. It was described as “the greatest variety of living animals ever collected together since the days of Noah.”

16.—Died at Caister, near Norwich, Francis Neale, in the 100th year of his age.

21.—Died at Harley Street, Cavendish Square, aged 71, Mr. John Dixon, of Rainham Hall, Norwich, and of Gledhow, Yorkshire, Colonel of the West York Militia.

25.—The organ at North Walsham church was opened with a recital given by Mr. E. Pettet, of Norwich.

29.—The members of the three Church of England Societies, namely for the Education of the Poor, for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, had their “first united anniversary” dinner at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich. The Deputy Mayor, Mr. Robert Hawkes, presided.

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MAY.

1.—Mr. Henry Francis was elected Mayor of Norwich.

5.—Died at an advanced age, Mrs. Windham, widow of the Right Hon. William Windham, of Felbrigg.

6.—The second anniversary dinner of the Swaffham Rat Society was held at the George Inn, in that town. The report stated: "From the time the ferrets re-commenced their operations in October, 1823, assisted by the terriers, the total number of rats killed up to May 6th was 1,140, which added to last year's return makes 2,947 rats exterminated in the course of twelve months."

8.*—"The King has granted William Lukin, Esq., Rear-Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet, to take, use, and bear the arms of Windham, in memory of his uncle, the Right Hon. William Windham, of Felbrigg Hall." (By the death of Mrs. Windham Admiral Windham came into possession of the estates of his late uncle.)

—*"We understand that there are at this time persons stationed upon the road between Norwich and London for the purpose of giving information against the proprietors of coaches carrying more than the number of passengers allowed by Act of Parliament, or any waggon or van carrying passengers without being duly licensed."

10.—A prize fight took place near Arminghall between Nicholls and Thompson, of Norwich. "The battle lasted upwards of two hours, and both men displayed better bottom than science."

—For the benefit of the manager of Norwich Theatre (Mr. Smith), his younger son, Mr. J. Smith, appeared as Selico in "The Africans."

15.*—"A gentleman from Lynn for a wager shot 20 dozen rooks with an air gun, which he loaded himself, in the course of a day. He commenced shooting at half-past six in the morning, and finished his task in a masterly manner at four o'clock in the afternoon, in the rookery belonging to Mr. John Lloyd, of Pentney."

—*(Advt.) "Cocking. To be fought at the White Swan Inn, Norwich, on May 31st and two following days, three double days' play of cocks for £5 a battle and £100 the odd, between the gentlemen of Norwich and the gentlemen of Yarmouth. Feeders: Stafford for Norwich, Anson for Yarmouth."

—The Magnet coach from London to Norwich had just crossed the bridge at Chesterford, Essex, when, owing to the swollen state of the river, the arch burst with a tremendous crash. Another coach was approaching, and received a lantern warning from the guard of the Magnet. The up Magnet coach from Norwich crossed the bridge shortly before its demolition but got off the road into a swamp. The passengers had to climb out upon the roof and remained there while the water flowed through the windows. The coach was dragged out by a strong team of cart horses. A public subscription was started in Norwich to reward the guard of the Magnet.

22.—Townshend, the pedestrian, commenced a walk of 64 miles per day of sixteen hours for six successive days. He started from Swaffham at 4.30 a.m., passed through Watton at 6.30, through Dereham at 8.30, and arrived at Swaffham at noon, and completed the same journey in the afternoon. (No further record.)

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27.—Died, Mrs. M. Jones, of the Theatre Royal, Norwich, in her 61st year, "after long and patient suffering under one of the most tormenting of human disorders." She was a daughter of the Rev. Nathaniel Gerard, rector of Waxham and vicar of Palling, and of Whepstead Rectory, Suffolk.

28.—Six officers of the 8th Hussars rowed in Capt. Cartwright's six-oared boat from Norwich to Yarmouth in four hours against the tide, and returned in four and a half hours with a strong stream against them.

29.—The Ottawa, 320 tons, intended as a passage vessel from London to Quebec, was launched from the yard of Messrs. John and Thomas Douglas, at Yarmouth.

31.—The Mayor of Norwich (Mr. J. S. Patteson), with the Sheriffs, magistrates, and aldermen went in procession from the Guildhall to the site of the new gaol outside St. Giles' Gates, and laid the foundation-stone. Several gold, silver, and copper coins were deposited in the stone, "and the whole was cemented with mortar and fastened with lead poured in boiling hot." The proceedings were witnessed by hundreds of spectators, one of whom, "a person of respectability, had his pocket picked of a gold watch, chain, and seals."

JUNE.

3.—Died, on his return from Madeira, aged 29, Dr. Thomas Martineau.

4.—The 3rd Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry was inspected at Sprowston at the conclusion of permanent duty at Norwich.

7.—The Yarmouth Yeomanry Cavalry, commanded by Sir E. K. Lacon, Bart., were inspected by Major Deare, 8th Hussars, after permanent duty.

—Townshend, the pedestrian, "undertook to pick up with his mouth, on Monday last, from the ground in Finches' Gardens, 300 stones placed one yard apart and to deposit the same in a

basket in eleven successive hours, being a distance of 51 miles 540 yards." The feat was performed sixteen minutes within the time. On June 14th he undertook to walk 40 miles backwards in ten hours at the same Gardens, but failed owing to the unfavourable state of the weather.

8.—The commissioners appointed under the Norwich Paving Act determined to apply to Parliament for leave to bring in a Bill for amending the Act and for raising additional funds.

—A prize fight took place at Poringland between Fenn and Camplin, of Norwich. Three thousand persons were present, and 76 rounds fought. The contest terminated in favour of Fenn.

9.—McMullon, a youth of sixteen, at the Prussia Gardens, Norwich, walked 12½ miles in two hours; and on the 14th walked forty miles in eight hours.

16.—Died at Gissing, aged 86, Mr. J. Hunt, surgeon, and founder of the Ebenezer Chapel in Ber Street, Norwich. "He was a man of extraordinary piety and extensive benevolence, who was singularly infatuated by a diversity of religious opinions as to render his character in the highest degree eccentric. Having successively embraced the profession of Presbyterian, Independent, Anabaptist, Swedenborgian, Unitarian, and Methodist, he recently founded and endowed a chapel at Gissing to a profession made up of a heterogeneous mixture of doctrines. That nothing might be wanting to complete his religious character he was a constant attendant on the worship of the parish church, keeping his meeting closed on those occasions, and a regular communicant with the minister of the parish till a short time before his death, when his advanced age and increasing infirmities precluded the possibility of his attendance."

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17.—A trotting match took place on St. Stephen's Road, Norwich, the best two of three one mile heats, between a pony belonging to Mr. Durrant, of the Norfolk Hotel, and a pony the property of Mr. Davey, horse dealer. The former won easily.

—The 8th Hussars marched from Norwich Barracks for Ipswich.

19.*—"One day last week Messrs. James Stannard, T. Turner, Samuel Poll, and Alfred Stannard, four oars, rowed from Norwich to Yarmouth and back in eight hours, notwithstanding wind and tide were full against them in crossing Breydon."

—The season's benefits at Norwich Theatre were announced to have been as follow: Mr. Smith, £125; Mr. Chippendale, £39; Mr. Vining, £114; Mr. Beacham, £89; Miss Pindar, £40; Mr. G. Smith, £70; Mr. Harrison, £46; Mr. Clifford, £67; Mr. and Mrs. Sloman, £156; Mr. Benson, £69; the Misses Glover, £91; Mr. Crook, £63; Miss Wensley, £72; Miss Mason, £74; Mr. and Mrs. Hamerton, £51; Mr. Brundall, £45; Mr. Wharton, £41; Mr. Mueller, £62; Mr. Thorne, £28; Miss Tubby, £99; Mr. Hunt, £78; Mr. Chippendale (second benefit), £57. The total amount was £1,556; average, £70 14s. 9¾d.

22.—Guild Day at Norwich. The Mayor-elect, Mr. Henry Francis, entertained 806 guests at the guild feast, and the ball at Chapel Field House was fully attended. The streets in the parish of St. Stephen's, where the Mayor resided, were decorated.

29.—Great rejoicings took place at Costessey in celebration of the elevation to the peerage of Sir George Jerningham, Bart., by the title of Baron Stafford, of Stafford Castle, in Staffordshire, of Shiffnall in Shropshire, and of Costessey in Norfolk. A large cavalcade attended by a band of music proceeded to Easton, where Lord and Lady Stafford and their daughters were received with enthusiastic cheering and escorted to Costessey Hall. Sheep were roasted, 500 loaves of bread distributed, and many barrels of beer consumed.

JULY.

7.—At a meeting, presided over by Dr. Yelloly, at the Rampant Horse Inn, Norwich, the medical men of the city decided "to form a union between the two previously existing societies in order to render more efficient the circulation of medical books, and the establishment of a medical library in Norwich."

12.—Meetings of Loyal Orange Societies, No. 50, held at the Waggon and Horses, Tombland, and No. 213 at the Waterloo Tavern, St. Stephen's, Norwich, celebrated the anniversary of the battle of the Boyne.

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14.—A severe thunderstorm occurred at Norwich after a period of very sultry weather. "Almost immediately after the tempest a cloud of immense magnitude and extreme density, having the appearance of a mass of snow, passed over the city. Drifting with a strong westerly wind it was so low as to envelope a considerable portion of the Cathedral spire. Its passage was attended with a very curious phenomenon. The current of the river, which had previously been sluggish, suddenly became very rapid, as if propelled by the irruption of some mighty flood. This acceleration lasted about ten minutes, the cloud having once passed over, the stream gradually resumed its former rate of progression."

15.—Died at his residence, Catton Place, aged 58, Mr. Joseph Fitch, who served the office of Sheriff of Norwich in 1808.

16.—A troop of the 2nd Queen's Dragoon Guards, commanded by Capt. Kearney, marched into Norwich Barracks, and were followed by three other troops. "This fine regiment, whose uniform is free from modern finery, and has a truly British appearance, is commanded by Lieut.-Col.

Kearney. They were the first regiment who occupied the Norwich Barracks after their erection in the year 1793."

22.—The new Union steamboat intended for passenger traffic between Lynn and Cambridge made her first voyage. "She is 72 feet long, 12 wide, carries 100 passengers, and is propelled by two engines. Her paddles are in the stern; they communicate with the boiler and engine by means of long rods through more than half the length of the vessel."

30.—Died at her house in the Close, Norwich, aged 65, Mrs. Dickens, wife of Mr. W. H. Dickens. "She was the widow of the late Mr. William Crowe, of Lakenham, who on his death bed enjoined her to marry Capt. Dickens immediately after his (Mr. Crowe's) decease."

31.*—(Advt.) "To the corn growers of the county of Norfolk. Gentlemen, the merchants of Norwich having honoured me by accepting the Pantheon, in which to hold their corn market, permit me to acquaint you the same will be held at the Pantheon, Ranelagh Gardens, during their pleasure.—W. Finch." The removal of the corn market to the Pantheon was rendered necessary by the alterations in progress at the Hall in preparation for the first Triennial Musical Festival. On August 14th a meeting of millers, merchants, and corn growers was held at the Norfolk Hotel, "for the purpose of taking into consideration the best means of erecting a Corn Exchange." Mr. J. Culley presided, and resolutions were adopted in favour of the proposal, the required amount to be raised in £100 shares. A committee was appointed to ask the county magistrates to grant a site "within the iron railing on the north side of the Castle Hill, in the intermediate space between the road leading from Messrs. Gurney's Bank on the right to the opening from Davey Steps on the left." A further meeting was held on October 23rd, at which it was reported that the magistrates declined to accede to the request, but that the Corporation of Norwich had agreed "that a piece of ground on the Castle Meadow, in length 130 feet and in breadth 70 feet, be granted to the corn merchants for a term of 99 years at the yearly rent of £10, for the purpose of building thereon a corn exchange." A meeting was held on November 1st, at which it was decided to accept the offer, and to issue shares of £50 each to the amount of £2,000. (See February 24th, 1825.)

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AUGUST.

4.—In consequence of a requisition the Mayor of Norwich convened a meeting at the Guildhall to consider the subject of establishing a botanical garden in the neighbourhood of Norwich. Resolutions were adopted in favour of the scheme, which was introduced by Dr. Yelloly.

—Died at Norwich, aged 72, Mr. John Funnell Goldsmith Atkinson, solicitor. "He was devotedly attached to the constitution in Church and State, and was in reality the character which has often been drawn of Honest John Bull."

11.—At the Norfolk Assizes at Norwich, before Sir William Alexander, Chief Baron of the Exchequer, came on the action Howard *v.* Howes. The plaintiff sought to substantiate his right to the exclusive enjoyment of a pew in the parish church of Fundenhall. He and his father had occupied it since 1787 until disturbed in such occupation by the defendant on November 2nd, 1823. Verdict for the plaintiff, damages 1s.—At the same Assizes, a similar action, Reader *v.* Bloom, was tried, and damages claimed for assault. The declaration set forth that the defendant on August 31st, 1823, at Wells, "did grievously with his hands and feet assault the plaintiff," a maiden lady, in the same town, to whom had been bequeathed a house, which, it was supposed, entitled her to the use of a certain pew in the parish church. Defendant contested the right, locked the pew, and nailed over the door a piece of wood to prevent entry thereto. When plaintiff endeavoured to effect an entrance Mr. Bloom kicked her legs and nipped her arm. The defence was that the plaintiff first "clapperclawed" the defendant. The jury returned a verdict for plaintiff, damages 1s.

31.—An election took place at Norwich for the office of freemen's Sheriff. Mr. Charles Turner was nominated in the "Purple and Orange," and Mr. T. O. Springfield in the "Blue and White" interest. "About an hour after the poll had commenced it was announced to Mr. Turner's committee that the 'Blue and Whites' were giving 5s. for each vote. This information caused the 'Purple and Orange' party also to unloose their purse strings, and the cash was paid down on both sides to all who would receive it." Result of the poll: Turner, 1,165; Springfield, 929.

SEPTEMBER.

5.—Died, aged 73, Mrs. Death, widow of Mr. Thomas Death, of the Theatre Royal, Norwich, and of Covent Garden, London.

11.—St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, was for the first time lighted with gas in preparation for the Musical Festival. "The pure bright flame that issued from the numerous gas burners communicated a lustre to every part of the edifice more evident, perhaps, than what it receives from the light of day."

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17.—Married at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, Mr. William Henry Brundall to Miss Priscilla Mason, both formerly of the Theatre Royal, Norwich.

19.—Died at Chelsea, Mr. Henry Cooper, barrister, aged 39. The son of an eminent Norwich barrister, he went to sea with Nelson, and as a boy was present at the battle of the Nile. He early quitted the naval profession for that of the law, and was afterwards appointed Attorney-General

of the Bermudas. On the appointment of Mr. Sergeant Blosset to the Chief Justiceship of Bengal, Mr. Cooper, who was then rapidly rising on the Norfolk circuit, became one of the leaders.

21.—The first Triennial Musical Festival, “for the benefit of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital,” commenced on this date. On the evenings of the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd a miscellaneous concert was given at St. Andrew’s Hall; on the mornings of the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th oratorios were performed in the same building; and on the evening of the 24th a ball took place. The principal vocal performers were Mrs. Salmon, Miss Stephens, Miss Carew, Madame Renzi De Begnes, Mr. Vaughan, M. Sapio, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Edward Taylor, of Norwich (in place of Mr. F. Novello, absent through family bereavement), Mr. Terrail, Master Kempton, and Signor De Begnes. Sir George Smart was the conductor. The Festival was attended by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, who was the guest of the Bishop of Norwich. The receipts amounted to £6,695, and the amount given to the Hospital was £2,411 4s. 2d. At a quarterly assembly of the Corporation on September 27th, the freedom of the city was voted to Sir George Smart, “for the eminent services rendered by him to the city and county as conductor of the late Musical Festival”; and the Corporation further agreed to purchase the organ erected for the occasion in St. Andrew’s Hall by Mr. Grey, for the sum of 280 guineas.

29.—Races were held at East Dereham, and were well attended by “beauty and fashion.”

OCTOBER.

14.—The premises of Mr. Ling, upholsterer and cabinet maker, Bridewell Alley, Norwich, were destroyed by fire. The terrified prisoners were removed from their cells in the Bridewell adjoining and conveyed to the City Gaol, and all the property that could be saved from the burning premises was taken into St. Andrew’s church. The 2nd Dragoon Guards were called out to preserve order, and the staff of the West Norfolk Militia assembled under arms. “Owing to the goods being stored in St. Andrew’s church it was impossible to hold service there on Sunday.”

15.—Died, in his 88th year, Mr. Robert Priest, of St. James’ Street, Norwich. He was for many years treasurer to the Charity Schools, and in 1786 paid the fine on declining the office of Sheriff.

21.—Died of consumption, in his 24th year, at Little Baddow, Essex, the Rev. Stephen Morell, “pastor of the Christian Society at the Old Meeting House, Norwich.”

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26.—Mrs. Sloman, formerly of the Norwich Company, made her first appearance at Covent Garden as Belvedera in “Venice Preserved.” The “Times” described the performance as “more than respectable—in many parts excellent”; and the “Morning Herald” stated that “it was the most promising tragic *début* since the days of Miss O’Neil, and the applause at the dropping of the curtain was long, loud, and universal.” Mrs. Sloman was subsequently engaged by the managers of Covent Garden for three years at a high salary.

NOVEMBER.

7.—William Brownsell, many years in the service of Mr. William Mason, of Necton, was accidentally shot in his master’s plantation by a spring gun. He lay in dreadful agony all night and died soon after being found next morning.

15.—A private watch instituted and maintained by the inhabitants of St. Stephen’s, Norwich, commenced its duties.

—A prize fight took place near Mattishall between Mike Fenn and John Short, of Norwich. “After 14 rounds Fenn was so dreadfully beaten that he was carried off the ground in a state of insensibility.” Two thousand persons were present.

20.*—“Died at East Dereham last week a poor woman of the name of Rumble, aged 103 years. She retained her faculties till within a month of her decease.”

DECEMBER.

3.—At a meeting held at the Guildhall, Norwich, under the presidency of the Mayor, it was resolved to establish a law library in the city.

11.—The prospectus of a plan for establishing a “Museum of Natural History, Antiquity, &c.” in Norwich was issued in accordance with a resolution passed at a meeting held a short time previously under the chairmanship of Mr. John Harvey.

14.—The London, Yarmouth, and Norwich Steampacket Company announced the completion of a new vessel, called the City of Norwich, for the London and Yarmouth trade. A considerable portion of the stock of this company was raised in Norwich and Yarmouth.

15.—Married at East Dereham, by the Rev. C. H. Wollaston, Mr. Fisher, jun., of the Norfolk and Suffolk Company of Comedians, to Sarah, third daughter of Mr. William Howard.

—A meeting was held at the King’s Arms Inn, North Walsham, at which it was resolved to carry into immediate execution the Act of Parliament for the construction of the North Walsham and Dilham Canal.

17.—Concerts were given on the 17th and 18th at Norwich Theatre under the management of Messrs. Pettet. The performers included Signor and Madame Renzi De Begnes and Miss Paton.

20.—Signor Antonio, “generally called Il Diavolo Antonio,” commenced an engagement at the Norwich Assembly Room in an entertainment consisting of gymnastic exercises, feats of strength, juggling, and fantoccini.

—Died at his house in St. Giles’, Norwich, the Rev. Thomas Deeker, M.A., 66 years vicar of Bawdsey, Suffolk, rector of St. Simon and Jude, Norwich, perpetual curate of St. Margaret and St. Swithin, and chaplain of the county gaol.

23.—Married at Norwich, by the Rev. George Carter, M.A., Mr. James Archibald Murray, solicitor, under secretary to the Master of the Rolls, and second son of Mr. Charles Murray, of John Street, Bedford Row, London, to Elizabeth Powell, youngest daughter of Capt. R Browne, of the Precincts, Norwich Cathedral.

29.—A new Masonic Hall was “dedicated” at Yarmouth by Deputy Provincial Grand Master Ives and the officers of the Grand Lodge of the Province.

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JANUARY.

1.—The “Norfolk and Suffolk Railway Company” advertised its prospectus. It was proposed to raise a capital of one million sterling in 10,000 shares of £100 each. The prospectus stated: “The trade from London to Norwich in bombazeen and crape is at once extensive and permanent, yet the conveyance of goods is dilatory, expensive, and troublesome. The mode of conveyance of fish is insufficient on the one hand, and extravagant on the other.” It was proposed to construct the railway from London to Norwich through Chelmsford and Colchester, with a branch to Harwich; to Ipswich with a branch to Bury St. Edmund’s; and to Norwich with branches to Lynn and Yarmouth. The cost of the undertaking was estimated at £980,000, and there were to be twelve country and twelve London directors. Among the former were Messrs. E. T. Booth, W. Foster, Joseph Geldart, R. Hawkes, and J. Ives, of Norwich; and Sir E. K. Lacon, of Yarmouth.

5.—At a public meeting held at the Guildhall, Norwich, under the presidency of the Mayor, it was decided to establish a Mechanics’ Institution, “similar to those already formed in London.” Nearly 100 members joined at the conclusion of the meeting.

12.—At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions, the justices ordered that the houses of correction at Aylsham and Wymondham be abolished on the completion of the county gaol.

22.—A new roadway made through the city wall at the west end of Pottergate Street, Norwich, was completed on this date, and opened for vehicular traffic on the 24th. “This great improvement was effected by Mr. Alderman T. S. Day, aided by the exertions of Mr. Blyth, who, in company with Mrs. Blyth, was the first who rode through the new way.”

24.—Died at Lynn, aged 78, William Hall, auctioneer and bookseller. “He was generally known by the appellation Antiquarian Hall, having for many years been in the habit of dealing in works of black letter lore, of which, at one time, he had a good collection. He was a man quite uneducated, but of strong natural abilities, and had read a great deal on subjects of antiquity. Though a man of very eccentric habits, he was universally respected for his industry and integrity.”

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—The exhibition commenced at the Ranelagh Gardens, Norwich, of a “grand model of the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem.”

25.—The Castle Corporation at Norwich celebrated its 60th anniversary.

29.*—“Died last week, at Holt, Mary Ann Edge, at the advanced age of 103.”

31.—Norwich Theatre re-opened for the season. The new members of the company included Mr. Balls, comedian; Mr. Baker, comedian; Mr. Warren, “walking gentleman”; Miss Scruton, Mrs. Sheppard (formerly Miss Diddear), Mrs. Balls, and Mrs. Watkinson.

FEBRUARY.

2.—The body of an old man, buried in Hethersett churchyard, was stolen by resurrection men. A similar outrage took place in Thorpe churchyard on the same date.

5.*—“Sir Edmund Bacon (one of the three gentlemen nominated to serve the office of Sheriff of this county) is gone to London to prefer some antient claim of exemption from it on account of his being the premier baronet of England. Such claim had been successfully made on a similar occasion by his late father.” Exemption was granted; but on November 11th, in the Court of Exchequer, the Lord Chief Justice of the Court of King’s Bench stated that the authorities, after duly investigating the claim, had decided to disallow it.

—*“The governors of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital have presented a silver waiter, of the value of 50 guineas, to Mr. Edward Taylor for his eminent services in promoting, arranging, and assisting at the grand Musical Festival.”

10.—An exceptionally high tide occurred at Yarmouth. The river overflowed and flooded cellars, stables, granaries, and other buildings on the Quay; and the Southtown Road from the Bear Inn, near the bridge, to Gorleston was completely under water, in places to the depth of three feet. At

Cromer great damage was done to the cliffs.

11.—A petition for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Norwich Paving Act was presented in the House of Commons by Mr. William Smith.—At a meeting held at the Duke's Palace Inn, Norwich, on March 1st, it was decided to oppose the Bill because the Paving Commissioners by clause 8 sought to obtain authority to levy an additional due of 8d. per ton on all goods brought by vessels up the river higher than Thorpe Old Hall.—The Bill was read a first time on March 4th, but in consequence of the opposition to clause 8 Mr. Smith withdrew the measure and suffered the second reading to pass as a dropped order.—On March 28th Mr. Smith moved the second reading on the understanding that the objectionable clause would be withdrawn in Committee. The Bill was then read a second time.—It passed its third reading on May 3rd; received the Royal Assent in the House of Lords on May 20th; and the first meeting of the Commissioners under the new Act was held at Norwich on June 14th.

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15.—The prospectus of the Norwich and Lowestoft Navigation Company was adopted at a meeting held at Gray's Inn Coffee House, London, presided over by Col. Harvey, High Sheriff of Norfolk. The principal object for which the company was formed was that of making Norwich a port for seaborne vessels not exceeding ten feet draught, by opening the best and most direct line of communication between that city and the sea. In addition to the old list of shares, amounting to £27,000, it was decided to raise £120,000 in shares of £50 each, and to apply to Parliament in the ensuing Session for leave to bring in a Bill.—The first general meeting of the shareholders was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, on June 1st, and on July 2nd a meeting of proprietors of land adjoining the proposed canal between the Yare and the Waveney resolved to oppose the Bill on account of threatened danger to their property.—The proprietors of the North Walsham and Dilham Canal, and of the Coltishall and Aylsham Canal also decided to oppose the measure because it would divert the traffic from Yarmouth to Lowestoft, would lead to the neglect of Breydon, and consequently to the injury of the navigation of the Bure and Ant.

19.*—"Died last week in Bishopgate Hospital, Norwich, Mr. John Green, aged 101."

24.—In the House of Commons Col. Wodehouse moved that petitions from the magistrates of Norfolk and from the Mayor and Corporation of Thetford in reference to the removal of the Lent Assizes from Thetford to Norwich be referred to a Select Committee. The motion was defeated by 72 votes against 21.

—The Corporation of Norwich rescinded the resolution by which they had offered the corn merchants a site for a Corn Exchange, and appointed a committee to report on the propriety of the Corporation erecting a building of their own for the sale of corn and other agricultural produce. The committee, on March 15th, reported in favour of the proposal, the Under-Chamberlain was directed to mark out a site 150 feet by 70 feet on the Castle Meadow, and on May 3rd it was resolved to advertise for plans and estimates.—The corn merchants held a meeting at the Norfolk Hotel on July 25th, and finally agreed to erect an exchange "on part of the present site of Sir Benjamin Wrenche's Court." It was announced "a new street is to be made to communicate with the Market Place from St. Andrew's Street, to enter it at the upper end of Cockey Lane." A proposal was made to erect in the Exchange galleries for the accommodation of the Norwich Society of Artists, who would be deprived of their rooms in the Court.—At a special meeting of the Corporation on August 10th "the further consideration of the erection of a Corn Exchange" was indefinitely deferred.

28.—A peal of six bells, cast by William Dobson, of Downham Market, was opened at Marham by the Aylsham company of ringers.

28.—Mr. David Fisher, "a flower of our own garden, a native of our own county," made his first appearance at Lynn Theatre in the character of Richard III. He afterwards appeared as Macbeth.

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MARCH.

2.—Died at Bolton Row, London, Lady Jerningham, widow of Sir William Jerningham. Her ladyship was a daughter of the 11th Viscount Dillon. Her remains were interred at Costessey on March 11th.

—Died at Holkham Hall, aged 45, the Rev. Richard Odell, B.A., Fellow of Christ's College, Oxford, curate of Burnham Overy and of Holkham, and chaplain to his Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex.

3.—Died at his house in St. Giles', Norwich, aged 75, Mr. John Christopher Hampp, a native of Germany, many years an eminent merchant in the city, and a liberal benefactor of the poor.

6.—Died at Tenby, aged 43, Col. Francis Manners Sutton, second son of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

—Died at Hatton, Warwickshire, aged 80, the Rev. Samuel Parr, LL.D., Prebendary of St. Paul's, and rector of Graffham, Huntingdonshire, and formerly head-master of Norwich Free Grammar School.

7.—Died, aged 69, Mr. John Banks, proprietor and manager of the Theatres Royal at Liverpool and Manchester, and formerly of Norwich.

8.—Mr. Denny, of Egmere, was presented with a silver cup by the members of the Walsingham Coursing Club, "as a mark of their esteem and gratitude to him for the handsome, liberal, and

friendly manner with which he has at all times come forward in support of the meeting."

25.—The contract was completed for the purchase of the works of the Norwich Gas Company by the British Gas Light Company. "The latter company have bought a piece of land in the World's End Lane, near St. Martin-at-Palace, on which they intend to erect a building and construct works for supplying the city with coal gas."—The Paving Commissioners on September 13th consented to an application being made to Parliament for a Bill to enlarge and amend the Act for lighting with gas the city of Norwich, "and of the extension of the capital of the British Gas Company and of the monies appropriated to their own use provided it meet all such capital to the extent of 12½ per cent. per annum."

26.*—"Died lately, at Shelfanger, James Catchpole, labourer, in his 105th year. Within the last year of his life he was willing and able to do a day's work in husbandry."

—*(Advt.) "Miss Phillis Glover, being obliged by the early opening of the Haymarket Theatre, where she is engaged, to leave the Norwich Company before the close of the season, begs permission to take this, her only opportunity, of returning thanks to the inhabitants of Norwich for the kind indulgence afforded to her professional exertions, and of bidding them most respectfully farewell." (Miss Glover, whose place in the Norwich Company was filled by the engagement of Miss Goward, was married on November 19th, 1827, at the church of St Clement Danes, London, to Mr. J. C. Evans, solicitor, of Liverpool.)

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29.—Mr. Dewing's hounds met at West Bradenham, where a fine buck was turned off, and ran through Bradenham and Saham, skirted Ashill to Holme Hale, crossed Necton Common, ran through Necton by Fransham to Dunham, Palgrave, and Sporle, and thence to Castleacre, where he was taken after a severe run of 21 miles over the stiffest country in Norfolk.

APRIL.

2.—Shore's menagerie was exhibited on the Castle Ditches, Norwich.

—*"Died at Yarmouth, Mrs. Elizabeth Campling, in her 101st year."

3.—Died at North Walsham, Mary Cook, aged 101.

5.—One hundred "bankers" from Bedfordshire arrived at North Walsham and commenced digging the North Walsham and Dilham Canal. "The first spade of earth was taken out by Mr. William Youard, the band striking up 'God save the King.'"

—A prize fight took place between Camplin and Murrell, of Norwich, on a meadow near Thorpe, for £10 aside. Murrell was the winner.

7.—The Archdeacon of Norwich convened a meeting of clergy at the Maid's Head Inn, Norwich, at which a petition to the House of Commons was adopted stating that the signatories were not in agreement with their brethren who had petitioned Parliament in opposition to Roman Catholic claims. Seventy signatures were appended. The other petition against the Bill for conceding the claims of the Roman Catholics was signed by the Bishop of Norwich and 200 clergy. A similar petition was adopted by the Corporation on May 3rd by thirty-three votes against six.—The intelligence that the Emancipation Bill had been rejected by the House of Lords was received in Norwich on May 19th with the ringing of the bells of St. Peter Mancroft and of the other churches in the city.

16.—Died at Ryslip, near Uxbridge, the Right Hon. Lady Wodehouse, aged 77. She was the only surviving daughter of the Hon. Charles Berkeley, of Bruton Abbey, Somersetshire, niece of Lord Berkeley of Stratton, and the last of that branch of the Berkeley family. Her ladyship's remains were interred at Kimberley on May 27th, when the funeral procession was headed by fifty mounted tenants on the estate.

18.—A meeting of the citizens was held at St Andrew's Hall, Norwich, by requisition, at which resolutions were adopted asking the legislature "to undertake at the earliest opportunity such a revision of the Corn Laws as may secure cultivators of the soil from a recurrence of those ruinous fluctuations in price which the present system has occasioned, and at the same time complete that liberal commercial policy in which progress has already been made." A petition based on the resolution was prepared and presented to Parliament. It received 14,385 signatures.

21.—Married at St. Giles' Church, Norwich, by the Rev. C. J. Chapman, Lieut. Charles Thurtell, R.N., third son of Mr. Thomas Thurtell, alderman of Norwich, to Mrs. Dunham, of Chapel Field.

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23.*—"Died at Lynn, the Widow Oldershaw, aged 107."

MAY.

1.—Four candidates were nominated at the Mayoral Election at Norwich. A poll was demanded, and the result was declared on the same day (Sunday) as follows:—Alderman Day, 679; Alderman Booth, 579; Alderman Leman, 152; Alderman Burt, 150. "It is somewhat singular that the father of the Mayor-elect was also chosen on a Sunday, May Day so falling in 1808."

9.—The Norwich Museum was opened at a house in the Upper Haymarket.

14.*—"The work of constructing the new Theatre was commenced, at Norwich, last week. Mr. Wilkins is the architect and patentee, and the site is nearly adjoining to the ground on which the

present Theatre stands, and at the back of the green rooms."

29.—At Yarmouth Quarter Sessions, before the Recorder (Mr. Robert Alderson), Mary Neal, aged 42, Susan Neal (21), her daughter, and William Neal (18), son, were charged with attempting to murder the family of Mr. Hales, cordwainer, of Howard Street, Yarmouth, by poisoning them. It was alleged that the female prisoners persuaded William Neal, an apprentice of the prosecutor, to place arsenic in the food of his master's family to avenge some fancied grievance. Mr. and Mrs. Hales and their children narrowly escaped death. Sentence of death, afterwards commuted to transportation, was recorded.

30.—The members of a newly established club, called the Norwich Loyal Society, held their first anniversary dinner at the Wheat Sheaf Inn, Bethel Street, in commemoration of the birthday of Pitt.

JUNE.

6.—The 2nd Dragoon Guards marched from Norwich for Hampton Court Barracks.

15.—A cricket match was played at Litcham "with the six Alexanders, of Hingham, and the five Cushions, of Shipdham, on the one side, against the town of Litcham on the other." The stakes, 22 sovereigns a-side, were won by the "families" by one wicket. The families, 55-88; Litcham, 82-60.

18.—The last performances took place at the old Norwich Theatre. The pieces were "The Provoked Husband" and the farce "A Roland for an Oliver." The concluding season had proved very productive to the patentee and the performers. The total amount accruing from the twenty benefits was £1,732, an average of £86 12s. exclusive of "ticket nights."

20.—A special meeting of the Yarmouth Corporation was held for the purpose of promoting the erection of a new church in the town. The sum of £1,500 was voted in aid of the fund, and a piece of land given as an eligible site.

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21.—Guild Day at Norwich. The aldermen, Sheriffs, and Town Clerk had breakfast with the Mayor-elect, Mr. T. S. Day, and afterwards went to the house of the Mayor (Mr. H. Francis), "their carriages passing through the newly-made opening in the city wall at the end of Pottergate Street, where an arch had been formed with boughs." The subsequent procession to the Cathedral was headed by two bands of musicians and "Snap." The guests at the Guild feast at St. Andrew's Hall numbered 450, and "the proceedings, from the excellence of the wines, were protracted till about eleven o'clock, when the worthy donor of the feast retired from the chair."

30.—Died at his house in Surrey Street, Norwich, Mr. William Manning, of Ormesby, in his 94th year. "This gentleman was the Father of the Magistracy of Norfolk, and had been 65 years on the commission."

JULY.

2.—The steam packet Lowther started from Yarmouth on a pleasure excursion to Rotterdam, and arrived at its destination at six o'clock on the evening of the 3rd. The vessel returned to Yarmouth on the 10th after a passage of 27 hours.

4.—Madame Tussaud's exhibition opened at the Assembly Rooms, Norwich.

—The company of ringers at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, presented to Mr. Samuel Thurston "an elegant silver gilt jewel for his eminent services in composing the peal of 5,016 of Norwich Court, 12 in, and ringing the tenor in a superior style."

11.—Four troops of the Scots Greys (2nd North British Dragoons) marched into Norwich. "Their veteran colonel, Sir Thomas Pate Hankin, rode at the head of this very fine body of men and horses. Their excellent regimental band, including keyed bugles and kettledrums, played before them from their entrance at St Stephen's Gates to the Cavalry Barracks."

12.—Mr. Thorogood, coachman and part proprietor, "completed his fourth year of driving the Times coach to London and back again to Norwich the next day without missing one single day. The total number of miles in four years, up and down—163,520."

23.—Direct conveyance from Norwich to Boston by the Independence new coach was announced.

28.—Eleven hundred persons were confirmed at Norwich Cathedral by the Bishop of the Diocese.

—The peal of bells at St. Andrew's Church, Norwich, increased from eight to ten, and re-hung by T. Hurry, was re-opened by ten of St. Peter Mancroft ringers.

30.*—(Advt.) "The annual main between the gentlemen of Norwich and Yarmouth will be fought at the Two-Necked Swan, Market Place, Yarmouth, on the race days, for £5 a battle and £25 the odd; to show 25 mains and six byes. Feeders: Lamb for Norwich; Steward for Yarmouth. The first pit will begin fighting at ten o'clock each morning before the racing."

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30.—Died at Cowes, the Right Hon. the Earl of Craven, Lord Lieutenant of the county of Berks., Recorder of Coventry, and a lieutenant-general in the Army. His lordship, who was in his 55th year, married on December 12th, 1807, Miss Brunton, of Covent Garden Theatre, and formerly of the Norwich Company, and left issue Viscount Uffington, another son, and a daughter.

AUGUST.

1.—Lord Chief Justice Abbott and Lord Chief Baron Alexander, Judges of Assize, were received at Harford Bridge, Norwich, by the High Sheriff of Norfolk (Col. Harvey). "Being a member of the Corporation, the Mayor and his brethren determined to accompany him with the city Sheriffs, and a procession was formed in the following order:—Two blue coats on horseback; justices and aldermen of Norwich in their carriages; city Sheriffs' officers on horseback; the Under Sheriff's ditto; the Sheriffs in a carriage and four; two blue coats, with the castles, on horseback; two mace bearers, ditto; the Under-Chamberlain with small mace, ditto; the Mayor in his carriage with the Town Clerk and sword bearer; the High Sheriff's trumpeters on horseback; his marshals, ditto; 24 javelin men, ditto, in dark blue liveries with orange cockades; the Under-Sheriff of Norfolk; the High Sheriff in his elegant carriage drawn by six fine brown horses, the coachman, postillions, and footmen in livery, with his chaplain, the Rev. Edward Bellman; servants on horseback; Sir Robert John Harvey and Mr. George Harvey, the High Sheriff's sons, in a chariot. It is said that a similar procession has not taken place here for the last 100 years."

2.—At the Norfolk Assizes, held at Norwich before Lord Chief Justice Abbott, the action *Fellowes v. Steward*, clerk, was tried, with the object of deciding whether the plaintiff had set out his tithe in a manner warranted by law. The plaintiff's men cut the tithe wheat on seven acres of land, each man taking a strip or rig of land, and after cutting each strip returned and put his sheaves into shocks of ten each. The plaintiff's bailiff set out the tithe by taking every tenth sheaf from the shock and placing it a yard or two from the rest. He then put a bough on every sheaf so laid apart, and replaced it in the shock whence he had taken it. The next day the sheaves, except those marked as tithe, were carted. Mr. Alderman Steward, of Norwich, who was acting as agent for his son, the rector of Saxlingham, stated that the corn should be tithed in sheaves before it was shocked. Mr. Fellowes endeavoured to prove that the corn had been set out according to the custom of the place. The Judge censured the plaintiff for adopting the method of separating the tithe corn from the other corn and mixing it with the shock again, as it opened the door to the practice of all kinds of fraud. The plaintiff was non-suited.

5.—At the Norwich Assizes, before Lord Chief Justice Abbott, the *qui tam* action *Woodewis v. J. S. Patteson* came on for trial. It was brought to recover a penalty of £100 under 3rd George IV., chap. 77, by which persons trading in excisable liquors were precluded from taking part, as magistrates, in licensing proceedings. It was alleged that Mr. Patteson interfered, on the application of the plaintiff, to have a house licensed for the sale of home-brewed beer and London porter in Fishgate Street, Norwich, nearly opposite one belonging to himself. The answer was that this was an attempt to fix a stigma on the character of Mr. Patteson. The Judge said the jury could find a verdict for the plaintiff without impeaching the character of the defendant. The jury returned the following verdict: "We give the plaintiff £100 damages; at the same time we entertain a very high opinion of the high honour and good faith of Alderman Patteson and the other gentlemen of the Corporation."

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6.—Died at Ryde, Isle of Wight, Mr. John Lens, "his Majesty's ancient Sergeant at Law," aged 69. He was a native of Norwich, and was educated at the Free Grammar School.

—Mr. Graham made a balloon ascent from Richmond Hill Gardens, Norwich, at 6.5 and descended at Beighton at 6.30 p.m. He made a second ascent on August 30th and descended at Earlham. He was advertised to ascend on September 6th in company with the High Sheriff, but the balloon was inadequate in lifting power. A second attempt was made on the 7th. Mr. Graham had to resign his place to Mrs. Graham, who successfully made the ascent with Col. Harvey, and descended in safety at Bradeston, near Brundall.

13.—The governors of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital received from his Majesty the King a copy of Arnold's edition of Handel's works in 49 volumes "for the use of those engaged at the Musical Festival connected with the charity."

22.—At a rent audit dinner held at Woodbastwick the tenants presented to Mr. John Cator a silver vase, of the value of £120, as "a token of regard and respect for his liberal abatement of rent during four years of unprecedented depreciation of agricultural produce, by which means they were able to continue in the occupation of their farms during the wreck and ruin of thousands, and now times are altered for the better, hope to be enabled to pay their rents and meet their landlord as before with money in their pockets, cheerful countenances, and grateful hearts."

30.—Election of freemen's Sheriff at Norwich. The candidates were—Mr. James Brooks, jun., 865 votes; Mr. Alderman Springfield, 501; Mr. William Scott ("nominated with the view of dividing Mr. Brooks's interest"), 0.

SEPTEMBER.

1.—Mr. William Simpson, Chamberlain of the city of Norwich, was presented by the Corporation with a piece of plate, of the value of 100 guineas, in recognition of the able discharge of his official duties.

3*—"Died at Yarmouth, Mary, the wife of Mr. Clifford, of the Norwich Theatre, in her 55th year."

10.—The Swaffham and London new post coach was advertised to run from the Crown Inn, Swaffham, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at seven o'clock, and to return from the Three Nuns Inn, Aldgate, on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings at the same hour. It

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performed the journey in twelve hours.

14.—A piece of plate, of the value of £120, was presented to Mr. William Palgrave, of Yarmouth, by the manufacturers and merchants of Norwich, "to express their sense of his official conduct in regulating the drawback granted to them by the Government on the repeal of the duties on silk."

23.—The Duke and Duchess of Clarence passed through Norwich. Their Royal Highnesses had luncheon at the Rampant Horse Inn, and afterwards proceeded on their way to Newmarket and London.

OCTOBER.

2.—Died, Mrs. Hannah Want, of Ditchingham, aged 106. "She was born August 20th, 1720. Till the day of her death she was not confined to her bed, and on the anniversary of her 105th birthday entertained a party of her relatives, who visited her to celebrate it. She lived to see a numerous progeny of the fifth generation, and at her death there were living children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren to the number of 121."

4.—Mr. Daniel Woods, surgeon to the Gressenhall House of Industry, and to sixteen of the surrounding parishes, was presented with a piece of plate by the Guardians of the Mitford and Launditch Hundred in recognition of his efficient services during the period of 36 years.

8.—The Defiance Swaffham and London day coach was advertised to run to the Flower Pot Inn, Bishopsgate Street, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in twelve hours.

11.—A shooting match for 200 sovereigns commenced at Holkham between Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., and Capt. Ross. Conditions: to shoot partridges; to toss for choice of ground on first day and exchange grounds on the second day; to load own guns and bag own game; and to have no other beaters than the dogs. On the first day Mr. Coke killed 54 and Capt. Ross 40 brace. The second day's shooting took place on the 14th, when Capt. Ross had men to mark, beat, and pick up game. At the first day's shooting, it was alleged, Mr. Coke inadvertently broke the rules of the match. Explanations followed, and bets were declared off.

17.—The Rev. T. D. Atkinson, St. Mary's, Thetford, was presented with a piece of plate by the parishioners, churchwardens, and others in recognition of his unwearied zeal as "a most exemplary parish priest."

20.—Messrs. Pettet's Session Week Concerts at Norwich Theatre and the Hall Concert Room, St. George's, commenced on this date. The principal vocalists were Mr. Phillips and Madame Caradori; leader of the band, Mr. Mori.

—Died at his house, St. Clement's, Norwich, aged 83, Dr. James Alderson. The funeral took place on October 27 in the Gildencroft burial-ground belonging to the Society of Friends.

20.—A county meeting was held at the Shirehall, Norwich, under the presidency of the High Sheriff, at which it was decided to petition Parliament "for the immediate mitigation of slavery throughout the British Colonies, and for its extinction at the earliest safe and practicable period in compliance with the resolutions of the House of Commons in May, 1823."—The petition, which was presented in the House of Commons by Mr. Edmond Wodehouse on March 1st, 1826, received 17,125 signatures, and was 82 yards in length.

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22.—Mr. James Vining, formerly of the Norwich Company, appeared at the Haymarket Theatre in the character of Octavian ("The Mountaineers"), and was favourably received.

23.—The Baron Von Bülan gave an address at the Old Meeting House, Norwich, as agent for a Continental society "for the distribution of Bibles and Christian instruction where Popery and infidelity prevail."

25.—The Magnet coach from London to Norwich was accidentally overturned in passing through the Eldon gate at Thetford, and one of the passengers, a widow from Hargham, was crushed to death by the vehicle falling upon her.

26.—Died at the Cavalry Barracks, Norwich, aged 59, Lieut.-Col. Sir Thomas Pate Hankin, commanding the Scots Greys. He joined the regiment as cornet, July 21st, 1795; was promoted lieutenant, August 13th, 1796; captain, October 18th, 1798; major, April 4th, 1808; lieutenant-colonel in the Army, June 4th, 1814; and lieutenant-colonel commanding the regiment, October 11th, 1821. He was with that distinguished corps at the battle of Waterloo, when he received a severe wound in the knee. Previous to entering the Army he was a surgeon at Upwell in this county, and afterwards captain of the grenadier company of the Middlesex Militia. Sir Thomas was buried with military honours in the north transept of Norwich Cathedral on November 2nd.

NOVEMBER.

3.—Thorogood, the driver of "The Times" coach, gave up the reins on this date, having held them since July 14th, 1822, "during which time he drove the coach every day to and from the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, and the Swan with Two Necks, Lad Lane, London, a distance of 116 miles without any accident of consequence, a task which we believe was never before performed by any man. In the above space of time he travelled 182,352 miles, independent of the distance he regularly walked, which could not have been less than a mile each day, as he always slept at the Blue Boar, Aldgate, when in London, and at the Bell, Orford Hill, when in Norwich." Thorogood

married on November 8th Miss M. Westall, of London.

4.—H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, who was staying with Admiral Windham at Felbrigg, visited Cromer, when the inhabitants removed the horses from his carriage and dragged it through the town.

7.—According to annual custom, a grand *battue* took place at Holkham, when upwards of 700 head of game were shot. "Game has not been found so plentiful as in former seasons. The deficiency was in hares, of which not more than 220 have been shot in one day. In previous years upwards of 500 hares have been killed in the park in one day."

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12.—The Norwich Society "for promoting the immediate mitigation and final abolition of slavery" was established at a meeting held at St. Andrew's Hall, under the presidency of the Mayor (Mr. T. S. Day).

14.—Married at Minto, Roxburghshire, Mr. J. P. Boileau, jun., eldest son of Mr. J. P. Boileau, of Mortlake, and of Tacolneston Hall, to Lady Catherine Elliott, daughter of the Earl of Minto.

—Swaffham Coursing Meeting commenced with a very small attendance. "We have to regret the retirement of Lord Rivers, whose advanced age and infirm state of health have obliged him to relinquish his favourite pursuits. The superior greyhounds his lordship used to bring secured him the victory in almost every match he made—indeed, he was allowed to possess the best breed of greyhounds in the kingdom. The noble lord, during his coursing career, has been the winner of fourteen cups, and is the only member since the establishment of the Swaffham Coursing Meeting in 1779 who has won five cups at Swaffham, and this during the last eleven years, his lordship first entering in 1813. His greyhounds sold at Tattersall's in May last for 1,029 guineas; with seven horses and two dog carts the amount was brought up to 1,339½ guineas, which sum his lordship generously presented to his servants. One dog, Rex, who has never been beaten, and also a bitch, as companion to this nonpariel, are retained by Lord Rivers as a memento of his celebrated kennel."

21.—A meeting of the Norwich and Norfolk Law Library was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, at which were adopted the rules and regulations drawn up by a committee appointed on December 3rd, 1824. The books were ordered to be deposited in a room in Institution Court, Upper Haymarket.

23.—The Norwich Association for Assisting in the Detection and Prosecution of Criminal Offenders was instituted at a meeting held at the Guildhall.

26.—A meeting was held at the Angel Inn, Norwich, at which an association was formed for the protection of agriculture. It was known as the East Norfolk Agricultural Society, and Mr. Jehosaphat Postle was elected president.

—A corn market was re-established at Wells-next-the-Sea.

28.—The first annual meeting of subscribers to the Norfolk and Norwich Museum was held at the Guildhall, under the presidency of Sir James E. Smith. Rules for the management of the institution were adopted.

30.—St. Andrew's Day was celebrated by the Scots Greys at the Cavalry Barracks, Norwich. A soldier dressed as St. Andrew was escorted from the city boundary to the barracks by a party of forty troopers in Highland dress, who called at the house of the Mayor, in Pottergate Street, and danced a reel. The festival was afterwards kept in a convivial manner at the barracks.

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9.—Mr. De Hague's portrait, painted by Sir William Beechey, was hung in St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich.

12.—Died, aged 83, Mr. Burks, one of the proprietors of the "Norwich Mercury."

16.—Messrs. T. H. and W. Day, of the Norwich and Swaffham Bank, announced that they were compelled to suspend their payments. On the 17th it was made known that a docket had been struck preparatory to a commission of bankruptcy being issued against the firm.—Messrs. Fincham's Bank at Diss stopped payment at about the same date owing to the sudden death of Mr. Benjamin Fincham on November 19th, but was re-opened on January 9th, 1826.

20.—The Rev. Robert Forby, rector of Fincham, was found drowned in his bath. It was supposed that he was seized with sudden faintness while bathing.

27.—Died at Tittleshall parsonage, the Rev. Dixon Hoste, aged 76, for many years an acting magistrate in the Hundred of Launditch.

28.—A public meeting at Lynn approved a plan for constructing a bridge and embankment over the Cross Keys Wash, in order to establish direct communication between the whole of Norfolk and part of Suffolk with Lincolnshire and the north of England.

31.—Wombwell exhibited his menagerie on the Castle Hill, Norwich, and advertised as an attraction "the two unequalled lions, Nero and Wallace, the same who fought and conquered the dogs at Warwick."

JANUARY.

7.—In consequence of continued applications for relief by the unemployed weavers, &c., the Norwich Court of Guardians increased the mulct for the ensuing quarter £3,000—an addition to the rates of 2s. in the pound.—On January 12th a Crape Ball, at which the lady patronesses wore white Norwich crape, other ladies scarlet geranium-coloured Norwich crapes, and gentlemen waistcoats of plain white shawl with shawl pattern border as part of their evening dress, was held at the Assembly Room for the purpose of promoting a fund for the relief of the poor, and produced a clear profit of £79. The fund was formally inaugurated at a public meeting held at the Guildhall on January 16th, and upwards of £5,000 was afterwards subscribed.—The Paving Act Commissioners on January 24th decided to macadamise Ber Street in order to afford relief work, and in March the manufacturers, with the same object, commenced making bombazetts and twilled stuffs, articles that were entirely new to Norwich. On March 10th the governors of the Bank of England granted to the manufacturers the loan of £80,000 for four months at the rate of five per cent. per annum; and on May 15th application was made to the committee in London for the relief of distressed manufactures, who granted £600 to the unemployed weavers, still numbering several thousands.—The Court of Guardians on July 4th increased the mulct for the ensuing quarter to £15,000; and in August offered to obtain employment for a considerable number of distressed weavers if they would consent to a slight reduction of wages. The men declined the offer because the manufacturers refused to guarantee that they would not send work into the country. During the remaining portion of the year employment continued to be scarce.

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14.*—“Mr. W. E. L. Bulwer, of Heydon Hall, has lately been presented by his tenants with a piece of plate, of the value of 500 guineas, as a testimony of their respect and esteem for his general good conduct, and especially as a mark of gratitude for his disinterested generosity during the late agricultural distresses.”

18.—Died at Yarmouth, John Joy, for 30 years guard of the mail coach to London. “He has left three sons, two of whom, since the death of Serres, are said to be the first marine painters in the kingdom.”

26.—A great skating match at Wisbech, in which all the principal fen skaters took part, was won by Farrow, of Nordelph.

31.—A large number of weavers caused a riot in Norwich, and destroyed a carrier’s cart which was conveying into the country materials for manufacturing purposes. On February 1st the mob stopped all country carts and seized what manufacturing articles were found upon them, broke the windows of several factories, and became so aggressive that the Scots Greys were called out to quell the disturbance. The rioting was resumed on February 13th, when many citizens were sworn in as special constables, and after the Riot Act had been read the cavalry cleared the streets.

FEBRUARY.

4.*—“Died at a rustic and old habitation on Kettlestone Common, at the age of 99, Robert Pamell, an honest husbandman, who, until he was 93, never took relief from the parish. He had frequently said he never recollected having taken physic in his life.”

9.—The Norwich and Lowestoft Navigation Bill was introduced into the House of Commons and read a first time; it passed its second reading on February 17th, and on February 27th petitions were presented against the measure from the Corporation of Yarmouth and the owners of estates, and in its favour from the inhabitants of Lowestoft and the Port Reeve and inhabitants of Beccles. On April 10th a Committee of the House proceeded to take evidence, and after a sitting of 18 days 20 votes were given for the Bill and 25 against. The result of the Parliamentary proceedings gave rise to great rejoicings at Yarmouth, where, on May 18th, a dinner was held to celebrate the defeat of the Bill.—On August 8th the Haven and Pier Commissioners received a deputation from the Norwich and Lowestoft Navigation Committee, and a conference was held. Further discussion was deferred until September 5th.—On August 26th the county magistrates held a meeting at the Norwich Shirehall, and resolved that it was desirable that Norwich be made a port through Yarmouth, and requested the Haven and Pier Commissioners to continue negociations with the Norwich Joint Stock Company.—At the adjourned meeting on September 5th the negociations fell through owing to the strong opposition manifested by the traders and merchants of Yarmouth. The Navigation Company, on September 29th, decided to revive the Lowestoft scheme, to execute the work for a sum not exceeding £100,000, and to apply for a Bill in the next Session of Parliament. On November 22nd a petition was presented in the House of Commons for leave to bring in the Bill, and was referred to Committee. At a public meeting at Yarmouth on November 28th, it was resolved to exercise every influence to bring about the defeat of the measure.—The Bill was read a first time in the House of Commons on November 29th.

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12.—Died at his house in St. Giles’, the Rev. Charles John Chapman, B.D., upper minister of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. He was educated at the Norwich Free Grammar School, under the Rev. Dr. Parr, and at the University of Cambridge, and was some time fellow of Corpus Christi College.

13.—Capt. Parry, R.N., was presented with the freedom of Lynn “in testimony of his meritorious and enterprising conduct in his several voyages of discovery.” On the 15th the Corporation gave a dinner in his honour at the Town Hall.

14.—Died, Mrs. Mary Seaman, of Norwich, aged 100.

23.—The Scots Greys marched from Norwich for Liverpool.

MARCH.

3.—The 1st Dragoon Guards marched into Norwich.

9.—At a meeting of the county magistrates, held at the Shirehall, Norwich, a letter from the Secretary of State was read on the subject of the removal of the Lent Assizes from Thetford to Norwich. It was agreed to answer the various objections it contained, and to strongly urge the removal of the Assizes.—The Grand Jury at Norwich Assizes on July 22nd made a presentment of the grievance from which the city suffered in the absence of a second gaol delivery in the course of the year.

18.*—“Died lately in London, aged 62, Mr. Henry Smith, of Ellingham Hall, who for 29 years held the situation of solicitor to the East India Dock Company, and clerk of the Drapers’ Company. Mr. Smith some time ago represented the borough of Colne in Parliament.”

25.—Between 60 and 70 friends of Mr. Cobbett dined at the Bowling Green Inn, Norwich, under the presidency of Sir Thomas Beevor. Mr. Cobbett was present, and replied to the toast of “Our Guest,” proposed by Sir Thomas.

27.—The new Theatre at Norwich was opened with the performance of “The School for Scandal” and of the farce “Youth, Love, and Folly.” The proceedings commenced with the singing of the National Anthem by the whole of the company, after which the leading actor, Mr. Osbaldiston, delivered an address, “written by a young lady of this city for the occasion.” On the previous Saturday evening (March 25th) the patentee, Mr. Wilkins, entertained a party of 150 ladies and gentlemen in the green room of the Theatre. The High Sheriff (Col. Harvey) proposed “Success to the new Theatre,” “which the guests readily pledged in glasses of sparkling champagne,” and the evening concluded with a dance upon the stage.

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APRIL.

11.—Died at her house, Rue Neuve du Luxembourg, Paris, Madame De Bardelin, wife of Monsieur le Chevalier Laget De Bardelin, Officier Supérieur, Lieutenant des Gardes du Corps du Roy. “Madame De Bardelin was well known and highly respected by many distinguished families in Norwich and Norfolk, where, when she was Miss Sutton, she resided for a considerable time.”

14.—A squadron of 1st King’s Dragoon Guards left Norwich for Leeds, and on the same day the depot of the 40th (2nd Somersetshire) Regiment of Foot arrived in the city and occupied the Cavalry Barracks.

20.—Mr. Osbaldiston took leave of the Norwich stage in the part of Virginius, and proceeded to the Haymarket Theatre, London.

30.—The large east window of Norwich Cathedral was exposed to view after restoration. “The central light formerly comprised the Transfiguration, after Raphael, painted by the lady of the late Dean Lloyd, with varnished colours, but these not having been burnt in were after a time entirely dissipated. The same subject has now been re-executed in vitrified colours from the picture by Julio Romano, in the possession of Mr. W. Wilkins. To that ingenious artist, Mr. Zobel (in the employment of Mr. Yarrington, of Norwich), we offer our congratulations on the success of his undertaking.”

MAY.

1.—Mr. Barton, from the Bristol Theatre, who succeeded Mr. Osbaldiston as the tragedian of the Norwich Company, made his first appearance in the part of Hamlet. “The thanks of the pure lovers of the stage are due to Mr. Chippendale for not playing the grave-digger in the traditional number of waistcoats.”

4.—Major Jonathan Peel, son of Sir Robert Peel, and brother of the Right Hon. Robert Peel, Secretary of State for the Home Department, issued his address as candidate for Norwich in the “Purple and Orange” interest.

17.—Mr. William Smith issued his address as candidate for Norwich in the “Blue and White” interest. “I regret,” he wrote, “that practices exist against which I have frequently and earnestly remonstrated; not only in private, but before thousands of you assembled I have openly protested against the right of any man to call for a reform in Parliament who accepted any reward for his own vote.”

18.—Died at his lodging at Yarmouth, aged 86, Mr. Roger Hays, of Norwich, formerly captain in the 11th Light Dragoons, and many years adjutant of the 3rd or East Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry. He entered the Army in 1760, and was on duty with the Household troops at the coronation of George III.

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19.—The several troops of the 3rd Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Harvey, completed 28 days' permanent duty at Norwich, and were inspected at Mile End by Major Rutledge, 6th Carabineers.

JUNE.

9.—Mr. William Smith, the former member, and Major Peel were returned unopposed for Norwich. A Mr. Morrison had been invited to contest the seat as a third candidate, but excused himself on the ground that he was already nominated for Great Marlow. It was by the extreme section of the "Blue and White" party that Mr. Morrison's services were sought. Failing in this they nominated Mr. R. H. Gurney, but it being represented to the Sheriff that he would not consent, the nomination was withdrawn.

—Yarmouth Election: the Hon. George Anson, 645; Mr. C. E. Rumbold, 649; Sir E. K. Lacon, 250.

10.—Lynn Election: The Hon. John Walpole, 199; Lord William Bentinck, 174; Sir W. B. ffolkes, 104.

—*"Died a few days since at Hampstead, in Berkshire, Mrs. Brunton, widow of the late Mr. John Brunton, of Norwich."

12.—Lord Charles Fitz Roy and Mr. William Bingham Baring were returned unopposed for Thetford.

—Lord H. Cholmondeley and Col. the Hon. F. G. Howard were returned unopposed for Castle Rising.

—The portrait of Mr. J. S. Patteson, by Beechey, and of Mr. William Simpson, Chamberlain of the city and Treasurer of the county, by Phillips, R.A., were hung in St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich.

14.—The Wesleyan Methodists of Norwich presented to the Rev. William Gilpin, superintendent of the Norwich circuit, a pair of silver cups as a token of gratitude and esteem. The inscriptions were surmounted by engraved representations of Calvert Street and St. Peter's Chapels, both of which were erected under Mr. Gilpin's superintendence, the former in 1819 and the latter in 1824.

—The first laden wherries proceeded along the North Walsham and Dilham Canal from Wayford Bridge to Mr. Cubitt's mill at North Walsham, with music playing and flags flying. "Thousands of spectators assembled to witness this interesting scene, and the day finished with a plentiful treat to the workmen of Mr. Sharpe's strong ale and Barclay's brown stout."

19.—Mr. T. W. Coke and Mr. Edmond Wodehouse were returned unopposed for Norfolk. "At Mr. Walter's house on the Gentleman's Walk, Lady Anne Coke, with her two lovely children, presented herself at the windows, and was greeted with loud acclams by Mr. Coke's friends. When the hon. member himself passed the spot our venerable Lord Bishop was holding the young heir of Holkham in his arms, and each time that his father was triumphantly thrown up in his chair the plaudits were renewed with an enthusiasm which must have been truly grateful to his parental feelings."

20.—Guild Day at Norwich was observed with the customary formalities. Mr. Ed. Temple Booth having been sworn in as Mayor, the Right Hon. Robert Peel, Secretary of State for the Home Department, and his brother, Major Peel, M.P., took the oath as freemen of the city. The Guild feast, given at St. Andrew's Hall, was attended by 650 guests, and the ball at Chapel Field House by 300.

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21.—Messrs. Charles and George Green ascended in their balloon from the gasworks at Lynn in the presence of 15,000 spectators, and descended at Southery, near Downham Market.

JULY.

4.—A meeting of the "Blue and White" freemen was held at the Ranelagh Gardens, Norwich, under the presidency of Mr. William Smith, M.P., at which was formed the Norwich Union Independent Society. Its object was "to promote the purity of election."

8.—Died at Dublin, aged 24, Lieut. Henry Francis Bell, 58th Regiment of Foot, grandson of Mr. Henry Bell, of Wallington. He was accidentally shot by a recruit while at practice with ball cartridge.

10.—Great rejoicings took place at Cromer on the coming of age of the heir of Felbrigg. The horses were removed from Mr. Windham's carriage, which was dragged through the streets of the town. "Fourteen barrels of strong ale and porter having been placed on a pleasant eminence on the road to Felbrigg, thirteen were broached and distributed among the company, and the remaining barrel was given to the poor of Cromer. A ball was held at Felbrigg Hall in the evening."

13.—In the Rolls Court Lord Gifford delivered judgment in the tithe case Bayley v. Sewell. The plaintiff was the lessee of the impropriate rectory of Wymondham, and the defendant the occupier of certain farms called the Great Park Farm and the Little Park Farm, which had been purchased upwards of 200 years previously by Sir Henry Hobart, the then Lord Chief Justice of Common Pleas, as tithe free, subject only to the demand of a *modus* of £1 6s. 8d. in respect of the

Great Park and of 13s. 4d. in respect of the Little Park. This suit was instituted for the purpose of compelling payment of tithes in respect of both farms; and at the Norfolk Summer Assizes in 1825 the jury found for the plaintiff. Lord Gifford, in his judgment, established the two ancient *moduses* which exempted the properties from the payment of tithes.

15.—The discontinuance of Magdalen Fair, Norwich, was announced in the following official notice:—"Sprowston, July 15th, 1826. Whereas it has been represented to the executors and trustees of the estate of the late Thomas Woodruffe Smith, Esq., lord of the manor of Sprowston and lord of the fair called Mary Magdalene Fair, yearly held at Sprowston in the Hundred of Taverham in the county of Norfolk, that divers tumults and riotous proceedings have taken place at the above fair to the terror and fear of the lives of the peaceable inhabitants of the said parish, and great nuisances and depredations have been committed on their property, notice is hereby given to all dealers and chapmen and all persons whatever who have usually resorted thereto, that no fair will be held this year on the 2nd day of August or any subsequent day at Sprowston aforesaid, nor again in future, and any person or persons who may, after this notice, be found trespassing on the lands where the fair has been usually held, or on any other lands adjoining, or obstructing the public roads in Sprowston aforesaid, will be dealt with according to law. By order of the said Trustees, Lords of the Manor of Sprowston.—Thomas Sayer, Bailiff."

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15.—A fine vessel called the Rapid, upwards of 160 tons, was launched from Mr. Preston's yard at Yarmouth.

22.—A historical play entitled "Viriatius, the Lusitanian Hero," written by Mr. Thwaites, jun., of Norwich, a member of the Norwich Company, was produced at the Theatre for the first time, and "was received with great approbation."

30.—A singular phenomenon was witnessed at Cromer. "The lighthouse hill and adjacent heights were literally covered with myriads of the insect called Lady Bird of an unusually large sort."

AUGUST.

7.—The prisoners at the old City Gaol at Norwich were removed to the new Gaol at St. Giles' Gates.

28.—Ten thousand persons were attracted to the neighbourhood of St. James's Hill, Norwich, to witness the performances of "Signor Carlo Cram Villecrop, the celebrated Swiss Mountain Flyer from Geneva and Mont Blanc," who was to exhibit "with the Tyrolese pole, 50 feet long, the most astonishing gymnastic flights never before witnessed in this country." It was a hoax.

29.—The election of the freemen's Sheriff at Norwich was attended with great excitement. The candidates were Mr. J. Bennett and Mr. T. O. Springfield. "Complimentary half-crowns were paid to the 'friends of independence,'" and it was mentioned as a circumstance highly creditable to the poor freemen of the "Purple and Orange" interest, that "they contented themselves with a fee of 5s. each from their own party." The poll was declared as follows: Bennett, 1,164; Springfield, 1,079.

—The North Walsham and Dilham Canal was formally opened by a grand procession of vessels which started from Wayford Bridge accompanied by a band of music and filled with company, among whom were Lord Suffield and many of the principal residents in the district. At Antingham the company landed, formed in procession, and marched to North Walsham, where a dinner was held at the King's Arms Inn, under the presidency of Col. the Hon. John Wodehouse.

SEPTEMBER.

4.—The Ven. Archdeacon Oldershaw preached at Pulham Market church on the occasion of the opening of the newly-erected organ, built by Mr. Bullen, "an ingenious mechanic of that place."

9.*—"The aged inhabitants residing in the alms-houses in St. Gregory's, bequeathed by Alderman Thomas Pye to the poor people belonging to St. Giles', were removed this week into their newly-erected and comfortable dwellings in West Pottergate Street."

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13.—A man named Gibson, for a wager of £50, undertook to walk from Norwich to Yarmouth in seven and a half hours carrying £4 worth of copper coins, weighing four stones four pounds. He started from Bishop Bridge at five o'clock in the morning, accomplished the first twelve miles in three hours, and arrived at Yarmouth half an hour within the stipulated time.

18.—A prize fight, "one of those revolting scenes, which are equally an outrage on every feeling of humanity as well as a scandal to civilised society," took place at Bramerton. The combatants were prevented by a magistrate from bringing off the affair at Surlingham; and the parish constable at Bramerton on attempting to stop the fight was almost killed in the execution of his duty.

OCTOBER.

5.—Joseph Wiggins, driver of the Norwich Phenomena coach, was fined at Ixworth in the mitigated penalty of £90 for having 36 head of partridges in his possession, contrary to the statute 5 Anne c. 14, s. 2.

11.—Died in Goat Lane, Norwich, aged 75, Mr. John Reynolds, who served the office of Sheriff in

17.—At Norwich Quarter Sessions a committee of justices reported that the Bridewell was “insufficient, inconvenient, and inadequate to give effect to the rules and regulations enforced in recent legislation, and it was necessary from the increased number of commitments to such Bridewell that some other and more commodious building should be erected or substituted.”

19.—A meeting was held at the Angel Inn, Norwich, under the presidency of Mr. Unthank, at which was passed a resolution to the effect “that by the present mode of electing Guardians the great body of the payers of the poor-rates are entirely unrepresented, that the extraordinary increase in the poor-rates of the city within the last six months has caused the greatest alarm and demands the strictest scrutiny, and that it is desirable a Bill should be brought in to amend the present Court of Guardians Act so far as to the choosing members of the Court.” A petition embodying the principle of this resolution was ordered to be presented to the House of Commons.

21.—Died, Mr. John Ansell, plumber and glazier, St. John Maddermarket, who served the office of Sheriff of Norwich in 1806.

—At about this date large numbers of people assembled nightly on Orford Hill, Norwich, to watch for a “ghost” which was said to haunt the premises of a Mr. Hart. Martin, a police officer, examined some unoccupied premises adjoining, and discovered a hiding-place which had evidently been used by the person who had annoyed Mr. Hart’s family.

—Mr. Stone, the County Surveyor, was reported to have “discovered rooms and passages within the walls of the Keep of Norwich Castle which have been unknown since it has become a county gaol, a period of nearly 500 years.”

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22.—The Friends’ Meeting House in Goat Lane, Norwich, erected on the site of the old Meeting House demolished in 1825, was opened for public worship. The architect was Mr. Patience, and the builder, Mr. John Bensley.

28.—At the adjourned Quarter Sessions at Norwich, Mr. Alderman Crisp Brown made serious allegations as to the way in which the contractors for the new Gaol had done their work. The court appointed Mr. Nicholls, of London, to survey the work. Vestry meetings were held in St. Giles’, St. Peter Mancroft, St. Andrew’s, and St. Julian’s, at which resolutions were adopted expressing approval of Mr. Brown’s action. On May 12th, 1827, it was announced that Mr. Nicholls had awarded the sum of £1,552 to the contractors over and above the balance previously due to them.

NOVEMBER.

5.—A great part of the premises erected on the site of the old alms-houses, adjoining the Friends’ Meeting House, Goat Lane, Norwich, fell with a tremendous crash.

11.*—“Mr. W. Wilkins has received another testimony to his ability as an architect in the preference given to his design for the London University.”

—Died at Brundall, aged 72, Mr. Elisha De Hague, Town Clerk of Norwich, to which office he was elected on August 8th, 1792, on the death of his father.

18.*—“An intelligent mercantile gentleman from Russia, who landed at Yarmouth, with whom we had some conversation on the subject of the free admission of foreign corn into this country, gave it as his opinion that the fears entertained here by the landed interest of excessive importations, at least for some time to come, are quite groundless. He admitted, however, that in eight or ten years, from the encouragement we shall have given to the foreign grower by our free trade system, if it should be extended to corn, abundant supplies may be expected. What will *then* be the state of the agriculture of *this* country by no means too flourishing *now* may be easily imagined.”

21.—At a special assembly of the Corporation of Norwich, Mr. William Simpson, for 34 years Chamberlain, was elected Town Clerk and Clerk of the Peace, and steward of the several manors belonging to the Corporation, in the room of Mr. Elisha De Hague, deceased.

25.—A county meeting was held at the Shirehall, Norwich, for the twofold purpose of opposing the Bill presented to Parliament for the appointment of district surveyors of highways, and of expressing dissent from the practice which prevailed at the Shirehall of conducting county business with closed doors. With regard to the first subject a resolution was passed stating that the county-rate had increased from £7,200 to £20,400 in twenty years, and that it was undesirable to increase it by making the proposed appointments. It was decided to take counsel’s opinion upon the other matter. (*See* January 12th, 1827.)

27.—The Rev. William Whitear, rector of Starston, met with his death under singular circumstances. He had gone out with a party to apprehend poachers; the party divided themselves into two bodies, and on proceeding to the place where it had been agreed upon to reassemble, Mr. Whitear was mistaken for a poacher and shot in the right side by another of the party, a young man named Thomas Pallant. He died from the effects of the wound on December 10th, and Pallant was committed for trial on the charge of manslaughter. The case was tried at the Norfolk Assizes at Thetford before Mr. Justice Gaselee, on March 26th, 1827, when the accused was acquitted. “He was so seriously affected during the trial that before its conclusion

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he became quite insensible, and was taken home in that state."

DECEMBER.

2.*—[Advt.] "Whereas a report was very generally circulated last week, and in a great measure obtained credit, that the body of William Tounshend, which was buried at Lakenham, on Sunday, November 19th, had been disinterred and taken away, we, the undersigned, have investigated the matter and certify the following statement to be correct:—The relatives of the deceased being much affected at such a report and naturally anxious to ascertain the truth of it, made application to have the grave examined. After due deliberation upon the subject permission was granted for that purpose. The grave was opened on Saturday last in the presence of them, together with us, when it was discovered that the body reposed in its peaceful abode undisturbed. We consider it to be our duty to give this public contradiction to so groundless and scandalous a report, in order thereby to satisfy the minds of the parishioners and the public at large.—George Carter, vicar; Hunton Jackson, William Norman, churchwardens; Lakenham Vestry, November 26th."

6.—At a meeting of the Norwich Corporation, Mr. Robert Alderson was elected Recorder in place of Mr. C. S. Onley, resigned. "Mr. Alderson, though only what is technically termed an 'utter barrister,' is now the Recorder of three Corporations, namely, Norwich, Yarmouth, and Ipswich. An 'utter barrister' (according to Bailey) is a young lawyer admitted to plead at the Bar, or a person well schooled in the common law who is called from contemplation to practice."

8.—At a special court of the Corporation of Guardians, Norwich, Mr. Roger Kerrison, solicitor, was elected clerk in the room of Mr. William Simpson, resigned.

—Died at Holkham, aged 90, William Jones, for upwards of 50 years huntsman and principal stable servant in the Coke family. "On his death-bed he was seen by Mr. Coke, who took with him the young heir of Holkham, to shake his faithful old servant by the hand. Lady Anne Coke, Lady Anson, and all the family at Holkham showed every possible kindness and attention to the venerable and much-respected old man."

11.—A serious poaching affray took place in Heydon Woods between a band of 25 poachers and about 20 keepers and watchers. The Hon. George Edwards (a son of Lord Kensington), who accompanied the keepers, was knocked down by a stone, and shot while upon the ground. At the Norfolk Assizes, held at Thetford on March 26th, 1827, before Mr. Justice Gaselee, 13 persons were indicted in connection with the affair. Sentences of death passed upon them were commuted to terms of transportation.

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12.—Mr. Isaac Preston was elected Steward of Norwich in room of Mr. Robert Alderson, appointed Recorder.

14.—A meeting of the Hundred of Eynsford was held at the Swan Inn, Reepham, at which it was decided to petition Parliament against any alteration in the Corn Laws. Similar petitions were adopted by almost every Hundred in the county.

17.—The depôt of the 40th Regiment of Foot marched from Norwich for Bradford.

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JANUARY.

6.—Mons. Louis, a native of Lorraine, 26 years of age, seven feet six inches in height, was exhibited at the Angel Inn, Norwich.

7.—Intelligence was received in Norwich of the death of H.R.H. the Duke of York, and the great bell of St. Peter Mancroft, and the bells of other churches in the city, were tolled for two hours. On Saturday, the 13th, the day of the funeral, "all the shops in Norwich were kept as closely shut as on the Sabbath"; the Mayor and Corporation attended service at the Cathedral; and funeral sermons were preached at many of the parish churches and city chapels.

11.—A meeting of the Norfolk Cricket Club was held at Norwich, when rules were adopted. It was agreed to play four matches during the year, one on each of the four grounds to be established by the club in the neighbourhood of Norwich, Yarmouth, Swaffham, and Gunton. Rule 20 provided that members, clergymen excepted, should wear at the annual meetings the uniform dress—"a dark blue coat with buttons lettered 'N.C.C.,' with white waistcoat, &c." Mr. Philip Gurdon, of Letton, was elected treasurer.

12.—A bull driven along St. Martin's Street, Norwich, entered the Bess of Bedlam public-house, and rushing upstairs made its way into a room where a musical party was held. The animal was dislodged with great difficulty.

—At a meeting of the county magistrates the question of the conduct of business was discussed. Several magistrates resisted the idea that the public had a right to claim admission, and it was agreed that the proceedings be read in the lower court at the close of each meeting, and "such of them as appeared advisable be advertised in the newspapers."

13.—Very severe weather was experienced in Norfolk. The thermometer on this date registered 14 degrees below freezing point. A heavy fall of snow on the 15th impeded coach traffic in the neighbourhood of Swaffham. "Many hundreds of rabbits perished in the Thetford and Brandon

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districts through being out in search of food and unable to find their burrows again.”

26.—A severe storm occurred on the Norfolk coast. Four vessels drove from their anchors and stranded on Yarmouth beach; and a brig was wrecked on Happisburgh sands. The whole of her crew perished.

29.—On November 28th, 1826, three candidates were nominated for the office of City Chamberlain at Norwich, of whom Mr. James Goodwin had the majority in the Court of Aldermen and Mr. Beckwith in the Common Council. The assembly broke up without electing the Chamberlain. On January 29th a special meeting of the Corporation was held in consequence of the Mayor having received notice that a rule of the Court of King’s Bench would be applied for requiring them to shew cause why a writ of *mandamus* should not issue commanding them to admit and swear Mr. Goodwin into the office of Chamberlain and other offices. It was ordered that cause be shown. On February 10th the Court of King’s Bench discharged the rule *nisi*. At a special meeting of the Corporation on March 9th, the Town Clerk reported on the result of the motion, and Mr. A. A. H. Beckwith was then unanimously elected Chamberlain, and Mr. John Skipper Speaker of the Common Council, in place of Mr. Beckwith. A new Council was elected in April, and at a special assembly on May 16th, Mr. Beckwith was requested to leave the room. The Speaker, Mr. J. S. Parkinson (who had been elected in place of Mr. Skipper), declined to recognise Mr. Beckwith as Chamberlain. Mr. Goodwin was then proposed, and elected to the office. At a Council meeting on June 7th, Mr. Beckwith took his seat as Chamberlain, and was asked to retire; he refused, and the beadle was called in. Mr. Beckwith, addressing that officer, said, “I give you notice, if you lay your hands on me you do so at your peril.” One of the members remarked that if the beadle did not turn him out they would. Mr. Beckwith was then led out by the beadle, and the incident terminated.

FEBRUARY.

2.—A fine specimen of the sea eagle (*falco ossifragus*) was shot near Fritton Decoy. It measured from tip to tip of its wings seven feet nine inches, and was presented to the Norwich Museum.

5.—Four thousand weavers met at Ranelagh Gardens, Norwich, and passed resolutions protesting against the action of certain manufacturers in reducing the rate of wages without consulting other employers, and requesting the Mayor to summon a meeting of the masters to shew cause why the reduction had been made. On the 12th a procession of 600 operatives, headed by a man carrying a loaf of bread draped in black crape, passed through the streets of the city. A petition to Parliament was prepared, in favour of an Act to regulate the price of labour. The petition was presented in the House of Commons on May 30th, by Mr. William Smith.

12.—The last stage of the agitation for making Norwich a port was commenced on this date, when Major Peel presented a petition in the House of Commons from the Mayor, Aldermen, and inhabitants of Norwich in favour of the Norwich and Lowestoft Navigation Bill. The Bill having been read a second time, entered the Committee stage on February 21st, when Mr. Alderson opened the case on behalf of the promoters; the examination of their witnesses concluded on Feb. 27th. The case for the opposition was commenced on the same day, and the evidence concluded on March 7th. In the division on the question “that the preamble of this Bill is proved,” there were 25 ayes and 5 noes. Peals were rung on the church bells at Norwich when intelligence was received, on March 8th, that the Bill had passed through Committee, and Mr. Crisp Brown, on his return from London, on the 9th, was met at St. Stephen’s Gates by a large number of citizens, who, headed by a band of music, drew his carriage to his residence in King Street. On March 11th the Bill was reported to the House, and on the 22nd it was read a third time and passed. On the same evening it was read a first time in the House of Lords; it passed its second reading on March 26th, and was referred to Committee, who took evidence on May 7th, and on the 22nd it was read a third time and carried without opposition. The news of the final success of the measure was received in Norwich with great rejoicing. On the 23rd a procession was organized to meet the promoters on their arrival from town. The Times coach, by which they travelled, was met at Harford Bridges, and at St. Stephen’s Gates the horses were removed from the vehicle, which was dragged in triumph through the city, preceded by bands of music and by men carrying models of ships and naval emblems. At night a bonfire was lighted in the centre of the Market Place, and was fed with wooden spouts, palings, and watch-boxes. Some of the ringleaders were lodged in clink, but their comrades rescued them and threw the clink doors upon the bonfire. Sheep were roasted in Ber Street and Bishop Street. The Bill received the Royal assent on May 28th. The first meeting of the proprietors of the Norwich and Lowestoft Navigation Company was held at the Guildhall, on July 3rd, when Col. Harvey presided. Mr. Edmund Newton was appointed clerk, Mr. Cubitt engineer, and Messrs. Harvey and Hudson treasurers. The work of excavation was begun in the Lowestoft section on September 4th, when Mr. Crisp Brown dug the first spadeful of earth, and a dinner and aquatic sports were held to celebrate the event.

17.—Died at Wymondham, aged 69, Mr. Thomas Troughton, who was Sheriff of Norwich in 1810.

19.—Mr. William Smith, in the House of Commons, presented a petition from the inhabitants praying leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the state of the poor in Norwich. The Norwich Court of Guardians Amendment Bill was brought in and read a first time on March 1st. On March 24th it was stated that the promoters of the measure had effected a compromise with the Court of Guardians as to the proportion of representation; persons assessed £10 and upwards were to have two votes, and those above £5 one vote; the Recorder, Steward, and Aldermen not to be

Guardians; the hamlets not to be assessed on stock, but the proportion of assessment between them and the city to be five-sixths—*i.e.*, when the city was assessed 1s. the hamlets were to be assessed 10d. The Bill went through Committee of the House on the 26th, and was reported on the 28th. It was read a first and second time in the House of Lords in April, finally passed on May 4th, and received the Royal assent on May 28th. The first election under the new Act took place on June 11th, and the first meeting of the new Court was held on June 20th, when Mr. Anthony Hudson was elected Governor, and Mr. Joseph Geldart Deputy-Governor.

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19.—The *Crim. Con.* case, Sir Jacob Astley, Bart., *v.* Capt. Garth, was tried in the Court of Common Pleas, when a verdict was given for the plaintiff, damages one shilling.

20.—A cricket match was played on the ice at Diss Mere. It commenced at 10 a.m., and was well contested until dusk, in the presence of about 1,500 spectators.

24.*—“Died last week, at Kenninghall, aged 105, Mrs. Sarah Barham.”

—“Died at Yarmouth Mr. Nathan Fenn, in his 101st year.”

—A detachment of the 12th (Prince of Wales’) Royal Lancers marched into Norwich Barracks from Hounslow, under the command of Capt. Cunyngham.

25.—Died at Norwich, aged 101, Thomas Greenfield, gardener.

26.—Major Peel presented in the House of Commons a petition from the Chancellor and Prebendaries of Norwich Cathedral, and from the Archdeacon and clergy of Norfolk, against further concessions to the claims of Roman Catholics.

MARCH.

3.—Died at Costessey Hall, the Rev. Lawrence Strongitharm, aged 31, formerly of the Roman Catholic church, St. John Maddermarket, Norwich. “To great learning and a highly gifted mind, to the most elegant and refined manners, and to the most powerful and commanding eloquence he added a most fervent and unaffected piety and undying zeal for the furtherance of religion.” His remains were interred on the 9th, before the altar in the chapel of St. John Maddermarket.

8.—“Two celebrated amateurs of fashion,” the Hon. W. Berkeley and the other “a military man,” appeared in the parts of Othello and Roderigo at Norwich Theatre. They afterwards appeared as Romeo and Mercutio, and in other characters.

9.—Died Adam Burrell, many years carrier between Flitcham and Lynn. “The deceased was rather an eccentric character, and often designated as ‘Adam Slow,’ as he usually occupied six or seven hours going from Flitcham to Lynn, a distance of about 10 miles. He was, however, a very honest and inoffensive man.”

10.—Particulars were published on this date of the Norfolk and Norwich Joint Stock Banking Company, of which Mr. Samuel Bignold was managing director. The capital was advertised as £200,000, and the bank had branches at Lynn, Swaffham, Dereham, Foulsham, and Harling.

17.*—[Advt.] “Marshland Shales. The well-known trotting stallion, Marshland Shales, will be sold by auction on Tombland Fair-day, unless previously disposed of by private contract. This is the horse which on August 3rd, 1810, trotted 17 miles in 56 minutes, carrying 12 st. 2 lb., and was then sold by auction for 305 gs. For particulars apply, if by letter post-paid, to Mr. Moneyment, veterinary surgeon, Norwich.”

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19.—A large portion of the city wall at Richmond Hill Gardens, Norwich, fell into the Bracondale Road, from the effects of a violent gale on the 17th.

—Died, aged 59, Mr. Edward Dewing, of Guist. He was out hunting with his hounds when he was seized with a fit of apoplexy and dropped from his horse. During a second attack he expired.

22.—Sixty-five prisoners for trial at the Lent Assizes at Thetford were escorted from Norwich Castle to that place by men of the Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry.

31.*—“Lately died at Wicklewood, Mrs. Mary Spraggs, aged 100.”

—*“Died lately, Mrs. Catherine Mann, aged 102.”

APRIL.

1.—A newly-erected malthouse, belonging to Mr. W. Hardy, at Letheringsett, was destroyed by fire. The building was 150 feet by 40 feet, and contained 90 last of malt, a considerable quantity of wool, barley, and empty casks. “The engine from Holt did not arrive until after the roof fell in, the people supposing the alarm of fire to be only an April hoax.”

2.—The annual election of Common Councilmen commenced at Norwich. “For several years ‘cleansing week’ has passed off without any serious contests, and the ‘Purple and Orange’ party has held uninterrupted ascendancy in three of the great wards since 1820. All at once, however, the ‘Blue and Whites’ have roused themselves from their inaction, and again entering the field of party warfare, have succeeded in displacing their opponents. It is useless to deny that the week’s proceedings have been marked by undisguised bribery and corruption, and that the object of the triumphant party has mainly been achieved by superior weight of metal—by dint of money.”

10.—Died at his residence in London, aged 78, the Marquis of Cholmondeley, of Houghton Hall, Lord Steward of his Majesty's Household, &c.

13.—Died, aged 82, Mr. Daniel Clark, of Norwich. "He was in the commercial establishment of Messrs. Ives for nearly 70 years and was justly esteemed in nautical and musical communities. To the last his song was cheerful and his convivial good humour unabated, and many a head must lie as low as his before the name of 'Admiral' Clark will be forgotten, or his memory ceased to be cherished with respect."

14.—The Norwich Cricket Club announced that a lease had been taken of a field at Lakenham, "without Ber Street Gates, and nearly opposite Lakenham Terrace," and that the ground had been "laid down with fine turf by Mr. Bentley, of Lords." The secretary of the club was Mr. Henry Hobart, solicitor, of Bethel Street.

22.—Died at Harleston, aged 66, Mr. Robert Paul, formerly of Starston, "well known to agriculturists for several ingenious inventions and for his inquiries into the nature, history, and habitudes of the turnip fly and wireworm."

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1.—Four candidates were nominated for the Mayoralty of Norwich, namely, Alderman Peter Finch, who received 918 votes; Alderman Yallop, 867; Alderman J. S. Patteson, 566; and Alderman C. Brown, 565. At the Court of Aldermen on the 3rd Mr. Finch was elected Mayor.

3.—Newspaper reporters were for the first time admitted to the assembly of the Norwich Corporation.

9.—Died at Margarett Farm, Clenchwarton, aged 83, Dr. Charles Browne, for many years physician to the King of Prussia. On his return to England his Majesty conferred upon him the Order of the Red Eagle as a mark of his esteem. Dr. Browne was a man of high literary attainments.

24.—The bounds of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, were perambulated. "It gave rise to those scenes of vulgar mirth for which occasions of this kind are used as an excuse for indulging in with impunity. We never remember the ducking system carried to such lengths. The Rev. J. Bowman, in the early stage of the proceedings, was on Hay Hill drenched from head to foot. The pail which a fellow had in his hand (and which had been filled with water from an adjoining pump) being dropped at his feet, he accidentally fell over, but fortunately escaped without any serious injury. The company afterwards met for dinner at the Angel Inn."

29.—The Bishop of Chichester, acting on behalf of the Bishop of Norwich, held a visitation at Lynn and confirmed 1,400 persons at St. Margaret's church, and 620 at St. Nicholas' chapel. The number confirmed at Holt was 1,120; at Fakenham, 1,800; at East Dereham, 1,100; and at Hingham, 803.

JUNE.

4.—Mr. Bolton, formerly coach proprietor and landlord of the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, was driving between Melton Mowbray and Stamford when his horse ran away and overturned the vehicle. Mr. Bolton received severe injuries, from which he died on the 10th.

12.—A serious riot occurred at Norwich. A party of Wymondham weavers, who had damaged looms and destroyed silk to the value of £1,000, at Ashwellthorpe, had been conveyed to Norwich Castle for examination. The witnesses were brought to the city in hackney coaches, escorted by a detachment of the 12th Lancers. The Norwich weavers, who had barricaded the Golden Ball Lane entrance to Castle Meadow with a waggon, and placed a similar obstruction near the Castle Bridge, received the military with a volley of stones. The witnesses were then conveyed by way of Timberhill to Orford Hill, and while a large body of special constables displaced the waggon at the bridge, a second detachment of Lancers came from the Barracks, charged the mob at full gallop, and dispersed them in all directions. An attempted rally was frustrated by a second charge. The Militia staff were under arms on the Castle Hill, and the streets were patrolled by the Norwich light Horse Volunteers. At the Norwich Assizes, on August 11th, several of the rioters were indicted before Mr. Baron Garrow for assaults, and were discharged on entering into their recognisances. David Seeker, Henry Rix, and William Thurston were charged with the capital offence of riotously assembling together to the disturbance of the public peace. Mr. Cooper, for the defence, objected to the wording of the indictment. The words of the King's proclamation read at the time of the disturbance were "chargeth and commandeth all persons," &c.; the indictment said "chargeth and command"; and instead of directing the people to "depart to their lawful habitations or to their lawful homes," the indictment said "and to their lawful homes." The learned Judge pronounced the objection to be valid, and expressed the hope that the prisoners "would go home sensible of the blessings of Providence in having shielded them that day, and saved them from an ignominious death." The Ashwellthorpe rioters were bound over in the sum of £50 each.

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19.—Breakfast *à la fourchette* with the Mayor-elect (Mr. Peter Finch) and luncheon with the Mayor (Mr. E. T. Booth), prepared the Sheriffs, Aldermen, &c., for the Guild Day proceedings at Norwich. The customary ceremonies were observed at the Guildhall, service was attended at the Cathedral, and 600 guests dined at St Andrew's Hall.

23.—The Surrey Gardens, Thorpe Road, Norwich, were advertised as a resort “for the reception of respectable families and invalids,” where “pure air, unbounded prospects of land and water, refreshing fruits and odoriferous flowers” could be obtained. A military band played on Sunday evenings, from five to seven o’clock.

27.—The Bishop of Norwich confirmed at North Walsham church 1,280 persons. On one day in the previous week his lordship confirmed in Norwich Cathedral 1,100 persons.

30.—Died at Yarmouth, aged 87, Mr. Jacob Preston, senior magistrate of the borough. He was Mayor in 1793, 1801, and 1813.

—Mr. Yates gave his entertainment, “Portraits and Sketches,” at Norwich Theatre. On subsequent evenings he was assisted by Mr. Brunton and Mrs. Yates (formerly Miss Brunton).

JULY.

25.—A well-contested prize fight took place at Bessingham, between Rix and Sharpens, for £5 aside. The former beat his opponent, after fighting 78 rounds in 45 minutes.

AUGUST.

5.—A duel took place on Yarmouth Denes “between J--- B---, Esq., and W. M---, Esq., in consequence of a dispute the previous day at the Bath Rooms. Both were to fire at the same time, but on the signal being given Mr. M.’s ball did not take effect, and Mr. B.’s pistol missed fire. The seconds then interfered, and the affair was adjusted without much difficulty.”

6.—Norwich Theatre was re-opened for the Assize week. “The return of Mr. Osbaldiston gave rise to scenes of disturbance which interrupted the progress of the performance for several evenings. A kind of set appears to have been made against him, but he has been warmly applauded by the respectable part of the audience.”

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6.—The Norfolk Cricket Club played the first of a series of matches which took place during the Norwich Assize week. The annual dinner was held at the Rampant Horse Inn on the 10th, under the presidency of Lord Suffield, and in the evening a ball was given at Chapel Field Rooms. The patronesses were the Countess of Albemarle, Lady Anne Coke, Lady Stafford, Lady Suffield, the Hon. Mrs. Wodehouse, Lady Lacon, and Mrs. Gurdon. “The waltz was introduced for the first time in the course of the evening, but a very select few appeared inclined to join in that rotatory movement.”

28.—The election of freemen’s Sheriff took place at Norwich; the candidates were Alderman T. O. Springfield and Lieut. Fred White, R.N. “As soon as the polling commenced, a ticket was given by the ‘Blue and White’ party, entitling the voter who chose to accept it to half-a-crown. Nothing was given on the side of the ‘Purple and Orange,’ Lieut. White having merely come forward in consequence of a requisition sent to him by the poor freemen and signed by upwards of 300 names.” The poll was thus declared: Springfield, 1,210; White, 474. Lieut. White, in his subsequent address, wrote: “I consider my failure more honourable than to have gained the day by bribery and corruption. The 474 votes I obtained will at least rescue the character of a considerable portion of our fellow-citizens from the reproach of selling themselves to the highest bidder.”

SEPTEMBER.

5.—The first stone of the new Roman Catholic chapel in St. Giles’ parish, Norwich, was laid by the Hon. and Rev. Edward Clifford.

8.—Died, aged 74, at his house in St. Faith’s Lane, Norwich, Mr. William Herring, 32 years an alderman of the city. He was the second son of the Very Rev. William Herring, D.D., Dean of St. Asaph.

12.—The election of an alderman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Herring took place at Norwich. The candidates were Mr. Angell, “Purple and Orange,” and Mr. Marshall, “Blue and White.” Great excitement prevailed throughout the contest. “The ‘Purple and Orange’ party were informed in the course of the day that some of their friends had been carried off and were detained in a warehouse in St. Clement’s. A magistrates’ warrant was applied for and the captives set at liberty.” At the close of the day the voting stood as follows: Angell, 215; Marshall, 195. The friends of the latter demanded that the poll be continued on the 13th, “because seven of Mr. Marshall’s friends were detained at Ranworth against their will.” The other side retaliated that eleven of their voters had been forcibly carried away by the “Blue and Whites.” The Mayor deprecated the system that had been put in force, and adjourned the poll till 10 o’clock the following morning. The poll was finally declared as follows: Angell, 218; Marshall, 196. (*See* September 24th.)

18.—A Musical Festival for the benefit of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital commenced at St. Andrew’s Hall, Norwich, and concluded with a ball in the same building on the 21st. The principals engaged for the oratorios and concerts were Madame Pasta, Miss Stephens, Miss Bacon, Miss Farrar, Madame Caradori Allan, Mr. Braham, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Terrail, Mr. Edward Taylor, and Signor Zuchelli. Sir George Smart conducted. The total receipts amounted to about £6,400, of which £1,672 12s. 1d. was handed to the Hospital.

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24.—An inquest was held by Mr. Bell, the Norwich Coroner, on the body of James Bailey, one of the persons who was forcibly carried away to prevent his voting at the Alderman's election on the 12th. "On the 10th he was taken away by the 'Blues and Whites' to Wroxham Castle public-house, the next morning removed to Horning Swan, afterwards taken to Smallburgh, and on the same night removed to Ridlington Plough. They wanted nothing for eating and drinking, but Bailey being very ill, suffered very much from being moved about." On his return to Norwich he was engaged to sell programmes at the Musical Festival, where he was in attendance from the 18th to the 20th. On the 22nd he broke a blood vessel and died. "His attendance at the Festival took the onus off his captors, and the jury returned a verdict of 'Died from the visitation of God.'"

28.—Mr. Samuel Stone was elected Speaker of the Common Council of Norwich, in the room of Mr. J. S. Parkinson, deceased.

29.*—[Advt.] "£100 Reward, and his Majesty's Pardon. Eight horses belonging to Mr. William Slack, of Norwich, died between the 25th August last and the 10th September, six soon after their return from Attleborough (one of the depôts for horses drawing the London vans) to Norwich, one at Attleborough, and the other at Newmarket, and upon being opened it has been ascertained that they died by mineral poisoning, supposed to have been administered in water or in some liquid form. The Government offer the above reward."

—*"The week before last Mr. Meyer Levi, gold and silver smith, a converted Jew, together with Mrs. Hannah Levi, a converted Jewess, received the rite of Christian baptism at the hands of the vicar in the parish church of St. Stephen's, Norwich, when the Christian names of John and Hannah were given to the above parties, and at the same time they adopted the surname of Herbert."

OCTOBER.

6.—A number of silver coins, some of them bearing date 1577, were dug up by a gardener at Thorpe, who sold them for £30.

13.—The portrait of Mr. Henry Francis, Mayor of Norwich in 1824, was hung in St. Andrew's Hall. The artist was Mr. Lane, of Greek Street, Soho.

18.—Died at Costessey, Mrs. Anne Maria Teresa Vere, aged 100, sister of Mr. Charles Gosnold, formerly of Norwich.

20.—Killed at the battle of Navarino, aged 24, Lieut. George William Howe FitzRoy, R.N., of H.M.S. Dartmouth, second son of Lieut.-General the Hon. William FitzRoy, of Kempston Lodge.

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3.*—"At the auction mart last week Mr. Hoggart sold the well-known estate called St. Andrew's Hall, Old Buckenham, a fine mansion house, and 532 acres of land, at £29,300."

10.—It was announced that Mr. Smith, manager of Norwich Theatre, had taken of the patentee, Mr. Wilkins, a seven years' lease of that and the other houses in the circuit.

—Mr. Mathews commenced a three nights' engagement at the Assembly Rooms, Norwich.

17.*—"The expense of erecting the house of industry at Wicklewood in 1777 was defrayed by a tontine called the 'Forehoe Tontine,' consisting of 110 shares at £100 each, bearing an interest of £5 per cent. Fifty years have now elapsed, and in 1827 there are still 50 survivors out of the original number."

25.—Died at Prospect Place, Gorleston, aged 65, Mr. F. F. Hope, for 30 years paymaster of the East Norfolk Militia. "Previously he was an officer of the line, saw much service during the great American War, was at the siege of Yorktown in Virginia in 1781, and there taken prisoner by the combined Armies of France and America, with the whole of the British Army under Lord Cornwallis."

DECEMBER.

16.—The small organ in East Dereham church, mentioned by Dr. Burney in his "History of Music" as a curiosity, which was built by the famous Schmidt, in 1666, for the Hon. Roger North, of Rougham Hall, and purchased for the parish in 1786 for the small sum of £30, was, after enlargement under the direction of the Rev. R. F. Elwin, of Norwich, opened before a congregation of 1,600 persons, by Mr. Last, of Orford. The builder, Mr. Joseph Hart, of Redgrave, found that Schmidt's pipes were as sound as on the day they were finished.

—A boy of 13, named William Moore, was brutally murdered in a field at Brisley, by John Kenney, a lunatic, aged 24. The body was horribly mutilated. The prisoner was committed for trial on the Coroner's warrant, on the charge of wilful murder, and at the Lent Assizes, held at Thetford on March 21st, before Mr. Baron Garrow, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, on the ground of the insanity of the accused.

22.*—[Advt.] "A main of cocks will be fought at the White Hart Inn, Swaffham, on Thursday, the 27th of December, 1827, for 50 guineas, between Mr. J. Farrer, of Necton, and Mr. G. Gould, of Swaffham. A very superior day's play is expected, as there are several other matches besides."

—*“Died lately, at Northrepps, Hannah Storey, in her 101st year.”

—Lieut.-Col. Harvey, commanding the 3rd Regiment of Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry, addressed a letter to the Marquis of Lansdowne, Secretary of State for War, detailing the services rendered by the regiment in quelling disturbances, &c., and expressing the hope that the Government would not order the disbandment of the corps. His lordship replied that he had not lost sight of the valuable services of the Yeomanry, but that the Barracks at Norwich were then, and were likely to continue, a station for regular cavalry, and consequently he was unable to accede to the request to continue the pay and allowance to the regiment.

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24.—Died at Lynn, Samuel Pearson, a journeyman cabinetmaker, “who, in the intervals of his labour, acquired a deep knowledge of mathematics, and possessed the faculty of communicating his knowledge to others. He established a mathematical academy, which had every prospect of success.”

29.—Miss C. Morgan’s Menagerie was exhibited on the Castle Hill, Norwich.

—Great excitement was caused in Yarmouth by the discovery that upwards of twenty recently interred bodies had been removed from the churchyard by resurrection men. “The churchyard was quickly crowded by the population. Wives were searching for the remains of their deceased husbands, husbands for those of their wives, and parents for their children.” Three men, Thomas Smith, *alias* Vaughan, William Barber, and Robert Barber, were apprehended, and committed for trial at Yarmouth Quarter Sessions, whence, on April 1st, 1828, the indictment was removed by writ of *certiorari* to the Court of King’s Bench. The case was tried at Norwich Assizes, before Lord Chief Baron Alexander, on August 11th, 1828, when only Vaughan (or Smith) was proceeded against. Robert Barker turned King’s evidence, and described the method by which the graves were robbed, and how the bodies were sent to London by the wain. A verdict of guilty was returned, and on November 14th, 1828, the prisoner was brought up for sentence in the Court of King’s Bench. He urged that he was driven by poverty to the commission of the offence, and was sentenced by Mr. Justice Bayley to six months’ imprisonment in the house of correction at Norwich.

31.—Miss Clark, a native of the city, commenced an engagement with her equestrian company at the Pantheon, Ranelagh Gardens, Norwich.

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JANUARY.

4.—A grand concert, given at Wells Theatre, was attended by Earl Rosebery, Lord and Lady Bury, Lord Dalmeney, Viscountess Andover, Admiral Digby, Lady H. Primrose, the Hon. Misses Anson, the Hon. B. Primrose, &c. The programme opened with Haydn’s “Surprise Sinfonia,” and the *artistes* engaged included M. Venna, Master Sporle, Madame Baur, and Mr. Barron. “Gentlemen amateurs” sang glees, and at the close of the concert a ball took place, at which 200 were present.

18.—A resurrection-man was shot in Bacton churchyard by a party of grave watchers. He was in the act of disinterring the body of one James Howlett, who was accidentally killed a few days previously. The resurrectionist, although badly wounded, effected his escape in the darkness.

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23.—Norwich Theatre opened for the season with Mr. Smith as manager and lessee.

24.—Died, Mr. Martin Fountain, who was Sheriff of Norwich in 1812.

26.—Atkins’ Menagerie was exhibited on the Castle Hill, Norwich.

31.—Lord William Bentinck addressed a circular letter to his constituents at Lynn, announcing his resignation as one of the members for the borough, in consequence of his appointment as Governor-General of India.

FEBRUARY.

4.—Lord George Bentinck was elected without opposition a member for King’s Lynn. “No colours were worn, agreeable to the regulations of Lord John Russell’s most sapient Act, and for which the ribbon-makers must feel highly indebted to him in depriving them of a source of consumption for an important branch of British manufacture of no inconsiderable extent.”

5.—At a meeting of the Norwich Court of Guardians, a report was adopted in favour of altering the mulcts of the assessable property in each of the parishes and hamlets of the city. In the parishes the old valuation was £61,302; the new, £89,080; increase, £27,778—45 per cent. In the hamlets the old valuation was £19,722; the new, £21,487; increase, £1,765—about 9 per cent. At the vestry meetings in several parishes the new assessment was rejected—(1) on the ground of increased local and public burdens to which the citizens would be exposed by increased rent on such valuation; and (2) because of the disproportion of the assessment of the hamlets as compared with the assessment of the city at large. At a meeting of the Guardians on April 1st, a resolution was adopted declaring the mulct to be unequal, and advising that steps be taken to place it upon a fair and equitable basis.

8.—A “trial of speed” took place between the Westacre and Melton Constable hounds. “A noble

stag stood before the hounds an hour and ten minutes, but from the numerous field, amounting at least to 400, the greater part of whom were shamefully riding the roads and heading the stag at every point, the sport was not brilliant. Through the greater part of the day the Westacre hounds took the lead, carried the best head, and did all the work; but from the jockeyship of Sir Jacob Astley's huntsman in continually lifting his hounds, and numerous horsemen pressing on them in the lanes and woods, so completely frightened the Westacre hounds, which are more timid and less accustomed to such crowds than the Melton, that most of them were thrown out and could not again recover their ground." The match took place in the neighbourhood of East Dereham.

12.—In the Court of King's Bench, Sir James Scarlett moved for a rule to show cause why a *quo warranto* information should not be filed against Mr. Angell, of Norwich, for exercising the office of alderman without being properly elected thereto. "A very ancient custom," he said, "prevailed at Norwich on the election of aldermen, which he was sure would not, from its antiquity, receive their lordships' sanction. It was called the cooping of voters, and consisted of taking the voters by force in a body, bribing them, giving them drink, and keeping them locked up until they consented to vote for the party on whose side they had been taken." It was alleged that several of the supporters of Mr. Angell's opponent (Mr. Marshall) were waylaid, carried away by force in a coach, put on board a boat on the broads, and had persons placed over them as guards. If these persons had had their liberty, Mr. Marshall, it was contended, would have been elected. Lord Tenterden granted a rule to show cause. It was abandoned, however, on April 28th, and "the bells of St. Peter rang a triumphant peal on the result being known."

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13.—A squadron of the 6th Dragoons arrived at Norwich Barracks, to replace the depôt of the 12th Lancers.

23.—A man named Bailey did penance in the chancel of Yarmouth parish church for applying an opprobrious epithet to a Mrs. Jenner. "It being a very great novelty, there was a large assemblage of persons to witness the performance of the ceremony and to hear Bailey repeat his recantations, which continued for some time, but he did *not*, as generally supposed, stand in a white sheet."

MARCH.

5.—The election of a County Coroner took place at Norwich, consequent upon the resignation of Mr. C. Bringloe. Mr. E. Press, of Hingham, the successful candidate, polled 1,073 votes, as against 766 obtained by his opponent, Mr. Henry Hobart, Norwich.

17.—Died at his house in Surrey Street, Norwich, aged 68, Sir James Edward Smith, M.D., F.R.S., President of the Linnæan Society. He was born in Norwich December 2nd, 1759, proceeded to Edinburgh University in 1780, and completed his medical studies in London. In 1792 he had the honour of instructing her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Princesses in botany at Windsor. He married, in 1796, a daughter of Mr. Robert Reeve, of Lowestoft, and in 1810 received the distinction of knighthood. He was the author of "English Botany," and other works.

18.—Mr. Macready appeared at Norwich Theatre in the part of Virginius. On subsequent evenings he performed the characters of Macbeth and William Tell.

22.*—"Died at Canton, in China, by falling overboard, Henry, son of Mr. Alderman Thurtell, of Norwich, master-at-arms of the Atlas Indiaman."

—*"Died at Yarmouth, Mr. David Service, aged 52, the well-known author of the 'Caledonian Herd-boy' and many other poetical productions of considerable merit."

24.—The ward elections commenced at Norwich on this date. "Five shillings a man had been given on each side from the commencement; but about eleven o'clock a placard was put out from the window of the 'Blue and White' (the Reformers') room, bearing the words, 'The Blues pay gold.' This alteration in the market was followed, about an hour afterwards, by a similar declaration from the 'Orange and Purples.' From this moment stock looked up; the price for the freemen altered from five shillings to half a sovereign, and a whole sovereign, and so on to sums of which we are not prepared to limit the extent. A whole club, consisting of 20 members, calling themselves 'the Independent Club,' was purchased in the lump by one of the 'Blue and White' candidates. The price first demanded was 5 guineas a man, but others allow they were knocked down at the price of 50 gs."

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APRIL.

2.—Died, aged 106, Thomas Scrape. "He was the father of Mrs. Lovell, of the Lobster Inn, St. John Maddermarket, Norwich, and was born at Stalham in 1722, in the 9th year of the reign of George I. He had been often heard to speak of remembering as a child the illuminations on the occasion of the accession of George II. At the age of 105 this extraordinary old man presided at a large convivial party at his residence. His pipe was his constant companion, and he was often to be seen smoking and enjoying it at his daughter's house, where his latter days were rendered comfortable."

3.—Tombland Fair, Norwich, was ushered in by a severe snowstorm. "The Banisters, the Samwells, the Chipperfields, the Adamses, and a host of other ornaments of the vagrant stage for daylight gauds and the practical wit of buffoons displayed themselves in imposing array." The only "rational" exhibition at the fair was Atkins' Menagerie.

5.—A vessel, named the Lord William Bentinck, was launched from the shipyard of Mr. Frederick Preston, at Yarmouth. She was nearly 500 tons burden, and the largest ship, with one exception, ever built at the port.

7.—Ching Lau Lauro, “the celebrated posture master and buffo from Drury Lane,” appeared at Norwich Theatre. On the 10th he performed in a harlequinade, entitled, “The Man in the Moon.” “No viler tissue of nonsensical stuff could be foisted on the patience of an insulted audience. It had more revolting coarseness, and infinitely less ingenuity than ever characterised the worst puppet shows’ clumsiest performers. ‘Harlequin in the Shades’ descended to the lowest vault of the Capulets, amidst universal hisses which such execrable trash deservedly called forth, in spite of Ching Lau Lauro swallowing his own head.”

19.—The Norfolk County Cricket Club announced the completion of a new cricket ground at East Dereham, described as one of the best in the provinces.

25.—A remarkable whirlwind occurred at Gresham. “It came suddenly as in a moment from the south-west, accompanied by a roar like thunder, and taking a north-easterly direction towards Cromer, spent itself at sea. The extreme force of the whirlwind lasted scarcely three minutes, but in that time it completely ruined one William Watts, by rending the sails and stocks from his mill, lifting the whole fabric from off the post, and crushing the beams and inside works to pieces, together with the roof and walls of the round-house.”

27.—Died at his house, Vauxhall, Lambeth, Mr. Thomas H. Hull, aged 74, “a gentleman well-known in Norwich and Norfolk for a great number of years, and where many of his beautifully-executed pictures remain as specimens of his superior talent in the miniature department of portrait painting.”

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MAY.

1.—Mr. Angell and Mr. Patteson were nominated for the Mayoralty of Norwich. Mr. W. Wilde nominated Mr. Alderman Thurtell, the senior alderman below the chair; and Mr. Alderman Yallop was also proposed. A poll was demanded, and the result was declared as follows: Thurtell, 1,144; Yallop, 1,148; Angell, 1,042; Patteson, 979. Application was made by Messrs. Angell and Patteson for the reopening of the books on the following morning, when the voting was: Thurtell, 1,210; Yallop, 1,212; Angell, 1,097; Patteson, 1,020. The Court of Aldermen subsequently elected Mr. Thurtell.

5.—A public meeting was held at St. Andrew’s Hall, Norwich, under the presidency of the Mayor (Mr. Finch), at which resolutions were passed affirming that it was objectionable to continue bounties on the export of sugar and prohibitory duties on the produce of Colonial free labour, by which slavery was supported at the expense of the British public. It was also decided to petition Parliament to repeal such bounties and duties, and to take measures to ensure the immediate alleviation and the ultimate extinction of British Colonial slavery. The petition, which was signed by 10,125 persons, measured 150 feet in length, and was presented in the House of Commons by Mr. William Smith.

6.—A new theatre was opened at North Walsham by Mr. Fisher, with the performance of the comic opera, “Sweethearts and Wives,” and the musical farce of “The Turnpike Gate.”

8.—Died at Tittleshall, Mr. Thomas Riches, farmer, aged 69. “In his early life he for many years, by being pressed from Lynn, served his country at sea, and was in many distinguished actions. He was at Gibraltar, at the Chesapeake with Hood, in the same ship with our present Lord High Admiral, then a boy; and was in the Formidable (flagship) with Sir George, afterwards Lord Rodney, in the memorable battle of 1782, when M. De Grasse was taken. On his discharge and his return to his native county, he embraced farming for a livelihood, and always retained many of the peculiarities and superstitions of a sailor’s life.”

27.—The first seaborne vessel from London to Norwich port direct, the Thames steam packet, Capt. John Morley, arrived at Carrow Bridge. She was of 120 tons burden, 82 feet in length, and handsomely fitted up for the accommodation of passengers. The duration of her voyage was 28 hours.

—The Norwich Corporation decided to rebuild Fye Bridge of iron, in accordance with the plans of Mr. Stone. The foundation-stone of the new bridge was laid by the Mayor (Mr. Thurtell) on June 2nd, 1829.

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9.—Mr. Kean, jun., made his first appearance at Norwich Theatre in the character of Romeo. During his engagement he appeared also as Jaffier (“Venice Preserved”) and Felix (“Hunter of the Alps”). “It is difficult, indeed, to imagine,” says the critic, “what besides an irresistible *penchant* for the stage and an hereditary attachment for the most elevated dramatic work, could have induced this gentleman to choose the profession of a tragedian. Of a stature rather below the middle size, and with a countenance that forms no index of the heroic mind, the younger Kean seems studious of displaying all those peculiarities of attitude, action, and intonation which we have been accustomed to regard rather as defects than as excellencies in his justly celebrated father. The genius of the elder Kean does not shine forth in his son.”

—A prize-fight took place between Warren and Cocks, light weights, for £50 a side. The

gathering, which was at Mattishall, was attended by many of the principal gentry in the county, and by several members of the London ring, including Phil Sampson (conqueror of Big Brown), Dick Curtis, Tom Oliver, Frank Redmond, Ned Stockman, and Frosty-Faced Fogo, "the Poet Laureate of the Ring." The combatants met in a meadow belonging to Mr. Petchell, but a magistrate interfered, and a move was made to Elsing Common, where the fight was brought off. Cocks was attended by Ned Painter and Ben Gale, and Warren by Curtis and Redmond. Forty-one rounds were fought in 56 minutes. Cocks, who won, threw his man 23 times in the first 25 rounds.

17.—Guild Day was celebrated in Norwich. Mr. Alderman Thurtell, on being sworn in as Mayor, stated that he stood in rotation for the office in 1818, and to his utter astonishment the late Mr. Back was put in nomination and elected. "I thank God," he added, "I have had nerve enough to break all connection with a set of men who have acted with so much duplicity and injustice towards me." The Guild feast at St. Andrew's Hall was attended by 460 guests.

24.—Died, Captain John Murray Browne, of the 75th Regiment, aged 36, only son of the Rev. M. Browne, Minor Canon of Norwich Cathedral, and grandson of Dr. John Murray. Capt. Browne, who was drowned while fishing on a Lake near Mullingar, had been in the Army from his youth, and served throughout the Peninsular War. He was the author of a work entitled, "The State of Portugal, by an eyewitness."

26.—Died at Hingham, suddenly, Charles Alexander, aged 23, "an excellent cricketer, and the fastest length bowler in the county."

JULY.

4.—A severe storm occurred in the Dereham, Fakenham, and Cromer districts. Unsettled weather prevailed until the 13th, when the lower parts of Norwich and the meadows and marshes above and below the city were flooded. Much meadow hay was swept away, and the grain crops beaten down.

8.—Twenty-three mackerel luggers contested for a subscription purse of £100, at Yarmouth. The race, which took place in the Roads, was won by the Brothers (Capt. John Ayres), owned by Messrs. R. and B. Fenn. p. 278

9.—An inter-county cricket match, Norfolk v. Lincolnshire, was commenced at East Dereham. Scores: Lincoln, 110; Norfolk, 74-30. At the conclusion of the first day's play, a dinner, presided over by Lord Suffield, and attended by eighty-six ladies and gentlemen, was given at the Assembly Rooms; and on the 10th a grand ball took place in the evening.

12.—The following statement was published of the number of benefits, with the gross receipts, at Norwich Theatre during the period of 22 years, ending 1828:—

	Number of benefits.	Gross receipts.
1807	15	£1090
1808	17	1870
1809	18	1540
1810	20	1610
1811	21	1890
1812	23	2140
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1823	22	1720
1824	23	1690
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1826	25	1760
1827	21	1450
1828	23	1430

16.—At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions, Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., gave notice that at the ensuing October Sessions he would move “that reporters for the newspapers be admitted into the Grand Jury Chamber when the magistrates assemble there at Quarter Sessions for the despatch of the business of the county.” The motion was discussed on October 17th, when, after three hours’ debate, the Court divided, with the following result: For the motion, 46; against, 45.

22.—Died at Stalham, aged 103, Isabella Perowne.

25.—A Jews’ Synagogue was opened in the parish of St. George, Tombland, Norwich.

26.—The announcement was made that the Norwich Cricket Club had “engrafted an archery branch” on their own “excellent establishment.” The members of the Archery Club were permitted the use of the Norwich Cricket Ground on certain days.

AUGUST.

4.—Died at the Deanery, in his 83rd year, the Very Rev. James Turner, D.D., F.S.A., Dean of Norwich, Master of Pembroke Hall, Cambridge, and rector of Sudbourne and Orford, Suffolk. He was installed Dean of Norwich on June 24th, 1790. His remains were interred in the Cathedral on August 12th. Dean Turner was succeeded by the Hon. and Rev. George Pellew, Prebendary of Canterbury and of York, and third son of Lord Viscount Exmouth. Dean Pellew was installed on December 13th.

11.—A libel action, *Maitland v. Kinnebrook*, was tried at the Norwich Assizes, before Lord Chief Baron Alexander. The plaintiff was an attorney living at North Walsham, and the defendant one of the proprietors of the “Norwich Mercury.” The libel, which the defendant admitted, was contained in a letter published in the “Mercury.” The plaintiff had provoked and carried on a newspaper correspondence, and because the defendant published the replies of adversaries of the plaintiff’s own creation, the plaintiff sued him for damages, which the jury assessed at one farthing.

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—Exchange Street, Norwich, was first opened to the public. There was no communication, however, with St. Andrew’s Street, and it was not until April, 1829, that operations were commenced for the removal of the old buildings at the north end of the new thoroughfare. That portion of the street was opened to the public on May 21st, 1832; and public business was for the first time transacted in the Post Office erected there, on June 25th, 1832.

—The members of the Norfolk and Suffolk Institution, the new title by which the Norwich Society of Artists established in 1805 was known, celebrated the opening of their new gallery in Exchange Street by dining at the Norfolk Hotel, under the presidency of Mr. J. B. Crome, with Mr. Stark in the vice-chair. The first exhibition in the new gallery was opened on the 13th, and was visited in state by the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen.

26.—Mr. George Grout was elected freemen’s Sheriff at Norwich.

SEPTEMBER.

1.—Mr. William Martin, a native of Norwich, and the painter of the two large pictures in St. Andrew’s Hall—“The death of Lady Jane Grey” and “Queen Eleanor, Consort to Edward I.,” was lodging in indigent circumstances at the Trowel and Hammer public-house, St. Stephen’s, whence he issued a circular on this date, asking for subscriptions for two engravings—“Interior of an English Cottage Home” and “Children going to bed.” The Corporation, on February 24th, 1829, voted him a grant of 100 guineas.

12.—Died at his seat at Terrington, near Lynn, in his 91st year, Sir Andrew Snape Hamond, Bart., a post-captain in the Royal Navy, formerly Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, and subsequently Commodore and Commander-in-Chief in the River Medway. He was many years Comptroller of the Navy, twice member of Parliament for Ipswich, and one of the Brethren of the Trinity House.

29.—The ceremony of swearing in the Sheriffs of Norwich was performed at the Guildhall, amid a scene of great disorder. The windows of the lower court had been screwed down, to prevent persons entering by that way before the arrival of the magistrates. The court was crowded, the heat intolerable, and the Mayor (Mr. Thurtell) ordered the windows to be broken. Upon the Sheriffs-elect, Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Grout, presenting themselves, the latter was objected to, on the ground that he was not a freeman; and Mr. Stevenson declined to serve unless he received legal indemnity from his colleague. The Recorder (Mr. Alderson) disposed of the legal difficulty in Mr. Stevenson’s case, but the uproar was so great that an adjournment had to be made to the Aldermen’s Chamber, where the Town Clerk administered the oath to Mr. Grout, notwithstanding a protest by Col. Harvey. At a meeting of the Common Council, on October 2nd, a notice signed by eight of the “Purple and Orange” Aldermen was read, intimating that any act done by the Council would not be valid, as one of the Sheriffs was improperly elected. They therefore declined to attend the meeting. The Mayor complained that he was being set at defiance, and threatened to appeal to a higher power. On November 8th a motion was made in the Court of King’s Bench, to show cause why an information in the nature of a *quo warranto* should not be filed against Mr. Grout, to show by what authority he exercised the office of Sheriff; the Court

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granted a rule *nisi*. On February 24th the Corporation unanimously conferred on Mr. Grout the freedom of the city. The case, after being several times before the Court, was finally disposed of on June 28th, 1830, when Mr. Justice Bailey delivered judgment, and said that the Court were of opinion that it was essential to the validity of election to the office of Sheriff that the individual chosen should be a freeman. Judgment of ouster was therefore entered. Retaliatory proceedings were taken in the Court of King's Bench by the other political party against Mr. Alderman Patteson for holding the office of Treasurer of the city, and against Mr. Alderman T. S. Day, for acting as Corn Inspector. A rule *nisi* was obtained against Mr. Patteson on May 30th, 1829, and was made absolute on July 4th, after that gentleman had resigned the treasurership.

29.—The 6th Inniskilling Dragoons marched from Norwich for Chesterfield and Manchester.

OCTOBER.

6.—A troop of the 12th Lancers arrived at Norwich, from Canterbury.

7.—Died, aged 72, at New York, Mr. John B. Murray, eldest son of Dr. John Murray.

9.—Died, aged 74, at his residence, in Carlow, Major John Beevor, formerly of the 9th Dragoons, and for 30 years inspecting-officer of Yeomanry Cavalry in the districts of Waterford and Wexford. He was second son of Sir Thomas Beevor, of Hethel.

11.—The Norwich Corn Exchange, "one of the finest edifices of its kind in Europe," was opened to the public. "Mr. Riches, merchant, of Norwich, bought of Mr. Riches, of Thorpe, the first sample of corn (barley) in the new building, for which he gave 18s. 6d. per coomb." A commemorative dinner was held in the Exchange on November 28th, at which Mr. T. W. Coke, M.P., presided, supported by the High Sheriff (Sir W. B. ffolkes), Lord Lyndock, Lord Neville, Lord Suffield, Mr. Edmond Wodehouse, M.P., and other prominent personages.

18.*—"The proprietors of the Norwich Cloth Establishment have taken a contract for supplying the two battalions of Portuguese troops lately formed at Plymouth out of the refugees from that distracted country with jackets and trousers. These troops are intended to accompany the young Queen of Portugal, whither she will shortly proceed to claim the Crown."

25.*—"The portrait of Mr. Alderman Francis, painted by Lane, was hung in St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, this week."

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—*"Died lately at Wimbotsham, near Downham Market, aged 52, Mr. William Henry Ware, many years composer of music, and director of the orchestra at Covent Garden Theatre, and one of the masters of the Royal Academy, Woolwich."

29.—Died, at his son's house, in Southampton Street, Bloomsbury, aged 79, Mr. Luke Hansard, many years printer of the Journals, private Bills, &c., of the House of Commons. "He was born at Watton, served his apprenticeship with Mr. White, printer, of Norwich, was afterwards an assistant of the late Mr. John Crouse, who originally established the NORFOLK CHRONICLE in the year 1761, and had ever since been a much attached and valued friend of all his successors."

NOVEMBER.

3.—The following curious incident was recorded as having taken place at Tunstead on this date. A Chelsea pensioner was about to be married to a widow, and "early in the morning the parties, accompanied by three witnesses, repaired to the cross-ways in the road a short distance from the village, where the intended bride crossed the road *in puris naturalibus*, and was received on the opposite side by the bridegroom, who entertains the idea that by the due performance of this ceremony he is discharged from all liability of paying the debts of the former husband."

4.—Lord Neville, rector of Berghapton, sent a letter to the NORFOLK CHRONICLE, denying a statement made by Mr. Cobbett, at a dinner at Maidstone, that he (Lord Neville) was "rector of a parish in Norfolk and at the same time enjoyed half-pay as a captain of Dragoons." His lordship wrote: "I admit being rector of a parish in Norfolk, but I assure you upon my word that a considerable time before I took orders I resigned my commission, and consequently ceased from that time to enjoy either half or full pay."

9.—The King's letter, "authorising collections to be made for the building and enlarging of churches and chapels (instead of by briefs, as formerly)," was read in the churches in the city and county.

15.—A hamper conveyed by Messrs. Marsh and Swan's London van from King's Lynn, was found to contain the dead body of a young woman, supposed to have been taken from a grave at Lynn.

—*"Mr. Suckling's beautiful yacht, the Marmion, has lately arrived at Buckenham Ferry, to be laid up for the winter. In December last she was laid down and built upon his estate at Woodton, under his immediate plans and directions, and in May last dragged from thence upon a sledge to the water's edge at Carrow Bridge, to the surprise of the natives, who assembled in great number. She dropped down the river and boldly cleared out to sea, on her passage to London, which voyage, though blowing very fresh, she performed much to the satisfaction of those on board. She afterwards went to Calais, made two journeys to Holland, and sailed many times up the canals."

29.—Mr. B. H. Norgate was elected assistant-surgeon of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, in the

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room of Mr. Henry Carter, previously elected surgeon, on the resignation of Mr. Martineau.

—Died at his house in St. Giles' Street, Norwich, aged 72, Mr. John Hammond Cole, an Alderman of the Great Ward of Mancroft. He was Sheriff in 1797; Mayor in 1811; Receiver of Stamp Duties, Treasurer of the Boys' and Girls' Hospital, and of the Norwich Dispensary, and Treasurer and Secretary of the Norfolk and Norwich Savings Bank.

DECEMBER.

1.—Died at New York, aged 64, Mr. James Valentine Murray, third son of Dr. John Murray, of Norwich.

4.—The Norwich Brunswick Constitutional Club, "for preserving the integrity of the Protestant Constitution, and upholding the principles which placed the House of Brunswick upon the Throne of these realms," was formed at a meeting held at the Norfolk Hotel.

6.—Died, aged 48 years, Capt. Sir William Hoste, Bart, R.N., K.C.B., eldest son of the Rev. Dixon Hoste, of Godwick Hall. "He was among the many brave youths from this county on board the Admiral's flagship, the Vanguard, at the memorable battle of the Nile."

8.—Master W. R. Grossmith, "the celebrated young Roscius, 9½ years old," gave, in the Concert Room, St. George's, Norwich, his entertainment, "consisting of rapid transitions of dress and characters."

19.—Died at Yarmouth, aged 79, Mr. John Watson, Mayor of that borough in 1785. In 1799 he was elected Town Clerk, and resigned the office in 1822.

20.*—"Died, last week, at Lakenham, aged 45, Mr. Roger Jean, an eminent miniature painter, leaving a wife and seven children to lament his loss. Although Mr. Jean possessed very superior abilities as a miniature painter, owing to his long-continued illness his latter days were embittered by most distressing privations, and his wife, a well-educated woman, is left in very destitute circumstances."

24.—The weather on Christmas Eve was described as "very close and warm." The whole month was remarkable for its unusual mildness.

26.—Mons. Batty opened his Circus at the Pantheon, Ranelagh Gardens, Norwich.

30.—A "grand match of cocks" was fought at the New Inn, Aylsham, between gentlemen of that town and of North Walsham. The sport was continued on the 31st. North Walsham won 9 battles out of 12. The winning cocks were "fed" by Stafford, of Norwich.

1829.

JANUARY.

1.—Died, aged 76, Mr. Philip Meadows Martineau, one of the surgeons of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital from its foundation in 1772. "Pre-eminently successful as an operator, and most intimately acquainted with the theory of his profession, Mr. Martineau was celebrated in every part of England and throughout Europe. He directed his attention to cases of lithotomy with distinguished success." He was buried at Thorpe, on January 9th.

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10.—Cockey Lane, Norwich, was for the first time accorded its new designation, "London Street."

14.—At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions, it was ordered that the east end of Norwich Castle, including the south end buttress, be put into proper repair, at an expense not exceeding the sum of £600.

17.*—"The sales at Garraway's and the Auction Mart of landed estates in Norfolk last year exceed £110,000. The principal Norfolk estates sold in London during the last 12 months were as follow:—Wellington Hall, 1,724 acres, with house, gardens, &c., £41,000; Clippesby Hall 1,100 acres, with house, &c., £48,110; Mr. Watson's estate at Saxlingham, 137 acres, with house, &c., £7,000."

21.—A meeting of the medical practitioners of the city and county was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, "to petition the Legislature upon the increasing difficulties of pursuing anatomical studies in the public schools."

31.—Mr. Alexander Thurtell, nephew of the Mayor of Norwich, was returned fourth wrangler at Cambridge. He was of Caius College, and was educated by Mr. Bowles (formerly of Norwich Theatre), at the Academy, Yarmouth.

—Norwich Theatre was opened for the season. Mons. Decour, a "strong man," exhibited feats of strength and juggling.

—A disastrous fire occurred on the premises of Messrs. Trivett and Cozens, ironmongers, Exchange Street, Norwich. The 12th Lancers rendered efficient service in saving adjoining property. The NORFOLK CHRONICLE Office narrowly escaped destruction.

FEBRUARY.

7.*—"So great is the panic in Lynn in the minds of the credulous with reference to the resurrectionists, that an individual who was consigned to the grave had round his coffin 13 iron hoops, and in the lid 50 screws."

9.—A brig of 100 tons burden was "raised" at Mr. T. Batley's staith at Carrow, Norwich. Upon the stem of the vessel was the inscription: "This is the first seaborne vessel that was ever built in Norwich. Began January, 1829, by Thomas Batley, and the first bolt was driven by C. Brown, Esq., Alderman of this city." The vessel, which was named the Spring (Capt. Brook), was launched on May 28th. She had two masts, brig-rigged fore and schooner-rigged aft, and was intended for the general trade.

11.—Downham Theatre was opened by Mr. Smedley, in consequence of Mr. Fisher declining that portion of the circuit. "The painting of the ceiling, together with the panelling and ornaments in front of the boxes and gallery, have a very lively effect, and give it the appearance of a neat and modern theatre."

14.—Heigham House, Norwich, was opened under the management of Mr. Jollye, formerly of Loddon, as a retreat for insane persons.

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—An extraordinary marriage took place at Yarmouth. A boy, 15 years of age, the son of a respectable tradesman, absconded from his home and married a Mrs. Bull, a widow, aged 43, the mother of five children. "The fact was ascertained by application to the Rev. Thomas Browne, D.D., at Gorleston."

15.—Lieut.-Col. Harvey conveyed to London a petition signed by 8,920 of the inhabitants of Norwich against the claims of the Roman Catholics. It was presented in due course in the House of Commons. On the 17th the Mayor and Aldermen, and the members of the Common Council of Norwich, adopted petitions in favour of the Roman Catholic claims.

21.—The "African Roscius" (known also by the name of Keene) appeared at Norwich Theatre as Othello. On subsequent evenings he performed the parts of Mungo ("The Padlock"), Oroonoko, Bajazet ("Tamerlane"), Rolla ("Pizzaro"), Alambra ("Paul and Virginia"), and Sambo ("Live when you can").

28.*—"In the Court of Exchequer, last week, an information was filed against Robert Hudson, a paper manufacturer, of Norwich, for arrears of duty on a quantity of paper removed from a mill at Lyng without bearing the Excise mark. A verdict was returned for the Crown—damages, £300. The defendant is now in prison on a former conviction for penalties to the amount of £1,000."

MARCH.

5.—The Westacre Staghounds had a remarkable run. The meet was at Watton, where the stag was turned off, and led a field of between 60 and 70 to Ovington, Shipdham, Whinbergh, over Reymerston Common, touching Southbergh, to Carbrooke, crossing Griston Common, to Thompson Heath. Here there was a short check, which was hit off in good style, and away they went for Tottington, on to Wretham, leaving the decoy on the left, thence to Kilverstone and Brettenham Heaths, to the left of Croxton, and to the River Ouze, which was crossed between Santon Downham and Thetford. Only nine horsemen forded the river; they dashed away across the open in the direction of Barton Mills, where another check occurred. They then passed over Wangford Warren to Lakenheath Common, straight for Bramber Hall, and the stag was killed in the plantations of Mr. Edward Bliss, after a run of three hours and three-quarters. (The hounds were advertised to be sold at the first Newmarket meeting, April 22nd.)

22.—Died at Diss, aged 105 years 6 months, Mrs. Philip Bacon.

23.—A prize-fight took place at Thurton, between Garratt, the Suffolk champion, and Mendham, the Norfolk Youth, for £10 a side. They were also backed for £25. Mendham was seconded by Ned Painter, and Garratt by Wigg. Thirty-five rounds were fought in 1 hour 25 mins. Garratt was the winner. "The crowd to view the fight was very large, and consisted of a due mixture of the sexes."

APRIL.

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8.—Died at Shotesham, Mr. Robert Fellowes, aged 87. He was for many years an active magistrate of the county, and represented Norwich in Parliament from 1802 to 1806.

13.—Two troops of the 7th Dragoon Guards, under the command of Capt. Nugent, arrived at Norwich, to replace the 12th Lancers, ordered to York.

18.—The execution took place on Castle Hill, Norwich, of John Wood (41) and Thomas Butler (29), for sheep stealing, and of Richard Everett (28), for horse stealing. "The number of women present amounted to at least two to one man, and, what was yet more remarkable, crowds of women brought young children with them."

20.—Miss Foote, of Drury Lane Theatre, commenced an engagement at the Theatre Royal, Norwich, where she appeared as Letitia Hardy ("The Belle's Stratagem"), Variella ("The Weathercock"), Rosalind, Zephyrina ("The Lady and the Devil"), Violante ("The Wonder"), Arinette ("The Little Jockey"), Beatrice, and Maria Darlington ("A Roland for an Oliver").

21.—A vessel of 313 tons was launched from the yard of Messrs. H. Fellows and Co., Yarmouth.

23.—A new suspension bridge, erected over the Bure at Yarmouth, by Mr. Robert Cory, jun., was opened with much ceremony. The contractor was Mr. Godfrey Goddard. (*See* May 2nd, 1845.)

MAY.

1.—Mr. T. O. Springfield was elected Mayor of Norwich.

3.—The freedom of Norwich was conferred upon Mr. Edward Hall Alderson, barrister-at-law, eldest son of Mr. Robert Alderson, Recorder of the city.

—The Norwich Corporation voted a grant of £100 to the Norfolk and Suffolk Artists' Society, "to assist in enabling them to enlarge their premises and to purchase casts and models, with the view to the further promotion of the fine arts in this part of the country."

—An illuminated clock was ordered to be placed "on the top of the Guildhall, next the Market Place."

14.—The body of a woman named Gooderham was found murdered in Broome Lane, Diss. After an inquiry lasting six days, during which 41 witnesses were examined, the Coroner's jury returned a verdict of "Wilful murder against some person or persons unknown."

20.—Died, aged 71, Mr. John Dawson Downes, of Lowestoft (formerly of Yarmouth), "a gentleman well known to the sporting world, and in this county as the only constant follower of that noble diversion, hawking."

23.*—[Advt.] "Cocking: A double-day's play of cocking will be fought between the gentlemen of Swaffham and Wisbech, on Wednesday, May 27th, at the Coffee Pot Inn, Downham, for £10 a battle and £50 the odd. Feeders: Leech for Swaffham; Foster for Wisbech."

28.—The bounds were beaten at Lynn by the clergyman, churchwardens, and officers of the parish, accompanied by 236 boys from the Free School. "The place of rendezvous was St. Margaret's church, where, on entering, each boy was supplied with a long white-wand. At ten o'clock the procession set out for the shore of the harbour, and at the expiration of two hours returned again to the same place, having performed the usual evolutions of ducking, tubbing, and other ceremonies peculiar to such occasions. The boundaries of this place appear to terminate in some very singular points, as the parties had to enter several houses by the door and make their exit through the window. At the close of the circuit, the boys were all seated in the Crown Yard and regaled with a large plum bun and half a pint of beer each, and the elders dined at the Crown Tavern."

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31.—At Norwich Theatre was performed, for the first time, a tragedy written by Mr. J. Smith, entitled, "Ralph de Bigod, Earl of Norwich."

JUNE.

3.—The old City Gaol, situate opposite the Guildhall, with a frontage of 70 feet and a depth of 156 feet, was sold by auction to Messrs. De Caux, Son, and Pratt, for £1,570; and the old Bridewell, in St. Andrew's, with a frontage of 64 feet and a depth of 100 feet, was purchased on the same date by Mr. J. Curr, for £1,140.

9.—Miss Paton appeared at Norwich Theatre as Rosetta ("Love in a Village"). Her other impersonations during her engagement included Rosina ("The Barber of Seville"), Susanna ("The Marriage of Figaro"), Mary Copp ("Charles the Second"), Roxalana ("The Sultan"). Miss Paton cleared £140 at her benefit performance.

15.—At an assembly of the Norwich Corporation, the retiring Mayor (Mr. Thurtell), in replying to the customary vote of thanks, complained that he had been repeatedly insulted during his year of office. "I have been attacked by a bulldog," he said, "and the yap has been continually barking at my heels, and language has been applied to me that would disgrace Billingsgate itself."

16.—Guild Day at Norwich. Mr. T. O. Springfield was sworn in as Mayor. Great confusion was caused by an altercation between Mr. Thurtell and Mr. Crisp Brown. The Guild feast was held at St. Andrew's Hall, and a ball took place at the Assembly Rooms.

18.—The Rev. H. R. Bowles (formerly of Norwich Theatre), master of the Yarmouth Academy, was entertained at luncheon at the Black Lion Tavern in that town, and presented by his former pupils with a silver salver weighing 84 ozs. In his reply, he said that far different pursuits had occupied his earlier years, but for twenty years he had never been absent a day from his school-room for pleasure.

29.—The annual cattle fair held at Shipdham, on St. Peter's-day, in accordance with the terms of a charter granted by Henry III., was this year revived.

JULY.

1.—Died at his house in Surrey Street, Mr. Hammond Fisk, aged 70, Sheriff of Norwich in 1823.

11.*—"Died lately, at Keel Hall, Staffordshire, aged 78, Mr. Walter Sneyd, formerly M.P. for the borough of Castle Rising, and many years Colonel of the Stafford Militia."

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—Died at Hanworth, Mr. J. Hicks, formerly of his Majesty's Navy, and Provost-Marshall-General of England, aged 69.

13.—A two days' cricket match commenced on the Norwich ground, between Norfolk and Suffolk, for £50 aside. Fuller Pilch played for Suffolk, and William and Nathaniel Pilch for Norfolk. Norfolk, 53—82. Suffolk, 59—59. The return match commenced at Bury on July 23rd. Suffolk, 102—16. Norfolk, 91—26.

15.—At Norwich Quarter Sessions, Mr. William Day was elected Treasurer of the city, on the resignation of Mr. J. Patteson.

—A public dinner was given to Mr. Alderman Thurtell, by his political friends, "in testimony of their appreciation of his honourable, impartial, and upright conduct in the discharge of the duties of the office of Mayor during the past year."

18.—Madame Vestris appeared at Norwich Theatre for the first time, in the part of Madame Germance ("Home, sweet Home"), and Justine ("The Rencontre"). She afterwards assumed the characters of Elizabeth ("Sublime and Beautiful"), Victoire ("The Invincibles"), Lady Bell ("Know your own Mind"), Apollo (burletta of "Midas"), Laura ("Sweethearts and Wives"), Phoebe ("Paul Pry"), Letitia Hardy ("The Belle's Stratagem"), and Don Giovanni.

27.—Great discontent was manifested by the Norwich weavers. At a meeting held at the Ranelagh Gardens on this date, the operatives petitioned the Mayor to use his influence to prevent manufacturers giving out work at reduced prices to persons in the country. On September 1st the weavers stopped the carriers' carts and searched for country-made goods. Men in disguise entered houses and took work from the looms, under pretence that it had been done below the scale prices. At a meeting at Ranelagh Gardens on October 5th, the manufacturers and operatives drew up a form of agreement, in which the prices were scheduled. At the end of the month many unemployed weavers paraded the streets, headed by a muffled drum and a shuttle bound in crope. The Court of Guardians on December 1st appointed a committee to advise as to the best means of alleviating the wants of the people. During the week commencing December 14th there were numerous meetings of operatives, and an attack was made on Mr. Athow's house. Detachments of the 7th Dragoon Guards patrolled the streets. On December 17th a number of Norwich weavers visited Saxlingham and destroyed a great quantity of silk and materials; and in the following week several disguised men broke into the house of William Springhall, Boatswain's Call Yard, St. Augustine's, cut work from his looms, and shot at him with a pistol. He received severe wounds in the body, and a reward of £100 was offered by the Corporation for the apprehension of his assailants.

AUGUST.

6.—A cricket match, between the Marylebone and the Norfolk Clubs, commenced on the Dereham ground. "Lord Suffield, president of the county club, with Lady Suffield, was present, and 20 or 30 gentlemen's carriages were on the ground, whilst hundreds of spectators were gathered around." Scores: Marylebone, 64-78; Norfolk, 95-48.

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10.—Miss Paton re-appeared at Norwich Theatre for one night, as Agnes ("Der Freischutz") and Diana Vernon ("Rob Roy").

11.—Died, Mr. Richard Gurney, of the Bowling Green Inn, Norwich, aged 48. (The "retired coachman, with one leg," in "Lavengro.")

13.—At the Norfolk Assizes, at Norwich, before Mr. Baron Garrow, Ireland Watts and Robert Watts were charged on an information filed by the Attorney-General, with obstructing Custom-house officers in the discharge of their duty. Capt. De Lafosse, the officer at Mundesley, traced contraband goods to the house of the defendants at Antingham. Having obtained a writ of assistance, he proceeded to the house with Lieut. Lee, several of the coastguard, and a peace officer. Admittance was demanded, and the defendants offered resistance. The captain then drew his pistol and threatened to fire, when Robert Watts bared his breast, exclaiming, "Fire, and be d---d." Capt. De Lafosse, fearing he could not enter the house without bloodshed, withdrew his men. Mr. Kelly, for the defence, submitted that the captain's authority did not permit him to search the house, but the special jury returned a verdict of guilty. In the Court of King's Bench, in November, Mr. Kelly moved for a rule to show why there should not be a new trial, on the ground of the invalidity of the officer's writ. Lord Tenterden held that this might be a question of great importance on public grounds, although in the individual case it was of little consequence. Rule granted. (There is no further record of this case.)

14.—At the Norwich Assizes, before Mr. Justice Parke, John Stratford (42) was found guilty of the murder of John Burgess, an inmate of Norwich Workhouse, by poisoning him with arsenic, on March 2nd. The execution took place on the roof of the new Gaol, on August 17th. After hanging an hour, the body was removed to the lower court at the Guildhall, where it was publicly exposed for two hours. Thence it was conveyed to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, where Mazzotti, the modeller, took a cast of the head; and on the 18th Mr. Crosse commenced a series of anatomical lectures at the dissection of the body. A public subscription was started for the widow and family of the culprit.

25.—Mr. Charles Middleton and Mr. Samuel Shalders Beare were nominated for the office of freemen's Sheriff. At the poll "the partizans of Mr. Beare announced upon their cards that they gave one shilling, but as soon as they found that their opponents were giving 2s. 6d., they outbid

the 'Purples' by offering 2s. 6d. and a pot of beer. At three o'clock the 'Purple and Orange' party headed their opponents by 64. The 'Blues' went to work in purse and person, and placed themselves in a majority. The 'Purples,' finding they could not regain the advantage, at 5.30 informed the Mayor they did not wish to put their opponents to any further expense. Beare, 1,200; Middleton, 1,023."

—A singular wedding took place at Fakenham. The bridegroom was Thomas Hudson, aged 79, and the bride Martha Frary, aged 21. They were followed to church by an unfortunate cripple, driving his curricle of dogs. Immediately after the hymeneal knot was tied, the bridegroom was torn from his fainting partner, thrown into an open cart, decorated with ram's horns, and drawn through the principal streets of the town, amidst the firing of guns and the shouts and ridicule of the people.

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29.—The Corporation of Lynn, according to custom, assembled at the Guildhall on St. John's-day, and went to St. Margaret's Church. "Groups of persons assembled at an early hour to witness the bearing of the branch to the house of the Mayor-elect, Mr. William Bagge."

SEPTEMBER.

2.—The new Roman Catholic church of All Saints, Norwich, was opened by the Right Rev. Dr. Weld, Bishop of Amycloë. "The ringing of the bells of St. Giles' church on the occasion has been made the subject of a great deal more exultation on the one hand, and more lamentation and indignation on the other, than it really merits. The truth is that the bells were set out by the ringers upon speculation, and they were afterwards handsomely rewarded by the Catholics for their liberalism, the venality of which is disgusting enough."

4.—The body of a woman, named Ann Coe, buried two days previously, in Fincham churchyard, was disinterred and stolen. "The churchyard is *very near the turnpike road*. The coffin, containing the shroud, was found in the churchyard, superficially covered with mold."

8.—The Corporation of Yarmouth voted £1,000 towards the building of a church in that borough.

11.—An auxiliary of the "British Society for Promoting the Principles of the Reformation" was formed in Norwich. Under its auspices a great meeting was held at St. Andrew's Hall, on October 21st, at which some disturbance took place.

21.—The Rev. Edward Valpy, D.D., resigned the appointment of headmaster of the Norwich Free Grammar School, which he had held since 1811.

23.—Mary McMullen, aged 61, walked 76 miles in 24 hours, on a measured half-mile of the Gaywood Road near Lynn. She performed the like feat at the Ranelagh Gardens, Norwich, on October 12th, and at North Walsham on March 8th, 1830. At the Ranelagh Gardens, on April 26th, 1830, she walked 100 miles in 24 successive hours.

OCTOBER.

8.—At Swaffham Races, Mr. Shearman "made a match to trot his noted bull a mile in 4½ minutes the day before the fair, and Mr. Gould is in treaty to purchase him to run over a short stage in the Stamford coach from Swaffham to Narborough. Mr. Farrer made a match with Mr. Cooke that he will produce a pair of working oxen that will beat any pair of horses he can produce to plough an acre of land, to take place the day before Swaffham fair."

11.—Died in Union Place, Norwich, aged 102, Mr. Charles Kingaby. He left a widow, aged 98, and a daughter in her 70th year.

14.—The election of an Alderman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Alderman Steward, on October 11th, resulted in the return of Mr. Marshall, who received 246 votes, against 207 recorded for Mr. Turner. "Both sides bought votes as fast as possible. From 30s. to £10 and £15 was given."

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—A severe gale occurred on the Norfolk coast, and several lives were lost. At Brancaster the preventive service picked up 291 casks of brandy and Geneva.

20.—A new vessel, the Indian Maid, was launched from the South Gates Dockyard, Lynn, and christened by Miss Ayre, daughter of one of the owners.

22.—The Norfolk and Norwich Horticultural Society was formed at a meeting held in the old Library Room, Norwich, under the presidency of Mr. Edward Lombe, of Great Melton. Mr. Lombe was elected president, Mr. R. Crawshay vice-president, Mr. John Kitson treasurer, and Mr. Elias Norgate secretary. The first show took place at the Swan Inn, on November 25th.

30.—A fire which occurred at Messrs. Squire, Hills, and Sons' distillery, Norwich, did damage to the amount of £2,000.

31.—Mr. Thomas Cubitt, of Honing Hall, was presented by the yeomanry of the Tunstead and Happing Hundred with a silver vase, in recognition of his 45 years' active service as a magistrate.

NOVEMBER.

9.—Died at Aldborough, aged 95, Mrs. E. Dyball, a remarkable woman, "who practised as midwife at Thurgarton near 50 years, and left 148 children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren,

and great-great-grandchildren, besides 42 who have died" (*sic*).

17.—A 400-ton vessel, called the Duke of Cumberland, was launched from the dockyard of Mr. F. Preston, at Yarmouth.

18.—A gang of convicts, when travelling by coach from Lynn to London, made a desperate effort to escape. During the greater part of the journey the keepers stood over them with cocked pistols. On the coach arriving in town a London mob endeavoured to rescue the prisoners, "but the keepers presented so formidable an appearance that they were able to lodge the convicts in Newgate previous to their removal to the hulks."

20.—Mr. Silvers, tide surveyor at Yarmouth, after a chase of five miles, captured on Breydon a 39 ft. smuggling galley, manned by a crew of nine hands. The smugglers effected their escape, but left behind them 283 half ankers of proof brandy, and about 6,000 lbs. of tobacco.

23.—The centre and south wing of Cromer Hall, the seat of Mr. Geo. Windham, was destroyed by fire. The damage was estimated at £12,000.

24.—During a severe gale off Yarmouth, a vessel foundered, and eight hands perished.

28.—The Rev. Thomas Kidd, M.A., Trinity College, Cambridge, was elected by the Court of Aldermen head master of the Free Grammar School, Norwich.

DECEMBER.

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13.—Died at East Dereham, aged 85, Mr. James Philo, who had filled the office of parish clerk for fifty years. ("The dignified High Church clerk" in "Lavengro.")

21.—The *Crim. Con.* action, *Muskett v. Gurney*, tried at the Thetford Assizes in 1818, was reopened in the Court of King's Bench, when further evidence was adduced on behalf of the plaintiff, to whom the jury awarded £2,000 damages. (May 17th, 1830: "Married, at St. Mary's, Marylebone, Richard Hanbury Gurney, to Mary, only daughter of Mr. William Jary, of Burlingham.")

—A meeting of 200 insurers in the Norwich Equitable Insurance Office was held at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, "for the purpose of taking into consideration the conduct and management of the funds of the society, and of dissolving the institution, with the view of the just redistribution of the funds, the formation of a new society under a more protective management and control." Mr. Skipper was elected registrar and secretary of the new society.

26.—The pantomime, "Punch's Festival, or Harlequin Christmas-box," was produced at Norwich Theatre, under the superintendence of Mr. T. Hill, of Drury Lane Theatre. Mr. Thorne painted "a grand moving panorama, commencing with a view of the intended Port of Norwich (ships lying in the basin), leading through the valley of Thorpe, embracing Col. Harvey's house (Thorpe Hall), Hinsby's Gardens, and intermediate scenery to Lake Lothing, and concluded with the grand junction lock at Lowestoft in its present state." The last scene, "Norwich a Port," concluded with "a grand display of fireworks by Chevalier Southby, of the Royal Gardens, Vauxhall, and the London theatres."

28.—Died at Lynn, Mr. Benjamin Smith, aged 93. "He was a man of rather eccentric habits. His gravestone had been placed in the churchyard of St. Margaret's nearly ten years before his death, having only a blank for his age and day of decease. In his personal habits he was frugal almost to parsimony, but his benevolence was only bound by his means. He entirely rebuilt St. James's almshouses for 12 widows, and an abode for the Reader; and erected and partly endowed another almshouse (called the Wesleyan almshouse) for six poor women."

1830.

JANUARY.

1.—Died at Yarmouth, the Rev. H. R. Bowles, one of the ministers of the Unitarian chapel in that town. He was master of the Yarmouth Academy, and formerly an actor on the Norwich stage.

5.—Died at his house in St. Stephen's, aged 86, Mr. James Keymer, city surgeon, and for upwards of fifty years surgeon and apothecary to the Norwich Bethel. He was known as "the father" of the Norfolk and Norwich Benevolent Medical Society (established in 1786), and "in his capacity of accoucheur introduced no less than 8,000 children into the world, and repeatedly attended three and four generations in succession."

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5.—At the Norwich Consistory Court, the suit, *Meachen v. Carter*, was tried. The parties lived at East Dereham, and the dispute arose about the use of a pew in the church. The defendant was proceeded against for "quarrelling, chiding, and brawling in church," and the court, in giving judgment, declared him excommunicate, directed him to be imprisoned for three days, and condemned him in costs.

10.—During a severe storm from the N.N.E., the streets of Cley-next-the-Sea were inundated in places to the depth of six or eight feet, and several families were rescued from the upper windows of the houses. Many vessels were wrecked along the coast.

11.—The Relief Committee of the Norwich Court of Guardians determined to erect two looms in

the Workhouse for the employment of persons who might apply for relief on the ground of not being able to obtain work. From these looms, at a subsequent date, work was deliberately cut and destroyed. On the 12th the riotous conduct of the weavers necessitated the calling out of the 7th Dragoon Guards; and on the 13th Mr. John Wright, one of the principal master manufacturers, had vitriol thrown into his face in St. Faith's Lane. Mr. Wright, who was dreadfully injured, discharged a pistol at his assailant, who escaped. The Corporation offered a reward for the apprehension and conviction of the miscreant. Richard Nockolds, who was executed for arson on April 9th, 1831, confessed to the perpetration of the outrage. The distress continued throughout the winter, and on February 6th a meeting was held at the Guildhall, at which a relief fund was started, and nearly £3,000 raised. At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions, on March 10th, Lord Suffield, in his charge to the Grand Jury, suggested means for the alleviation of public distress. Mr. Cobbett came down to Norwich and lectured at Ranelagh Gardens on March 12th and 13th, on "The State of the Country." Half-a-crown admission was charged, and "he pocketed about £50, which, all things considered, was about as much as he could well expect." A common hall was held on March 17th, "to consider the unprecedentedly distressed situation of the country," and Parliament was petitioned on the subject. Mr. W. J. Utten Browne, in the course of the proceedings, described Mr. Cobbett as "one whose name it was pollution to pronounce, and who had crawled up from the very dregs of the people to a slimy popularity." In the report of this meeting the term "Liberal," as used in a political sense, appeared for the first time. On May 15th the welcome announcement was made that some of the principal houses in Norwich had brought gros de Naples and other silks to such a state of perfection that they had a decided preference in the market, and that so numerous were the orders that scarcely a loom in this important branch of the weaving trade was unemployed.

16.—A great meeting of freeholders of the county was held at the Shirehall, Norwich, presided over by the High Sheriff (Mr. Andrew Fountaine), at which a petition was adopted for presentation to Parliament, praying for the repeal of the malt duties. (Meetings for the same end were held in all parts of the county.)

19.—A prize-fight took place at Thurton, between T. Riches, 11 st., and John Clarke, 15 st., for a purse of £10. The former was seconded by Ned Painter and Loveday, and the latter by Gale and Mike Fenn. Seventy-two rounds were fought in 1 hour 26 minutes. Riches won. "Hundreds of persons from Norwich padded it through the snow to witness this exhibition of science."

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19.—Mr. Marsham Elwin resigned the chairmanship of the Norfolk Quarter Sessions, and was thanked by the magistrates for the important services he had long rendered to the county. At the April Sessions Mr. John Weyland was elected in his place.

22.—A great fall of snow occurred in the Lynn district. The London coach ran into a drift at Tottenham. The snow was almost up to the lamp-irons, and the vehicle was hauled out by teams of agricultural horses.

25.—Miss S. Booth appeared at Norwich Theatre as Widow Cheerley ("The Soldier's Daughter"). Her other impersonations included Little Pickle ("The Spoilt Child"), Sally Scraggs ("The Englishman in India"); Mary ("The Innkeeper's Daughter"), Aurelia Fairlove ("The Young Widow"); Lady Elizabeth ("The Day after the Wedding"), Priscilla Tomboy ("The Romp"), and Carline ("The Noyades, or the Maid of Venice").

FEBRUARY.

8.—The roads in various parts of the county were rendered impassable by deep snow. The Fakenham coach was three days on its journey from London.

16.—Died, Dr. Robert Gooch, of Berners Street, London, librarian to the King. Dr. Gooch, who was in his 45th year, was born at Yarmouth, and married the eldest daughter of Mr. N. Bolingbroke, of Norwich.

26.—At three o'clock in the morning, John Brooks and William Brooks, awaiting trial in Norwich Castle for a highway robbery at Middleton, attempted to escape. They were confined in Bigod's Tower, from the summit of which William Brooks endeavoured to lower himself by means of his blanket and rug. The improvised rope gave way, and Brooks fell a distance of 70 feet. His thigh, pelvis, left arm, and the whole of the ribs on his left side were broken, and a large tumour subsequently formed at the back of his head. Notwithstanding his terrible injuries, Brooks recovered, and at the Summer Assizes at Norwich was borne into court on the back of a warder to take his trial. It was stated that he was permanently crippled and quite disabled, but Mr. Justice Parke sentenced him to transportation for life.

27.*—"Private Flood, 7th Dragoon Guard's, who was tried by court-martial for sleeping at his post at Norwich, was sentenced to receive 300 lashes, but his Majesty was graciously pleased, in consideration of the long imprisonment he had undergone, to remit the infliction of the punishment."

MARCH.

20.*—[Advt.] "Dr. Johnson's Hotel and Tavern, Bolt Court, Fleet Street. Anthony Beck, late of West Lexham, has taken the above house, and begs leave to inform his Norfolk friends and the public in general that he has used every exertion to render it worthy their support and patronage, and to assure them that he has paid due attention to that grand desideratum of Norfolk

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gentlemen, wines and spirits of the best quality, and good and well-aired beds. N.B.—Within 10 minutes' walk of Smithfield Market and the Theatres."

20.*—"We are informed that it is in contemplation to establish a pack of foxhounds in the western part of Norfolk, and that the kennel is to be at Litcham. In consequence thereof, the largest of the Kempstone hounds will be disposed of, but the Kempstone pack will not be given up. They will return to their original standard of small beagles, which are better adapted for elderly sportsmen, and will not hunt the same day as the foxhounds do."

22.—A public meeting was held at Yarmouth, to protest against the determination of his Majesty's Commissioners for Building Churches to erect a church there in opposition to the desire of the inhabitants. The imposition already in force of 2s. in the pound on houses and grounds, and a duty of 2s. a chaldron on coals consumed in the town, for the support of the church and chapel, was considered oppressive.

29.—The Common Council elections, which commenced at Norwich on this date, gave the 'Orange and Purple' party the ascendancy. "The trade in votes was unblushingly pursued on both sides, and the prices that were given towards the close of each day's polling were of a heavy amount."

30.—A steeplechase took place for a silver cup valued at 30 gs., from Fritton Church to Gorleston Church, a distance of four miles. Horses were run by Mr. Hector Munro, Mr. J. Fowler, Mr. S. Palmer, and Mr. Moore. The race was won by Mr. Munro's entry. In the evening "the gentlemen of Mr. Munro's hunt dined at the Bear Inn, and the company were much gratified with an excellent local and appropriate song, the production of Mr. Burton, of the Norwich Theatre Royal, and repeated by that gentleman in the course of the evening with increased effect."

APRIL.

3.—At a meeting held at the King's Arms Inn, East Dereham, it was decided to establish a pack of foxhounds in that part of the county, and to solicit landowners to preserve foxes.

—*"Last month a number of persons left North and South Lopham in waggons, on their way to embark at Liverpool for the United States of America. Between 100 and 200 persons are emigrating from these parishes, a considerable sum of money having been borrowed on security of the rates to defray the expenses of their passage (about £6 10s. per head), and to furnish each family with the clear sum of £5 on their landing at New York."—[Advt.] "Emigrants to North America. The Preston, A.I., Thomas Woodthorp master, burden 300 tons, being well fitted with berths between decks, and having excellent accommodation for cabin and steerage passengers, will sail from Yarmouth, on the 15th inst., for Quebec. For passage or freight apply at the Counting-house of Isaac Preston, Esq."

5.—At the Sheriffs' Guildhall Court, Norwich, the only jury available were so long engaged in considering a verdict that nine solicitors in court volunteered to form a jury to try the next cause. Those sworn were Messrs. J. B. Daveney, H. Miller, G. Dye, R. Fickling, C. S. Gilman, Colman, Lawter, and Marston. Three laymen made up the requisite number. "The swearing of the jury of legal gentlemen caused much laughter, and what appeared most singular, after hearing evidence on both sides, they could not agree to a verdict, but recommended the withdrawal of a juror, which was done accordingly. Such a jury was never heard of before in Norwich."

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10.—John Simmons, aged 31, and William Lovet, 20, convicted at Thetford Assizes of burglaries at Thorpe, were executed on the Castle Hill, Norwich. Calcraft was the executioner. "After the execution the bodies were laid out in the mill-yard, and the different classes of prisoners were marched past."

—*"A few weeks since a pike was caught in the North River, near St. Benet's Abbey, which weighed 35 lbs., the extreme length of which was 49 inches. It measured 25 inches in girth. This astonishing fish, the largest ever caught in this county, was presented to his Majesty by Mr. H. N. Burroughes, of Burlingham."

12.—Mr. Power, of Covent Garden Theatre, commenced a short engagement at Norwich Theatre, in the part of Dennis Brulgruddery. His other impersonations were Teddy the Tiler, Larry ("More Blunders than One"), Dr. O'Toole, Alessandro Massaroni ("The Brigand"), and Teague ("Honest Thieves").

13.—At a meeting of the Norwich Paving Act Commissioners, a report was received from the Lighting and Watching Committee on the proposals of the agents of the Norwich Gas-Light Company for extending their works through the principal streets of the city. There were then four miles of main and service pipes supplied with oil gas; it was proposed to extend the pipes to twelve miles, and to supply "purified coal gas." It was explained that the adoption of the proposal would result in the abolition of 900 old oil lamps and the substitution of gas lamps, at an increased annual charge of £500. At an adjourned meeting on April 30th, the scheme was adopted, and tenders were invited for carrying it into effect. In May the Norwich Gas Company purchased five acres of land near Bishop Bridge, on which to erect works for supplying the whole city with coal gas.

19.—Three troops of the 1st Royal Dragoons, under the command of Major Martin, arrived in Norwich, to replace the 7th Dragoon Guards. The headquarters of the regiment marched in on

May 15th, from Manchester.

21.—Mrs. W. West, of Drury Lane, appeared at Norwich Theatre, as Portia. Her other parts included Edmond ("The Blind Boy"), Juliana ("The Honeymoon"), Mrs. Beverley, Ellen Enfield ("Falls of Clyde"), and Therese.

23.—The Norfolk Quarter Sessions petitioned the Lord Chancellor to order the removal of the Lent Assizes from Thetford to Norwich. On May 3rd the Corporation of Norwich adopted a similar petition.

—The birthday of King George IV. was celebrated for the last time.

MAY.

1.—Mr. John Angell was elected Mayor of Norwich.

3.—The Corporation of Norwich petitioned the House of Commons to introduce legislation for remitting the punishment of death "in all cases except murder, arson, burglary, highway robbery, and offences attended with violence."

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13.—The foundation-stone of the new Market House at Lynn was laid by the Mayor (Mr. William Bagge).

15.—William King was publicly whipped in Norwich Market Place for stealing a pewter pot.

—Died at his house, in Chapel Field, Norwich, aged 48, Mr. Joseph Gibson, jun., who served the office of Sheriff in 1821.

17.—A portion of the roof over the pit of the old Theatre Royal, Norwich, fell in with a tremendous crash. The workmen who had been employed there during the day had just left the building.

22.—The Rev. William Yonge, Vicar of Swaffham and Chancellor of the Diocese of Norwich, was presented by his parishioners with a piece of plate, of the value of £100, in recognition of his services as their resident minister during the period of 50 years.

JUNE.

2.—Mr. Burton, comedian at the Theatre Royal, Norwich, on the occasion of his benefit, "delivered Liston's celebrated address, riding on the back of a real donkey."

—Died, Mr. Jeremiah Lorkin, aged 77, "well known some years since to the then antiquaries of Norwich, an excellent classical scholar, and conversant with the science of numismatics."

12.—A writ of mandamus was issued by the Court of King's Bench, directing the Mayor and Corporation of Norwich, in compliance with the Act of Parliament, to elect twenty persons to be Guardians of the Poor. The Mayor (Mr. T. O. Springfield) had absented himself from the quarterly assembly of the Corporation on May 3rd. The transaction of public business was, in consequence, prevented, and at a special assembly a strong vote of censure was passed upon his worship for his conduct.

—A grey eagle was shot in Holkham Park. It weighed 9¾ lbs., measured 2½ inches round the smallest part of the leg, 3 ft from the point of the beak to the tip of the tail, and 7 ft. 2 in. from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other.

22.—Guild Day was observed in Norwich. It was stated that at the Cathedral the civic procession "passed along the rush-strewed pavement into the choir." In consequence of the serious illness of the King, it was doubtful whether the Guild feast would be held. Mr. Angell, the Mayor-elect, issued 600 invitations, and until the guests actually assembled there was every probability of the abandonment of the feast.

27.—Intelligence was received in Norwich of the death of George IV. The news came six hours in advance of the mails, by an express despatched from the "Sun" newspaper office in London to the proprietors of the NORFOLK CHRONICLE. The great bell of St. Peter Mancroft Church was tolled. On the 29th the High Sheriff (the Hon. George Milles) proceeded on horseback from the Norfolk Hotel, accompanied by a marshal and javelin-men, and other officials, to the Shirehall, where the accession of King William IV. to the Crown of these realms was proclaimed, and three cheers given. The King was proclaimed by the city authorities on the 30th, from the leads of the Guildhall. The procession round the city was headed by the band and kettledrums of the 1st Royal Dragoons, and five troops of the regiment, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel Somerset. "The Colonel politely declined the Mayor's invitation to himself and his officers to take refreshments at the Guildhall after the ceremony, and the offer on the part of the Corporation to present the non-commissioned officers and men of the Royals with 10 guineas with which to drink his Majesty's health was also declined, on the ground that the troops, in attending the civil authorities, had only performed a duty." There were similar observances at Yarmouth and Lynn.

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JULY.

5.—Mr. William Smith, M.P. for Norwich, in an address on this date, intimated to the electors that, in consequence of advancing years, he would not offer himself for re-election. He had represented the city twenty-eight years.

—A grand main of cocks (three double-days' play) commenced at the Maid's Head Inn, Norwich, between the gentlemen of Norfolk (Stafford, feeder) and the gentlemen of Suffolk (Nash, feeder), for £10 a battle and £100 the odd. Norfolk won by two battles a head on the main.

6.—A cricket match was played at Lord's, between the Marylebone and the Norfolk clubs. The latter won by 24 runs. Marylebone, 43-78; Norfolk, 87-58. The return match was played on the Dereham ground, on August 19th and 20th, when Norfolk won by eight wickets. Marylebone, 62-44; Norfolk, 85-22.

15.—The funeral of the late King took place on this date. The day was observed in Norwich "with the complete features of the Sabbath." The Corporation attended service at the Cathedral, services were held in other places of worship, and the great bell of St. Peter Mancroft tolled from eight o'clock till midnight.

24.—At the General Election which took place consequent upon the death of the King, Mr. Richard Hanbury Gurney, acceding to the urgent appeals of the "Blue and White" party in Norwich, consented to contest the city, in conjunction with Mr. Robert Grant. On this date he and his colleague made their public entry. Col. Peel, who sought re-election, and Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Ogle, Bart., the other "Orange and Purple" candidate, arrived on the 26th. The nomination took place on the 29th, and the polling commenced immediately afterwards. Throughout the election great excitement prevailed, and there was much rioting. The poll was declared on the 30th, as follows: Gurney, 2,363; Grant, 2,279; Peel, 1,912; Ogle, 1,762.

30.—The election at Yarmouth commenced, and, after a sharp contest, the poll was declared, on the 31st, as follows: The Hon. George Anson, 944; Rumbold, 944; Preston, 751; Campbell, 754.

31.—Lynn election took place, and resulted in the return of Lord George Bentinck and Col. Walpole, with 78 and 73 votes respectively. The unsuccessful candidate, Sir W. B. ffolkes, polled 8 votes.

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AUGUST.

3.—Mr. T. W. Coke and Mr. Edmond Wodehouse, the outgoing members, offered themselves for re-election by the county. Mr. Coke issued an address on this date, asking the electors to support Sir William ffolkes, who stood as a third candidate. Mr. Wodehouse withdrew his candidature rather than involve himself and his supporters in a protracted contest, and the two first-named gentlemen were returned unopposed on the 6th.

7.—An inquest upon the body of a man accidentally killed was held *in the porch* of Earlham church by Mr. William Bell, Coroner.

9.—Mr. Samuel Bignold was elected one of the Sheriffs of Norwich.

—At an inquest held at Norwich on the body of John Morse, aged 38, who, during the city election was violently struck by a stone, and received such injuries that he died on August 6th, a verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown, was returned, and the Court of Mayoralty offered a reward of £50 for a conviction.

—Mr. Kean appeared at Norwich Theatre in the character of Richard III., previous to leaving England for America, and to his final retirement from the stage. His other impersonations included Shylock, Othello, Sir Edward Mortimer, Sir Giles Overreach, and King Lear.

20.—Died at sea, on board the Lyra Government packet, in his 63rd year, Mr. Crisp Brown, Alderman of Norwich, who served as Sheriff in 1814, and Mayor in 1817. He had taken a voyage across the Atlantic for the benefit of his health, "but unhappily sank under the weight of affliction which oppressed his mind."

21.—The King's birthday was celebrated in Norwich.

25.—Died at his house on Tombland, Norwich, Mr. Henry Carter, aged 40, one of the surgeons of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

31.—The election of freemen's Sheriff at Norwich resulted in the return of Mr. Isaac Wiseman, with 1,124 votes, against 794 polled by Mr. Charles Middleton.

SEPTEMBER.

13.—The foundation-stone of a new episcopal chapel at Yarmouth, erected by voluntary subscriptions, from designs by Mr. Scoles, was laid by Mr. Barth, acting for the Bishop of Norwich.

21.—The Norwich Musical Festival opened with a grand concert, given at St. Andrew's Hall. On the morning of the 22nd, sacred selections were given, and in the evening Mr. Mori conducted a concert. The "Messiah" was performed on the morning of the 23rd, and a concert took place in the evening. On Friday, 24th, selections of sacred music were given in the morning, and a fancy dress ball was held in the evening. The principal performers at the Festival were Madame Malibran, Madame Stockhausen, Master Phillips, Mrs. William Knyvett, Mr. Braham, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Terrail, Mr. E. Taylor, and Signor De Begnes. Sir George Smart was conductor.

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24.—A dinner was held at the Corn Exchange, Norwich, to celebrate the return of Mr. T. W.

25.—Mr. Braham appeared at Norwich Theatre as Henry Bartram ("Guy Mannering").

OCTOBER.

2.—Malibran appeared at Norwich Theatre, in the character of Susanna ("The Marriage of Figaro").

4.—A twin packet was launched from the shipyard of Mr. John Lubbock, at Wells-next-the-Sea. "She may justly be called a twin steamer, having two stems and two stern posts, with a tunnel passing through the middle ingeniously constructed so as to make her very stiff and of an easy draught of water. The vessel was built for the Aire and Calder Navigation Company."

9.—A specimen of the *Ossifragus*, or small eagle, was shot at Barton Turf.

11.—The new Beer Bill came into operation. At Lynn "the day was kept as a jubilee by all the devotees of Sir John Barleycorn. Nearly 50 new houses were opened for the sale of beer, and drunkenness, rioting, and fighting were prevalent in many of the streets."

23.—Mr. J. G. Johnson was elected assistant-surgeon at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, in place of Mr. B. H. Norgate, appointed one of the surgeons.

—A county meeting was held at the Shirehall, Norwich, at which it was decided to petition Parliament for the repeal of the duty on malt. Great disorder was occasioned by an operative in the gallery exhibiting a placard bearing the words, "Englishmen, remember the expensive and bloody reign of George III."

NOVEMBER.

2.—A common hall was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, for the purpose of petitioning the Legislature for the repeal of the duty on coals. The requisition had been signed wholly by persons of the "Purple and Orange" party, much opposition resulted, and the meeting dissolved in confusion.

10.—Mr. Edward Hall Alderson, son of the Recorder of Norwich, and Mr. John Patteson, son of the Rev. Henry Patteson, of Drinkstone, Suffolk, and nephew of Mr. Alderman Patteson, of Norwich, were appointed Judges of the High Court.

—On this date began the machine-breaking riots and stack firing, which gradually extended over the greater part of the county. The first fire occurred on the farm of Mr. J. Hill, of Briston, and a reward of £1,000 was offered by Sir Jacob Astley for the discovery of the offenders. On the 16th a mob destroyed the agricultural machinery belonging to Mr. John Girling, of Paston. The outrages became so numerous that the principal agriculturists got rid of their threshing-machines, and Col. Wodehouse, the Lieutenant of the County, issued a circular to the magistrates, requesting them to swear in special constables in every parish. At Melton Constable, on the 22nd, it was feared that an attack would be made upon the Hall, but the gentlemen in the neighbourhood went to the assistance of Sir Jacob Astley, and, meeting the rioters at Hindolvestone, seized the ringleaders and conveyed them to Walsingham Bridewell. Another mob assembled on the 23rd, and further arrests were made. The High Sheriff (the Hon. G. J. Milles), anticipating a further attack, despatched a messenger to Elmham Park, requesting the assistance of the gentlemen of the Norfolk Hunt, who had a meet there that day. The summons was immediately obeyed, and the horsemen, on arriving at Melton Constable, dispersed the rioters and made several arrests. The same day detachments of the 1st Royal Dragoons were sent from Norwich to do duty in the disturbed districts. At Norwich, on the 29th, the mob destroyed the sawmills of Mr. Calver, at New Catton, and the looms at Messrs. Willett's factory in St. Martin's, and broke the windows of the silk factory. The Sheriffs and the magistrates were in daily and nightly attendance at the Guildhall, and the Chelsea pensioners in the city, to the number of 200, were called out to assist in preserving the peace. On December 4th the county of Norfolk was included in his Majesty's proclamation, offering a reward of £50 in respect of every person convicted of any outrage upon property. At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions, held on December 18th, two Committees were appointed, one for East and the other for West Norfolk, "to arrange and put the constabulary force on the most efficient footing to preserve the peace and protect the persons and property of the inhabitants of the county." The thanks of the Court were given to the 1st Royals for their services, and to the Mayor and magistrates of Norwich for their cordial co-operation with the county authorities in the suppression of the disturbances.

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20.—A whale, which had stranded upon a sandbank four miles below the harbour, was landed on the common staith at King's Lynn. "It was placed on two trucks, dragged by six horses, and measured 21 ft. 3 in. in length, and 13 ft. 6 in. in circumference."

25.—Mr. Robert Grant, one of the members for Norwich, having accepted the office of Judge Advocate under the new Administration, a fresh election was rendered necessary, and the writ was received on this date. The right hon. gentleman was returned unopposed on November 30th. He was afterwards appointed a Government Commissioner for the affairs of India.

DECEMBER.

6.—Died at his house, St. Giles' Terrace, Norwich, Joseph Stannard, artist.

11*.—“On Sunday, November 7th, were deposited in Lakenham churchyard the remains of Elizabeth Watts, aged 24 years; and on the 28th of the same month a brother of the deceased died. He expressed the wish to be buried in the same grave with his sister. It was found that the grave had been opened and the body of the sister taken away. The shroud remained.”

11.—Died, in consequence of a fall from his horse, the Very Rev. Edward Mellish, M.A., formerly of Trinity College, Cambridge, rector of East Tuddenham, vicar of Honingham, and Dean of Hereford.

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16.—Died at Costessey, Captain William Bolton, R.N., eldest son of the Rev. William Bolton, “and one of the few surviving Norfolk heroes who accompanied Nelson in his deeds of fame.”

18.—It was announced that Mr. Robert Alderson had resigned the Recordship of Norwich. Mr. Isaac Preston, Steward of the city, was, on the 23rd, appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Fitzroy Kelly was appointed Steward on February 3rd, and presented with the freedom of the city on April 29th, 1831.

—Official notification was given of the completion of the Gas Works at Bishop Bridge, Norwich, and of the extended service of gas in the city.

24.—A frost commenced on Christmas-eve, and became so intense that in the course of forty-eight hours the mill-streams and rivers were frozen over, and navigation between Norwich and Yarmouth was obstructed by ice. On the night of the 26th the thermometer fell to zero, “a degree of cold never before observed in this country.” On the 27th there was a sudden change, and on the 31st the thermometer stood at 48 degrees.

25.—Died at Lakenham Grove, aged 74, Mr. Joseph Gurney, banker, of Norwich. At the funeral in the Gildencroft burial-ground, “Mr. J. J. Gurney and Mrs. Fry offered up impressive prayers.”

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JANUARY.

1.—The non-commissioned officers and privates of the 1st Royal Dragoons were entertained by public subscription at dinner at the Assembly Rooms, East Dereham, in recognition of their services during the recent disturbances.

5.—Died at Hilborough Hall, aged 54, Mr. Ralph Caldwell. “He was among the first promoters of the Norfolk Foxhunting Society.”

—The calendar of the Norfolk Quarter Sessions contained the names of 205 prisoners, of whom 108 were indicted for taking part in the machine-breaking riots during November and December, 1830. The trials, which took place before Mr. Serjeant Frere, Lord Suffield, and other magistrates, concluded on the 12th. Sixty-seven of the rioters were found guilty of machine-breaking, and 41 were acquitted or otherwise discharged. One was sentenced to 14 years' transportation; 8 to seven years; 1 to two years' imprisonment; 1 to fifteen months; 4 to one year; 5 to nine months; 10 to six months; 6 to four months; 14 to three months; 8 to two months; 4 to one month, and 1 to fourteen days. Fifty were charged with rioting and other outrages. Of these, 18 were discharged on their own recognisances; 9 were acquitted, and 23 convicted. One was sentenced to imprisonment for two and a half years; 2 for two years; 3 for eighteen months; 4 for one year; 2 for six months; 3 for four months; 4 for three months; 2 for one month; 1 for three weeks; and 1 for one week. There were reserved for a higher tribunal three capital offences of machine-breaking, and five or six cases of arson.

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17.—At the Norwich Quarter Sessions, an indictment was preferred against one William Lamb, for receiving a bribe at the election of Mr. Alderman Steward. The Grand Jury made a presentment that the bill of indictment should have included Mr. Charles Turner and Mr. Samuel Woodcock Mealing, as there was conclusive evidence that they had bribed the defendant. The Recorder (Mr. Preston) adjourned the case until January 31st. A further adjournment was made till February 1st, when the Recorder, after a long legal argument with counsel, decided that the case could not proceed. A rule absolute was obtained in the Court of King's Bench against Mr. Mealing, and the case came on for trial before Lord Lyndhurst at the Norwich Assizes on July 29th, when the jury found the defendant guilty, and recommended him to mercy. In the Court of King's Bench, on November 8th, an unsuccessful motion was made for arrest of judgment. Finally the defendant appeared before that Court on November 23rd, and was sentenced by Mr. Justice Parke to pay a fine of £100.

19.—The honorary freedom of the city was conferred upon the Right Hon. Lord Viscount Sidmouth, on the occasion of a visit to his son-in-law, the Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich.

—The agitation for Parliamentary Reform began at Norwich, this year, with a meeting held at St. Andrew's Hall, when resolutions were passed in favour of the measure. On March 19th the Right Hon. Robert Grant, member for Norwich, presented in the House of Commons a petition signed by 7,000 citizens in support of the Bill, and Sir William Folke presented similar petitions from the inhabitants of the several Hundreds in the county. A great meeting took place at St Andrew's Hall on September 29th, at which it was decided to petition the House of Lords on behalf of the Bill, on the ground “that the tranquillity and happiness of this kingdom depend on the complete passing of this great national measure.” The Bill having been thrown out by the Peers, a

requisition was presented to the Mayor of Norwich for a Common Hall, which was held at St. Andrew's Hall on October 18th. A procession, headed by bands of music, started from the Castle Ditches at ten o'clock, and, after parading the streets of the city, arrived at the Hall at noon. About 5,000 persons were present, and the Mayor presided. Mr. Thomas Bignold, jun., one of the principal speakers, moved a series of resolutions expressive of the "ardent hope that such constitutional measures as may be completely effectual for the attainment of this most important object will be forthwith adopted by his Majesty, under the advice and with the assistance of his Ministers." An address founded on the resolutions was ordered to be presented to the King. A county meeting took place at the Shirehall on November 19th, under the presidency of Mr. Anthony Hamond, "for the purpose of expressing confidence in his Majesty's Ministers, and of adopting such proceedings as may be deemed expedient to forward the great measure of Reform." On the 26th was issued for signature "the Norfolk Declaration" which expressed "alarm at the extensive innovations proposed by the late Reform Bill," and gratitude to the House of Lords for "generously exercising the prerogative power vested in them for the good of the people, and for refusing to concur in so dangerous an experiment." The year's agitation closed with the issue, on December 3rd, of another Declaration, "founded on a constitutional basis and manifesting a conciliatory spirit." This movement was known as "the Conservative Reform." (The word "Conservative," in the political sense, was, on this occasion, used locally for the first time.)

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21.—At the county magistrates' meeting, Mr. John Stracey reintroduced the subject of the removal of the Lent Assizes from Thetford to Norwich, and announced that Lord Chancellor Brougham had addressed to the Lieutenant of the County a letter, in which he promised to advise the Secretary of State to cause the Assizes to be held in future at Norwich. On February 1st the Corporation of Norwich petitioned the Lord Chancellor in favour of the removal. On March 9th the Home Office intimated that the Judges of Assize for the Norfolk Circuit proposed to hold an adjourned Assizes for the trial of eight prisoners at Norwich on March 24th. The Assizes were held accordingly on that date by adjournment from Thetford.

26.—Died at his house in Portland Place, London, aged 86, Mr. Richard Paul Jodrell, F.R.S., F.A.S., D.C.L., formerly member of Parliament for the borough of Seaford. "It may be regarded as an almost unprecedented instance, that Mr. Jodrell had lived to be in possession of his paternal estates 80 years, his father having died at an early age in 1751." He was distinguished as a scholar, and as author of "The Illustrations of Euripides" and other literary works. Mr. Jodrell was the last surviving member of Dr. Johnson's Club.

FEBRUARY.

12.—Died at St. George Colegate, Norwich, James Horth, aged 42. "He was a journeyman dyer, but devoted his leisure hours to the highest branches of mathematical science; his knowledge of astronomy was profound; he was deeply read in the modern analysis of the French, and possessed the esteem of some of the most celebrated mathematicians of this country."

13.—Died at Bath, Sir Edward Berry, Bart., K.C.B., Rear-Admiral of the Red. He was born in 1768, and was fourth son of a London merchant. On December 12th, 1797, he married Louisa, eldest daughter of the Rev. Samuel Forster, D.D., then head-master of the Norwich Free Grammar School. At the restoration of peace, in 1814, Sir Edward returned to Norfolk, and took up his residence at Catton, where he remained some years. Thence he proceeded to Bath, for the benefit of his health. He was buried at Walcot Church, Bath, on February 22nd.

14.—Died, aged 74, Mr. William Betts, Lieutenant and Quartermaster in the West Norfolk Militia. He entered the service as a private on April 29th, 1778; was appointed Corporal, July 18th, 1780; Sergeant, June 10th, 1790; Quarter-master, April 23rd, 1803, and held the appointment till June 24th, 1829, after a total service of 51 years 57 days.

19.*—[Advt.] "The annual grand main of cocks, between the gentlemen of Norfolk and the gentlemen of Suffolk, will be fought at the Maid's Head Inn, St. Simon's, Norwich, on Tuesday, March 8th, and two following days (three double-days' play), for £10 a battle and £100 the main. To commence fighting each day in the morning at 12 o'clock, in the evening at seven. Feeders: Stafford for Norfolk; Nash for Suffolk."

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23.—Died at his house, at Thorpe, Mr. Michael Stark, aged 83. "Mr. Stark was a native of Scotland, and descended from an ancient and honourable family in the county of Fife. He was apprenticed to a dyer, and, having been engaged in London, was induced to come to Norwich. To Mr. Stark Norwich was indebted for the introduction of many valuable discoveries and improvements which tended considerably to the success of its manufactures."

27.—Died at the Royal Military College, Bagshot, Captain Charles Stone, paymaster at that institution, aged 84. He was a native of Norwich, and served in the 16th Light Dragoons, which he accompanied to America in 1775, and was personally concerned in the taking of General Lee. On his passage home from America, in 1781, he was captured in the British Channel by a French privateer, and carried to France, where he was detained a prisoner 12 months. In 1784 he was appointed Adjutant of the 16th, and in due time attained the rank of Captain. He was appointed paymaster of the College in 1802, and resigned in 1827.

MARCH.

2.—The freedom of the city was presented to the Hon. and Very Rev. G. Pellew, D.D., Dean of

Norwich.

6.—Died at Dulwich College, aged 66, the Rev. Ozias Thurston Linley, A.B., a junior fellow of that institution, and formerly a Minor Canon of Norwich Cathedral. He was the eldest son of Mr. Thomas Linley, patentee of Drury Lane Theatre, and brother of Mrs. Sheridan, the first wife of Richard Brinsley Sheridan.

21.—The elections for the Common Council commenced at Norwich. "They were conducted upon correct principles, the voters were left free from the temptation of corruption, and the result was the renewed ascendancy of the 'Orange and Purple' party, who won the representation of three wards out of four."

24.—The grave was discovered, in the south aisle of St. Stephen's Church, of Robert Browne, a former Mayor of Norwich. Nothing remained but some pieces of bones. Upon a stone was the inscription: "Of your charitie praye for the soule of Robert Browne, Esquire, some time Mayor of this city, who died 1534."

—The Norfolk Lent Assizes (adjourned from Thetford) were held at Norwich for the first time. Mr. Justice Alderson, an honorary freeman of the city, was one of the judges.

25.—At the Norfolk Lent Assizes, at Norwich, before Mr. Justice Alderson, Richard Nockolds was indicted for setting fire to stacks, the property of William Blake, at Swanton Abbott, and Robert Hunt, Josiah Davidson, and David Davidson were charged as accessaries. The jury found the prisoners not guilty. On the 26th they were indicted for setting fire to a stack the property of Richard Ducker, of the same place. Nockolds was found guilty, and sentenced to death; Josiah Davidson was convicted of being an accessary before the fact, recommended to mercy, and afterwards respited; Hunt and David Davidson were acquitted. Nockolds was executed on the Castle Hill, Norwich, on April 9th. His body was subsequently exhibited at his cottage opposite the Barrack gates, Pockthorpe, "and a considerable sum of money was in this way raised for the widow."

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26.—A Bill "for the better management of the Poor in the several parishes and hamlets of the city of Norwich," had, it was announced on this date, been presented in the House of Commons. The principal object of the measure was to abolish the right of the Corporation to elect Guardians. It was read a first time in April, passed through its remaining stages during the first Session of the new Parliament, and the first meeting of the Court of Guardians elected under the new Act was held at the Guildhall on October 4th.

APRIL.

5.—Lynn Market Cross was sold by auction for £160. It had long been dilapidated. "The Market Place in its present state, covered with vegetation sufficient to graze sheep, presents a most melancholy appearance."

8.—Mr. Henry Dover was elected a chairman of Norfolk Quarter Sessions, in the room of Sir E. H. Alderson, appointed one of his Majesty's Judges.

11.—Miss Smithson appeared at Norwich Theatre in the character of Juliet; and on three subsequent evenings as Mrs. Simpson ("Simpson and Co."), Belvidera, Mrs. Oakley ("The Jealous Wife"), and Theresa ("The Orphan of Geneva").

13.—The new road from Acle to Yarmouth, saving a distance of three miles five furlongs, was opened for public inspection, and was shortly afterwards used for traffic.

14.—A ballot for filling up the peace establishment of the East Norfolk Militia was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, before Mr. Isaac Preston, D.L. "Substitutes were easily obtained from £2 to £3 per man."

29.—The nomination of Parliamentary candidates for Norwich took place. Mr. R. H. Gurney and the Right Hon. Robert Grant were proposed by the "Blue and White" party, and Sir Charles Wetherell and Mr. Michael Thomas Sadler by the "Purple and Orange" party. A poll was demanded, and opened on April 30th. The polling-booths closed on May 3rd, when the result was declared as follows:—Gurney, 2,158; Grant, 2,163; Wetherell, 977; Sadler, 964.

—Yarmouth election commenced on this date, and the poll closed on the 30th. Result:—Col. Anson, 904; Mr. Rumbold, 903; Mr. Colville, 549; Mr. Bliss, 543.

30.—Lord H. Cholmondeley and the Hon. F. G. Howard were re-elected members of Parliament for Castle Rising.

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1.—This day (Sunday) Mr. Alderman Leman and Mr. Alderman Yallop were elected to be returned to the Court of Aldermen for appointment to the office of Mayor of Norwich. Mr. Yallop was chosen Mayor on the 3rd.

2.—Lord George Bentinck and Lord William Lennox were elected without opposition members of Parliament for King's Lynn.

3.—The use of the ballot box at meetings of the Norwich Corporation was discontinued, on the motion of Mr. W. J. Utten Browne, who characterised it as "a sneaking mode of proceeding."

4.—Died in Harley Street, London, aged 69, the Viscountess Nelson and Duchess of Bronte, “widow of the immortal hero of Trafalgar.” The funeral took place at Littleham, near Exmouth.

6.—Mr. T. W. Coke and Sir W. B. ffolkes were returned unopposed members of Parliament for the county of Norfolk. Mr. Coke announced that he would not again seek re-election.

28.*—“Last week a lobster was taken out alive from one of the branches of the river Waveney, at Frenze, in this county. The river is intersected by several locks, and the place where it was taken is nearly 40 miles from the sea.”

JUNE.

1.—Died at Thorpe, aged 47, Mr. Marsham Elwin, of Thurning, formerly one of the chairmen of Norfolk Quarter Sessions.

6.—A vessel named the Carrow, of 80 tons burden, was launched from the timber-yard of Mr. Batley, at Carrow.

—A two days’ cricket match commenced on Lord’s ground, between Norwich and Marylebone. Norwich, 115-142. Marylebone, 145-67. Betting at the start was 6 to 4 on Marylebone, and at the end of the first day’s play the odds were 7 and 8 to 1 in favour of Norwich.

11.*—“The census which has just been taken shows that the inhabitants of Norwich number 60,998, an increase in ten years of 10,700. The population of the county, exclusive of Norwich, but including other boroughs, is 331,014, an increase of 36,934.”

20.—Mr. Alderman Patteson resigned his seat after fifty years’ membership of the Norwich Corporation. Mr. Samuel Bignold was elected to fill the vacancy thus created in the Great Mancroft Ward.

—A meeting, presided over by Mr. J. J. Gurney, was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, for the purpose of promoting a subscription for the relief of sufferers from the Irish famine.

21.—Guild Day at Norwich. Mr. J. H. Yallop was, for the second time, sworn in as Mayor, and afterwards entertained 800 guests at the Guild feast.

22.—Mr. Charles Green made a balloon ascent from Richmond Hill Gardens, Norwich, in company with Mr. Richard Crawshay, and in 1 hour 10 minutes descended upon a marsh at Oby near Acle. He made a second ascent from the same gardens on July 2nd, accompanied by Mr. Alderman Marshall, and descended at Blofield. Mr. Crawshay accompanied the aeronaut in the ascent at the opening of London Bridge by the King on August 1st. Owing to a strong wind, the ascent was made with great difficulty; the aeronauts barely escaped with their lives, and on descending at Charlwood were severely bruised and shaken.

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JULY.

7.—The first stone of a new church at Yarmouth, dedicated to St. Peter, and erected on a site granted by the Corporation, was laid by the Mayor (Mr. Edmund Preston). Mr. Scoles was the architect. The church was consecrated on August 16th, 1833, by the Bishop of Winchester, on behalf of the Bishop of Norwich.

23.—The interment took place at Rainham church of the remains of General Loftus. He entered the Army in 1770, and in 1775 embarked with the 17th Light Dragoons for America. He was in the action of Bunker’s Hill, at the battle of Bedford, at the taking of New York, at the battles of Pelham Manor and the White Plains, and led the Hessian Grenadiers across the river Brunx, where he was wounded. He was wounded again in the attack on the lines at King’s Bridge. In 1794 he raised the 24th Light Dragoons, largely composed of Norfolk men; in 1796 was made Major-General and appointed to the English staff, and in 1797 was transferred to the Irish staff, and commanded a brigade at the battle of Vinegar Hill. He commanded the Eastern District in 1809, and at the time of his death was Lieutenant of the Tower and Colonel of the 2nd Dragoon Guards. General Loftus for several Sessions represented in Parliament the borough of Great Yarmouth.

25.—At the Norfolk Assizes held at Norwich, before Lord Lyndhurst, an indictment was preferred against several farmers and labourers living at Edingthorpe, for having conspired to compel the rector, the Rev. Richard Adams, to take less in tithe than he was entitled to by law. The great and small tithes together averaged 6s. per acre; under intimidation Mr. Adams signed a document by which he agreed to accept 4s. per acre during his life. At the suggestion of his lordship, a settlement was arrived at. He intimated, however, that a clergyman had a right to his tithes, and the parishioners had no authority to dictate to him.

26.—At the same Assizes, an action was brought against the Rev. Dean Wood, vicar of Middleton, by Mr. Howes, a farmer in the same parish, for a libel contained in a pamphlet published by the defendant, entitled, “A Defence of the Clergy, founded upon facts.” The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff, damages £100.

28.—Paganini performed at a concert given under the management of Mr. Pettet, at the Corn Exchange, Norwich. He appeared again on the 29th, and on the 30th was engaged at the Theatre. He was described as “the fascinating, but by no means fair-dealing, foreigner.”

1.—Mr. Wallack, of Drury Lane Theatre, commenced a short engagement at the Theatre Royal, Norwich, in the character of Rolla ("Pizarro"). His other impersonations included Don Felix ("The Wonder"), Sir Edward Mortimer, Alessandro Massaroni ("The Brigand"), and Dashall ("My Aunt").

8.—A cricket match, lasting two days, between Marylebone and Norwich, commenced on the Norwich ground. Marylebone, 96-109. Norwich, 69-94. Lillywhite and Sir St. Vincent Cotton played for the former, and Fuller Pilch, W. Pilch, and N. Pilch for the latter club.

10.—The 1st Royal Dragoons were inspected on Mousehold Heath, Norwich, by General Sir Charles Dalbiac. "This fine regiment, several of whose officers are sons of Norfolk families, has been lately augmented by the enlistment of a large number of Norfolk men."

18.—A two-days' cricket match commenced on the Dereham ground, between Marylebone and Norfolk. Marylebone, 44-67. Norfolk, 11-38. "Both at Norwich and at Dereham the Norfolk men were evidently beaten by the system of bowling."

30.—At the election of freemen's Sheriff, at Norwich, the candidates were Mr. John Cozens (1,086 votes) and Mr. W. J. Utten Browne (506 votes).

31.—A camping match took place on Norwich Cricket Ground, between Norwich and Blofield. The latter gave up. "Neither the camping nor the subsequent wrestling were either of them well contested."

SEPTEMBER.

5.—Died at Heigham, Norwich, aged 75, Mr. J. Watson, one of the original contractors of the Norwich mail coaches established in 1785.

8.—The Coronation of William IV. and Queen Adelaide was celebrated in Norwich. The Corporation attended service at the Cathedral, and the 1st Royal Dragoons fired a *feu de joie* in the Market Place. "This day was fixed upon to pay the freemen who voted for Messrs. Gurney and Grant their sovereigns, which they received at different public-houses, pursuant to notice circulated by handbills." A dinner, attended principally by the "Blue and White" party, took place at St. Andrew's Hall; and the "Purple and Orange" freemen were entertained at the York Gardens, Pockthorpe. Celebrations were held in different parts of the county.

10.—Mr. Richard Forby, a well-known farmer at Tittleshall, was gored to death by a bull.

19.—Died, James Twiddy, parish clerk of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. "He had a taste for poetry, and occasionally wrote in verse. His prose compositions displayed considerable talent, and his leisure hours were chiefly employed in reading and improving his mind."

—Three troops of Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry, raised in the western part of the county, consisting of the 1st or Melton troop, Capt. Sir Jacob Astley; the 2nd, or West Raynham troop, Capt. Lord Townshend, and the 3rd or Elmham troop, Major the Hon. George John Milles, assembled at Lenwade Bridge and marched to Norwich, on their way to Yarmouth for six days' training. The band of the 1st Royals played them into the city, where they were billeted for the night. The uniform of the regiment consisted of a scarlet jacket, dark trousers, and black helmet.

27.—Died at Harold's Cross, near Dublin, aged 85, the Rev. Philip Taylor, upwards of 60 years minister of the Unitarian congregation in Eustace Street in that city. Mr. Taylor was a native of Norwich, and grandson of Dr. John Taylor, formerly minister at the Octagon chapel.

OCTOBER.

1.—At this date there were four coaches running daily on the road between Lynn and Norwich.

12.—The Cross Keys Bridge and embankment, opened on this date, afforded direct communication between Norfolk and Lincolnshire and the North of England. By these works nearly 18,000 acres of land were recovered from the sea. The opening ceremony commenced with a procession of carriages over the bridge and embankment, and concluded with a dinner in a marquee erected near the works. Three hundred guests were present, and Sir William Ffolkes, M.P., presided.

NOVEMBER.

12.—In accordance with regulations passed by the Court of Mayoralty, the Aldermen of the small wards in Norwich, accompanied by the parochial officials, perambulated their respective wards, for the purpose of reporting upon their sanitary condition. In view of the cholera outbreak in other parts of the country, the medical men of Norwich divided the city into four districts, and apportioned a certain number of their body to each.

20.—Services were resumed in Norwich Cathedral, after extensive repairs to the fabric.

DECEMBER.

3.—At a general meeting of the county magistrates, a committee was appointed to receive

communications from the justices in the different divisions and Hundreds, and to give their aid and assistance for the detection and apprehension of incendiaries. Committees were formed in every Hundred in the county.

24.*—"The trade for turkeys was dull this Christmas, owing, no doubt, to the depressed state of trade, but principally to the operation of the late Act, which, by throwing a large quantity of game into the market, has proved a losing game to our excellent farmers' wives, and prevented them obtaining anything like remunerative prices."

25.—The Mayor of Norwich (Mr. J. H. Yallop), who had sent from the city a swan specially fattened for the Royal table, received from his Majesty, through the Duke of Sussex, a letter thanking him for his "dutiful attention."

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JANUARY.

6.—The Norfolk Court of Quarter Sessions made renewed efforts to procure the removal of the Lent Assizes from Thetford to Norwich. The Norwich Court of Mayoralty, on the 14th, addressed a memorial to the Lord Chancellor on the same subject; and it was officially announced on March 3rd that the Assizes would be adjourned from Thetford to Norwich, as in the previous year. On March 8th the Corporation conferred the honorary freedom of the city upon Mr. John Stracey, of Sprowston, "in testimony of the sense they entertain of that gentleman's most valuable services in bringing under the notice of the Lord Chancellor the question of the removal of the Lent Assizes to this city." In the House of Commons, on the 15th, Mr. Grant gave notice of his intention to bring in the Norwich Assize Bill, and on April 3rd the Bill was read a first time. The second reading was carried by 44 to 13 on May 23rd; and on June 4th, in the face of strong opposition, it was read a third time and passed. The Bill was read a first time in the House of Lords on the 5th, a second time on the 14th, and a third time on the 18th. The Royal assent was given to the measure on the 22nd, and on the 23rd the intelligence was received in Norwich with the ringing of St. Peter's bells. "It is worthy of remark that the Lent Assizes for this county, jointly with those of Suffolk, were held at Thetford so early as the reign of Henry II., and that the first application for their removal to Norwich was made as far back as the year 1649. Applications have been frequently and unsuccessfully repeated at intervals until the present year."

17.—A Bill for extending the time for completing the works undertaken by the Norwich and Lowestoft Navigation Company was read a second time in the House of Commons. It afterwards passed through all its stages in both Houses. On June 4th juries were empanelled for the purpose of hearing and determining claims in the purchase of some of the land required by the company in making the cut for connecting the rivers Yare and Waveney. The directors, on July 7th, accepted the tender of Mr. Thomas Townshend, of Birmingham, to make the cut and to complete it by December 1st.

18.—Died at the age of 102, Mrs. Twiddy, of Snailwell, near Newmarket, mother of Mr. James Twiddy, formerly parish clerk of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. She was a native of Attleborough. Within a short time of her death she frequently walked six miles a day.

23.—Norwich Theatre was re-opened for the season. Mr. Power commenced a short engagement, during which he appeared in a round of Irish characters.

28.*—[Advt.] "A great main of cocks will be fought at the Black Boys Inn, Aylsham, on February 14th and 15th, between the gentlemen of Norwich and Norfolk, for £5 a battle and £100 the odd. On Tuesday evening a turn-out for £10; and on Thursday a grand Welch main by 16 subscribers for a silver tankard. All to be fought in silver spurs. Feeders: Steward for Norwich; Overton for Norfolk."

31.—Mr. Dowton, of Drury Lane Theatre, commenced a four nights' engagement at Norwich Theatre, as Sir John Falstaff. His other characters included Dr. Cantwell ("The Hypocrite"), Adam Brock ("Charles the Twelfth"), Sir Anthony Absolute, and Abednego ("The Jew and the Doctor"). He afterwards performed at Lynn Theatre.

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FEBRUARY.

4.—The Norwich Court of Mayoralty memorialised the Committee of Buying of the East India Company not to suspend their "usual and constant order for camlets for the China market," as a numerous class of the manufacturing population of the city derived their chief subsistence from this source. On March 21st the East India Company invited tenders for the manufacture of 5,000 pieces.

18.—Mr. Thomas Foyson, aged 53, was accidentally drowned at Norwich by falling into a vat of vinegar which he was in the act of gauging.

22.—At a Levée held at St. James's Palace, the King conferred the honour of knighthood upon Mr. John Harrison Yallop, Mayor of Norwich, on his presenting to his Majesty the address adopted at a Common Hall held in Norwich in the previous October, on the subject of the Reform Bill.

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2.—The funeral took place at Scole of Ann Chapman, aged 92. "Her head was placed contrary to the usual way, agreeably to her desire, which she had made known to the sexton. She was 47 years old when she married, and her husband only 17. She had 18 children, 13 sons and five daughters, all of whom arrived to the age of maturity. Five of the sons served in the Army. This remarkable woman seldom took more than two or three hours' sleep of the twenty-four. She could see to thread the finest needle, and she retained her faculties to the latest period of her existence."

6.—At a ploughing match at Roughton, John Colman, aged 92, beat all competitors, and was awarded the prize.

13.—Married, at St. Cuthbert's, Thetford, Mr. Bussey, schoolmaster, aged 29, to Mrs. Judith Millen, aged 78. "A party of heroines attended the happy couple, and performed their melodious chorus upon saucepans and kettles, and to complete the band a watchman's rattle was added."

14.—Beard, the guard of the Red Rover coach, "made an attempt" to play Crack ("The Turnpike Gate"), at Lynn Theatre. "The best advice we can give him is to stick to his own stage in future. His comic singing, however, was good."

20.—Three troops of the 7th Hussars, commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Keane, marched into Norwich from Birmingham.

21.—This day being appointed by Royal proclamation for fasting and humiliation, the Mayor and Corporation of Norwich attended service at the Cathedral, and collections were made at the doors for charitable uses. Services were held at the parish churches, and alms were given for the poor. The day was similarly observed at Yarmouth.

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23.—At the Lent Assizes at Thetford (held there for the last time), before Mr. Baron Vaughan, the libel action, *Hunter v. Platten*, was tried by a special jury. Defendant was steward to Sir Thomas Hare, and sent to the *NORFOLK CHRONICLE* and "Norwich Mercury," for publication, a paragraph in which he described the plaintiff as "a person who has been for many years a notorious game buyer and a disgrace to the name of gentleman." The *CHRONICLE* modified the expressions contained in the paragraph; the "Mercury" published it as sent. Witnesses for the defence proved that they had seen 15 or 20 head of game on the plaintiff's premises at one time, and that he had stated "he would buy game as long as money would purchase it, as the gentry round that part of the country were mean humbugs." The jury returned a verdict for plaintiff, damages one farthing, and costs.

24.—The 1st Royal Dragoons marched from Norwich for Canterbury.

—*"Died lately at Loddon, aged 86, Thomas Reynolds. He presented to the inhabitants and caused to be erected, at his sole expense, in 1821, a finely-toned organ by which the church of Loddon is ornamented."

26.—Mr. T. P. Cooke made his first appearance at Norwich Theatre, in the character of Martin Heywood ("The Rent Day"). His other impersonations included William ("Black-eyed Susan"), Long Tom Coffin ("The Pilot"), the Demon ("The Fate of Frankenstein"), Sir Roderick Dhu ("Lady of the Lake"), and *poses plastique*.

30.—A jury empanelled to try a civil action at the Lent Assizes at Thetford had a remarkable experience. The trial commenced at four o'clock in the afternoon of the 30th, and terminated at eight o'clock on the evening of the 31st, when the jury retired to consider their verdict. They were locked up all night, and did not find a verdict until 11 o'clock on the morning of April 1st. The case came before the Court of King's Bench on April 19th, when application was made for a new trial, on the ground that refreshments had been given to one of the jurors!

31.—The thanks of the Norwich Court of Mayoralty were unanimously voted to Lieut.-Col. Somerset and officers of the 1st Royal Dragoons, "for the highly satisfactory manner in which they had conducted themselves while stationed in the city, and for aiding in the suppression of riotous and tumultuous assemblies," and to the non-commissioned officers and privates "for the way in which they had discharged their duty as connected with the peace of the city."

APRIL.

2.—A steeplechase took place from a field near Wheatacre White House to Thurlton Church (distance between four and five miles), between a bay mare, the property of Mr. Charles Duppa, of Kent (owner up), and a chestnut horse belonging to Mr. John Carr, of Beales (ridden by his whipper-in, R. Warner). The mare won easily. Protest entered. On the same day another steeplechase was ridden from Gissing Church to Thurlton Church, between "the celebrated little grey horse," the property of Mr. Charles Ellis, of Shelfanger Hall, and a "grey mare of hunting celebrity," belonging to Mr. Williams, of Diss. The horse won.

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5.—The first outbreak of cholera in Norfolk occurred at Stow Bridge, and in two months 33 cases were reported, of which 13 terminated fatally. The disease made its appearance at Cawston on May 25th; and in Crown Court, St. Peter Hungate, Norwich, on August 15th. The Board of Health directed the bodies of all persons who had died of cholera to be interred within twenty-four hours, the clothes and bedding of the deceased to be destroyed, and surviving friends to be indemnified by the Corporation of Guardians. The medical men of the city gratuitously superintended the parishes allotted to each. On September 12th several cases were reported at

the Bethel, and eight inmates died. The last official return was made on October 18th, when it was stated that the total number of cases in Norwich was 320, and the deaths 128. Thanksgiving services were held at the Cathedral and parish churches on November 11th, on the termination of the outbreak.

9.—A sloop of 60 tons burden, intended for the coasting trade, was launched from Mr. Thomas Bailey's yard, at Carrow.

12.—A new building, known as the Royal Norfolk and Norwich Bazaar, in St. Andrew's Street, Norwich, was opened. It was erected for the encouragement of "female and domestic industry." Counters were let at small rents to "respectable females recommended by the lady patronesses."

14.—Died at Earl's Terrace, Kensington, aged 25, the Lady Henrietta Ann, wife of Mr. Charles Knight Murray, and sister of the Earl of Rothes.

15.—Died at his house, at Southtown, Yarmouth, aged 69, the Rev. Edward Valpy, B.D., for many years head master of the Norwich Free Grammar School. He was rector of Thwaite All Saints and vicar of South Walsham St. Mary the Virgin.

16.—Married at the Hotel of the British Ambassador, Paris, by the Rev. Thomas Sayers, Mr. Isaac Preston, Recorder of Norwich, to Frances, daughter of the Rev. J. Jephson, Prebendary of Armagh, and brother of Sir Richard Jephson, Bart.

23.—Mr. and Mrs. Wood (formerly Miss Paton) appeared at Norwich Theatre as Hawthorn and Rosetta ("Love in a Village"). On subsequent evenings they played the parts of Tom Tug and Wilelmina ("The Waterman"), Malcolm and Zelinda ("The Slave"), Steady and Gillian ("The Quaker"), Henry Bertram and Julia Mannering ("Guy Mannering"), and Masaniello and Princess Elvira ("Masaniello").

MAY.

1.—Mr. S. W. Stevenson, one of the proprietors of the NORFOLK CHRONICLE, was elected Mayor of Norwich.

3.—At a meeting of the Common Council at Norwich, Mr. W. J. Utten Browne moved that a petition be presented to the House of Lords against the Reform Bill, which he described as "a tissue of fraud, folly, and injustice, hideous in its anomalies, and displaying more profound ignorance of sound constitutional law than any other production he had ever witnessed." The motion was adopted by 40 votes against 9. An address to the King was circulated in Norwich on May 12th, acknowledging "the patriotic course adopted by his Majesty in rejecting the pernicious and unconstitutional counsel of Ministers completely to overwhelm the free deliberations of the House of Peers by creating a large addition to that body pledged to carry through the measure, in opposition to the recorded sentiments of the large majority of that right honourable House." The address and signatures were inscribed in three closely-written columns on thirteen yards of parchment. On the 14th a public meeting was held at St. Andrew's Hall, "for the purpose of adopting such measures as may be deemed expedient at the present momentous crisis for securing to all classes of the people the benefit of the Reform Bill brought before Parliament by Earl Grey and members of the late Administration." A "Norfolk Address" to the King was circulated, acknowledging "the recent proofs of his Majesty's desire to maintain the rights and privileges of the House of Lords." The intelligence of the passing of the Bill by the House of Lords was received at Lynn and other places on June 5th with great rejoicing. The celebration at Norwich was deferred to July 5th, when a procession of about 2,400 persons, decorated with blue and white favours, marched from the Castle Ditches to the Cricket Ground. A cavalcade of 95 horsemen was headed by Mr. R. H. Gurney, M.P., accompanied by Mr. W. W. Windham, Mr. Anthony Hudson, Mr. W. Foster, and Mr. Peter Finch. Dinner was served for 2,000 in a marquee which extended the length of the field. The greatest order and regularity were observed throughout the day.

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5.—His Majesty issued a writ, upon the report and recommendations of the Committee of Privileges of the House of Lords, certifying that Col. Wilson, of Didlington Hall, had made out his claim as the oldest co-heir to the Barony of Berners.

12.—The Norwich and Newark Union Coach commenced to run daily (Sundays excepted), from the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, through Dereham, Swaffham, Lynn, Boston, and Sleaford, to Newark, where connection was effected with the northern coaches.

27.—One of the large buildings comprised in Messrs. Grout, Baylis, and Co.'s factory in Barrack Yard, Yarmouth, was destroyed by fire. The building was five storeys high, 105 ft. long, and 55 ft. wide, and its erection, in 1818, cost about £7,000. Between 400 and 500 girls employed by the firm were thrown out of work, and the loss sustained was estimated at from £12,000 to £15,000.

28.—The Rev. Arthur Iveson, of South Lynn, was murdered by a pistol shot fired by his son, the Rev. Thomas Iveson, a person of unsound mind. The deceased was rector of East Bradenham and perpetual curate of Shouldham and Shouldham Thorpe, and Tottenhill. At Lynn Quarter Sessions, on July 9th, Thomas Iveson was placed on his trial for the murder of his father. The jury found that he was insane at the time the crime was committed, and he was ordered to be detained in custody. He remained in Lynn Gaol until September 3rd, when he was removed to "the lunatic asylum, in St. Lawrence," Norwich.

JUNE.

16.—Dr. Yelloly resigned his office as a physician of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. Dr. Edward Lubbock was elected to fill the vacancy on July 7th.

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16.—The case of the King v. the Mayor and Recorder of Thetford came before the Court of King's Bench. The defendants were required to show why they should not hold a weekly Court of Pleas at the Guildhall, according to the charter of Queen Elizabeth, which directed that the Court should proceed according to the rules and customs of a similar Court at Norwich. It was objected that the affidavits did not show the existence of the Norwich Court at the date of the Thetford charter, but only that a certain Court of Pleas was granted to that city by a charter of Charles II. On the other side it was alleged that the Thetford Court had actually been held within fifty years. Lord Tenterden: The charter of Charles II. may have confirmed a previous grant. We think the objection has been answered. The rule must be absolute.

18.—Robert Woodrow, gamekeeper to Col. Peel, was summoned before the magistrates at Thetford for seizing the rods of two persons fishing in the river of that town. It was contended that Col. Peel merely hired the manor of Mr. A. Baring, and that he could not show a right to the fishing, the river being navigable, and, as such, *prima facie* public to the inhabitants, who had immemorially enjoyed the right. The magistrates decided to the contrary on both points, and dismissed the complaint.

19.—Guild Day was observed at Norwich as usual. The Mayor-elect (Mr. S. W. Stevenson) entertained 830 guests at the Guild feast, and gave a ball at the Assembly Rooms in the evening.

26.—An address, congratulating the King "on his happy escape from the late atrocious attack on his Royal person at Ascot," was presented to his Majesty at a Levée at St. James's Palace by the Mayor (Mr. S. W. Stevenson), the Deputy-Mayor (Sir J. H. Yallop), and Lieut.-Col. Harvey, on behalf of the Corporation of Norwich.

30.—The electors of the division of East Norfolk, constituted under the provisions of the new Reform Act, met at Norwich for the purpose of adopting candidates. The friends of Mr. Peach, M.P., and Lord Henry Cholmondeley, M.P., the Tory candidates, met at the Rampant Horse Inn, and the supporters of Mr. William W. Windham and Major Keppel, the Whig candidates, at the Angel Inn.

JULY.

7.—Intelligence was received at Norwich that the Right Hon. Robert Grant, M.P., "at about the time his constituents were remembering him in their flowing cups at the Reform dinner," had issued an address to the electors of Finsbury. On the 13th Lord Stormont and Sir James Scarlett were adopted Conservative candidates, and on the 14th it was announced that Mr. R. H. Gurney would have as his colleague Mr. H. Bellenden Ker. A third candidate, Mr. William Eagle, entered the field, but his principles were doubtful. At a meeting held at the Bowling Green Inn, on August 7th, he stated that he belonged to neither party, for "he looked upon the Tory as a highwayman and the Whig as a pickpocket." Mr. Eagle retired before the nomination took place. The Conservative candidates made their first public appearance at a dinner held at St. Andrew's Hall, under the presidency of Mr. J. S. Patteson, on July 17th, and from that date onwards prosecuted a vigorous canvass. (See December 10th.)

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16.—Died at Binham, aged 98, Mrs. Elizabeth Leake, who "for upwards of fifty years travelled as daily post from Binham to Wells, from which employment she had retired about 14 years."

23.—Died at Hardingham Rectory, aged 74, the Rev. Walter Whiter, M.A., formerly Fellow of Clare Hall, Cambridge. He was instituted to the rectory in 1797, and was the author of some ingenious works on literature and criticism, and more particularly of the 'Etymologicon Universale,' a work of the greatest labour and research, and replete with new and ingenious views of the origin and affinity of languages."

28.*—"Died in London, of cholera, last week, Mr. William Willement, manufacturer, of Colchester. The deceased went to London on the Saturday previous, was taken ill on the Sunday, and died and was buried on Monday. He served the office of Sheriff of Norwich in 1816."

30.—Norwich Theatre re-opened for the Assize week. Mr. Gill, a comic actor, who afterwards became a great favourite on the Norwich stage, made his first appearance here. Mr. Braham on this date commenced a five nights' engagement, and appeared in a round of his principal characters.

AUGUST.

6.—George Borrow, writing to the NORFOLK CHRONICLE on this date, suggested the derivation of the word "Tory." "Tory," he wrote, "is composed of three Irish words, and doubtless originated amongst the Irish adherents of Charles II. at the time they were suffering under the sway of Cromwell and were sighing for the Restoration. The words are Tar a Ri, and their pronunciation is the same as that of 'Tory,' or if there be any difference, it consists in a scarcely distinguishable drawl. Their meaning is, 'Come, O King.'"

—Died at East Dereham, aged 73, Mr. Fisher, many years manager of the Norfolk and Suffolk Company of Comedians. "Mr. Fisher made his first appearance as an amateur at Norwich

Theatre, in the character of Lubin ("The Quaker"). Mr. Barrett, who was then manager, was so much gratified with the performance that he persuaded him to make the stage his profession, and offered him a liberal engagement, which he accepted, and remained with the company some years. As manager of the Norfolk and Suffolk Company, he raised it to a degree of respectability equal to any provincial theatre in the kingdom. As a manager he was esteemed, and by his indefatigable industry he has been enabled to leave his sons eleven theatres, many of which have been recently built and elegantly decorated. As an actor he displayed much talent. He was an affectionate parent and warm friend, and in the strictest sense an honest, just, and upright man."

14.—Messrs. Bell and Deane, divers, engaged in exploring the Guernsey Lily transport, lost off Yarmouth in the year 1799, recovered one of the brass guns, which they fired in token of success. The Guernsey Lily was returning from Holland with a large and valuable freight of military stores, when she got upon the Cross Sand and foundered in Yarmouth Roads, as nearly as possible three miles due east of the jetty. Many of her stores were recovered, little the worse for an immersion of 33 years.

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28.—A sharp contest took place at Norwich on the election of the freemen's Sheriff. Mr. William Foster was the "Blue and White," and Mr. Alderman Steward the "Purple and Orange" candidate. "Bribery to a vast amount was resorted to, and the last few votes cost a heavy sum." Result: Foster, 1,282; Steward, 1,275. A scrutiny was demanded by both sides, and was commenced by the Mayor on September 8th. After an enquiry lasting twelve days, Mr. Foster was declared elected.

30.—Died at Cringleford, aged 50, Mr. John Staniforth Patteson. He was eldest son of Mr. John Patteson, of St. Helen's, served the office of Sheriff of Norwich in 1811, was elected Alderman for the Great Ward of Mancroft in 1830, and was Mayor in 1823-4. He was also a magistrate, and a deputy-lieutenant for the county of Norfolk, and held the Lieut.-Colonelcy of the East Norfolk Militia. His remains were buried at St. Peter Mancroft church, on September 4th.

SEPTEMBER.

1.*—"At a meeting of the inhabitants of Diss, held last week, it was resolved that the present peal of eight bells should be recast, with an additional weight of metal. A subscription was opened which, in three days, amounted to all the money needful, without any charge upon the church rate of the parish." The work was done at the Downham Market Foundry. The bells were met on their way to Diss by a large concourse of the inhabitants, who assembled at Roydon White Hart, and, forming in procession with the Diss band and the handbell ringers at their head, escorted the trucks to the town. The treble, sixth, seventh, and tenor were "maiden"; the others needed but slight alteration. The tenor weighed 23 cwt., and the total weight of the peal was 98 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.—more than 40 cwt. heavier than the former peal. The bells were "opened" on January 7th, 1833, by the St. Peter Mancroft Company, Norwich, and by other companies; public dinners were held at the different inns, in celebration of the event, and a silver-mounted snuff-box, made out of the polished oak of the old frame, was presented to the rector, the Rev. William Manning.

2.—Died at Norwich, aged 67, the Rev. Joseph Kinghorn, 44 years minister of the Baptist congregation at St. Mary's. "His literary qualities were unwearied diligence and deep and erudite enquiry, especially into all subjects connected with theology and moral philosophy."

4.—Mr. Charles Turner was elected an Alderman for the Great Ward of Mancroft, Norwich, in place of Mr. J. S. Patteson, deceased.

11.—A curious incident was witnessed at the marriage, at Guestwick, by the Rev. J. Blake, of Mr. Samuel Goldsmith, miller, of Corpusty, to Miss Mary Goldsmith, of the former place. "The ceremony being over and the clergyman about to retire, the gentleman who gave away the bride, Mr. George Barton, of Wood Dalling, unexpectedly took another licence from his pocket and called out, 'Stay, sir, and marry me.' The ceremony was again repeated, and Mr. Barton was united to the bridesmaid, Miss Hannah Goldsmith, the sister of the other bride, Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith performing in their turn the necessary offices for this couple. The village bells rang gaily, and a great deal of merry-making followed these nuptials."

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OCTOBER.

6.—Died at his house, St. Giles', Norwich, aged 73, Mr. William Burt. He served the office of Sheriff in 1814, was elected Alderman of the Great Ward of Mancroft in 1815, and was Mayor in 1820. Mr. Edmund Newton was elected Alderman in his place.

8.—The Norwich Eldon Club held its first anniversary dinner at the Waggon and Horses Inn, Tombland.

11.—Died at Hindolvestone, Mr. Thomas Gardner, groom of the Great Chamber to the King. "He had the honour to serve in that capacity during the whole of the late reign, and also in the reign of George III., having held the appointment upwards of thirty-three years."

17.—The first revision of voters' lists, under the Act of 2 William IV., c. 45, commenced in the Eastern division of the county at Long Stratton; the revising barristers for the Western division commenced their circuit at Thetford on the 25th. The revision of the Norwich lists commenced on the 22nd. It was described "as the vexatious and irritating process introduced by the Reform

Bill"; and it resulted in the removal from the city lists of the names of between 300 and 400 persons who had hitherto been accustomed to vote.

23.—Mr. Cozens, of London, while shooting on the estate of Mr. Hardy, at Letheringsett, was killed by a gunshot wound accidentally inflicted by one of the party.

—A general court-martial, of which General Sir Robert Macfarlane, K.C.B., G.C.H., was president, commenced an inquiry at the Cavalry Barracks, Norwich, into charges preferred against certain privates for disobeying the lawful commands of the Colonel of the 7th Hussars. At a parade of the regiment for ball practice on September 27th, Col. Keane gave the word "Attention," when, to his surprise, not a man obeyed the command. Seizing one of the men, Private Philip Pitman, he marched him to the officers' quarters, and had him tried by court-martial for insubordination. He was sentenced to receive 200 lashes, which were administered immediately, in the presence of the whole regiment. All the men were armed with their weapons, and carried ball cartridge. This action on the part of the Colonel restored discipline and obedience to orders. Each prisoner made a long written defence. Their principal complaint was that the regiment was overworked. Colonel Keane replied that what had been ordered was by direction of the War Office; and the men had been kept constantly employed in consequence of the prevalence of cholera in Norwich. The court concluded its sittings on November 10th. The sentences, approved by his Majesty, were as follow:—Private John Martin, transportation for life; Thomas Almond, seven years' transportation; Henry Bone, seven years; Charles Edwards, 12 months' imprisonment; and John Clayson, 14 years' transportation. Five non-commissioned officers were reduced to the ranks, and the regimental sergt.-major suspended. During the progress of the court-martial, a troop of the 1st Dragoon Guards was stationed at Dereham, and a detachment of the 12th Regiment of Foot at Wymondham.

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31.—A mysterious individual, known as "The Wandering Piper," made his appearance at Norwich. It was stated that he had been an officer in the Army, and had served under Sir John Moore and the Duke of Wellington, and was piping through the country to win a wager, one of the conditions of which was that he must subsist upon unsolicited alms given by the public. The piper gave a performance at the Bell Inn, Orford Hill, in aid of the newly-established Lying-in Charity. He returned to Norwich on December 1st, and gave another entertainment at the Norfolk Hotel for the same charity. He re-appeared in Norwich in 1838, having, in the interval, travelled the British Isles and the United States. It was then announced that his name was Graham Stuart. His death occurred in March, 1839, at Mercers' Hospital, Dublin, to which institution he bequeathed all his property.

NOVEMBER.

17.—The officers of the preventive service stationed at Brancaster seized a large tub-boat, containing 5,565 lbs. of tobacco and about 650 gallons of brandy and Geneva, the whole of which was lodged in the Customs-house at Wells-next-the-Sea.

DECEMBER.

2.—The body of Sarah Watling, buried in the churchyard of Swanton Abbot, was found to have been stolen from its grave. At the Norfolk Adjourned Quarter Sessions, held at Norwich on March 6th, 1833, George Ives and Nathaniel Canham were indicted for stealing the body. The prisoners were acquitted.

10.—The nomination of candidates at the first election in Norwich under the Reform Act took place at the Guildhall. The nominees of the "Purple and Orange" party were Lord Stormont and Sir James Scarlett, and of the "Blue and White" party Mr. Richard Hanbury Gurney, the former member, and Mr. Charles Henry Bellenden Ker. A poll was demanded, and the election was immediately proceeded with. In the afternoon a riot occurred in the Market Place; the "Purple and Orange" booth was pulled down, and a bonfire made of the *débris*. The "Blue and White" band, stationed near the fire, played their favourite tunes, and men carrying the banners of the party danced round the pile. Stones were thrown and bludgeons used, and a man had his arm broken. Many other persons sustained less serious injuries. The 7th Hussars, who had been removed from Norwich to Wymondham before the election commenced, were recalled to suppress the disturbance, and many citizens were sworn in as special constables. An officers' guard of the Hussars was posted near the Guildhall throughout the night, and another polling-booth was erected. Voting recommenced at eight o'clock on the morning of the 11th, and continued all day; the books were again opened on the 13th, and at noon the poll finally closed, when the result was declared as follows:—Stormont, 2,016; Scarlett, 1,962; Gurney, 1,810; Ker, 1,766. The chairing of the new members took place on the 14th; on the same day their friends and supporters dined at the Norfolk Hotel, and in the evening the election ball was held at Chapel Field House.

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10.—Lord George Bentinck and Lord William Lennox were returned unopposed for Lynn.

—Lord James FitzRoy and Mr. Francis Baring were returned without opposition for the borough of Thetford.

13.—Mr. Shaw's granaries on the Boal at King's Lynn were destroyed by fire. The loss was estimated at upwards of £2,000.

15.—Sir Jacob Astley and Sir William ffolkes were nominated at Swaffham as candidates for the

representation of the Western Division of Norfolk, and returned unopposed. Mr. T. W. Coke formally took leave of the electors, on his retirement from Parliamentary life. He had represented the county since the year 1785.

17.—The nomination of candidates for the Eastern Division of the county took place at the Shirehall, Norwich. Lord Henry Cholmondeley and Mr. Peach were nominated by the "Pink and Purple," and Mr. W. W. Windham and Major Keppel by the "Blue and White" party. The poll was opened on the 20th, at Norwich, Yarmouth, North Walsham, and Long Stratton, and closed on the 21st. The result, which was not officially declared until the 24th, was as follows:—Windham, 3,304; Keppel, 3,261; Peach, 2,960; Cholmondeley, 2,852. The election dinner was held at the Assembly Room, Norwich, under the presidency of the Hon. Edward Harbord.

22.—Atkins' Menagerie was exhibited at Norwich. This was the first occasion on which a "lion tamer" appeared with a travelling menagerie in the city. In the centre of the show was introduced a large iron cage, into which the keeper entered and put the animals through their performances.

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JANUARY.

4.—Lord Suffield resigned his chairmanship of the Norfolk Court of Quarter Sessions.

11.—In the Court of King's Bench, the Sheriff of Norwich obtained a rule *nisi* for a criminal information against Mr. John Teasel, carpenter and builder, a Common Councilman of Norwich, for having taken away one of the poll-books at the last election at Norwich, and for attempting to tear and mutilate it. The rule was discharged on the 31st, on the defendant undertaking to answer an indictment at the ensuing Assizes. At the Norwich Assizes on March 23rd, before Mr. Justice Bolland, application was made on behalf of the defendant to have the case tried by a county jury, upon which it was ordered to stand over till the next Assizes. At the Norfolk Assizes on August 10th, before Mr. Justice Littledale, the defendant was placed upon his trial, and the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

16.—Died at Bracondale, Norwich, aged 80, Mrs. White, mother of Henry Kirke White.

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22.—A meeting was held at the Baptist chapel, Orford Hill, Norwich, presided over by Mr. John Cozens, at which a report was made by a committee appointed "to investigate the return of Lord Stormont and Sir James Scarlett," to the effect that sufficient evidence had been obtained to warrant the presentation of a petition to the House of Commons on account of the "undue election" of the members. The Norwich Election Petition was opened before a Committee of the House of Commons on March 20th. The examination of witnesses commenced on March 21st, and concluded on April 2nd. Counsel addressed the Committee on April 3rd, and on the same day the Chairman (Mr. Charles Shaw Lefevre) announced that the Committee had resolved—(1) That Lord Stormont and Sir James Scarlett were duly elected members for the city of Norwich. (2) That the petition of John Cozens and others was not frivolous nor vexatious. (3) That the opposition to such petition was not frivolous nor vexatious.

FEBRUARY.

1.—The portrait of Mr. T. W. Coke, painted by S. Lane, was hung in the Corn Exchange, Norwich. In celebration of the event, a dinner was held at the Norfolk Hotel, presided over by Major Case, who said his family had been tenants on the Holkham estate for 63 years, and his grandfather, who owed much to Mr. Coke, died worth £150,000.

2.*—[Advt.] "A grand main of cocks will be fought at the Black Boys Inn, Aylsham, on February 12th, and two following days, between the gentlemen of Norwich and Aylsham, for 5 sovereigns a battle and 50 sovereigns the odd. Feeders: Stafford for Norwich; Overton for Aylsham."

5.—A barque of 220 tons burden, designed for the West India trade, was launched from the yard of Mr. Preston, at Yarmouth.

22.—Died at Winfarthing, Sarah Jessup, aged 101 years, "the last 30 of which, till a year and a half ago, she was employed as walking post from the Post Office at Diss to Winfarthing, a distance of four miles, which she constantly performed in all weathers, and is computed to have travelled more than 13,400 miles. She was married in the reign of George II. She had 16 children, who multiplied to the fourth generation, so that her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren at the time of her decease amounted to 444. Besides these, great-great-grandchildren, some of every degree and age, to the number of 200 and upwards, followed her to the grave, to which she was carried by her four sons."

26.—A desperate affray took place between the coastguard, under Lieut. George Howes, R.N., and a large party of armed smugglers, at Cley-next-the-Sea. The coastguard were obliged to fire several times in self-defence. The contraband goods seized consisted of 127 half-ankers of brandy and between 3,000 and 4,000 pounds of manufactured tobacco.

—At a public meeting held at the Guildhall, Norwich, under the presidency of the Mayor, it was decided to petition the House of Commons to protect children employed in factories from severe and injurious labour, by limiting the hours of their employment.

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26.—The Lynn and Newmarket mail was proceeding through Methwold when the coach was upset in a deep drain, and one of the horses falling upon Booty, the coachman, he was suffocated.

MARCH.

19.—The barque Crawford Davison (George Sandford, master), from Hamburg to London, with 40 horses, of the value of £2,000, on board, struck upon Happisburgh Sand and was lost. The captain and crew were saved. All the horses were drowned, and their carcasses sold for £12.

—At a special general meeting of the subscribers to the Norfolk and Norwich Museum, plans and specifications prepared by Mr. J. Brown, architect, were adopted for the erection of a building “on an eligible site in Exchange Street, near the new Post Office,” at the cost of £1,500, raised in shares of £50 each, to bear interest of 4 per cent. “The front of the intended building will be similar to that of the Temple of Jupiter Ammon.” The first stone was laid on May 27th.

—The commissions for the holding of the first Lent Assizes at Norwich were opened by Mr. Baron Bolland.

21.—Selections from the oratorios of “The Creation” and “Samson” were performed at the Corn Exchange, Norwich, under the direction of Mr. Mueller. “The most remarkable feature of the evening’s performance was a violin concerto by Master David Fisher. With the exception of Paganini, Kieswelter, and Mori, no such violin-playing has been heard within our walls.”

22.—At the Norfolk Assizes, at Norwich, before Mr. Justice Bolland, Mary Wright, aged 28, was found guilty of the murder of her husband and of Richard Darby, by poisoning them at Wighton, and was sentenced to be hanged on March 25th. Pregnancy was pleaded, and a jury of matrons were empanelled, who returned a verdict adverse to the prisoner. By direction of the Court, she was examined by Messrs. Crosse, Scott, and Johnson, surgeons, upon whose certificate she was respited generally. The prisoner on July 11th gave birth to a female child, and sentence was afterwards commuted to transportation for life. The unfortunate woman died in Norwich Castle on November 1st.

28.—The 7th Hussars commenced their march from Norwich to Glasgow. The Court of Mayoralty on the 16th passed a vote of thanks to the regiment for the ready aid they had given to preserve the public peace, and expressed their approbation of the conduct of the non-commissioned officers and privates towards the inhabitants. The Hussars were replaced by the 3rd Light Dragoons.

APRIL.

1.—The Right Hon. Horatio, Earl of Orford, was elected High Steward of Great Yarmouth, in place of Viscount Exmouth, deceased.

6.—A private still was discovered in a house in St. Faith’s Lane, Norwich. Fifteen gallons of spirits recently worked off were seized. The owners of the still were fined £30 each, and in default of payment were sentenced to three months’ imprisonment.

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9.—A new steam carriage of 2-horse power was exhibited on Foundry Bridge Road, Norwich. It is said to have answered the expectations of the inventor, Mr. Watts, of Rose Lane.

12.—Between 400 and 500 of the noblemen, gentlemen, and yeomanry of Norfolk dined at St. Andrew’s Hall, Norwich, in honour of Mr. Coke, upon his retirement from the representation of the county. H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex presided.

18.—A trotting match for £50 took place between Mr. Brunning’s Queen of Diamonds and Mr. Mendham’s Jack of Clubs, from Yarmouth Bridge, *via* Beccles to Halesworth. “The mare was driven in harness by her owner, who weighs 16 st., and the horse was ridden by Mr. Mendham (11 st.). Two miles beyond Beccles the mare gave up. The 15 miles from Yarmouth to Beccles was done in 45 minutes, and the whole 25 miles in 1 hour 33 minutes, by Jack.”

24.—Died at his house at Greenwich, aged 76, Mr. P. J. Knights, for many years a well-known shawl manufacturer at Norwich. He served the office of Sheriff in 1809.

27.—Fuller Pilch advertised himself as the proprietor of a public-house and pleasure gardens on Bracondale Hill, Norwich, and as the lessee of the Norwich Cricket Ground, in the management of which he was assisted by his brother, William Pilch.

—It was announced that the county justices had hired the house of Mr. Hawkes, Bethel Street, Norwich, as lodgings for his Majesty’s Judges of Assize.

—Mdlle. Celeste commenced a six nights’ engagement at the Theatre Royal, Norwich. “For our latitude this lady exerts herself too much in the pirouette, considering the approximation of spectators in a provincial theatre to the stage.”

MAY.

1.—Mr. Alderman Samuel Bignold was elected Mayor of Norwich.

6.—Mr. and Mrs. Wood commenced a four nights’ engagement at Norwich Theatre, prior to their departure to America. They appeared in “The Barber of Seville” and the musical farce of “The Quaker.”

7.—The horses of the Regulator coach, from Holt to London, started off at full speed from Guist Post Office, during the temporary absence of the coachman. A girl had the presence of mind to close the tollgate, which the horses attempted to leap, smashed it to atoms, and fell. The animals were severely injured, and the coach greatly damaged.

16.—Mr. Yates and Mrs. Waylett appeared at Norwich Theatre as Flutter and Letitia Hardy ("The Belle's Stratagem"). They afterwards acted in "Clari" (opera), "Don Giovanni," "The Four Sisters," and "Midas" (burletta). Mr. Yates also gave his entertainments, "Portraits and Sketches" and "Views of Life."

JUNE.

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1.—On this date was published the first of the series of remarkable accounts describing the ghostly visitations at Syderstone Parsonage, the residence of the Rev. Mr. Stewart, curate, and rector of Thwaite.

3.—Died, aged 101, Richard Smith, of Swanton Morley.

18.—The Guild Day festivities at Norwich, on the occasion of the swearing in as Mayor of Mr. Samuel Bignold, were attended by Viscount Stormont, M.P., and Sir James Scarlett, M.P., the latter of whom took his oath as an honorary freeman of the city. The Mayor entertained 1,100 guests at the Guild feast at St. Andrew's Hall, and upwards of 500 attended the ball at the Assembly Rooms, where the dancing was opened by the Mayor and Miss Wodehouse, daughter of the Lord Lieutenant.

19.—Two orange and purple banners, designed by a member of the College of Arms, were presented by the Conservative ladies of Norwich to Viscount Stormont, M.P., and Sir James Scarlett, M.P. The ceremony took place at the Guildhall, where a large company was entertained by the Mayor.

20.—Upwards of 750 electors in the "Orange and Purple" interest were entertained at dinner at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich. A second contingent, numbering 1,000, dined there on the 21st. Mr. W. J. Utten Browne presided on both occasions, and Lord Stormont, M.P., was also present. The dinners were provided by public subscription.

JULY.

7.—During a severe thunderstorm "a fire-ball, apparently about the size of a man's head," fell upon the thatched roof of the Black Tower, Butter Hills, Norwich. The middle and lower rooms, occupied by a person named Brooks, and the upper storey, where a society of artisans assembled for astronomical observations, were entirely consumed. The society's valuable apparatus were destroyed.

15.—The resuscitated race meeting at Holkham was attended by 10,000 spectators. The races were held on the sands. "By the time the hunters' stakes had been decided the tide was fast approaching, and the leading people retired to a booth, where dinner was served, under the presidency of Mr. Brown, of Pudding Norton. The tide retiring, the company again occupied the sands."

17.—The Bishop of Lincoln, officiating for the Bishop of Norwich, confirmed 2,000 persons at East Dereham church. On the following day his lordship administered the rite to 2,068 persons at Norwich Cathedral; and on the 19th to 1,100 at Redenhall.

18.—A single wicket match between Fuller Pilch and T. Marsdon took place on the Norwich Cricket Ground. Pilch won, by 70 runs. The return match was played on Hyde Park Ground, Sheffield, on August 5th, when Pilch won by 128 runs.

20.—The Norwich Court of Mayoralty elected Mr. W. J. Utten Browne to the office of Sheriff.

—A duel was fought on the North Denes, Yarmouth. "The combatants were Mr. H. B--- and Mr. C. W---, the former seconded by Mr. J. B--- and the latter by Mr. W. C---, of the medical profession in N---. At the first shot Mr. W.'s pistol missed, and his antagonist fired in the air; at the second Mr. B. again fired in the air, and Mr. W. missed his aim. Another try took place, Mr. W. again missing and his antagonist firing as before. At the fourth and last Mr. W.'s ball just grazed Mr. B.'s thumb, when the parties appeared to have been satisfied, for they shortly after left the ground. The cause of the meeting arose at Maxim's Marine Hotel on the beach."

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AUGUST.

27.—Mr. Alderman Steward was elected freemen's Sheriff at Norwich.

29.—The Norwich Court of Guardians held a meeting to take into consideration the suggestions contained in a letter received from the Mayor (Mr. S. Bignold), for the establishment of a joint stock company for spinning yarn on a scale calculated to give extensive employment to the poor. The subject was further considered at a meeting convened by the Mayor at the Guildhall, on September 5th, when the Norwich Yarn Company was formed, and by October 1st a capital of £26,000 had been subscribed in shares of £100 each. (See February 27th, 1834.)

31.—A severe gale, which caused great damage to shipping, and resulted in the loss of many

lives, occurred on the Norfolk coast. The Leith smack Earl of Wemyss went ashore at Brancaster; a heavy sea broke into the passengers' cabin, and six ladies, a gentleman, and four children were drowned. Among the deceased were Miss Susan Roche, a young lady of great musical ability, and sister of Mr. A. D. Roche, the composer. (*See* October 16th.)

SEPTEMBER.

17.—The Norfolk and Norwich Musical Festival (held on this occasion for the benefit of the Hospital, the Blind Institution, the Eye Infirmary, and the Dispensary) commenced at St. Andrew's Hall. The principal vocal performers were Madame Malibran, Miss H. Cawse, Miss Bruce, Master Howe, Madame De Meric, Signer Douzelli, Mr. Horncastle, Mr. Hobbs, Mr. E. Taylor, and Mr. H. Phillips; conductor, Sir George Smart. Selections were given from "The Creation," "The Last Judgment," "The Deluge," and "Israel in Egypt." The Festival concluded on the 20th with a fancy dress ball. The total receipts were nearly £5,000, and the expenses about £4,200.

20.—Died at Yaxham Rectory, the Rev. Dr. Johnson, rector of that parish, with Welbourne annexed. "He was the friend of Cowper, and editor of his letters and posthumous works."

30.—Died at Gorgate, near East Dereham, aged 77, the Rev. Thomas Crowe Munnings, M.A., rector of Beetley-cum-East Bilney. He was a well-known and prominent agriculturist.

—The arrival of the City of Norwich trader and the Squire (London trader) "rendered this date ever memorable in the history of the city by its being the day on which Norwich became a port." These vessels, the first that had entered the Norwich river direct from the sea by way of the New Cut, were towed to the city from Surlingham Reach by a steam tug, with a band playing and colours flying. The river banks from Carrow "balance bridge" to the Foundry were thronged by thousands of citizens, and at Rudrum's Wharf the City of Norwich was boarded by the Mayor (Mr. S. Bignold) and several members of the Corporation. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft were rung, and the directors of the Norwich and Lowestoft Navigation entertained a large company at dinner at the Rampant Horse Inn. The success of the day's proceedings was marred by the drowning, in Surlingham Reach, of a lad named Allerton, son of the master of the City of Norwich.

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OCTOBER.

4.—The first general meeting was held of the Harleston Agricultural Society, established by the owners and occupiers of land, for the encouragement of skill and for promoting and rewarding industry and good conduct among cottagers, servants, and labourers.

5.—The head-mastership of Norwich Free Grammar School was rendered vacant by the resignation of the Rev. T. Kidd.

13.—Died at Hethersett, aged 36, Mr. Elias Norgate, first secretary of the Norfolk and Norwich Horticultural Society, the plan of which was suggested by his father, Mr. Thomas Starling Norgate.

16.—An inquiry was opened by the magistrates at Docking, under authority of the Secretary of State, "to ascertain for his own and the public satisfaction whether there had been any loss of life by culpable negligence or loss of property by dishonesty," on the occasion of the wreck of the Earl of Wemyss smack on Brancaster beach, on August 30th. As a result of the inquiry, Mr. William Newman Reeve was committed for trial on the charge of removing from the wreck certain property which he alleged he was protecting on behalf of his father-in-law, who was lord of the manor. At the Norfolk Lent Assizes, held at Norwich before Mr. Baron Vaughan on March 26th, 1834, the defendant was placed upon his trial, and was defended by Sir James Scarlett, M.P. His lordship, in directing an acquittal, said the evidence had utterly failed; it was unnecessary for Mr. Reeve to say anything in support of his character, for nothing had been made out against him. Amid applause in court the Judge added there was not the slightest stain upon the accused. Another case arising out of the same wreck was tried at the Norfolk Summer Assizes, on July 30th, 1834, before Mr. Justice Bosanquet. The accused, Robert Allen, Charles Oakes, and James Ward were charged with feloniously taking certain articles from the wreck. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

21.—The West Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry commenced a week's training at King's Lynn.

30.—Du Crow's Circus Company commenced a season's performances in a wooden building on the Castle Meadow, Norwich. It was known as "The National Arena and Equestrian Studio," and was the first of the temporary buildings periodically erected in this locality for entertainments of the kind.

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6.—Mr. William Dalrymple was presented with a valuable silver salver by the Mayor, Sheriffs, citizens, and commonalty of Norwich, in acknowledgment of the care and skill he had displayed in the performance of his duties as surgeon to the Great Hospital and Doughty's Hospital during the period of 28 years.

9.—Died at St. Michael at Coslany, Norwich, Ann, widow of Leonard Atkinson. "She was born in this parish December 24th, 1728, and had scarcely quitted it more than a week during the space

of nearly 105 years. Free from wrinkles and decrepitude, she possessed her faculties unclouded till within a few months of her decease."

13.—The 50th anniversary of the Norwich Public Library was celebrated by a dinner at the White Swan, presided over by Dr. England, president of the institution.

15.—A special assembly of the Norwich Corporation was held, to take into consideration the application of Mr. George Long and Mr. John Buckle, two of the Commissioners named in the Municipal Commission, for the production of charters and other muniments of the Corporation. A resolution was passed stating that the Corporation had no wish to withhold the information required, "but they protested against the Commission as illegal and unconstitutional, and denied the right of the Commissioners to make any inquiries." At the opening of the Commission, on November 25th, the Sheriffs (Mr. W. J. Utten Browne and Mr. Edward Steward) declined to attend or to allow any of their officers to give evidence relative to the constitution of the Sheriffs Court, on the ground that "a Commission issued by virtue of the Royal prerogative alone was a process unknown to the law of England, and eminently hostile to public liberty." The inquiry lasted twenty-two days, and concluded on December 19th.

18.—Ducrow advertised the representation of a Spanish bull-fight at his Norwich circus. "To prevent any misconception on the part of visitors to the arena, and at the same time to add to the surprising nature of the performance, ladies and others are informed that the bull is impersonated by one of Mr. Ducrow's horses, tutored by him for the purpose, enveloped in an elastic skin, and so managed as to deceive even the keenest eye."

22.—Died at Guanajuato, Mexico, Lieutenant John Thomas Borrow, of the West Norfolk Militia, eldest son of Captain Borrow, of Norwich.

28.—Mr. George Long, Municipal Commissioner, held an inquiry into the affairs of the Corporation of Castle Rising. Mr. F. Lane, of Lynn, the Recorder, stated that he had no charter nor papers of any kind to produce. The Corporation consisted of a Recorder, Mayor, one alderman, and a serjeant-at-mace. The Mayor and alderman served in turn the office of Chief Magistrate. There were about 50 burghage tenants, and the Corporation property was about £20 a year, arising from land, and with the money the Mayor gave each year two dinners to the leet. The Corporation had no debts, no prison, and but one offence had been committed in the borough for a number of years.

DECEMBER.

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23.—Two leaden cases were dug up from a piece of ground at the east end of Wymondham church. One measured 6 ft 2 in. in length, and contained the mummified remains of an adult female; the other, 16¼ inches in length, a foetus of about the fourth month. The examination of the remains was conducted in the church on December 27th, by Mr. John Dalrymple, of Norwich, in the presence of sixty scientific and medical men. "As the mummies were taken from the site of the original choir, the female was most probably nearly allied to the founder of the abbey, William De Abbay or Daubeny, who died in the year 1156."

24.—An altar piece, copied from Rubens' "Descent from the Cross," and about one-fourth the size of the original picture, presented to St Peter's church, Yarmouth, by Col. Mason, was on this day placed in position under the personal superintendence of the donor.

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JANUARY.

3.—The question of the restoration of the south and west faces of the keep of Norwich Castle was discussed at the Norfolk Quarter Sessions, and referred to the visiting justices, who recommended that it be undertaken; and on May 17th the tender of Mr. Watson was accepted and the work ordered to be proceeded with at once. On July 28th a public meeting was held at the Guildhall, "to take into consideration the expediency of instituting an inquiry into the necessity for covering up the face of such an antient relic with new building," and a resolution moved by Mr. Samuel Bignold, and seconded by Mr. Stevenson, expressing regret at the "demolition," and suggesting that an antiquary and architect be consulted before it was further proceeded with, was unanimously adopted. A deputation was also appointed to wait upon the Gaol Committee. At a meeting of the county magistrates, on October 17th, it was decided to employ Mr. Blore, a well-known architect and antiquary, "to survey and report upon the present state of the Castle, and the best mode of proceeding with the repairs." Mr. Blore reported on November 10th that the masonry was in a very bad state; that the then face of the building was not altogether original, but that the repairs and restorations it had undergone at various periods had been closely assimilated with the original work. He recommended that what was needed to be done should be judiciously incorporated with the ancient work. It was finally decided, on January 9th, 1835, that the visiting justices be authorised to continue the work as originally intended, and that they be empowered to consult Mr. Blore or any other architect they might think proper to employ.

9.—At a meeting of the Norwich Corporation, a resolution was passed protesting against any report that might be made by the Municipal Commissioners respecting the Corporation, "based on statements so utterly unfit to justify Parliament in legislating on so important a subject," and

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inviting the various Corporations throughout the kingdom "to make common cause with them in endeavouring to defeat any design that might be in contemplation for wresting from them their antient charters, franchises, and liberties."

12.—The organ of Norwich Cathedral was re-opened by Mr. Buck, after its thorough reparation by Bishop, of Lisson Grove, London. The sermon on the occasion was preached by the Right Hon. and Rev. Lord Bayning. The instrument was the original work of Father Schmidt.

21.—The first of the Choral Concerts inaugurated "for the purpose of obtaining a reserve fund for the support of the choral band at the Musical Festival and for maintaining and keeping together the great body of musical talent existing in the locality," was held at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich.

25.—During a performance by a company of comedians at Cley-next-the-Sea, a pistol was fired, and the ramrod, which had been left in the barrel, entered the side of an actor named Leary, who was badly injured.

27.—Mr. Frederick Vining, of Covent Garden and the Haymarket Theatres, commenced a short engagement at Norwich Theatre, where he was formerly a favourite actor. His impersonations included Young Rapid ("A Cure for the Heartache"), Martin Heywood ("The Rent-day"), Sidney Maynard ("The Housekeeper"), Templeton ("Deaf as a Post"), Frank Bramble ("The Poor Gentleman"), and Harry Villars ("Open House").

FEBRUARY.

6.—Mr. Thomas Jefferson Hogg and Mr. John Buckle, Municipal Commissioners, opened an inquiry at the Tolhouse Hall into the corporate affairs of Yarmouth. After sitting for 20 days the Commissioners adjourned *sine die*.

14.—A *fête* was given at Yarmouth Barracks by Captain Manby, "to mark the close of the labours that had so long engaged his attention for saving life." This was the twenty-seventh anniversary of "the saving of the first crew by the projection of a rope from the shore by the force of gunpowder, and thus effecting communication with a vessel on a lee shore. By this expedient upwards of 600 British sailors have been saved."

26.—Died at Lynn, Mr. Ezekiel Walker, aged 94. He was for many years a regular contributor to Nicholson and Tillock's "Philosophical Magazine," and published a collection of his essays, chiefly on electrochemical subjects.

27.—The ceremony of laying the first stone of the new Yarn Factory at Norwich was performed by the Mayor (Mr. Bignold). A procession, in which were characters representing Bishop Blaize, shepherds and shepherdesses, together with 80 wool combers, and many women and children, marched from Lakenham to the site of the new building in St. Edmund's. The directors and shareholders afterwards dined at the Norfolk Hotel.

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11.—The lake at Scottow was drawn by Sir Henry Durrant, when five pike of large size were captured. The finest measured 4 ft. in length, 2 ft 3 in. in girth, and weighed 37 lbs.; the smallest was 3 ft 4 in. long, 20½ inches in girth, and weighed 18½ lbs. They were all taken at one haul.

—Resolutions in favour of the repeal of the Malt Tax were passed at a large meeting of the owners and occupiers of land in the Hundred of South Erpingham, held at the Black Boys Inn, Aylsham, under the presidency of Mr. Robert Marsham. Similar meetings were held throughout the county, and petitions were numerous signed in every Hundred.

22.—Miss Kelly appeared at Norwich Theatre in her entertainments, "Dramatic Recollections," "A Study of Character," and "Mrs. Parthian at Home."

APRIL.

12.—William Thirkettle, 27; William Pye, 32; and Gilpin Reynolds, 24, were executed on Castle Hill, Norwich, the first-named for the attempted murder of his wife, and the others for arson.

14.—The two troops of the King's Own Light Dragoons marched from Norwich for Hampton Court and Kensington Barracks.

25.—The Yarmouth Port and Haven Bill was considered by the House of Commons' Committee, presided over by Mr. William Windham. On the 28th the petitioners announced the abandonment of the Bill.

30.—The Bishop of Rochester, officiating for the Bishop of Norwich (who was then in his 90th year), confirmed 1,700 persons at North Walsham. On subsequent days 1,000 were confirmed at Holt, and 1,050 at Diss.

—Fifty-four convicts, sentenced at the County Assizes and Sessions to transportation, were taken on board the Sarah (Capt. Moore), lying in Norwich river. "The hatchways were closed at twenty minutes after two in the morning, and this London trader sailed immediately for Lowestoft, which harbour was reached about eleven o'clock; in three hours the vessel was out of sight and on her way to Portsmouth. Their being sent off by sea (through the Norwich and Lowestoft Navigation) instead of by land conveyance will be a very considerable saving of expense to the county of

MAY.

1.—Mr. Charles Turner and Mr. William Moore were returned to the Court of Aldermen, who elected the former as Mayor of Norwich for the year ensuing.

—May Day was celebrated at Lynn with the usual display of garlands and devices emblematical of the season, by persons arrayed in fancy costumes.

5.—Two troops of the 2nd Queen's Dragoon Guards, under the command of Major Kearney, marched into Norwich Barracks from Nottingham, to relieve the 3rd Dragoons, who, on the same day, marched for Ipswich.

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8.—The leading postmasters of Norwich announced that they had reduced the rate of posting to 1s. 4d. per mile.

13.—A petition to Parliament against the proposed measure for separating religious instruction from the system of education hitherto prevailing at the Universities was unanimously adopted at a meeting summoned by requisition and held at the Guildhall, Norwich, under the presidency of the Mayor (Mr. Bignold).

16.—The dwelling-house, outbuildings, and corn stacks of Mr. Helsden Larner, at North Walsham, were destroyed by fire. A labourer named Jeremiah Cutting was buried beneath the falling roof of the stable and burned to death.

21.—The West Norfolk Agricultural Association held its first annual meeting at Downham Market. A second division of the society was formed at Fakenham on June 19th.

26.—A new drama, entitled, "Sir Roger de Coverley, or the Old English Gentleman," written by Mr. G. Smith, second son of the manager, was produced for the first time at Norwich Theatre. It was described as "a composition which exhibited talent of no common order."

28.—The King's birthday was observed in Norwich with great festivity. The first business at the special Assembly of the Corporation was to pass an address of congratulation to his Majesty, "praying him not to sanction the proposed measure for admitting Dissenters to graduate in the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge." The Mayor and Corporation then went to service at the Cathedral, and at noon the Queen's Bays fired a *feu de joie* in the Market Place. The officers were entertained at the Guildhall, the sum of £5 was distributed among the privates, and in the evening the Mayor (Mr. Bignold) gave a dinner at Chapel Field House.

29.—Died at Hingham, aged 93, the Right Hon. Lord Wodehouse. He was elevated from a baronetcy to a seat in the House of Lords in 1797, after having represented the county for many years. His lordship was succeeded in his title and estates by Col. Wodehouse, Lord Lieutenant of the county. The remains of the deceased nobleman were buried at Kimberley with great pomp on June 9th.

31.—At the close of the Norwich theatrical season, Mr. George Smith delivered an address, in which he lamented that "theatrical taste had of late years declined in the city, either from commercial depression or from the still more fatal growth of indifference."

JUNE.

13.—Died at Southampton, aged 65, Rear-Admiral Manby, of Northwold. He was one of the companions of Captain Vancouver, in his voyage round the world; was actively employed in conveying troops to Ireland at the time of the Rebellion; and during the war with France commanded the Bourdelais, Thalia, and Africaine frigates on various important services. Admiral Manby was a native of Norfolk.

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17.—Guild Day was observed in Norwich. "When the civic procession arrived at the west door of the Cathedral, the nine knocks were given according to immemorial usage, and the Corporation passed in regular order through the rush-strewn nave." The Latin oration at the porch of the Free Grammar School was delivered by Fred Norgate, youngest son of Mr. T. S. Norgate, of Hethersett; Mr. Charles Turner was sworn in as Mayor at the Guildhall, and entertained 800 guests at the Guild feast held at St. Andrew's Hall. The festivities concluded with a ball at the Assembly Rooms.

18.—The great cricket match, Yorkshire v. Norfolk, for 100 gs. a side, commenced on the Norwich ground, and was continued on the 19th. Among the players were Marsden, Dearman, and the three Pilches. Norfolk: 1st innings, 216 (Fuller Pilch 87); 2nd innings, 91. Yorkshire: 1st innings, 37; 2nd innings, 97. The return match was commenced on Hyde Park Ground, Sheffield, on July 21st, when Yorkshire won by 123 runs. Yorkshire: 1st innings, 191; 2nd innings, 296. Norfolk: 1st innings, 75; 2nd innings, 289. Norfolk abandoned the match in consequence of the rain. "Many thought that with three bats to go in and Fuller Pilch still standing, the game might have been won had there been the means of playing it out."

21.—A severe thunderstorm occurred. Many cattle were killed by lightning, and the tower of Redenhall church sustained considerable damage.

27.—Died at Yarmouth, aged 92, Mrs. Hannah Diboll, "the celebrated twisterer, who had been

accustomed from childhood to rise every morning at four o'clock, and persevered in the practice till within two or three years of her death."

JULY.

12.—The public gaslamps in Norwich at this date numbered 423, and the lighting of the city cost upwards of £2,000 per annum.

18.—Mr. Richard Hanbury Gurney, formerly one of the Parliamentary representatives of Norwich, was presented with a massive silver candelabrum, purchased with the subscriptions of 1,250 citizens, chiefly of the working classes, "in testimony of their regard for his universal benevolence and sincerity in upholding the just rights of mankind, and of their admiration of his inflexible advocacy in the Senate to obtain for his country a salutary reform in the House of Commons."

19.*—"Died, a few days since, in his 62nd year, Mr. Philip Mallet Case, of Testerton House. On Sunday, July 13th, his remains were deposited in the family vault at Dunton. The procession from Testerton to the place of interment was respectably and numerously attended, and it is computed that there were no less than 3,000 persons present."

26.—Died in Clarges Street, London, aged 30, Lord James Henry FitzRoy, youngest son of the Duke of Grafton. His lordship was a captain in the 10th Hussars, and had represented Thetford since 1831.

—*"One of the attractions at Norwich Theatre during the Assize week was the unique and wonderful invention patented and exhibited by Mr. H. Childe, called Dissolvent Views."

26.*—"Died, last week, in the 105th year of her age, Mary Wratham, widow, Downham Market." p. 333

27.—Died at Litcham, Captain Thomas Edward Hoste, R.N., aged 40. He was fifth son of the Rev. Dixon Hoste, rector of Tittleshall and Godwick, and commenced his career at the age of 13, on the *Amphion*, commanded by his distinguished brother, Sir William Hoste. In 1809 he joined the *Spartan* frigate, served in the Mediterranean, Ireland, and South America, was promoted Commander in 1825, and was for a short time employed in coastguard service.

31.—The great doors at the west entrance to Norwich Cathedral were taken down for restoration and repair. "They had maintained their honourable station upwards of 400 years, and had received nine times that number of knocks on the Guild Day for the admission of the Corporation to Divine service."

AUGUST.

1.—The termination of slavery in the British possessions on this day was celebrated by a "Negro Jubilee" *fête*, given at Sheringham by Mrs. Upcher and her family, and by special services at the churches and chapels in Norwich.

8.—The Earl of Euston was elected, unopposed, representative of the borough of Thetford, in succession to Lord James FitzRoy, deceased.

—A case of great importance was tried by a special jury in the Sheriff's Court at Norwich. John Burrows, a butcher, had refused to pay the stallage charged by the Corporation for his meat stall in the Market Place, on the ground that the patent of his freedom exempted him from such charges. The Corporation, in an action against him, recovered the charges, which amounted to 16s. 4d., and defendant had suffered judgment to go by default. The special jury now found for the full amount claimed. Defendant resisted payment, and in the second week of September was arrested by virtue of a special writ, taken to London, and by Mr. Baron Alderson was committed to the Fleet Prison. At a quarterly assembly of the Corporation, on Sept. 22nd, Mr. William Wilde moved that it be an instruction to the Market Committee not to collect stallage in future from freemen selling provisions. Burrows had acted on the advice of the Municipal Commissioners in this matter, and these proceedings would probably be his ruin. The motion was negatived by 19 votes to 9.

9.*—"Workmen excavating at the lower part of the west side of Exchange Street have found a number of human skulls and bones. This was the site of the church of St. Crowche or St. Cross, and the public-house by the name of the Hole-in-the-Wall was built upon it. The church was demolished on October 14th, 1551, and the parish consolidated with St. John Maddermarket."

18.—A meeting was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, at which Mr. Gibbs, C.E., explained the facilities and advantages of a projected railroad from London to Dunmow, and thence to Norwich, with a branch to Cambridge, and an ultimate extension to the North of England. The length of line from Whitechapel to Norwich would be 97 miles; the cost of construction and compensation for land £1,000,000, and of machinery, depots, &c., £600,000. On the motion of Mr. Samuel Bignold, a provisional committee was formed for the purpose of promoting the object. On August 30th notice was given that application would be made in the next Session of Parliament for the construction of "the grand Eastern Counties Railway" from London to Norwich and Yarmouth, *via* Romford, Chelmsford, Colchester, Ipswich, and Eye, at the estimated cost of £1,500,000, to be raised in 30,000 shares of £50 each. A meeting was held at the Guildhall on Sept. 13th, for the purpose of considering the expediency of forming a railway from London to Norwich *via* Bishop's Stortford, Cambridge, and Bury, to join the trunk of the Grand Northern Railway from London to p. 334

York, Leeds, and Hull. Mr. William Cundy, C.E., described the plans, stating that in less than 18 months the railway from London to Norwich would be completed; and said that the estimated cost was £1,600,000. A local committee was appointed to enquire into the merits of the respective schemes. A public meeting of the county gentry and representatives of the agricultural and commercial interests was held at the Guildhall on October 16th, at which the committee reported that the line proposed by Mr. Gibbs was best entitled to the support of the city and county.

26.—Mr. John Marshall was elected freemen's Sheriff at Norwich by 817 votes, as against 585 recorded for Mr. John Culley.

31.—A terrible panic took place at St. Margaret's church, Lynn, owing to the failure of the gas. A rush was made for the doors, and a lad who fell from the organ loft received dreadful injuries.

SEPTEMBER.

6.—Died, aged 85, Mrs. Bray, wife of Mr. Thomas Bray, "proprietor of the Diss and Norwich waggons to Ipswich, which have regularly travelled from the Star in the Market Place, Diss, to the Star in the Market Place, Norwich, under the name of Bray, for more than a century and a half."

10.—Died, aged 77, Mr. Edmund Reeve, of St. Augustine's, Norwich. He served the office of Sheriff in 1796.

15.—On the Abbey Farm, Thetford, Sir Richard Sutton, Bart., in the presence of a large gathering of sportsmen, killed in seven hours 222 head of partridges, in 246 shots.

OCTOBER.

6.—At the Guildhall, Norwich, John Cozens, merchant, and Joseph Colman, solicitor, were summoned by George Arthur Dye for endeavouring, by threatening to prosecute an action in the Court of King's Bench, for supposed acts of bribery alleged to have been committed by the complainant, to extort from him a large sum of money, viz., the sum which he (Cozens) had expended in petitioning the House of Commons against the return of Lord Viscount Stormont and Sir James Scarlett, as members of Parliament for Norwich. The defendants were committed for trial, and at the adjourned Quarter Sessions for the city, on October 28th, a true bill was found against them. They entered into recognisances to appear at the Lent Assizes, which were held in March, 1835, before Mr. Baron Vaughan, when the case was settled without proceeding to trial.

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9.—The Hall Concert Room, St. George's Bridge Street, Norwich, was sold by auction. It was afterwards converted into a carpenter's workshop. "The Hall Concert Society, after existing for upwards of half a century, has been dissolved. Without the assistance of this amateur musical society, the Norwich Musical Festival, and its most prominent feature, the chorus, would never have been called into existence."

11.*—"Died, lately, at Swainsthorpe, aged 75, Robert Utting, commonly called 'Blind Bob.' He could find any place to which he was sent in Norwich, and was for more than 50 years postman from that city to Swainsthorpe."

27.—The Pilot coach was on its journey from Norwich to Lowestoft, with eight outside and two inside passengers, when the leader of the unicorn team became restive, on Bracondale Hill, and turning sharply into Martineau's Lane, overturned the vehicle. Mr. Benson Rathbone, of Geldeston, one of the passengers, sustained a fracture of the skull, from which he died an hour afterwards, at the Pine Apple public-house, at Trowse. Several other passengers were injured.

NOVEMBER.

4.—The members of the Orange and Purple Club (president, Mr. W. J. Utten Browne), at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, presented a piece of silver plate to Mr. A. A. H. Beckwith, in recognition of his important services to the Conservative cause.

19.—At the Guildhall, Norwich, Mr. Samuel Bignold was presented with a silver candelabrum, valued at £200, "to perpetuate the remembrance of his ability and independence as a magistrate, his munificent hospitality, and his important public services."

—The Hon. W. H. Beresford and Mr. W. M. Praed were adopted Conservative candidates at Yarmouth. Mr. Beresford afterwards withdrew in favour of Mr. Thomas Baring.

26.—The annual meeting of the Norfolk and Norwich Museum was held for the first time "in the new building in Exchange Street," which was informally opened on that occasion.

29.—The Rev. A. Sedgwick, M.A., F.R.S., Woodwardian Professor in the University of Cambridge, was installed a Prebendary of Norwich Cathedral.

DECEMBER.

2.—A meeting of Nonconformists was held at Edwards' Room, Orford Hill, Norwich, in defence of their civil and religious liberty. Alarm was expressed at the dismissal of Lord Melbourne and his colleagues from office, and at the management of the affairs of State "being consigned to individuals who had proved themselves the enemies of Reform and of the claims of Protestant

Dissenters." The Hon. Edward Vernon Harbord was requested to become a candidate for the representation of Norwich.

5.—Died at his house in St. Giles', Mr. William Simpson, Town Clerk of Norwich and Treasurer of the County. p. 336

8.—Died at Carlton Hall, Mr. Thomas Marsham. "He commenced farming with slender means, and notwithstanding his liberality to the labourers on his estate, and his hospitality to his brother farmers, he accumulated a property of near £30,000."

13.*—"Died, last week, Mr. Richard Mingay, well known in Norwich as a violin player. He was a man of many and very versatile talents, which, among other modes, have been displayed upon the stage in the character of Crack, in 'The Turnpike Gate,' which he performed with great humour."

15.—At a special assembly of the Common Council, Mr. Beckwith, City Chamberlain, was elected Town Clerk of Norwich; Mr. Skipper, Speaker of the Common Council, was appointed City Chamberlain; and Mr. James Winter was elected Speaker.

17.—The Orange and Purple Club entertained 768 Conservative voters at dinner at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich. It was announced by the Mayor that Sir James Scarlett, M.P., had been appointed Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer. Lord Stormont and Mr. Robert Campbell Scarlett, the prospective candidates for the city, were received with great enthusiasm. On the 18th dinner was served to 1,004 Conservative electors. Mr. W. J. Utten Browne presided on both occasions.

20.—Mr. Richard Hanbury Gurney and Mr. W. Windham were announced to be the "Blue and White" candidates for East Norfolk. The former gentleman addressed the merchants at the Norwich Corn Exchange. Lord Stormont and Mr. Scarlett also spoke, and were attacked by a disorderly crowd. Mr. Gurney went to the assistance of his lordship. On the 22nd Mr. Edward Butcher was ordered by the magistrates to find sureties for having taken part in the disturbance. At a subsequent meeting of the Orange and Purple Club, Lord Stormont acknowledged the "honourable conduct" of Mr. Gurney.

24.—Died at Cork, Major-General Sir Robert Travers, elder brother of Sir Eaton Travers, of Ditchingham Lodge, and of Major Travers, of Hedenham Hall. He was riding in Patrick Street, Cork, when his horse was frightened by the band of Wombwell's Menagerie. The general was thrown, and received fatal injuries.

27.—The Hon. E. V. Harbord and Mr. Frank Offley Martin were adopted Liberal candidates for the representation of Norwich.

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JANUARY.

5.—Yarmouth Election—T. Baring (C), 777; W. M. Praed (C), 768 (elected). Hon. Col. Anson (L), 680; C. E. Rumbold (L), 675.

6.—Norwich Election—Lord Viscount Stormont and the Hon. Robert Campbell Scarlett, Conservatives; the Hon. E. Vernon Harbord and Mr. Francis Offley Martin, Liberals, were nominated, and polling commenced on the same date. The books remained open until 5.30 p.m. on the 7th, when the result was declared as follows:—Stormont, 1,892; Scarlett, 1,878 (elected). Harbord, 1,592; Martin, 1,585. p. 337

7.—Lynn Election—The polling commenced on this date, and concluded on the 8th. Lord George Bentinck, 531; Sir Stratford Canning, 416 (elected); Sir John S. Lillie, 238.

12.—The nomination of candidates for the representation of West Norfolk took place at Swaffham. Mr. William Bagge, the Conservative candidate, was escorted to the town by a procession, headed by the hunting establishment of Mr. Henry Villebois. Sir William ffolkes and Sir Jacob Astley were accompanied by Mr. T. W. Coke and numerous supporters. A dispute arose between Lord Charles Townshend and Sir Jacob Astley, who were ordered by the justices to enter into their recognisances to keep the peace towards each other. The polling commenced on January 15th, at Swaffham, Downham, Fakenham, Lynn, Thetford, and East Dereham, and closed on the 16th. The poll was declared on the 19th.—ffolkes, 2,299; Astley, 2,134; Bagge, 1,880. The two first-named were elected.

17.—The nomination of candidates for the East Norfolk Division took place at Norwich. Lord Walpole and Mr. Wodehouse, Conservatives, entered the city by St. Giles' Gates, escorted by between three hundred and four hundred horsemen; Mr. W. Windham and Mr. R. H. Gurney (Liberals) rode at the head of 196 mounted supporters. The polling commenced on the 20th, at Norwich, Yarmouth, Long Stratton, and Reephham, and concluded on the 21st. The poll was declared on the 23rd, as follows:—Walpole, 3,188; Wodehouse, 3,474; Windham, 3,089; Gurney, 2,879. The two first-named were elected.

—At the Norwich Court of Mayoralty, Mr. Alderman Bignold read a letter from the Right Hon. Lord Abinger, Baron of Abinger in the county of Surrey and of the city of Norwich, intimating his lordship's desire that the Mayor and Corporation would permit him to take as the supporters of his arms the supporters of the arms of the city. The Court unanimously granted the request. It was also announced that his lordship had appointed as his chaplain the Rev. Charles Turner, son

of the Mayor.

27.—The supporters of Messrs. Harbord and Martin, to the number of 900, were entertained at dinner at St. Andrew's Hall by leading persons of the Liberal party. On the 28th 1,000 were similarly entertained. Mr. W. Foster presided on both occasions, and on the second day Mr. Martin delivered a speech of two hours' duration.

FEBRUARY.

7.—A "moveable panorama" of the Liverpool and Manchester Railway, painted by Mr. Thorne, was exhibited at the Theatre Royal, Norwich.

19.—Married, Mr. J. V. Jermay, of Wroxham, to Mrs. Sarah Landimore, of the same place. "The above-named female has been twice married, having entered the matrimonial state at the age of 14. She became a widow at 15, and is now a wife again at 17."

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23.—Died, at New Lakenham, aged 66, Mr. William Cole, the author of "Rural Months," and other poems.

24.—The Corporation of Norwich voted the honorary freedom of the city to the Hon. Robert Campbell Scarlett, M.P.

—A committee was appointed by the Corporation of Norwich to prepare a memorial to the Postmaster-General, for an acceleration of the mail coach service. A letter was received from Lord Stormont, M.P., on March 27th, stating that the Postmaster-General had made the following arrangements: the Norwich and Yarmouth letters to go by the Ipswich mail instead of by the Newmarket coach, the Ipswich mail to arrive at Norwich at 7.30 a.m., and to leave Norwich at 7 p.m.

28.—Died at his residence in Portman Square, London, aged 78, the Right Hon. and Rev. Earl Nelson, Duke of Bronte, "brother of the hero of Trafalgar." The title and estates descended to Mr. Thomas Bolton, jun., son of Susannah Nelson, sister of the first two Earls, and of Thomas Bolton, who was born in 1786, and married, in 1821, Elizabeth, daughter and sole heir of John Maurice.

MARCH.

14.*—"At Didlington Hall, the only place in England at which the antient amusement of flying hawks at herons is practised, it has been customary to turn off the birds taken alive, with a ring attached to one leg, showing the time and place at which they were captured. In a late Bristol paper there is an account of a heron having been shot near Carmarthen with a ring round one leg having the inscription: 'Major Wilson, Didlington Hall, Norfolk, 1822.'"

APRIL.

3.—Lord Chief Baron Abinger, one of the Judges of Assize at Norwich, was waited upon at the Judges' lodgings, in Bethel Street, by the Mayor and Corporation, and presented with an address, on this his first visit to the city in a judicial capacity.

4.—At the Norwich Assizes, before Mr. Justice Vaughan, Johnstone Wardell, aged 23, a bank clerk, was charged with embezzling the sum of £1,431 18s. 7d. belonging to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England. Mr. Kelly was retained for the defence at the fee of 100 gs., and, after a trial lasting ten hours, the jury acquitted the prisoner. The defence was that the accused had been knocked down and robbed of the money on the Castle Ditches. A few months afterwards he confessed his guilt and refunded the full amount.

7.—Three hundred emigrants left Yarmouth Quay by the Baltic (Captain Newson), Venus (Captain Simmons), and Wellington (Captain Gilham), for Quebec. The Shannon sailed from Lynn for Quebec on April 16th, with 90 emigrants.

18.—James Clarke, aged 20, was executed on Castle Hill, Norwich, for setting fire to a wheat stack at Buxton. "The most singular feature attending the execution was that an old man named Wyer, a person well known for his eccentricities, declared on the Hill that he would take the sufferer's place for five shillings. The man made good his word, went home and hanged himself."

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20.—Mr. Macready commenced a four nights' engagement at Norwich Theatre in the part of Macbeth. His other impersonations included Hamlet, Virginius, Werner, and Puff ("The Critic"). On the 23rd an outrage was committed by a person who "threw a chemical substance capable of ignition, in different parts of the building." A reward of 20 gs. was offered for the apprehension of the offender.

25.—The West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital, designed by Mr. Angel and built by Mr. Sugars, was opened for the reception of patients.

—A troop of the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons arrived at Norwich Barracks, and were followed by two other troops of the same regiment, from Sheffield and Nottingham.

MAY.

1.—Mr. Moore and Mr. Steward were returned to the Norwich Court of Aldermen for election as

Mayor. The first-named was chosen.

4.—The 2nd Dragoon Guards marched from Norwich Barracks, on their way to Liverpool, for embarkation for Dublin. The Mayor and Corporation testified to the excellent conduct of the regiment, and expressed regret at their departure.

—The Norwich Corporation agreed not to dispose of the old City Gaol without reserving a portion of the site for the purposes of the Norwich Public Library. On September 21st a lease was granted of part of the site (70 ft. by 70 ft.) to the trustees of the Library for the term of 99 years, at the annual rent of £1, "for the erection of a library room or other building connected therewith." At a special meeting of the subscribers, on October 29th, the contract of Messrs. Darkins and Blake for the erection of the new building, at the total cost of £1,820, was confirmed, and it was decided to raise the amount in shares of £5 each.

—The honorary freedom of the city was voted by the Corporation of Norwich to Lord Walpole, M.P., and Mr. Edmond Wodehouse, M.P. Both gentlemen were sworn in on May 8th.

5.—Died of dysentery at Calcutta, aged 70, Mr. Thomas Hoseason, formerly of Banklands, near Lynn.

6.—Died, aged 69, at Furnival's Inn, Mr. Linley, "son of the writer of the music in 'The Duenna,' and brother of the first Mrs. Sheridan and of the Rev. O. T. Linley, formerly of Norwich Cathedral. He was a good composer and excellent judge of music."

8.—A dinner, attended by 650 guests, was given at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, to celebrate the establishment at the Rampant Horse Inn of the East Norfolk Conservative Association. The Earl of Orford presided. Prior to the dinner the members of the association proceeded to the Guildhall, to witness the swearing in of Lord Walpole and Mr. Wodehouse as hon. freemen of Norwich.

9.—Died, aged 66, Mr. William Blanchard, "the celebrated comedian, formerly of the Norwich Company."

11.—Mr. Butler, of Covent Garden, appeared at Norwich Theatre in the part of Hamlet. He performed on subsequent evenings the parts of Coriolanus and David Duvigne ("The Hazard of the Die").

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18.—The Bill for renewing the Yarmouth Port and Haven Act, which would otherwise have expired in 1836, went into Committee in the House of Commons, and was finally agreed to by all parties.

25.—Died in Norwich, aged 67, Mr. George Lindley, author of the "Guide to the Orchard and Kitchen Garden, " &c., and father of Dr. Lindley, Professor of Botany at the Royal Institution and the University of London.

26.—Died at his house in Magdalen Street, Norwich, aged 91, Mr. Barnabas Leman, who was elected Alderman in 1797, Sheriff in 1804, and twice served the office of Mayor, 1813-1818.

27.—Captain Sir Edward Parry, R.N., the celebrated navigator, made an official visit to Norwich, on his appointment as an Assistant Commissioner under the new Poor Laws Amendment Act.

29.—At the Guildhall, Norwich, John Pilgrim, described as an attorney, was charged before Mr. Samuel Bignold and Mr. E. T. Booth with embezzling the sum of £6 13s. belonging to his employers, Messrs. Sewell, Blake, Keith, and Blake, solicitors. The case was adjourned till Saturday, the 30th, and the hearing lasted till midnight. On Sunday, the 31st, the magistrates again sat, and remanded the defendant in custody. On June 1st it was stated that Mr. Parraman, Governor of the City Gaol, had handed the prisoner over to the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms of the House of Commons, on a warrant from the Speaker. The Bench then adjourned the hearing *sine die*. In order to explain these proceedings, it is necessary to state the following facts:—A petition had been presented against the return of Mr. Dundas and Mr. Kelly as members for Ipswich, and the Committee of the House of Commons, in reporting the election void, passed a series of special resolutions to the effect that John Pilgrim and others were guilty of bribery and of absconding to avoid the Speaker's warrant; that Pilgrim, having at length been served, was prevented attending the Committee by being arrested on a charge of embezzlement, and that the conduct of the magistrates before whom he was charged appeared to the Committee to be a breach of the privileges of the House. On June 29th it was moved that the committing magistrates be sent to Newgate, but instead they were ordered to attend before the House on July 3rd. That order was discharged, and the inquiry was referred to the same Select Committee that was to investigate the charges against Pilgrim's employers. At the Norwich Assizes on August 8th, before Mr. Baron Bolland, the bill in the case of embezzlement was respited to the next court. A meeting of the Norwich Corporation was held on September 21st, at which a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Bignold and Mr. Booth "for the performance of their duty as magistrates, which led to their being summoned before the Committee of the House of Commons on the charge of alleged breach of privileges of the House," and it was ordered that their expenses in London be defrayed by the city. (See March 29th, 1836.)

31.—Died at his house in Bedford Square, London, Mr. William Smith, formerly one of the representatives of Norwich in Parliament. Mr. Smith was first elected member for the city in 1802, and retired in 1830.

3.—Mr. Beacham, a favourite actor at Norwich Theatre, took his final leave of the stage after a service of more than half a century.

6.—The erection of gas works at East Dereham commenced.

10.—A new drama, entitled, "The Puritan's Sister," written by Mr. George Smith, was produced for the first time at Norwich Theatre.

14.—Died at Brighton, aged 72, Sir John Harrison Yallop, an alderman of Norwich. He served the office of Sheriff in 1805, and of Mayor in 1815 and 1831.

15.—Sir Edward Parry, R.N., attended a meeting of the Norwich Court of Guardians, and laid before them the views and intentions of the Poor-law Commissioners. Sir Edward also visited other unions in the district.

16.—Guild Day was celebrated in Norwich for the last time. The civic procession to the Cathedral was headed by the regalia borne by the respective officers on horseback. "Snap," too, made his final appearance. Chambers, the senior boy at the Free Grammar School, under the Rev. Henry Banfather, delivered the Latin oration, and was presented with five guineas' worth of books by the Mayor-elect (Mr. Moore), who made a similar present to Norgate, the orator on the preceding Guild Day. In the course of the proceedings at the Guildhall, it was decided to petition the House of Lords against the Bill to provide for the regulation of Municipal Corporations in England and Wales. Eight hundred guests attended the Guild feast at St. Andrew's Hall, and a ball was given at the Assembly Rooms in the evening.

19.—Mr. Richard Shaw was elected an alderman of the Northern Ward, Norwich, in succession to Sir J. H. Yallop, deceased. He polled 345 votes, as against 109 recorded for his opponent, Mr. J. Winter.

26.—Petitions were presented from Yarmouth, complaining that bribery had been practised at the election of members for that borough. They were not election petitions; they did not complain of the return; and did not impute bribery to the members or their agents. But it was alleged that two guineas had been paid to many of the voters at the house of a person who had been an active partisan of the sitting members. The petitions were referred to a Committee of the House. On July 30th the Chairman of the Committee reported that Mr. Prentice, one of the witnesses, refused to answer certain questions, on the ground that the answers would incriminate himself. He was sent to Newgate on August 6th. On the same day the Chairman reported that three other witnesses, Messrs. Preston, Lacon, and Green, had refused to answer any questions at all. Mr. Preston was brought to the bar and informed by the Speaker that the House had decided he was bound to submit to be examined by the Committee without prejudice to his right to object to any questions, the answers to which might tend to criminate himself. Mr. Preston and Messrs. Lacon and Green attended the Committee. They objected to the very first question which at all tended to bear on the matter, because, they said, the answers might criminate them. The Committee agreed that the answers would have that tendency, and discharged the witnesses from further attendance. On August 11th Mr. Prentice was likewise discharged from Newgate, and on his arrival at Yarmouth, on August 14th, was welcomed by a large crowd, who escorted his carriage through the town, with a band playing. At the Norfolk Assizes, on March 31st, 1836, before Mr. Justice Parke, Messrs. Preston, Green, and Lacon were charged with the alleged acts of bribery, but each case was disposed of without one of the persons against whom the charges were preferred being required to enter upon any defence whatever.

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29.—In consequence of the general recommendation of the Poor-law Commissioners that the allowances to the "surplus poor" be made in kind, instead of in money, the labourers at Great Bircham and Bircham Tofts struck work, and caused a riot, upon the ground that labourers had been imported from neighbouring villages. The houses of Mr. Ketton and Mr. Hebgin were attacked, and the Melton and Rainham troops of Yeomanry Cavalry were called out to quell the disturbance. The preventive men from the coast and the 6th Inniskillings from Norwich were also summoned. At Walsingham Quarter Sessions, on July 10th, several persons were sentenced to terms of imprisonment for participating in the riot.

JULY.

6.—The Royal Mail coach from Yarmouth (through Norwich) to Birmingham commenced running. "In equipment and management this coach is not excelled by any in the kingdom."

—Died at Vernon House, London, from the effects of injuries received by a fall from his horse in St. James's Park, on June 30th, the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, aged 54. The intelligence arrived at North Walsham at the time fixed for the celebration of his lordship's birthday by a dinner at the King's Arms Inn. The body of the deceased nobleman reached Norwich on July 15th, and remained at the Rampant Horse Inn that night. On the following day it was conveyed to Gunton, and buried in the chapel in the park.

14.—A handbill was circulated in Norwich announcing that "the Dutch Hercules, Mynheer Kousewinkeler van Raachboomstadt, professor of gymnastics and Maître des Armes to the 5th Regiment of Royal Jaegers," would give his "celebrated series of gymnastic exercises" in Chapel Field. Some thousands of persons were hoaxed.

AUGUST.

1.—Mr. Charles Kemble made his first appearance at Norwich Theatre in the character of Julian St. Pierre ("The Wife"). During the remaining nights of his engagement he performed the parts of Benedict, Mercutio, Colonel Freelove ("The Day after the Wedding"), Octavian ("The Mountaineers"), Petruchio, and Charles Surface. He afterwards visited Yarmouth.

6.—Evidence was given before the House of Lords in opposition to the Municipal Reform Bill by Mr. E. T. Booth, Col. Harvey, Mr. Isaac Preston (Recorder), and Mr. E. Newton, of Norwich. A petition, adopted at a meeting of the freemen on July 11th, and signed by 1,600 persons of both parties, had already been presented, praying their lordships "to preserve to Norwich the privileges granted by the charters of 700 years ago." The Bill was passed on September 9th, and on October 3rd the NORFOLK CHRONICLE stated: "St. Michael 'shone no festive holiday' either at Norwich, Lynn, or Yarmouth. For many centuries until this *annus mirabilis* of *Liberalism* the Sheriffs of Norwich (from 1403), the Mayors of Lynn (from 1268) and of Yarmouth (from 1684), were sworn into office on new Michaelmas day. . . . Under the new Act the present Mayors and Sheriffs are to continue to hold their respective offices until January 1st next, and their immediate successors—*one* Sheriff until the first, and the Mayors until the 9th of November, on which days the elections of Sheriffs and Mayors of boroughs will in future take place." p. 343

7.—At the Norfolk Assizes, before Mr. Justice Bolland, Frances Billing, aged 46, and Catherine Frarey, aged 40, were found guilty of the murder of Mary Taylor, of Burnham Westgate, by administering arsenic to her. They were also convicted of the murder of Robert Frarey, husband of the last-named prisoner. The execution took place on the Castle Hill, Norwich, on August 10th. Frarey was dressed in deep mourning for her husband, and wore a widow's cap. They held each other by the hand when upon the scaffold. "The silence which had hitherto pervaded the immense concourse who stood intently gazing on this dreadful exhibition was broken by a piercing shriek when the drop fell; then all was still again." Mrs. Billing had had eleven children, eight of whom were living at the time of the execution. Both women had been in the habit of consulting reputed witches at Burnham and Sall (*See* April 1st, 1836.)

14.—Died, aged 79, Mr. William Mason, of Necton. "He was accomplished in literature, and was one of the favourite scholars of the late Dr. Parr."

22.—Died, aged 78, the Hon. George Walpole, second son of Horatio, first Earl of Orford and fourth Lord Walpole of Walpole. He commanded the troops employed in suppressing the rebellion of the Maroons in Jamaica. On his retirement from the Army he went into Parliament, and was Under-Secretary of State during the Fox Administration in 1806.

23.—Died, aged 65, Mr. Francis Stone, architect, Norwich, and for nearly 30 years Surveyor of the County of Norfolk.

25.—The last election for the office of freemen's Sheriff took place at Norwich. Mr. Paul Squire was returned, with 829 votes. Mr. Edward Willett, his opponent, polled 437.

SEPTEMBER.

18.—At nine o'clock in the morning, Mr. Green, the aeronaut, who had ascended in his balloon from Vauxhall Gardens, London, at six o'clock in the evening of the 17th, descended between North Runcton and Hardwick, about a mile from Lynn South Gates.

22.—The Duchess of Kent and Princess Victoria, on their way from Burleigh House, Stamford, to Holkham Park, on a visit to Mr. Coke, passed through Lynn, and were received with great enthusiasm. The horses were removed from the Royal carriage, which was dragged through the town to the Duke's Head Inn. The relay of horses having been sent towards Gaywood, the populace drew the carriage, amid most loyal demonstrations, to the eastern boundary of the town, where the horses were put to and the journey resumed. At Holkham the preventive service formed a guard of honour, and the whole of the tenantry were in attendance. On the 23rd their Royal Highnesses were presented by the inhabitants of Wells with a loyal address, to which the Duchess of Kent graciously replied. Their Royal Highnesses left Holkham on the 24th for the seat of the Duke of Grafton at Euston, and passed through Swaffham, where the race meeting was delayed in order to give the large concourse the opportunity of greeting their future Sovereign. p. 344

OCTOBER.

6.—The Young Company's yawl Increase was launched from Yarmouth beach at one p.m., with a crew of eight hands, Budds (a pilot), and a Mr. Layton. It went to the assistance of a brig flying a signal of distress. Layton and one of the men remained on board the brig. The yawl, when returning to shore, was capsized in a squall, and seven of the crew drowned. Two, named Brock and Emmerson, swam for their lives. Emmerson sank, but Brock continued swimming until he reached Corton Bay, where he was picked up by a vessel after he had been seven hours in the water and had swum fourteen miles.

10.—The Revising Barristers (Mr. S. Gazelee and Mr. W. A. Collins) commenced an inquiry at Norwich as to the settlement of the new municipal boundaries. On the 13th they announced that they had decided to arrange the city in eight wards, based upon the relative proportions of property and population.

13.—At a convivial meeting at the Three Turks public-house, Charing Cross, Norwich, William Cork, an artisan, was singing “the well-known song written on the death of General Wolfe,” and after repeating the words, “And I to death must yield,” fell down and, to the consternation of the company, instantly expired.

23.—At a meeting held at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, under the presidency of Sir Jacob Astley, Bart., M.P., it was agreed that the line of railway most advantageous to Norfolk and Norwich was that proposed by Mr. James Walker, engineer, from Yarmouth to Norwich and thence to Cambridge and London. A similar opinion was expressed at meetings held at Yarmouth on October 30th and at Thetford on November 3rd.

28.—The libraries, works of art, curiosities, &c., of Captain Marryat, C.B., were sold by auction at his residence, Langham, near Holt. “Captain Marryat has broken up his establishment in Norfolk as his devotion to literature will oblige him to reside constantly in London.”

NOVEMBER.

1.—Died at his house, Buckworth, near Romsey, the Right Hon. Earl Nelson, aged 50. He was born at St. Michael-at-Plea, Norwich, and married, in 1821, Frances Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Mr. John Maurice, and was succeeded in his titles and estates by his eldest son, Horatio Bolton Nelson, Viscount Trafalgar, aged 12 years.

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9.—The schooner Harriet, on her passage from St. Petersburg to Liverpool, was lost, with her crew of eight hands, off Hunstanton. “The wreckage washed ashore was immediately broken up, and part of it converted to private purposes. It is shocking to contemplate the lawless scrambling of the wreckers of this coast to obtain possession of their prey, in which they appear to be encouraged by the conduct of persons whose especial duty it is to prevent rather than to encourage the abominable plunder here carried on.”

14.—Extensive flour mills at Hardingham, occupied by Messrs. Taylor and Tingay, were destroyed by fire.

27.—Mr. Charles Turner, Deputy-Mayor of Norwich, was presented with a piece of plate by the subscribers who had placed his portrait in St. Andrew’s Hall. The portrait was painted by H. P. Briggs, R.A.

DECEMBER.

1.—Messrs. Collins and Gazelee, revising barristers, commenced at Norwich the first revision of the municipal voters’ lists.

7.—A fine male specimen of the sea eagle was shot at Hunstanton Hall. The crop and stomach contained 15 herring; the wings from tip to tip measured 7 ft. 3 in.

9.—Professor Sedgwick commenced his course of lectures on geology at the Norfolk and Norwich Museum. Upwards of 200 new subscribers added their names, in order to have the privilege of attending.

15.—Died at his uncle’s house, Lancaster Place, London, Mr. James Smith, surgeon, son of the manager of Norwich Theatre.

22.—The first general meeting of the proprietors of the East of England Bank was held at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, the Mayor (Mr. W. Moore) presiding.

—Forty *amateurs de bonne chère* presented Mr. William Snow, “the Ude of Norwich,” with a silver gridiron, on the occasion of his 64th birthday.

24.—The new Octagon chapel at Diss was opened. Sermons were preached by the Revs. J. Alexander and J. B. Innes, of Norwich.

26.—The first elections under the new Municipal Reform Act took place at Norwich. The polling commenced at eight polling-places at nine o’clock, and closed at four o’clock, “when the Mayor went round to the different departments and received the boxes from his deputies.” The method of voting was thus described: “The voters delivered to the deputies their signed lists containing the names of the candidates for whom they gave their suffrages. A clerk entered the name of the voter and the candidates in a book, and the list was then deposited in a box by the deputy.” The election resulted in the return of the Whig-Radicals by a majority of eight.

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JANUARY.

1.—The first quarterly meeting of the new City Council was held at the Guildhall, Norwich. Mr. T. O. Springfield was elected Mayor.

4.—The first act of the Yarmouth reformed Town Council was to remove from office the Earl of Orford, Lord High Steward of the borough, and to elect the Earl of Lichfield in his place. The Earl, writing from Wolterton on January 26th, informed the Mayor that the only intimation he had received of his dismissal was through the newspaper paragraph in which it was announced, and added: “The honour which your late Corporation conferred upon me was received with pride and

gratitude. My dismissal by the present Corporation confers almost equal honour, upon, Sir, your obedient servant, ORFORD."

13.—The Norwich Corporation voted an address to his Majesty, expressing gratitude to him for effecting the moral alterations in the state of his Empire called for by the progress of knowledge, and confidence in his Majesty's advisers, and promising to make effectual for the general happiness, comfort, and prosperity of the citizens the new Corporation Act, under authority of which they were met together.

22.—Italian opera was produced at Norwich Theatre, under the management of Miss Leslie. The works included "Il Barbiere di Siviglia," "La Ceverentola," and "Il Don Giovanni." The principal artistes were Madame Carri Paltoni, Miss M. A. Leslie, Signor De Val, Signor Paltoni, Signor Giubelli, Signora Cellini, and Signor Tryano. Mr. Schipins was conductor, and Mr. T. Jackson leader.

26.—A meeting was held at the Town Hall, Lynn, to petition Parliament to grant a Committee to enquire into the distresses of agriculture. The High Sheriff (Mr. Hudson Gurney) presided. It was represented that the price of corn and wheat was barely equal to what it was in 1793, while the taxation of the country was three times greater than at that period. The meeting agreed that the prices of agricultural produce be raised to meet existing burdens, or such burdens be lowered to meet existing prices.

FEBRUARY.

1.—Mr. Sheridan Knowles and Miss Elphinstone made their first appearance in a four nights' engagement at Norwich Theatre, as Master Walter and Julia, in his play "The Hunchback." They also appeared on ensuing evenings as St. Pierre and Mariana ("The Wife"), Pierre and Velerdera ("Venice Preserved"), William Tell and Emma ("William Tell"), and as Petruccio and Catherine.

7.—Died, aged 71, Mr. Richard Langton, many years librarian at the Public Library, Norwich.

17.—The north segment of North Walsham steeple was blown down. The bells fell in a mass of ruins.

17.—During a heavy gale at Yarmouth the tide overflowed many parts of the Quay, and inundated the houses. The foundations of several buildings fronting the beach were undermined by the water, and the sands presented a scene of devastation and ruin. p. 347

20.—A facing of brickwork by which the south side of the Guildhall had been disfigured for more than a century was removed and replaced by a beautiful specimen of flint work and masonry, from designs by Mr. J. Stannard, architect.

21.—Died at Ipswich, aged 64, Mrs. Cockle, daughter of Mr. Charles Roope, of Pulham Market. "She was well-known as the author of some valuable works on female education, and of literary and poetical productions."

25.—The Northern and Eastern Railway Bill, for making a line from London to Cambridge, and thence to Norwich and Yarmouth, as planned by Mr. James Walker, was read a first time in the House of Commons. It passed the remaining stages, and was read a third time in the House of Lords on July 27th. On February 25th also the Commons Committee on the Eastern Counties Railway Bill determined that the standing orders had been complied with. This Bill was read a first time on March 10th. During that month a deputation from the London directors met the friends and supporters of the line at Norwich, Lynn, and Yarmouth; and on April 14th petitions in favour of the railway were presented in the House of Commons from Norwich by Lord Stormont, and from Yarmouth by Mr. Praed. The second reading was carried by a majority of 74. Mr. Gladstone remarked, in the course of the debate, that the petition from Norwich "had been got up by the foulest means—by means of eating and drinking. Every person who went in and put his name to the petition got a good lunch." On May 2nd and 3rd Norwich and Norfolk witnesses gave evidence in favour of the Bill, which was read a third time on June 1st. It was announced on July 2nd that the Bill had passed through all stages in both Houses of Parliament.

MARCH.

1.—The new police went on duty for the first time at Norwich. "The 18 new policemen under the superintendence of Mr. Wright appeared for the first time on Tuesday last in an uniform dark blue dress with waterproof capes similar to those worn by the police in London."

5.—Died at his house in King Street, aged 69, Mr. William Taylor, "a gentleman whose intellectual endowments and extraordinary range of varied acquirements had gained for his name a celebrity which, far from being confined within the walls of his native city, extended itself widely through the world of British, European, and Trans-Atlantic literature. The friend and biographer of Dr. Sayers, the associate of Dr. Southey and other distinguished characters, Mr. Taylor stood pre-eminent for his scholastic and critical knowledge of the great writers of Germany."

12.*—"The Gas Company of this city (Norwich) have determined to reduce the price to those who consume by meter from 13s. per 1,000 cubic feet to 10s. This reduction will place Norwich in a much better situation than almost any town in the kingdom."

22.—Five hundred children under seven years of age assembled at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich,

and underwent the system of examination introduced by Mr. Wilderspin, the originator of infant schools. On April 7th a public meeting was held at the Guildhall, at which it was decided to establish a society to promote the extension of the infant school system in the county and city.

—Died, suddenly, of apoplexy, while hunting with Sir James Flowers' hounds at Tibenham, Mr. William Chambers, of Norwich, who served the office of Sheriff from Michaelmas, 1834, to January 1st of this year, and was the last Sheriff elected under the old system. Mr. Chambers was in his 45th year.

24.—Died at his house in Bethel Street, Norwich, aged 62, Mr. Robert Hawkes, who was elected Alderman of the Mancroft Ward in 1818, served the office of Sheriff in 1819, and that of Mayor in 1822. In consequence of Mr. Hawkes' death, the Judges of Assize, whose official lodgings were at his house, were invited by the Very Rev. Dr. Pellew to stay at the Deanery. At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions, on April 8th, the thanks of the county were accorded to Dr. Pellew.

29.—At the Norwich Assizes, before Mr. Justice Gaselee, the case of John Pilgrim was further respited, in consequence of the illness of one of the prosecutors. (There is no further record of this case.)

APRIL.

1.—At the Norfolk Assizes, before Mr. Justice Gaselee, Peter Taylor was found guilty, as an accessory before the fact, of the murder of Mary Taylor, his wife, at Burnham Westgate, on March 12th, 1835. The prosecution arose out of the trial of the women Frarey and Billing, who were executed as principals in the murder. Taylor, who to the last protested his innocence, was hanged on the Castle Hill, Norwich, on April 23rd.

—At the same Assizes, before Mr. Justice Gaselee, John Sucker (23), Thomas Bassett (40), Joseph Bruce (21), Thomas Dawes (25), and James Staines (37) were indicted, Sucker and Bassett for the murder of William Case, on November 30th, 1835, and the other prisoners for aiding and assisting in the commission of the crime while poaching on the lands of Mr. W. L. Jones, at Methwold. They were found guilty and sentenced to death. The jury subsequently delivered to his lordship at the Deanery the following declaration: "Our opinion is that the prisoners were guilty of manslaughter, not murder, and it was our intention so to find had we not been called upon to give our opinion as to the facts." The execution was deferred for the opinion of the Judges assembled in the Court of Exchequer. On April 23rd Lord Denman stated that the Judges, after hearing counsel on both sides, were of opinion it would not be proper to execute the prisoners for the crime of murder.

2.—A vessel of 500 tons burden, intended for the trade between England and the Mauritius, was launched from the ship-yard of Mr. Richardson, Friars' Fleet, Lynn.

4.—On the occasion of the presentation of a piece of plate to the Rev. A. Goode, of Terrington St. Clement, 800 villagers accompanied the deputation, with flags and banners, and "86 young females attending the Sunday School bore branches of laurel." The plate was borne upon a tray by "two respectable parishioners," supported by "some emblematical characters, one of whom personated the renowned Tom Hickathrift, the Marshland giant of the olden time, and the bold defender of the ancient rights of Marshland Smeeth. The representative of Hickathrift delivered an appropriate speech."

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8.—At the Norfolk county magistrates' meeting, Mr. J. Brown was elected Surveyor of the county, and Mr. James Watson surveyor of bridges.

—The Lord Lieutenant of the county, accompanied by Mr. Samuel Bignold, visited the factory of the Norwich Yarn Company. "There are now 300 workmen, upwards of 60 reelers, and about 200 children constantly at work in the establishment, and the labour bill exceeds £200 a week."

—Francis Widdows, "who was upwards of 50 years leader of the company of singers in St. Mary's chapel," died at Doughty's Hospital, Norwich, in his 80th year.

13.—One hundred and ninety-five emigrants from villages in the neighbourhood embarked at Friars' Fleet, Lynn, on board the ship Anne, bound for Quebec. Mr. Daniel Gurney distributed among them Bibles, Prayer-books, &c. Large numbers of emigrants left the county during the spring. By May 17th 1,625 had sailed from Yarmouth. From the same port, on May 25th, sailed the Morning Star, with 212 emigrants, chiefly labourers, from Suffolk, and the Brunswick, with 447 agriculturists from East Norfolk. By July 2nd the total number embarked at Yarmouth for Quebec and Port St. Francis on the St. Lawrence was 3,200.

22.—Died, aged 72, at St. John Timberhill, Norwich, Mr. J. P. Cocksedge, who served the office of Sheriff in 1827.

27.—Died, aged 37, "the eccentric and whimsical John Gudgeon, the celebrated shuttle-maker, of Norwich."

28.—In consequence of the Mayor and Sheriff of Norwich having declined to extend the customary patronage to the Theatre, the performance on this night was under "the immediate patronage of the Conservatives of Norwich." The pieces produced were "The Rivals" and "The Mayor of Garrat."

—The three troops of the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons stationed at Norwich Cavalry Barracks,

marched on their route to Canterbury and Brighton, and were replaced by three troops of the 17th Lancers from Manchester.

30.*—"The King has been pleased to confer the honour of knighthood on a native of Norwich, Dr. W. J. Hooker, Professor of Botany at Glasgow, and a Companion of the Third Class of the Royal Guelphio Hanoverian Order."

MAY.

1.—The celebration of May Day, which, from time immemorial, has been observed at Lynn by children parading the streets with garlands of flowers and the sounding of horns, was this year prohibited by the authorities of the borough.

25.—Miss Read, a native of the city, appeared at Norwich Theatre as Belvedera ("Venice Preserved"). "Her performance was marked by talent and feeling very creditable in so young an actress."

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26.—A specimen of the common plant *valerian rubra* was exhibited at the show of the Norfolk and Norwich Horticultural Society with the following inscription upon the label attached: "This plant was raised from seed found in a cement coffin discovered beneath the ruins of Wymondham Priory church. The period of interment is proved antecedent to 1300."

31.—Married at Kensington, by the Rev. T. B. Murray, the Rev. George William Murray, of Merton College, Oxford, assistant minister of St. Peter's, Pimlico, fifth son of Charles Murray, formerly of Norwich, to Marianne, second daughter of Major-General Sir William Douglas, K.C.B., of Timperdean, Roxburghshire.

JUNE.

4.*—"Died lately, aged 68, William Brett, an ingenious and eccentric individual, generally known as 'Duke Brett,' of Swaffham, by trade a shoemaker, but a perfect factotum in all manner of handicraft, and a celebrated opium-eater, having for many years consumed large quantities of this drug daily."

8.—At a meeting of the Norwich Town Council, Capt. Money moved a resolution in favour of the admission of the public to the discussions of that body, "because it would make the members more measured in their language, more careful, and more honest." Mr. Burt moved a negative resolution, and stated that "if they could not restrain their language in the company of gentlemen of education and respectability, they would not do so in the presence of a school of persons casually admitted." Capt Money's motion was negatived.

28.—A meeting of the directors and proprietors of the Norwich Yarn Company was held at the Guildhall, at which it was stated that the factory was incapable of supplying even one-third of the quantity of yarn required for manufacturing purposes in the city and neighbourhood. It was decided that the capital be increased by the creation of 700 additional shares of £100 each. (*See* December 1st, 1836.)

JULY.

4.—A novel feat of pedestrianism was performed on the Norwich Cricket Ground, in the presence of a great number of spectators. "Sixty yards of cord were wound round a pole one foot in circumference. The pedestrian took the end of the cord and ran round the pole until the whole was off, which was to be completed in the space of four hours, the distance being computed to be 20 miles. The pedestrian, John Baldwin, a native of Norwich, performed the arduous task in less than three and a half hours."

7.—The Yarmouth Town Council ordered the removal of the Market Cross, upon the petition of certain inhabitants of the borough.

9.*—"Died, lately, Mr. William Read, farmer, of Dumpling Green, East Dereham. His remains were conveyed to the grave by his express desire in one of his waggons, drawn by four of his best horses, of which he prided himself in having the first in the county, and attended by an immense concourse of persons, drawn together by the novelty of the scene."

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—Mr. J. Gotobed, one of the proprietors of the Lynn coach, was fined £50 "for having driven away the coach after it had been seized by his Majesty's officers of Excise for conveying contraband spirits."

16.*—"Many hundred tons of oysters have been caught off Cley, where there are very extensive beds, during the last season, and sold to the Kent dealers at less than sixpence a bushel."

19.—The Sandringham Hall Estate was sold by Mr. W. W. Simpson, at the Auction Mart, London, after a spirited competition, for £76,000. It was the property of Mr. Henry Hoste Henly.

29.—Died at Longford, Derbyshire, Mr. Edward Coke, brother of Mr. T. W. Coke, of Holkham. Mr. Coke for several Sessions represented Derby in Parliament, and was returned for Norfolk in 1807.

AUGUST.

1.—Norwich Theatre was re-opened after thorough renovation. Gas light was used for the first time. Mrs. Yates appeared as Rachael ("The Jewess"), and in the petite comedy, "An Actress of All Work," in which she sustained six distinct characters. On the 6th Mr. Yates appeared in conjunction with his wife. Norwich Theatre was described as "one of the handsomest, most comfortable, and best lighted of the minor theatres in this kingdom."

4.—A two-days' cricket match, between Yorkshire and Norfolk, commenced on the Norwich Ground. Yorkshire won, by 25 runs.

SEPTEMBER.

5.—Died, at his residence on the Castle Ditches, Norwich, in his 89th year, Mr. Robert Ward, who served the office of Sheriff in 1800, and was for upwards of 45 years a member of the Court of Guardians.

13.—A petition by Mr. Samuel Bignold and Mr. William Rackham on the one part, and Mr. T. O. Springfield on the other part, having been presented to the Lord Chancellor relative to the composition of the trustees of the Norwich charities, the matter was argued on this date before the Master in Chancery, who ruled that in composing the list of trustees he would not admit more than four Dissenters out of the 21; further, that in the execution of their official duties, the trustees should be divided into two classes, and that none but those who were members of the Church of England should have a voice in the presentation to any Church living. On December 23rd the Master presented a draft report, stating the composition of the "Church list" and of the "general list." The former contained eleven selected from the twenty-one names submitted by Messrs. Springfield, Finch, and Willett, and ten from the twenty-one names submitted by Messrs. Bignold and Rackham. The "general list" contained twelve names submitted by the former and eight by the latter. (See March 18th, 1837.)

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20.—The Norwich Musical Festival, "for the benefit of the Norfolk and Norwich and West Norfolk Hospitals, the School for the Indigent Blind, the Eye Infirmary, and the Dispensary," commenced. The principals were Madame Caradori Allan, Miss Bruce, Miss Rainforth, Mrs. A. Shaw, Miss Tipping, Signora Assandri, Signer Ivanoff, Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Hawking, Mr. H. Phillips, Mr. E. Taylor, and Signor Lablach. Messrs. Cramer and Blagrove were leaders of the band, and Sir George Smart conductor. Miscellaneous concerts were given on the evenings of the 20th, 21st, and 22nd; on the morning of the 21st a selection of sacred music and "The Redemption"; on the 22nd "The Creation" and "The Seventh Day"; and on the 23rd "The Christian's Prayer" and "Israel in Egypt." The Festival concluded on the night of the 23rd with a fancy dress ball, at which "masks and dominoes" were prohibited.

—The Wendling Estate, near East Dereham, was sold at Garraway's, by Mr. Spelman, of Norwich, for £14,000.

29.—A new fire escape, invented by the Rev. Mr. Arthy, of Caistor near Norwich, was exhibited in front of the Union Office, Surrey Street. "It consists of a jointed ladder, the first length 10 ft. and seven others 6 ft. 7 in. long, with a pulley inserted in the head of the first length, over which a chain passes, to one end of which a large basket is attached, and two rollers are affixed to the under side of the top length, to enable the ladder to pass freely over the brickwork, and two ropes are attached to the outer sides of the top, to guide the ladder in raising it, to bring it forward where projections occur, and to keep it from slipping either way. After the ladder is raised to the proper height, the ropes pass under the basket to keep it steady in going up or down. The machine is constructed on a small platform, mounted on wheels, and can be conveyed with great rapidity to any given point."

OCTOBER.

24.—Ole B. Bull, the Norwegian violinist, appeared at a morning concert held at the Assembly Rooms, Norwich. The vocalists were Mdlle. De Angiole, Signor Curioni, and Mr. Bochisa.

NOVEMBER.

1.—Municipal elections were held for the first time on this date, under the Municipal Reform Act. At Norwich the contests in the eight wards resulted in the return of eight Conservatives and eight Whig-Radicals.

—Died at King's Lynn, Mr. Joseph Waters, for many years a prominent merchant in that town. "This melancholy event took place owing to a violent fright which he received in the Theatre on that day."

4.—In the Court of King's Bench commenced a long course of litigation in which the Corporation of Norwich was concerned. Sir W. Follett applied for a rule to shew cause why a *quo warranto* should not be filed calling upon Mr. Thomas Brightwell to show by what authority he claimed to exercise the office of Alderman. It was explained that after the passing of the Municipal Reform Act a certain number of Aldermen were elected for the city. Instead of each being nominated separately, they were all proposed and elected in a batch, which, it was contended, was clearly illegal. The court granted the application. A similar rule was applied for against the Mayor, Mr. Springfield, for, it was argued, if the Aldermen had not themselves been properly elected, they could not elect a Mayor. A rule was also granted in this case. On November 24th the rule was made absolute in the case of Mr. Brightwell, and enlarged in the case of Mr. Springfield. In the

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Bail Court on the same date Mr. Kelly obtained rules *nisi* calling upon fourteen persons to show by what authority they took upon themselves to act as Aldermen. On December 19th the Attorney-General applied in the Rolls Court for an injunction to restrain the Mayor and Corporation from defraying out of the municipal funds the expenses incurred in defending the *quo warrantos* in the Court of King's Bench, calling upon Messrs. Springfield and Brightwell to show cause by what authority they held the offices, the former of Mayor and the latter of Alderman, as well as the expenses attending the presentation of a petition to the Lord Chancellor to appoint new trustees of the funds of the public charities, the management of which was vested in the Corporation. The bill charged the defendants with applying the Corporation funds wrongfully, in a manner inconsistent with the duties of a Mayor and Corporation, and in direct violation of the provisions of the Municipal Corporation Act, by applying them for the aforesaid purposes, in consequence of certain resolutions to which the corporate body had come. The effect of these resolutions was that the City Treasurer should from time to time pay out of the city funds such sums of money as the committee of the Corporation should deem necessary towards defraying the expenses of the *quo warrantos* and petition above-named. The defendants put in two demurrers to the bill, and Lord Langdale said he would consider the case before pronouncing judgment. (See January 13th, 1837.)

5.*—"We wish to direct the attention of landowners and farmers in Norfolk to the extraordinary success which has attended the attempt of Mr. R. Crawshay, of Honingham Hall, to cultivate hops in Norfolk. A sample of them may now be seen at Norgate and Co.'s, which competent judges have declared to surpass the growth of any other county in the kingdom. Our agriculturists will be deeply indebted to this gentleman for proving to them that a valuable plant indigenous to the soil may be cultivated with profitable success in Norfolk."

9.—Mr. Thomas Brightwell was elected Mayor, and Mr. John Bateman appointed Sheriff, of Norwich.

23.—A musical festival took place at Fakenham parish church. "The Messiah" was rendered in the morning, and "Judas Maccabeus" in the evening. The soloists were supplied by the choir of Norwich Cathedral. "Admission, middle aisle, 3s.; other parts, 2s."

26.*—"The allotment system has been tried on a tolerably large scale in the parish of Attleborough, by Sir John Smyth, Bart., of Woodmarston Hall, Surrey, lord of the manor of Attleborough. The allotments are let at moderate rents, not exceeding the rent of similar lands in farm, with the addition of the tithes and other charges which are paid by the landlord." p. 354

28.—Sir James Flower's hounds met at Stow, where the stag was turned off and was taken at Garboldisham Lings, after a run of five hours. The distance from point to point was about eleven miles, but the stag ran at least 40 miles, and the only horsemen up at the finish were the huntsman and first whip.

29.—A severe gale occurred. A large wooden building erected at the Ranelagh Gardens, Norwich, for circus performances, was blown down by the tremendous violence of the wind. "The great oak at Necton, for which the late Mr. William Mason was offered by a shipwright at Lynn, in 1812, 120 guineas, had two arms blown off it, each the size of ordinary timber trees." Barns and wheat stacks were blown down at Necton, Ashill, West Bradenham, and Beeston. At Carbrooke a windmill, the property of Mr. Robert Homes, was wrecked, and his son killed.

—The Freebridge Lynn Hundred Association for the encouragement of agricultural labourers and servants was formed at a meeting held at the Duke's Head Inn, Lynn. Sir W. B. ffolkes was elected president; the Rev. C. D. Brereton, of Little Massingham, secretary; and Mr. B. Aldham, treasurer.

DECEMBER.

1.—The directors of the Norwich Yarn Company having obtained the minimum sum necessary for commencing their new works on the ground purchased of Mr. Youngman, the first stone of the new factory was laid on this day. The event was celebrated by a procession in honour of Bishop Blaize, to illustrate the pagan story of Jason's argonautic expedition to Colchis in search of the Golden Fleece. The last celebration of the kind took place in 1783. The character of Bishop Blaize was impersonated "most appropriately, both as to age and gravity, by Richard Dickerson, comber, who had taken part in the former procession." Starting from the premises of the company, the procession paraded the principal streets of the city, and halted opposite Mr. Bignold's house in Surrey Street, where an "oratorical address" was delivered by the senior orator, Edward Warman. At noon the procession arrived at St. Edmund's, where Mr. Bignold laid the foundation stone, and, in addressing the company, stated that the building about to be erected would be 163 ft. in length, by 42 feet in width, and four storeys high. As the works already in operation afforded employment to 800 people, this mill, which would be one-third larger, would yield employment to 1,200. Upwards of £15,000 had been raised for defraying the cost of the works. The procession afterwards moved by a circuitous route to St. Andrew's Hall, where the directors entertained 900 persons who had taken part in the proceedings. John Sell Cotman, who had sketched the pageant, announced the issue and sale of folio prints illustrating the event. He stated: "In pure regard of the children of the industrious poor of my native city, I give my labour, with the entire profits of the work."

10.—The skeleton of a gigantic whale, taken at Plymouth in October, 1831, was exhibited on the Castle Hill, Norwich. It measured 85 feet in length, and was advertised as "The Prince of Whales

25.—Christmas Day was ushered in with snowstorms and hailstorms, thunder, and lightning. On the 26th the roads were rendered almost impassable by the drifting snow, which, in some localities, was from ten to twelve feet deep. Soon all vehicular traffic was stopped. The Ipswich mail coach, which should have arrived at Norwich on Christmas Day, did not reach the city until eleven o'clock on the night of the 29th. It was detained at Thwaite Duke's Head, whence the letter bags were despatched in the charge of mounted messengers. One of the passengers, Capt. Petre, undertook to walk to Norwich, a distance of twenty-eight miles; he arrived in the city on the 28th, and thence proceeded on his journey to Westwick House. The Newmarket mail could get no further than Bury St. Edmund's, and all other public vehicles were delayed. On the Dereham, Fakenham, and other turnpikes gangs of labourers were employed to remove the snowdrifts. There were many shipping casualties on the Norfolk coast. Such severe weather had not been experienced since 1799. The thaw commenced in the middle of January, 1837, and high floods occurred in the neighbourhood of Norwich and in other localities.

26.—Ryan's Royal Circus was opened for the season in a large wooden building erected at the Ranelagh Gardens, Norwich, by Mr. Bunn.

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JANUARY.

3.—Hannah Manfield (or Saddler), aged 50, a woman of eccentric habits, residing on Denver Common, was found dead in her cottage, with her throat cut. A considerable quantity of plate had been taken from a cupboard, and a sum of money, supposed to be nearly £20, was also stolen. On the 14th Mr. Wright, a police-officer of Lynn, apprehended at Doncaster John Smith, aged 25, John Varnhem, 23, and George Timms, 22, who were committed for trial on the capital charge. (*See* April 6th, 1837.)

5.—In consequence of a resolution passed at a special meeting of the Town Council, the Mayor of Norwich convened a meeting at the Guildhall on this date, “to take into consideration the sufferings of the poor in this inclement season, and to adopt measures for relieving the same.” A public subscription was opened. At a general meeting of the subscribers, on March 21st, Mr. W. G. Edwards, one of the secretaries, reported that the amount subscribed was £2,008 7s. 3d., out of which a grant of £300 was made to the Sick Poor Society; 20,093 coal tickets, and 37,831 bread tickets were distributed, and £423 3s. 5d. was placed in the treasurer's hands to meet future emergencies.

7.—Wombwell's Menagerie was exhibited on the Castle Meadow, Norwich. The proprietor presented to the Museum fine specimens of a lioness, boa constrictor, racoon, and kangaroo.

13.—In the Rolls Court, Lord Langdale gave judgment in the action the Attorney-General *v.* the Corporation of Norwich. He said that, as far as regarded the *quo warrantos*, if a Corporation was not allowed to defend an election duly made, the interests of corporations would be hazarded in every case where a Mayor or other officer did not chose to be at the expense of defending his own election against a rule *nisi*. It was not a reasonable construction of the new statute that corporations had no interests whatever in the charitable trusts of boroughs. It was true that the administration of charitable estates was distinct from the administration of borough funds, and that neither a corporation as a body nor any member thereof in his corporate capacity ought to be trustees of such estates; still, a corporation, in attending to the public benefits of the inhabitants of a borough, had a due interest in the appointment of those trustees. Under all the circumstances of the case, therefore, he was of opinion that the demurrers must be allowed. At Norwich Assizes on April 6th, before Mr. Justice Parke, the case *Rex v. Brightwell* was tried by a special jury. This was an information in the nature of a *quo warranto*, calling upon the defendant to show by what authority he exercised the office of Alderman. Mr. Andrews, for the defendant, contended that if he was not a good Alderman he was not a good Mayor; and if he had not been legally elected Alderman, then all the other Aldermen who had been elected in the same way were elected equally contrary to the law, and all the proceedings which had taken place respecting the police and borough rates would be bad, and the Corporation of the city entirely dissolved, and nothing could cure the defect but a fresh Act of Parliament. Mr. Kelly, for the Crown, urged that the law of England had fixed from time immemorial that corporate officers should not be elected in one batch, but that they must be proposed and voted for separately, and that all elections conducted in any other way were null and void. The jury returned a verdict for the Crown. In the Court of King's Bench, on April 19th, application was made to move a rule to show cause why the verdict for the Crown could not be set aside, on the ground that the election was perfectly fair, and there was no pretence for saying that the wishes and intentions of the electors had not been carried into effect. A rule was granted. In the Court of Chancery, on May 6th, the case assumed another phase. An information was filed against the Corporation by Mr. Samuel Bignold, alleging that they intended to divert their funds from corporate purposes by paying the expenses incurred by the Town Clerk and other persons who had proceeded to London to support a petition presented to the Lord Chancellor, in order to secure the return of certain persons as trustees of the charities hitherto vested in the old Corporation; and by paying the expenses arising out of the proceedings by *quo warranto* in the cases of Mr. Springfield and Mr. Brightwell. The further hearing was adjourned till next term. On May 22nd it was reported to the Court of King's Bench that at a meeting of the Town Council on the 19th, an order was

passed "that £1,000 be paid to the Town Clerk on account of disbursements by him relative to law proceedings," such law proceedings being the matter in which the injunction had been applied for. The Lord Chancellor, on the 24th, granted an order to restrain the payment of the amount. The appeal from the decision of the Master of the Rolls, allowing a demurrer on the information filed by Mr. Bignold, came before the Court of Chancery on May 27th. The Lord Chancellor, after adjournment, gave judgment on the demurrer against the injunction, and confirmed the decision of the Master of the Rolls, with costs. At a meeting of the Town Council on June 2nd, Mr. Bignold expressed his intention to carry the case to the House of Lords.

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13.—Died at St. Gregory's, Norwich, aged 81, Mr. William Lorkin. "He was for 65 years a member of the Wesleyan Methodist body, having joined them soon after Mr. Wesley first visited Norwich." In 1825 he published a work entitled "A concise history of the establishment of Wesleyan Methodism in Norwich."

28.—The influenza epidemic at this date prevailed in city and county, and cases occurred in almost every family.

—An omnibus "upon the London plan" commenced running between Norwich and North Walsham.

—The Magnet coach, from the Swan and Rampant Horse Inns, was advertised to do the journey from Norwich to London, through Thetford and Newmarket, every night, in twelve hours. "The proprietors, in returning thanks for the very liberal patronage bestowed on them, beg most respectfully to inform their friends and the public that they have, at an additional expense, fixed a light inside this coach, which, having given such universal satisfaction, will be continued."

31.—At a meeting of the Conservative party at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, held under the presidency of Col. Harvey, the Marquis of Douro was asked to become a candidate for the representation of the city, in place of Lord Viscount Stormont, M.P., who had acceded to the request of the electors of his own county, Perthshire, to offer himself as their candidate on the dissolution of Parliament. The requisition to the Marquis was signed by 1,600 of the electors of Norwich; his lordship complied with the request and issued his address on February 13th. Lord Douro and the sitting member, the Hon. Robert Campbell Scarlett, commenced a personal canvass of the city on June 16th, and in the evening attended a meeting of the Orange and Purple Club, at the Maid's Head Hotel, at which they were unanimously adopted Conservative candidates.

FEBRUARY.

24.—During a severe gale from the N.N.W., accompanied by heavy snow squalls, the Raby Castle, of 60 tons burden (Greensides, master), went ashore at Salthouse, and became a total wreck. She was bound from London to Stockton, with a valuable cargo. The crew and passengers were saved. "When she broke up the beach was strewn with spirits, wine, oranges, nuts, teas, toys, hampers, boxes, &c. The scene beggared description. The most outrageous and beastly conduct was exhibited. Here might be observed a group broaching a spirit cask, and letting it run into their oil-skin hats, shoes, &c. There another stood filling their pockets and handkerchiefs. Plunder, wholesale plunder, appeared to be the order of the day, in spite of contingents of coastguard men. Many who were charged to watch the property became themselves intoxicated. Many were conveyed from the beach literally dead drunk, and it is with disgust we add that many women were in the same state." The cargo of the Raby Castle was worth £5,000; about £800 worth was recovered. The vessel was sold by auction for £41.

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3.—A fine specimen of the sea eagle was shot at Blickling. It measured from tip to tip of the extended wings 7 ft. 3½ inches, and from the head to the tail 3 ft. Dowager Lady Suffield presented it to the Norfolk and Norwich Museum.

13.—The tolls arising from the Norwich provision and cattle markets, and from Tombland Fair, were, for the first time, put up to public auction and let for the term of two years. The dues and stallage accruing from the provision and vegetable markets were let to Mr. Eccleston, jun., for £985; of the cattle market on the Castle Ditches to Mr. Liddelow, for £480; and of Tombland Fair, &c., to Mr. Cooke for £250.

16.—Died at his residence, Chapel Field, Norwich, aged 48, Mr. Alfred Pettet, organist of St. Peter Mancroft and St. Stephen's. Mr. S. Critchfield was elected his successor at St. Peter's, and Mr. Harcourt was appointed organist at St. Stephen's. A performance of "The Messiah" was given at St. Andrew's Hall on May 26th for the benefit of the widow and family of the deceased, by the choir of the Cathedral and the members of the Choral Society, under the direction of Mr. Buck.

18.*—"From an idea that when the new Registration Act comes into operation the fees will be increased, numbers of persons have thronged Yarmouth parish church for several Sundays past, to have their children baptised, in order to avoid additional expense."

—Matters were brought before the Lord Chancellor in relation to affairs of the Norwich charities arising from the Master's report assigning the several charities to certain lists of trustees, and naming the parties to execute the respective trusts. The only new point noticed was the

exception taken by a cross petition on the part of Mr. Bignold and Mr. Rackham to the Master's report, first as to his rejecting *en masse* every individual who was at its close, or ever had been, a member of the old Corporation; and, secondly, in not assigning to the Church list the Boys' and Girls' Hospital trusts. The Chancellor decided against the cross petition. (The leading charity of the city, the Bishopgate Street Hospital, whose revenues formed two-thirds of the whole of the trusts, was secured to a body of trustees composed exclusively of members of the Church of England.) In the House of Lords on April 24th Mr. Samuel Bignold and Mr. William Rackham appealed from the order of the Lord Chancellor referring it to the Master to approve of the trustees of the charity estates of the Corporation. Their lordships decided that they had jurisdiction to hear the appeal, and time was given for the respondents to prepare their case.

20.—Mr. Villebois' staghounds had a remarkable run. The stag was uncarted on Bradenham Green, and ran to Shipdham. It was then headed back to Saham, after which it went to Ovingon, and thence to Watton, Scoulton, Ellingham, Caston, and Rocklands. Bearing away for Attleborough and Besthorpe, it crossed the stream and went through Snetterton, Eccles, and Larlingford, to Roudham, where it was taken after a run of 35 miles. "James Lynn, the huntsman, rode his favourite horse, Cockfighter, which carried him at least eighty miles that day. What makes the run more remarkable is that the deer did not run more than 200 yards upon any roads during the whole distance."

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22.—A fire occurred at Rollesby Workhouse, which completely destroyed one half of the building. "The clause of the Poor Law Bill, by which men are separated from their wives, being carried into effect, caused a great disturbance," and it was supposed that the fire resulted from motives of revenge.

27.—Mr. G. V. Brooke appeared at Lynn Theatre in the character of Romeo.

30.—At a meeting held at the King's Head Inn, Diss, the Rev. William Manning, rector of the parish, made a voluntary commutation of the tithes.

APRIL.

5.—Died at his house in Hereford Street, London, the Right Rev. Henry Bathurst, Lord Bishop of Norwich. His lordship was in the 94th year of his age, and had been Bishop of the diocese for 32 years. He was appointed in 1805 when Bishop Manners Sutton was translated to the Archbishopric of Canterbury. The funeral took place on the 14th at Malvern Church, Worcestershire, and a memorial service was held on the same day at Norwich Cathedral. A funeral sermon was preached on the 16th by the Dean of Norwich. The sale of the late Bishop's effects, by Mr. William Spelman, commenced at the Palace on June 26th, and concluded on July 5th. The stock of wine consisted of 2,650 bottles, and the library of 2,000 volumes.

6.—At the Norfolk Assizes, before Mr. Justice Coltman, John Smith, George Timms, and John Varnham, were indicted for the murder of Hannah Manfield (or Saddler), on the night of the 2nd, or morning of the 3rd of January. The trial commenced at 10.20 in the morning, and concluded at fifteen minutes past midnight, when the jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the prisoners were sentenced to death. The sentence on Varnham was commuted on an ample confession by the other prisoners. Large numbers of persons arrived at Norwich on April 22nd, to witness the execution, which, however, had been ordered for the 29th. A full descriptive account of the supposed execution, and of the behaviour of the men on the gallows, with a copy of their confessions and their "last dying words," was hawked about the streets of the city. The capital sentence was duly carried out on the 29th. The procession issued from the castle doors at noon, headed by a number of javelin men of the High Sheriff's posse. Smith, who was in the last stage of a rapid decline, was assisted to the scaffold. "After the bolt was drawn and the bodies swung round, a piercing cry of horror rose from the dense mass of people of both sexes. After hanging the usual space of time the bodies were taken down and carried into the interior of the gaol, when all the prisoners were brought forward to view them in the place where they lay."

7.—North Walsham Steeplechases took place over a four mile course on the estate of Mr. Bidwell, at Swafield. The heavy weight race was won by Lord Suffield's Metternich (Capt. Lawrenson, 17th Lancers), second Mr. Thompson's Mungo (owner); and the light weight race by Mr. Sandiford's Gulnoire (Mr. Brown); Mr. Hornor's O'Connell (owner) second. Lord Suffield presided at the race dinner, afterwards held at the King's Arms Inn, and presented the silver tankard, given and won by himself in the heavy weight race, to Capt. Lawrenson. A large coloured plate, illustrating the start of the eleven horses for the heavy weight race, "with a distant view of the country, from sketches made on the spot by George Fenn, animal portrait painter, Beccles," was subsequently advertised.

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11.—James Greenacre, who on this day was found guilty, at the Central Criminal Court, of the murder of Hannah Brown, in the Edgeware Road, was a Norfolk man, and was born in 1785, at North Runcton, near Lynn. His victim, whose maiden name was Gay, was a Norfolk woman, and was in the service of Lord Wodehouse, at Kimberley Hall, where she remained four years. Greenacre (who was executed on May 2nd) was concerned in the Cato Street Conspiracy.

14.—Sir James Flower closed his hunting season by entertaining his sporting friend's at the Swan Inn, East Harling. The dinner was of the most sumptuous character, and "a band of fourteen men in scarlet played numerous airs and concerted pieces."

19.—Mr. G. V. Brooke (then under twenty years of age) made his first appearance at Norwich

Theatre as Romeo. "His performance was of that superior kind, exhibiting all the fervour and enthusiasm of youth attempered by that discriminating judgment and illumined by those nice and acute perceptions which belong to the faculties of much maturer years." He afterwards appeared as Ion, Othello, Rolla, Richard the Third, William Tell, Hamlet, Rosenberg ("Ella Rosenberg"), Macbeth, and Teddy ("Teddy the Tiler"), and concluded his engagement on May 20th. Brooke was re-engaged for two nights' performances, commencing on August 1st, when he played the part of Walter Tyrrel, in a new drama of that title, and of Frederick Bury ("The Youthful Queen").

20.—A meeting, presided over by Col. Harvey, was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, when, on the motion of Mr. J. J. Gurney, it was decided to form a District Provident Society, for the promotion of frugal and provident habits among the industrial poor.

—The ship Anne, of 400 tons burden (Captain John Long), sailed from Lynn with 171 emigrants, for Quebec.

22.—The announcement was made on this date: "The Eastern Counties Railway has been commenced in good earnest."

24.—A curious wager was decided at the Angel Gardens, New Catton, Norwich. "Joseph Turtle, aged 60, engaged to pick up 100 eggs laid at a yard distance from each other, in a shorter time than David Lambert, aged 20, should pick up 100 stones at the same distance, which was won by Lambert only by half a minute."

29.—Announcement was made of the appointment of the Rev. Edward Stanley, rector of Alderley, Cheshire, to the Bishopric of Norwich. Agreeable to the *conge d'élire*, the Dean and Chapter elected him Bishop on April 29th; by Royal command the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him on May 10th, and on May 11th he arrived at Norwich, accompanied by Mrs. Stanley and his daughters. On June 29th his lordship was consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and on the same day did homage to Queen Victoria at Kensington Palace. The enthronement took place at Norwich Cathedral on August 17th, when all the usual ceremonies were observed, and the sermon was preached by his lordship. "The interior of the Cathedral presented a most magnificent *coup d'œil*. A gallery had been erected from the foot of the railing before the altar up to the centre of the east window, and occupied the entire breadth of the east end. It afforded accommodation for 1,150 children of the city. All the side galleries and closets were filled with ladies elegantly dressed, and even the walks above were crowded with spectators." At five o'clock the Bishop attended a dinner, presided over by the High Sheriff (Mr. J. Petre) at the Norfolk Hotel. On the 18th the Mayor, Sheriff, and several members of the Corporation waited upon his lordship at the Palace, and presented him with a congratulatory address.

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MAY.

3.—At the Norwich Theatre was produced for the first time "an entirely new comedy, written by a gentleman of the city, called 'Come of Age, or the Happy Return.'" The critic of the NORFOLK CHRONICLE described it as "a play without a plot, and a comedy without comicality."

4.—Mr. Clifford, who had been for thirty-six years a member of the Norwich Company, took his farewell benefit at the Theatre. Mr. G. V. Brooke appeared in the character of Virginius. Clifford died on June 8th, aged 68. "During the 36 years that he filled the office of prompter, he discharged his arduous duties in a way that ensured him the attachment of every member of the company. A man of highly-cultivated intellect, Mr. Clifford was not less distinguished for his goodness of heart, manliness of disposition, and integrity of principle."

11.—Mr. Gepps, of the White Lion Inn, Beccles, for a wager of £200, drove his "celebrated bay pony" one hundred miles in twelve hours. He started from the Swan Inn, Harleston, at 4 a.m., drove to the Ram Inn, Newmarket, and returned to the Round House at Denton, midway between Harleston and Bungay. The journey was performed 35 minutes within the time stipulated. "The pony received no punishment from the whip, yet the wantonness of the act is much to be regretted."

19.—Died at Kempstone, Lieut.-General the Hon. William FitzRoy. He was the seventh son of Charles, first Lord Southampton, and had served in the campaigns in Holland and Egypt. Upon retiring from the Army, he applied himself to agricultural pursuits.

20.—Two prisoners, named Smith and Middleton, escaped from the Norwich City Gaol. "One lowered himself by a rope of blankets from the cell, and the other leaped down a depth of 25 ft., by which he sprained his ankle, so that they got no further than Dereham, where they were both retaken on the 22nd."

24.—At Norwich Theatre was produced, for the benefit of Mr. Smith, "an entirely new drama written for the occasion by T. Dibden, called 'The Factory.'" The performance concluded with a new drama, also acted for the first time, entitled, "Margaret of Ragensburg," written by Mr. G. Smith. The plot of "The Factory" had a local setting, and the scenery, painted by Thorne, "consisted of accurate views of the Yarn Factories at Lakenham and St. Edmund's, and the interior of St. Andrew's Hall at the late commemoration of Bishop Blaize."

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24.—The attainment by her Royal Highness the Princess Victoria of her legal majority on her eighteenth birthday was celebrated with much enthusiasm. The Corporation of Norwich held a special meeting, at which, on the motion of Mr. Bignold, seconded by Mr. Barwell, an address

was voted to her Royal Highness. The members then proceeded in state to the Cathedral, where a special service was held and the sermon preached by Prebendary Wodehouse. Upon returning to the Guildhall, refreshments were provided by the Mayor, who, in the evening, gave a dinner at the Swan Inn. At Yarmouth a Royal salute was fired in the Roads by his Majesty's revenue cutters; and at East Dereham the West Norfolk Conservatives celebrated the event by dining at the Assembly Rooms, under the presidency of Mr. Charles Loftus. The day was also observed in other towns and villages.

25.—At a meeting held at the Guildhall, Norwich, under the presidency of the Mayor, a movement was inaugurated for the erection of a monument in the Cathedral to the memory of Bishop Bathurst.

29.—The birthday of William IV. falling this year on Sunday, was celebrated, for the last time, on the following day (the 29th), the anniversary of the Restoration of Charles II.

JUNE.

3.—At the Assembly Rooms, Norwich, was exhibited "Monsieur Daguire and Co.'s celebrated grand spectacular revolving dioramic panorama, representing views of the city of Paris and the conflicts of the memorable days of July, 1830, and also the battle of Navarino." There were ten views, each 35 ft. in width, and the whole painted on 16,000 square feet of canvas.

7.—The first annual general meeting of the proprietors of the East of England Bank was held "in the board room of the extensive premises now rapidly completing for the Bank in the Old Haymarket, Norwich."

10.*—"Married, lately, at Stoke Dammeral, Devon, Mr. Charles Thurtell, R.N., to Ann Augusta, youngest daughter of Mr. John Morgan, surgeon, R.N."

21.—This day was received at Norwich intelligence of the death of his Majesty King William IV. The bells of all the city churches were tolled throughout the day. On the 25th (Sunday) the pulpits, communion tables, and reading-desks of all churches were draped in black, and special sermons were preached. In consequence of the funeral taking place on Saturday, the 7th, the public markets at Norwich were held on the 6th. On the day of the interment, the shops in the city, without a single exception, were closed, and public business entirely suspended. The Mayor and Sheriff, with members of the Corporation, attended the special service at the Cathedral, where the sermon was preached by Dean Pellew.

23.—The accession of her Royal Highness the Princess Alexandrina Victoria to the Crown of the United Kingdom was proclaimed in Norwich with the customary formalities. The members of the Corporation assembled at the Guildhall and took the oath of allegiance, after which they proceeded to the leads, where, amid a scene of great enthusiasm, the Mayor read the Proclamation, and "God save the Queen" was played by a band in the Market Place. The civic procession, escorted by the 17th Lancers, under the command of Major St. Quintin, made a detour of the city, and the Proclamation was read at various places *en route*. The accession was officially proclaimed also at Yarmouth and Lynn.

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27.—The 17th Lancers, commanded by Major St. Quintin, marched from Norwich Barracks, and were replaced by three troops of the 3rd Dragoon Guards, under the command of Major Huntly.

JULY.

1.—Mr. W. J. Utten Browne, one of the leaders of the Conservative party in Norwich, issued his address as Parliamentary candidate for Ashburton, Devonshire. (At the election Mr. Browne polled 83 votes, against 98 recorded for his opponent, Mr. Lushington.)

6.—Notice was given of the appointment of Mr. Charles Drake as registrar for the Conesford district; Mr. W. P. Nichols, Mancroft district; Mr. William Henry Taylor, West Wymer district; and Mr. William Tawell Roper, Coslany district, under the new Act of Parliament for the registration of births, deaths, and marriages. Mr. John Oddin Taylor was appointed registrar of marriages for the whole of the districts above-named, and Mr. Francis John Blake was superintendent registrar.

9.—At a special meeting of the Norwich Town Council, addresses of congratulation to the Queen and of condolence with the Queen Dowager were unanimously adopted.

21.—The elevation to the Peerage of Mr. T. W. Coke, of Holkham; by the names, styles, and titles of Viscount Coke and Earl of Leicester, was announced in the "London Gazette" of this date.

24.—The nomination of candidates for the representation of Norwich took place, consequent upon the death of the King, at the Guildhall. Arthur Richard Wellesley, Marquis of Douro, was nominated by Sir Robert John Harvey, and seconded by Mr. Samuel Bignold; the Hon. Robert Campbell Scarlett by Lieut.-Col. Harvey, seconded by Mr. E. T. Booth; Mr. Benjamin Smith (son of the late member) by Mr. Edward Trafford, seconded by Mr. W. Dalrymple; and Mr. W. Mountford Nurse by Mr. J. W. Robberds, seconded by Dr. Evans. Polling commenced on the 25th, and the result was declared on the 26th, as follows:—Douro (C), 1,863; Scarlett (C), 1,865; Smith (L), 1,843; Nurse (L), 1,831. On the 27th the newly-elected members dined with their supporters at the Norfolk Hotel, and the chairing took place on the 28th.

—The nomination of candidates took place at the Town Hall, Yarmouth, and the polling on the 25th resulted as follows:—C. E. Rumbold (L), 790; W. Wilshere, 779; Lord Baring, 699; and C. S.

Gambier, 685. The two first-named were elected.

—Major Keppel, the Liberal candidate, made a triumphal entry into Lynn, accompanied by a band of music and escorted by the Holkham tenantry and the tenantry of Sir W. B. ffolkes. The nomination took place on the 25th, and upon a poll being demanded voting commenced at once. The result was declared as follows:—Lord George Bentinck (C), 473; Sir Stratford Canning (C), 389; Major Keppel (L), 367. The two first-named were declared elected.

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AUGUST.

4.—The result of the polling at the West Norfolk election was declared at Swaffham; Mr. William Bagge (C), 3,178; Mr. W. L. W. Chute (C), 2,877; Sir W. B. ffolkes (L), 2,838; Sir Jacob Astley (L), 2,713.

5.—The nomination of candidates for East Norfolk took place at Norwich. Mr. Edmond Wodehouse and Mr. H. N. Burroughes (Conservatives) entered the city escorted by upwards of 400 horsemen. The Liberal candidates were Mr. William Howe Windham and Mr. Richard Hanbury Gurney (who was confined to his house by a severe attack of gout). The polling was held on the 8th and 9th, and the result was declared on the 10th:—Wodehouse, 3,645; Burroughes, 3,523; Windham, 3,237; Gurney, 2,978. The majority on the first day's poll being 170 against them, the Liberal candidates withdrew from the contest. Mr. Burroughes celebrated his return by giving a *fête champêtre* at Burlingham Hall on the 16th.

12.—A dreadful murder was committed at Aylmerton. James Moy, a labourer, after rocking his infant son to sleep, cut the child's throat with a pocket-knife. At the inquest the Coroner's jury returned a verdict of wilful murder, and the prisoner was committed to Norwich Castle to await his trial. At the Norfolk Assizes, in April, 1838, before Mr. Justice Bolland, the jury found that the man was insane and incapable of pleading, and his lordship directed his detention at Thorpe Asylum.

23.—Died at Ramsey Abbey, Huntingdonshire, Mr. William Henry Fellowes, of Haveringland Hall, aged 69. "He was for upwards of 30 years one of the representatives of that county in Parliament, and was universally esteemed in all relations of life, and particularly by his extensive tenantry, to whom he was a kind and indulgent landlord."

24.—A public discussion took place at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, between the notorious Richard Carlile and the Rev. John Green, a Dissenting minister, upon the subject of the validity of the Scriptures. "The discussion was conducted in an orderly and peaceable manner. Mr. Green held Carlile firmly to the point on all questions, and compelled him to acknowledge himself unable to overthrow the testimony he quoted." A second discussion was held on the 28th, when Carlile was again beaten by his opponent; and on the 29th he was hooted from the Market Place for attempting to address a meeting. On Jan. 5th, 1838, Mr. Green was presented with a set of books purchased by public subscription, "as a testimony of esteem and gratitude for the very able and satisfactory manner in which he had conducted the controversy."

26.—Royal licence and authority were granted to Mr. William Blake, of Swanton Abbots, to assume and use the surname of Jex in addition to and before that of Blake, and to bear the arms of Jex quarterly in the second quarter with those of Blake.

26.*—"The Incorporation of Tunstead and Happing comprises 41 parishes, and it is remarkable that there is not one able-bodied man either an inmate of the Workhouse or receiving parochial relief. Such has not been known since the Workhouse was built in the year 1787."

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—*"Last week a number of youngsters at Norwich had an election for the members of the Lilliput Parliament. The polling took place at the Old Library. After a severe contest, during which it was alleged by the 'Purples' that a great deal of cooping, bribery, treating, and double voting took place on the part of the 'Blues,' and that sums to the amount of two pence were given for a vote, the 'Blues' claimed the victory, and chaired their members on the following day, with a splendid procession, banners and flags flying, and the band playing, 'Wave your Blues and Whites.' The 'Purples' did not acknowledge this defeat, and on Tuesday last they also chaired their candidate with a procession equal in grandeur, after which the leading characters dined at the Bell Inn, and an election ball took place in the evening, at which 320 persons were present."

SEPTEMBER.

1.—Heavy rain and hailstorms occurred throughout the county. "At Stibbard and Guist during a severe thunderstorm £300 worth of damage was done on several occupations. Barley and wheat were completely beaten out by the hailstones, which lay six inches deep in places on the following morning."

9.—A shocking affair took place at Catton. Mr. Jonathan Whitley Cooper, an attorney practising in Norwich, was driving in a gig with his clerk (Thirkettle), when he was accosted by a man named Cornelius Moor. Mr. Cooper drew a pistol, discharged it at the man, and wounded him severely. Moor was conveyed to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, where he died the same night. On the following day Mr. Cooper was apprehended and committed to the Castle on the charge of killing Moor, and also of shooting at a man named Ford near the same place, on the same evening, with intent to murder. The case caused great excitement in Norwich. It was alleged that the prisoner had entertained malice towards the deceased arising out of

circumstances connected with the Norwich election. Mr. Cooper had been professionally engaged on the Conservative side, and it was stated that the deceased, having promised to vote for that party, voted for the Liberals. At the Coroner's inquest the imputation of malice or any preconceived design was so completely negatived by the evidence, and more especially by the dying declaration of Moor, who was quite unknown to the prisoner, that the jury returned a verdict of manslaughter, which so greatly excited the indignation of the populace that they were with difficulty prevented from assaulting the jurymen on their leaving the Coroner's court. There was also a hearing of the case before the Recorder (Mr. Preston) and another magistrate, with the result that the prisoner was committed to the Castle on the *mittimus* of the magistrates, and confined in one of the felons' cells. Application was made to the county magistrates for bail, and was refused. Under these circumstances, counsel was instructed to apply to the Judge of the Queen's Bench for an order on the Norfolk justices to admit the prisoner to bail. Mr. Justice Littledale made the order accordingly, and the accused was released in his own recognisances of £500 and four sureties of £100 each. (*See* April 4th, 1838.)

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17.—Died in Norwich, aged 77, Mr. John Whitaker Robberds. He was elected Alderman in 1806, served the office of Sheriff in 1807, and was Mayor in 1814.

25.—A prize-fight took place at Thurton for £5 a side, between Ostler and Cricknell, well-known Norwich pugilists. "After a contest of one hour and a quarter, Ostler having broken a bone in his hand by a fall, was obliged to give in, and Cricknell was declared the victor."

—"What was termed a temperance festival" took place at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich. Upwards of one thousand persons were present, and five hundred applications for tea tickets were refused. The Lord Bishop of Norwich delivered an address. Supper followed, and "everything was conducted in good order."

OCTOBER.

2.—Died at Rome, Mr. Henry Bernes. "This artist was not long since a visitor in Norwich, and was known as Mr. Burlowe, a name he took to distinguish himself from his brother, the celebrated sculptor, which branch of art he also followed. Amongst other works of his hand is the last bust taken of Dr. Bathurst, our late venerable Bishop, in his 88th year."

8.—Died at Grosvenor Street, London, in her 75th year, the Dowager Duchess of Leeds. Her grace was mistress of the robes to the Queen Dowager. She was a daughter of Mr. Thomas Anguish, and married the Duke of Leeds in October, 1788.

9.—Died in St. Clement's, Norwich, aged 55, Mr. Richard Shaw, who was elected Sheriff in 1818, Alderman in 1835, and was one of the Town Councillors for the Seventh Ward.

16.—M. Thalberg, "the extraordinary pianist," appeared at a concert given at the Assembly Room, Norwich, by Mr. Mori. Miss Fanny Woodham and Mr. Parry, jun., were the other performers.

—The Bishop of Norwich concluded his "circuit of confirmations." The total numbers confirmed during the circuit were 3,354 males and 6,919 females.

18.—Died, at the age of 77, Mr. James Robinson, of St. John Maddermarket, "the oldest medical practitioner in Norwich." For 38 years he filled the office of City Surgeon, and was for 45 years surgeon to the House of Correction.

23.—Mr. R. W. Dowson, of Geldeston, was presented with a piece of plate by the agriculturists of Norfolk and Suffolk, "as a testimony of their sincere regard and high estimation of his strict integrity in mercantile pursuits manifested during the last half century."

29.—At St. Swithin's Church, Norwich, were baptised "a Jewish Israelite and his two children, on which interesting occasion his wife, who from Christianity had lapsed into Judaism, was again received into the Church."

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9.—At the meeting of the Norwich Town Council for the election of Mayor, Mr. T. O. Springfield nominated Mr. Samuel Shalders Beare, and Mr. Bignold Mr. William Martin Seppings. The former was elected, by 28 votes to 17. Mr. Massey moved the appointment of Mr. John Francis as Sheriff, and Mr. Rackham proposed Mr. James Steward. Mr. Francis was appointed, by 27 votes to 12.

11.*—"The tobacco manufacturers residing in Norwich have obtained from the Lords of the Treasury and the Commissioners of Customs the privilege of bonding that article at Yarmouth, where a warehouse has been specially fitted up for the purpose, and is now stored with manufactured tobacco of the value of about £5,000 when the duty is paid on it. Mr. Newbegin and Mr. Wigham are the first importers."

18.*—"By the official account of the duty on hops of the growth of 1837 we find Norfolk makes a return of £48 10s. 0d."

21.—At a meeting of the Norwich Town Council, it was agreed, on the motion of Mr. Barwell, to appoint a committee to consider the propriety of encouraging the establishment of a school of design, with the view to the improvement of the manufactures of the city. (*See* May 9th, 1838.)

29.—Died at his house, St. Catherine's Close, Norwich, in his 92nd year, Mr. John Morse. "This justly respected gentleman was Father of the old Corporation of Norwich." He was elected an alderman of the North Mancroft Ward in 1777, served the office of Sheriff in 1779, and was twice Mayor, namely, in 1781 and 1803.

30.—The 24th Article of the Deed of Settlement having empowered a general meeting of the members to make bylaws for the regulation and government of the Norwich Union Life Insurance Society, to be binding when confirmed by two other general meetings summoned for that purpose, the third general meeting was held on this date, with the object of finally confirming the bylaws adopted at a general meeting on November 2nd, and confirmed by a second general meeting on November 16th. An extraordinary degree of interest was manifested, and deputations arrived at Norwich from all parts of the kingdom. The meeting, which was held in a booth erected in Mr. Bignold's garden, was attended by about 300 or 400 persons. Mr. O'Connell, M.P., the famous Irish agitator, was present. "On this occasion his whole course was pre-eminently marked by good feeling, excellent temper, and discreet judgment, united to a gentlemanlike exercise of his acknowledged tact and talent in furtherance of a most salutary object, in which he was happily successful," namely, the obtaining of a unanimous expression of approval of the reports made by the committee for revising the bylaws.

—Mr. O'Connell, M.P., was entertained at dinner at the Angel Inn, Norwich, by members of the Whig-Radical interest. Mr. T. O. Springfield presided. At nine o'clock on the following morning, prior to his departure from the city, Mr. O'Connell addressed a large meeting at St. Andrew's Hall.

DECEMBER.

4.—In the House of Commons a petition was presented by Sir F. Burdett against the return of Messrs. Rumbold and Wilshere as members for Yarmouth. It was alleged that the grossest bribery had been practised. (*See* April 28th, 1838.)

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14.—A pauper named John Cawdron died at Norwich Workhouse, of which institution he had been an inmate 47 years, 8 months, 3 days, at the cost of £350 16s. 7d.

16.—At this date the following coaches ran from the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich:—To London, the Phenomena, every morning at 6.30. To Newark, the Union, every morning, except Sunday, at 7. To Birmingham, the Royal Mail, every evening at 7 (through Lynn, Spalding, &c.). To Lynn, the Day coach. To Yarmouth, coaches three times a day. To Lowestoft, the Pilot, every afternoon. To Fakenham and Wells, a coach every afternoon at 4. To Watton, the Royal George.

18.—On the occasion of the benefit of Mr. and Mrs. Atkins, at the Royal Amphitheatre, Ranelagh Gardens, Norwich, was produced "a grand local historical and romantic original drama, written expressly for this entertainment by Mr. R. F. Rayner, called 'Etheldrida, Princess of Norwich, or the Kings of Mercia and East Anglia and the Wild Woman of Mossfold Heath.'"

21.—The load of Christmas fare which left Swaffham for London on this date "did not reach the Golden Cross, Charing Cross, until half-past four on the following morning, although drawn by relays of six horses all the way from Brandon."

25.—"For its extreme mildness and sunny brightness this was more like May Day than Christmas Day, with the thermometer at 55 and a southern breeze."

30.*—"The town of Diss has been lighted with gas, which produces a splendid effect, and reflects great credit on Messrs. J. and T. Whaite, ironfounders, by whom it is supplied."

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JANUARY.

1.—The weather on this day was of a beautiful and spring-like character. During the remainder of the week "the moon in her first quarter and the planet Venus made the evenings most brilliant. Never in the memory of man did the old year go out or the new one come in with such splendour as the last and the present. Both days in all respects resembled April or even May much more than December or January."

3.—A public meeting was held at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, "for the purpose of taking into consideration the present dreadful condition of the negroes, with the view of petitioning both Houses of Parliament for the abolition of the system of apprenticeship." The Mayor presided, and the principal speakers were Mr. George Thompson, the eloquent advocate of the negroes' cause, and Mr. Thomas Fowell Buxton. Similar meetings were held in various parts of the county.

5.—The new District Schools at St. Augustine's Gates, Norwich, were opened by the Lord Bishop. They were intended to accommodate 450 children, and were supported by voluntary subscriptions.

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6.—Wintry weather set in with great severity. The frost commenced on the 7th, and continued to increase in intensity till the 20th, "when the thermometer recorded 30 degrees below freezing point, a depression greater than in the intense frost of 1814, when, on January 9th, it stood at 28 degrees below freezing." There was a thaw on the 21st, but on the 23rd the frost recommenced, and on the 24th the weather was bitterly cold. Remarkable snowdrifts occurred on roads near

the coast. "The river at Lynn was a solid bed of ice. From the eastern side to the opposite shores of West Lynn and North Lynn persons passed and re-passed with the same facility and safety as if it had been land. A similar circumstance had not occurred for half a century." A second thaw, with a southerly wind, commenced on the 29th, but on February 1st the wind veered to the east, and another frost set in. From February 13th to the 15th the weather was so severe that water indoors was frozen, and on the 16th the thermometer stood at 16 degrees below freezing point. A decided thaw took place on the 22nd, but on the 23rd a fourth frost occurred. In the week commencing March 4th a rapid thaw was followed by heavy rains, ice and snow vanished with surprising rapidity, and business was resumed on the navigable streams, which for so long had been impassable. Throughout the frost "the poulterers were abundantly supplied with British and foreign wild fowl of all descriptions."

12.—Died at Downham Market, in his 69th year, Mr. G. W. Lemon, son of the Rev. G. W. Lemon, formerly vicar of East Walton and rector of Gayton Thorpe. He was for 40 years an annual contributor to "Fulcher's Ladies' Pocket Book," and wrote for the newspaper Press many articles on a variety of subjects.

15.—The members of the Norwich Madrigal Society held their first public meeting at the old Library Room, St. Andrew's Hall. The programme contained a composition by Mr. J. F. Hill, son of Mr. John Hill, the Festival chorus master, entitled, "I saw fair Chloris." "It is a madrigal truly worthy of the Elizabethan age, and has been recognised as such by the London Madrigal Society, into whose stock it has been received. Not a single modern phrase is to be detected."

18.—The old Norwich Glee Club, revived under the title of "The Norwich Glee and Harmonic Society," gave its first concert under the conductorship of Mr. Harcourt, organist of St. Stephen's church.

22.—The tide in Yarmouth Harbour was the lowest ever recorded. "The bed of the river was left dry more than 20 feet from the quay head."

27.*—"The severity of the weather has induced several families in the neighbourhood of Holt to adopt the American fashion of travelling in sledges. The greatest curiosity is caused among the natives."

FEBRUARY.

5.—Norwich Theatre was opened for the season with the engagement of the Boleno family, who appeared in a pantomime-ballet, followed by tableaux, &c.

7.—At a general meeting of the shareholders of the Norfolk and Norwich Museum, it was resolved "that the property lately used as a public library be purchased, and the building committee authorised to make such alterations and additions thereto as may be requisite for affording accommodation to the Museum, the Literary Institution, the Norfolk and Norwich United Medical Book Society, and any other institution of a literary or scientific nature who may wish to take rooms under the same roof as the Museum, the money to be raised by voluntary donations and shares of £5 each, bearing interest at three per cent. per annum."

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9.—At a meeting of the Norwich Town Council, Mr. Bignold moved the appointment of a committee to draw up a petition to both Houses of Parliament in favour of the adoption of the penny postage. The petition was adopted on February 22nd.

16.—Died, aged 83, Mr. Edmund Manning, of London Street, Norwich, "the oldest and wealthiest retired tradesman in St. Peter Mancroft." He was a brazier by trade. "Some property which his father left him with what he had himself industriously acquired, was so parsimoniously hoarded during his long-protracted life it accumulated the immense sum of £70,000, of which between £50,000 and £60,000 were in the Funds. His annual income at the time of his death was upwards of £2,100 a year, and his expenses were probably not 20s. a week. The great bulk of his property was left to distant relations for whom he affected to have no regard, whilst those whose expectations he had raised (even on the day before his death) had reason to be dissatisfied. He gave to Mr. T. S. Norgate £29,000, and to the Rev. T. S. Buckle £14,500, and to Mr. Manning, of London, £14,500. The remainder he has bequeathed, in various sums, from £1 to £300, to friends and acquaintances and to certain charitable institutions. He also bequeathed £4,000 three per cent. Consols to the trustees of the charity schools, the dividends to be applied annually to apprenticing poor boys."

19.—A prize-fight took place at Bedingham, between Cricknell and Balls, of Norwich. "After a contest of 53 minutes, Balls was obliged to give in."

24.*—"Died lately, in the Workhouse at Downham Market, at the advanced age of 100 years, Samuel Simpson. He retained his faculties to the last, and was able to walk with astonishing alacrity."

—*"We cannot but lament the loss which science sustains in the death of Mr. Samuel Woodward. He was an excellent geologist, particularly as regards his native county. His principal works were 'The Outline of the Geology of Norfolk' and 'Synopsis of British Organic Remains.' He was a skilful and unwearied antiquary, and through his means were recorded many valuable notices of Norfolk antiquities."

—The ship Benwell, Captain Moody, 300 tons burden, bound from Newcastle to London, with a

cargo valued at £20,000, was lost on Sheringham Shoals. "The crew of eleven hands, two male and five female passengers, were landed on Burnham beach almost in a state of nudity."

MARCH.

5.—Died, aged 82, Mr. Edward Roger Pratt, of Ryston House, near Downham Market, "of whom it may be said that he exhibited in every relation of life a perfect picture of the old English gentleman." On the death of Sir Jacob Astley, in 1817, he unsuccessfully contested the county. p. 371

12.—Lord Suffield's staghounds met on Crostwight Common. The stag crossed the road to Beeston Hall, and ran thence by Rackheath to Wroxham, Salhouse, Woodbastwick, Ranworth, Burlingham, Upton, and Acle; crossed the Bure and made for Stokesby, Thrigby, and Caister, going within a mile of Yarmouth. He then took to Breydon, where he was secured. Distance from point to point, 18 miles; country covered, from 25 to 30 miles.

16.—At the meeting of the county magistrates, at Norwich, it was decided that in future the Quarter Sessions be adjourned to Swaffham instead of to Lynn.

17.—Died at Diss, in his 83rd year, Mr. Meadows Taylor. "It is a singular fact that Mr. Taylor and his uncle, the late Mr. Meadows, had carried on business as solicitors in the same town and the same house for the long period of 97 years."

19.—Died, Mr. Thomas Bray, farmer, of Diss, aged 79. "He was the sole proprietor of Bray's Diss waggon, which has travelled over the road under the same name for upwards of a century. He was interred on the 26th, when the hearse was followed by his children and descendants in eight gigs."

22.—Henry Pettett, a convict under sentence of fifteen years' transportation for horse stealing, broke out of his cell at Norwich Castle. "He made a rope of his blanket, which he tied round a ring in his cell and the rest round his irons, to prevent their clanking, and let himself down into the arch. Thence he proceeded to the top of the Castle, but suddenly falling down he pitched his head into a bucket, by which he was somewhat seriously injured."

28.—In a letter addressed to the officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates of the Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry, Lord Sondes announced that the Government had disbanded a great part of the Yeomanry force raised under precisely similar conditions to their own. He added that he had resigned his commission as Major-Commandant, and advised the regiment to disband themselves and not wait to be dismissed. The Lord Lieutenant afterwards appointed Capt. Loftus to the vacant command; and the Dereham troop, partially disorganized by Lord Sondes' resignation, was re-formed in the Eastern division as the Hingham troop, and placed under the command of Captain Ives. The uniform of the regiment at this date "was like that of the 2nd Life Guards, with silver instead of gold lace."

—Sir James Flower, of Eccles Hall, accompanied by Lady Flower, arrived in Norwich to attend the Judges of Assize as High Sheriff of Norfolk. He was escorted to the Swan Inn by a cavalcade of farmers. At Attleborough and Wymondham crowds of people welcomed the High Sheriff with bands of music. Throughout the Assize week he gave official and other dinners, upon a scale of princely magnificence, and the festivities, for such they were, concluded with a bespeak at the Theatre, where "Mr. Martin sang the song of the Eccles Hunt, 'The Apple-green Coats with the Collars of Blue.'"

30.—Died at Little Walsingham, Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, aged 82. "She was one of the earliest supporters of the Wesleyan Methodists in Lynn, and often enjoyed the honour of entertaining the venerable founder of the society, the late Rev. John Wesley, Dr. Coke, and others." p. 372

31.*—"Last week was buried, at Diss church, Susanna Baldry, widow, in the 104th year of her age. She was born in the year 1734, in the seventh of George II., and was a subject of four Kings and a Queen."

—*"We regret to announce the death, in his 77th year, of Lord Berners, so long known as the sporting Col. Wilson, of Newmarket. His lordship's falconry establishment at Didlington was also well known, as he gave annually several flights of hawks at the Newmarket meetings." His horse Phosphorus won the Derby in 1837. His lordship was succeeded in his title and estates by his brother, the Rev. Henry Wilson.

APRIL.

4.—At the Norwich Assizes, before Mr. Baron Bolland, Jonathan Whitley Cooper, gentleman, was placed at the bar charged with the wilful murder of Cornelius Moor, at Catton. Mr. Byles and Mr. Roberts were for the prosecution, and Mr. Fitzroy Kelly, Mr. O'Mally, and Mr. William Cooper for the defence. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty of murder, but guilty of manslaughter. A verdict of acquittal was taken in the further charge against the prisoner of maliciously shooting at a man named Ford. He was sentenced to be imprisoned in the House of Correction for one year.

11.—An election petition, presented by Mr. T. O. Springfield and others, against the return of Mr. Edmond Wodehouse and Mr. H. N. Burroughes for East Norfolk, was withdrawn.

16.—The popular burletta, "Jim Crow, or the Flight to America," was produced at Norwich Theatre. Mr. Dunn appeared as Jim Crow, and "gave the celebrated song as sung by him

upwards of 3,000 times." "We dare scarcely give our opinion of this composition, finding ourselves, as we do, at such complete variance with the taste of the great Metropolis, which has run wild in ecstatic enthusiasm over this precious piece of jingling nonsense."

18.—Died at Binham, aged 89, Thomas Row, "the last of a body of woolcombers who had been employed there from time immemorial."

23.—The cuckoo was not heard until this date, "being the latest indication of the vernal season since 1767, in which year it did not sing till May 7th, and the latest ever known in 51 years, according to the late Mr. Marsham's observations at Stratton Strawless."

28.—The hearing of the petition against the return of Mr. C. E. Rumbold and Mr. William Wilshere, as members for Yarmouth, commenced before a Committee of the House of Commons. "A compromise was effected, by which one of the members vacates, and Mr. Baring is to succeed. Counsel for the petitioners unfolded a scene of profligate corruption to an unparalleled extent. If the petition had been prosecuted with the vindictive feeling and party spirit exhibited on a former occasion, the committals to Newgate would have been so numerous and the prosecutions so sweeping as to have carried ruin into many of the principal families." At the election, which took place on August 23rd, Mr. Baring was opposed by Mr. Wilshere, and the poll was declared as follows:—Wilshere, 735; Baring, 702. "A poor man who felt much interest in the result of the election declared that if Mr. Baring lost he would hang himself in less than an hour after the poll closed, and he actually did it."

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MAY.

7.—Mr. Sinclair, of Drury Lane and Covent Garden, appeared for a short season, commencing on this date, in a round of operatic parts at Norwich Theatre, after an absence of seventeen years.

9.—The Norwich Town Council adopted, on the motion of Mr. Barwell, a memorial to the Board of Trade in favour of the establishment of a school of design.

11.—A Committee of the House of Commons commenced the hearing of the petition of Isaac Wiseman and others against the return of the Hon. Robert Campbell Scarlett and the Marquis of Douro, as members for the city of Norwich. The principal allegations were bribery and corruption and the improper keeping of the poll. On May 12th, after an examination of the poll-books, the Committee passed the following resolution:—"That Arthur Wellesley, commonly called the Marquis of Douro, is duly elected; that Robert Campbell Scarlett is not duly elected; and that Benjamin Smith is duly elected, and ought to have been returned." The Orange and Purple Club, at a meeting held at the Norfolk Hotel, on May 30th, under the presidency of Mr. W. J. Utten Browne, voted an address to Mr. Scarlett, acknowledging the services he had rendered to the Conservative cause.

18.—At a meeting of the Norwich Town Council, Mr. Brightwell moved that a petition be presented to the House of Commons in favour of a national system of education. The proposed petition stated that "every individual in the country in early life, without regard to sect or party, should be afforded the opportunity of obtaining the elements of useful knowledge and an acquaintance with the sacred Scriptures." Mr. Barwell seconded. Mr. Seppings moved, as an amendment, the insertion of the clause: "Your petitioners pray that you will not sanction any schemes of education which do not include with the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures a full measure of religious instruction based upon the Word of God, nor any general system of national education which does not secure the careful assistance and superintendence of the National Church." The amendment was negatived, and the original motion adopted.

24.—At Norwich Theatre was performed for the first time a drama entitled, "The Siege of Lynn." Another new piece was produced on May 31st, called "Pickwick, or the Sayings and Doings of Sam Weller."

26.—John Folker, a mariner, who had seen much active service, died at Lynn at the age of 86. "He was the only survivor of the many Lynn seamen who fought in the memorable battle of April 12th, 1782, when the British Fleet, under the command of Sir George Bridges Rodney (afterwards Lord Rodney), engaged and defeated the French Fleet, under Count de Grasse, in the West Indies. Folker steered Admiral Rodney's flagship through the whole of that eventful conflict. He was buried in St. Margaret's churchyard, and was carried to the grave by six seamen on a bier over which was the Union flag, supported by six naval warriors who had served on board the British Fleet."

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JUNE.

2.*—"It was Mr. George Borrow, formerly of this city, who was arrested in Spain for publishing the Testament in Spanish and the translation of the Gospel of St. Luke into the gipsy language, but was liberated at Sir George Villiers' request. Count Ofofia declared that Mr. Borrow had been discharged from his confinement with unspotted honour and reputation. He, moreover, ordered the policeman on whose evidence he had been arrested to be punished, and promised the expenses should be paid by the Government."

17.—Upwell church was opened after restoration. The Bishop of Norwich, who preached the sermon, referred to "the boundless munificence of the Rev. W. Gale Townley, through whose exertions and mainly at his expense had been produced one of the most richly ornamented

edifices in the kingdom.”

19.—Pockthorpe Guild was held at Norwich. “The annual amusements took place, and the ‘Mayor,’ upon taking office, delivered an address on the green at Patteson’s Cellar House, to the effect that he would endeavour to remove the duty off tea and sugar, which was received with great cheering. The evening terminated with the accustomed sports, as climbing the greasy pole, grinning through collars, and a variety of other entertainments. The celebration of the anniversary of Pockthorpe Guild can be traced as far back as the year 1772.”

28.—The Coronation of Queen Victoria was celebrated in Norwich with great rejoicings. At half-past ten the Mayor and members of the Corporation assembled at the Free School, and proceeded thence to the Cathedral, where the sermon was preached by the Rev. Samuel Stone, the Mayor’s chaplain, from the text, “And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” (Esther iv. 14.) The “Hallelujah Chorus” was rendered. At noon a troop of the 4th Dragoon Guards, under Major Makepeace, formed up in the Market Place “and fired a *feu de joie* with their pistols, and afterwards gave three cheers, flourishing their drawn swords above their heads in honour of the Queen.” The officers then retired to the Guildhall, where the Mayor, in the presence of a large company, proposed the Queen’s health. The parishioners of St. Peter Mancroft entertained, at the Corn Exchange, 750 poor persons, and similar feasts were given to the poor of other parishes. One thousand workpeople employed at the Yarn Factory dined in ten parties at ten public-houses, and formed afterwards an imposing procession, with Mr. Bignold at their head. In the evening the city was illuminated, and there was a grand display of fireworks in the Market Place. The Mayor entertained 160 guests at dinner at Chapel Field House, and the members of the Orange and Purple Club dined at the Theatre, “which, by throwing a flooring of boards from the stage over the pit, was converted into a commodious banqueting room. In the background was a drop scene, giving a view of St. Andrew’s Hall on a banqueting day.” Mr. W. J. Utten Browne presided, and many ladies who graced the gathering by their attendance were provided with seats in the dress circle. Similar celebrations took place at Yarmouth, Lynn, and other towns in the county. Every village commemorated the event, “and everywhere it was a joyous day, for

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The squire’s wide hall
And the cottage small
Were full of good English cheer.”

On the 29th the Corporation of Norwich held a special meeting, and voted an address to the Queen, “after a long and angry debate, in consequence of the address containing sentiments in which the Conservative party could not concur.” The result was the framing of another address, signed by 5,000 freemen, freeholders, and citizens, praying her Majesty “to preserve inviolate the Union between Church and State.”

28.—The Norwich Race Meeting, called on this occasion the “Coronation Races,” took place on Mousehold Heath, and was attended by 30,000 spectators.

JULY.

6.—At the county magistrates’ meeting, at Norwich, a resolution was adopted for the erection of a new Shirehall at Swaffham, and at the meeting on October 9th a committee was appointed to further the scheme, which was estimated to cost £1,750. On January 4th, 1839, the justices ordered the carrying out of plans prepared by Mr. Browne, the cost not to exceed £2,141.

7.*—“A handsome boat, completely fitted out as a phaeton, has been built by Mr. Philip Neale, of St. Giles’s Gates, and is now exhibited to the public. It is built for a sporting gentleman, and is capable of containing bedding and luggage, the fore part being enclosed by hatches, and altogether of a novel description.”

11.—A meeting of Norwich camlet weavers was held at the Green Hill Gardens, for the purpose of hearing a report from the deputation sent to Yorkshire by the union to enquire into the truth of the statement of the employers with reference to the cause of the reduction of wages, namely, the great quantity of camlets manufactured in and exported from Yorkshire. It was resolved, after hearing the deputation, “that the proposed reduction was perfectly unnecessary, and that they were determined to support a strike by all legal means in their power.” The business of Mr. Robberds was obstructed by persons being prevented from taking work at reduced prices. On August 27th a number of weavers complained to the magistrates that they had been subjected to intimidation on proceeding to work at Mr. Robberds’, and on the 29th they were escorted to the factory by a large force of police. The military were held in readiness in case of disturbance. In consequence of work having been cut from the looms, the houses of all the weavers were strongly guarded.

19.—Mr. Owen, of New Lanark, expounded “his visionary projects for the new organization and classification of society,” in a series of lectures which commenced at St. Andrew’s Hall, Norwich, on this date.

23.—A remarkable case of body-stealing came before the Norwich magistrates. Mary Maxey, the widow of John Maxey, complained that Mr. George Perowne, a veterinary surgeon, practising in the parish of All Saints, had gone to her house during her absence and removed the body of her husband, who died on July 8th. On the 12th she saw the body at Mr. Perowne’s, where the deceased had formerly worked; and on the 14th she saw it again, but the heart had been taken

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out and the corpse otherwise "cut and hacked." On the 15th, accompanied by the mourners, she went to take the body away for burial, but Mr. Perowne drove them out of the yard with a gun, alleging that the corpse was his property, and that he had paid for it sixteen years previously. It was afterwards taken to the steeple of All Saints' church, where it remained without a shroud. Mr. Perowne was too drunk to appear at court on that day, but he was apprehended, and on the 24th taken before the magistrates, to whom he stated that he had purchased the body of the deceased during his lifetime, and contended that it was his property. He had "cut it up" in the interests of science. The magistrates reminded Mr. Perowne that his practice did not require a knowledge of the anatomy of the human body, and that his premises were not licensed for anatomical studies. Mr. Perowne replied that he was a member of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. The Bench committed him for trial at the Assizes, which were held on August 6th, before Mr. Justice Littledale, who said he understood that no bill would be presented in the case. The accused was called upon and formally discharged.

30.—Mr. Farren, of Drury Lane and Covent Garden, commenced a six nights' engagement at Norwich Theatre, as Lord Ogleby ("The Clandestine Marriage"). His other characters were Uncle Fozzle, Sir Peter Teazle, Pierre Galliard ("The Soldier of 102"), Admiral Kingston ("Naval Engagements"), Robert Bramble ("The Poor Gentleman"), Odbody ("Advice Gratis"), Sir Abel Hardy ("Speed the Plough"), &c. Mr. Farren afterwards performed at Yarmouth Theatre.

—Violent hailstorms, accompanied by thunder and lightning, occurred in many parts of the county. At Cockley Cley great damage was done. "Pieces of ice as big as walnuts were found lying under the hedges next morning, and the turnips were out into shreds."

AUGUST.

1.—This being the day on which the "negro apprentices" of the West Indies were admitted to freedom, the event was commemorated by a united prayer meeting, presided over by Mr. Alexander, at Prince's Street chapel, Norwich.

2.—A "foot-steeplechase" took place at Whitlingham. The competitors had to pass several times through the river. The event was chiefly remarkable for "the perfect deluge of base coin put in circulation by the swell mob from London." The landlord of Whitlingham Gardens alone took £4 worth of bad silver. In the disturbance which ensued a constable named Hansell had his leg broken.

3.—The High Sheriff (Sir James Flower) arrived at Norwich to attend the Judges of Assize, Mr. Justice Parke and Mr. Justice Littledale. With Lady Flower he took up his quarters at the Norfolk Hotel, and, as at previous Assizes, dispensed hospitality with most ostentatious liberality.

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13.—Died in Norwich, aged 38, Mr. Horatio Beevor Love, portrait painter.

17.—Died at her house in Surrey Street, Norwich, in her 96th year, Miss Elizabeth Lany, the last survivor of the three daughters and sole children of the Rev. Benjamin Lany, rector of Mulbarton. "On both paternal and maternal sides she was allied to some of the best families in Norfolk and Suffolk."

21.—A grand bazaar was held at the New Inn, Cromer, in aid of the fund for maintaining the "defence wall." After the sale "the jetty, the Victoria Parade (between the walls), and the cliffs were thronged with fashionable promenaders," and in the evening "120 ladies and gentlemen repaired to the New Inn ball room, where quadrilles and waltzes were got up."

28.—This was the hottest day of the summer. The thermometer stood at 83° in the shade. A thunderstorm occurred in the evening, and Mrs. Roach, a schoolmistress at Wroxham, was killed by lightning. The weather on the 29th was cold, wet, and boisterous.

SEPTEMBER.

1.—A white sparrowhawk was shot in Lakenham valley.

6.—The "London Gazette" of this date contained the announcement that the Queen had granted to Mr. Isaac Preston, of Stanfield Hall, Recorder of Norwich, her Royal licence and authority to use the surname of Jermy, in lieu of that of Preston.

8.*—"A porpoise, weighing 1 cwt. and upwards, was lately taken at West Somerton, near the free staith adjoining lands occupied by Mr. H. M. Thompson. Its length was 5 ft. 3 in., and after being boiled it produced 5½ gallons of oil. The distance from the sea is at least 25 miles."

10.—Mdlle. Placci gave an Italian concert at the Assembly Rooms, Norwich. She was assisted by Signor Paltoni, Signor Bogrey, Signor Puzzi (horn), and Mr. Harcourt (pianoforte).

12.—A public meeting was held in Surlingham parish church, presided over by the Rev. E. Day, rector of Kirby, in aid of the Church Missionary Society. Addresses were given by the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Pelham, the Rev. E. C. Brewer, Mr. W. Sparkes, and the Rev. J. Patteson. Similar meetings, some of a purely secular character, were held in parish churches at this date.

20.—Mr. Joseph Wiggins, a well-known and popular coachman, was presented, at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, with a handsome silver cup, "in testimony of the respect for his general good conduct during his dragsmanship of eleven years on the Norwich and Lynn road."

21.—The Norwich fillover weavers passed a resolution “that the system of copying patterns from manufactured fillover work, as is now practised by Scotch manufacturers, is the principal cause of the depression of our branch of the manufacture, and loudly appeals to the Legislature for their interference.”

24.—An extraordinary riot occurred at Stanfield Hall, the seat of Mr. Isaac Jermy. The mob, led by a person named Lerner, who professed to be a claimant to the Stanfield property, took forcible possession of the mansion. The 4th Dragoon Guards were summoned from Norwich to aid the civil power. The intruder and his followers were expelled from the premises, and about 80 taken into custody and lodged in Norwich Castle. At the Norfolk Assizes, on April 13th, 1839, before Mr. Justice Vaughan, 70 of the accused were sentenced to one week’s imprisonment, and the remainder to terms varying from three months to two months.

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OCTOBER.

6.*—“A female specimen of the Peregrine falcon was lately shot by Mr. Walter Roper, of Norwich, whilst it was in the act of stooping at some pigeons at Duke’s Palace Bridge. It is almost an unprecedented occurrence for a bird of retired habits like the peregrine, and so rare in Norfolk, to have been killed in the centre of a large city.”

11.—During a gale in the night, 2,000 sail of ships sought refuge in Yarmouth Roads. “To supply their wants more than £3,000 were laid out in Yarmouth on Saturday alone, and the butchers were obliged to kill every bullock, sheep, &c., that they could get.”

15.—The Hingham Troop of Yeomanry Cavalry, commanded by Capt. Ives, were presented with a standard by the Lord Lieutenant of the county.

20.*—“The match trade, which for many years has been an excuse for begging, is likely soon to be ruined by the superior demand for lucifers for obtaining an instantaneous light, which are now selling at so cheap a rate. One tradesman alone in Norwich (Mr. Wiles, of Exchange Street) has had delivered this week by water and land carriage 20,000 boxes.”

28.—The Chartist movement commenced in Norwich. Mr. J. R. Stephens, from Ashton, and Mr. Julian Harney addressed meetings in the Market Place in support of the “people’s charter,” which, amongst other things, demanded universal suffrage, annual Parliaments, the ballot, and the non-property qualification for members of Parliament. On the 29th a meeting was held at St. Andrew’s Hall, the use of which was granted by the Mayor.

NOVEMBER.

5.—A meeting was held at Yarmouth in furtherance of the movement for decreasing the hours of shop assistants. The employers were asked to close their shops at eight o’clock from Michaelmas to Lady Day, and at nine in the summer months, except on Saturday, when they should close at ten o’clock in the evening. Like meetings were held at Norwich and Lynn.

9.—Mr. John Marshall was elected Mayor of Norwich, and Mr. Henry Woodcock appointed Sheriff.

10.—The completion of the building of the new chimney of the Yarn Factory near Whitefriars Bridge, Norwich, “was celebrated by a band of music placed on the top playing national airs and ‘God save the Queen,’ accompanied by the workmen joining in chorus, when a flag was hoisted and several guns fired from the top. The shaft is 165 feet high, with a coping of cast-iron weighing upwards of 4 tons.” The builders were Mr. Everett Cattermoul and Mr. C. Darkins.

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22.—Tom Allen, “the faithful servant of Lord Nelson,” died at Greenwich Hospital. He was born at Burnham Thorpe, in 1764, and joined the Navy in 1793. He first served on board the *Agamemnon*, under the command of Captain Nelson. After the death of Nelson, Allen entered the service of Sir William Boston, R.N., at Costessey, and by the influence of Sir Thomas Hardy, one of the Lords of the Admiralty, was enabled to end his days at Greenwich.

24.—Died in Norwich, Mr. James Lambe, aged 56. “He was well known to the managers of the Festivals and to many musical people as a noted and accurate copyist. His endowments were not of an ordinary kind. He was a ready versifier, with considerable humour and some share of imagination. With the works of Shakespeare, Milton, and the poets of Queen Anne’s time he was intimately acquainted. He had lived on terms of familiarity with Crabbe, to whom he had acted as amanuensis. Like many other sons of genius, he had endured the extremes of poverty; but under every privation and under many temptations he uniformly preserved his cheerfulness and his integrity. His latter years were passed in comparative comfort, through the kindness of a professional gentleman, who gave him constant employment.”

26.—North Walsham was lighted with gas for the first time, in celebration of which a band of music paraded the town and a dinner took place at the King’s Arms Inn. The gas works were erected by Mr. John Malem.

—The sloop *Volharden*, of Flushing, with a crew of nine hands, was brought into Yarmouth Roads by the *Badger* Revenue cutter, Lieut. R. Perceval, R.N., on suspicion of smuggling. Spirits in large quantities were found on board. Two of the crew were sentenced to six months’ imprisonment by the Yarmouth magistrates on December 7th. Lieut. Perceval recommended them to mercy, on the ground that they had rendered valuable assistance to the *Badger* when she

was in difficulties, and the sentences were commuted to three months' imprisonment.

DECEMBER.

3.—A fine specimen of the little bustard was shot in a turnip field at Old Buckenham.

—Cushing and Smith, Norwich pugilists, seconded by Cricknell and Perowne, fought 13 severe rounds on Mousehold Heath. Throughout Cushing had the advantage of his opponent, and won.

6.—The Royal Amphitheatre and Circus at the Pantheon, Ranelagh Gardens, Norwich, opened for the season, under the management of Mr. Atkins. In addition to the circus performance, equestrian spectacles, ballets, "musical soirées," and comic pantomimes were produced.

14.—The "London Gazette" of this date contained the announcement that the 4th Royal Irish Dragoons, a portion of which regiment was then stationed in Norwich, had permission to wear upon their standards and appointments the harp, crown, and star of the most illustrious Order of St. Patrick.

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18.—Died in Friar's Street, Lynn, Mrs. Ann Larner, aged 100 years.

22.—The weight of turkeys sent by Messrs. Mack and Co.'s. van from Norwich to London on this day was 6 tons 18 cwt.; before the end of the journey the load was increased to 10 tons.

26.—The Theatre Royal, Norwich, was occupied during the Christmas holidays by Mr. Ducrow's equestrian company from the Royal Amphitheatre, London. Among the pageants produced were "Charlemagne," "St. George and the Dragon," "Mazeppa," and "Timour the Tartar." The season closed on January 26th, 1839.

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JANUARY.

5.—Died at Braconash, aged 85, Elizabeth, widow of Mr. Thomas Berney, and third and last surviving daughter of Sir George Duckett, Bart., of Hartham, Wilts. "Mrs. Berney was a true representative of an English lady of times past, in its dignified and most attractive form." At the funeral at Braconash, on the 15th, the hearse was preceded by "a canopy of plumes of feathers, borne by a mute with two others, one on each side."

7.—A severe gale raged on the Norfolk coast, and many vessels were wrecked. Thirteen sail of vessels belonging to Yarmouth, with 100 hands on board, were missing, and at a public meeting held in the borough on the 23rd, a fund was started for the relief of the widows and children.

14.—At Lynn Quarter Sessions, before the Recorder (Mr. Martin John West), an indictment was preferred by Dr. John Tweedale, of that town, against Mr. William Drake, of East Dereham, and Mr. James Bowker, charging the defendants with provoking him to fight a duel, and with common assault. Mr. Drake, a solicitor, was employed by the Conservative party in the borough to attend the revision of the municipal voters' lists, and a quarrel arose in consequence of certain evidence given by Dr. Tweedale as a charity trustee. The defendant Drake was found guilty of a common assault, and fined £5; and Bowker was acquitted.

—The agitation for the repeal of the Corn Laws was commenced in Norwich by the holding of a preliminary meeting, at which a petition in favour of the movement was agreed to. A common hall was held on February 7th, presided over by the Mayor (Mr. J. Marshall), when the Chartists attended and created a great disturbance. A resolution in favour of repeal was adopted. The Town Council discussed the subject on February 8th and 11th, and a motion for petitioning both Houses of Parliament for a total repeal was carried by 26 votes to 20. Meetings with the same object became general throughout the county.

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16.—Heigham Episcopal chapel, Norwich, was consecrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, and was known afterwards as the chapel of the Holy Trinity.

21.—Died at Catton, aged 38, the Rev. Dacre Barrett Lennard, sixth son of Sir Thomas Barrett Lennard, of Belhus, Essex, rector of St. Michael at Plea, Norwich, and chaplain to H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex and Lord Western. His remains were interred on the 28th "in a vault near the altar of his church."

28.—Died at Hampstead, Sir William Beechey, R.A., aged 86. He was a native of Burford, Oxfordshire, and in early life settled and married in Norwich. Elected an associate of the Royal Academy in 1793, he painted in the same year a full-length portrait of Queen Charlotte, who honoured him with the appointment of Queen's portrait painter. In 1798 he painted an equestrian portrait of George III., with the Prince of Wales and Duke of York, reviewing the 3rd and 10th Dragoons, attended by Lieut.-General Dundas, General Sir William Fawcett, and Major George Goldsworthy. In the same year he received the honour of knighthood, the first instance of its being conferred on an artist since the time of Sir Joshua Reynolds. At St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, there are four portraits by Sir William, namely, those of Admiral Lord Nelson, Mr. John Patteson, Mr. Elisha de Hague, and Mr. J. S. Patteson. His son, Capt. Beechey, R.N., was one of Capt. Sir Edward Parry's lieutenants in his second expedition towards the North Pole.

FEBRUARY.

3.—This day (Sunday) a prize-fight took place on Costessey Common, between Rix and Clarke, of Norwich, seconded by Cricknell and Blanchflower, "of the new scientific school." Sixty-three rounds were fought, in 1 hr. 20 mins. Rix was the victor. "Never were two men more severely punished by each other."

6.—The Rev. W. J. Bakewell, upwards of eleven years minister of the Unitarian chapel, Norwich, "who is about to embark for America," was presented by his congregation with a purse of 105 sovs.

10.*—"The week before last, in a little more than three days, Sir Richard Sutton, Bart., and a small party of friends shot 1,313 pheasants and an immense quantity of hares, rabbits, partridges, and woodcock, on his estate at Lynford and Tofts." (This was described as "killing, not sporting.")

—Mr. William Dalrymple resigned office as one of the surgeons of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, and Mr. J. Godwin Johnson was elected in his place.

11.—A trotting match took place at Attleborough, between a horse named Scroggins, belonging to Mr. Ling, of Besthorpe, and a cob the property of Mr. Robert Large, of Ellingham. The match was run in two mile heats, and was won by the former, in the presence of upwards of 3,000 spectators.

19.—Mr. Hotson, solicitor, of Long Stratton, while driving to Norwich, was robbed of a purse of money and a case of bank notes, near Harford Bridges. One of his assailants pulled him back in the gig and covered his mouth with his hand while three others rifled his pockets. At the Norwich Quarter Sessions, in April, a man named Daniel Archer was charged with the offence, and acquitted.

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21.—The litigation respecting the Norwich charities entered upon its final stage in the House of Lords, when the appeal, Bignold and others v. Springfield came on for hearing. Lord Wynford said the question he had to propose was that the judges should state their opinion whether, having reference to the 74th section of the Municipal Corporation Act, the administration of the charities continued in the old Corporation after August 1st, 1836. Mr. Justice Littledale asked for time to consider the question. On June 24th the House decided in favour of the then trustees. Lord Chief Justice Tindal said: "Upon the whole we think the administration of the charity estates did not continue in the persons described in the 71st section of the 5th and 6th William IV. after August 1st." The order was confirmed, with costs against the appellants.

—The Marquis of Douro presented to the House of Commons a petition signed by 1,600 of the inhabitants of Norwich for leave to bring in the Norwich Improvement Bill. The Bill was read a first time. It passed its second reading on March 21st, and was read a third time on June 19th. The object of the Bill was to repeal the then existing Acts and to substitute a more effectual provision for the better paving, lighting, and improvement of the city. At a special meeting of the Town Council on July 16th it was agreed to petition the House of Lords in opposition to the Bill "in the way it should come from the Commons." When the Bill was before the Committee of the House of Lords on July 23rd objection was taken that the notices on the part of the promoters were insufficient, and the Bill was consequently lost. At a meeting of the Paving Commissioners on December 17th it was reported that costs amounting to £1,500 had been incurred in opposing the Bill.

MARCH.

2.—Smallpox was reported to be very prevalent in Norwich. Within the preceding month one hundred persons died of the disease.

5.—An alarming report was circulated about the arming of the Chartists in Norwich, where, it was stated, a club had been formed for the more extensive distribution of pikes and other weapons. "Some are formed like a common halbert, others have a crescent at the bottom and the blade pointed forward, with a sharp edge, supposed to be designed for cutting the girths or reins of horses. It is said that about 60 will leave Norwich armed with these weapons, and some of them with pistols, for the north of England." At a meeting of the Town Council on March 11th the Mayor said, in reply to questions by Mr. Bignold, that the report had been greatly exaggerated. Pikes had been manufactured, but there was not a great number of them. Meanwhile the Chartists held meetings in Norwich Market Place, on Mousehold Heath, and elsewhere. In August pikes and guns were taken by the police from various persons, and on the 10th of that month John Dover, the keeper of a beer shop in St. Paul's, was apprehended on the charge of giving an order to James Tillett, a smith, to make pikes for unlawful purposes, and was bound over to appear at the Assizes. On the 14th the Chartists made a demonstration on Mousehold Heath; the police force was strengthened in consequence, special constables sworn in, and the staff of the West Norfolk Militia held in readiness for immediate action. On Sunday, the 18th, the Chartists attended the Cathedral service in a body, and were appealed to by the Bishop to take to heart the words of advice he addressed to them. On the evening of the same day they attended St. Stephen's church and interrupted the preacher, the Rev. P. Booth, with hisses and noise. The church of SS. Simon and Jude was visited on Sunday, the 25th, and hundreds were unable to gain admission in consequence of the crowd. "A text had been sent to the Rev. John Owen by some of the Chartists, with a respectful request that he would preach from it, and the greatest order prevailed."

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8.—A heavy fall of snow took place. The Birmingham mail coach arrived in Norwich ten hours late, and on the 9th several carriers were unable to reach the city.

11.—At a meeting of the Norwich Town Council a petition “from certain persons, denominating themselves anglers,” was read, requesting that means should be taken to prevent the dragging of the river for fish. It was stated that fishing for smelts was at one time a source of income to many persons, several boats having earned as much as £23 a year. The petition was referred to the magistrates, who were asked to prohibit illegal fishing.

16.*—“A fine white-tailed eagle was last week shot on Beachamwell Warren. It measured between the tips of the wings 7 ft. 5 ins., and weighed 10¾ lbs. It has been preserved by the Rev. H. Dugmore, of Swaffham.”

20.—Fakenham Steeplechases took place. Among the other meetings this season were Eccles Hunt Steeplechases, March 26th; North Walsham, April 12th; and Barnham Broom, April 18th.

21.—Died at his apartments in London, Mr. Edmund Henry Barker, of Thetford. “He had rendered valuable services to literature; in early life he was an intimate and respected friend of Dr. Parr; and his labours on the Thesaurus of Stephens will remain a noble monument of his indefatigable zeal in the cause of Greek literature.” He was buried at St. Andrew’s, Holborn.

24.—Died, aged 85, Mary, wife of Captain Richard Browne, of the Cathedral precincts, Norwich, and eldest daughter of Dr. John Murray.

26.—The troop of the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, stationed at Norwich, marched thence for Clifton. They were replaced in April by two troops of the 9th Lancers, commanded by Capt. Fullarton.

APRIL.

1.—Mr. G. V. Brooke appeared at Norwich Theatre as Sir Edward Mortimer (“The Iron Chest”). During the short season he performed a round of his favourite characters.

6.*—“We regret to find our anticipations that the Eastern Counties’ Railway is to terminate at Colchester have been realised, as it seems the directors have come to the conclusion not to carry it further, in accordance with the wishes of the Lancashire proprietors, who have so great a stake in the undertaking.” On May 6th a rule *nisi* was granted in the Bail Court to compel the Company to proceed with the works in accordance with their original contract with the public. (The Act of Parliament was obtained upon the representation that the line should be carried from London to Yarmouth.) In the Court of Queen’s Bench on June 22nd Lord Chief Justice Denman, in delivering judgment on the points raised, said: “Upon the whole, without coming to any final decision, we think the case is involved in such doubt as to require the return of the mandamus, and that a writ should go for that purpose.”

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9.—At the Norfolk Assizes, before Mr. Justice Vaughan, John Hall and Wm. Palmer were indicted upon the unusual charge of stealing a bell from a parish church. The bell was lying in the west end of North Walsham church, and the prisoners, with the assistance of a man named John Daniels (who turned Queen’s evidence), took it away in a cart, broke it up, and endeavoured to dispose of the metal in Norwich. The prisoners were sentenced to one year’s imprisonment, with hard labour. (For an account of a similar theft see December 28th, 1839.)

10.—At the same Assizes, before Lord Chief Justice Tindal, an action was brought against an overseer named Burrell, of Lynn, for the recovery of a penalty of £50 for failing to deliver a signed list of persons claiming to be registered as voters under the Municipal Reform Act. A verdict was given for the plaintiff, a Mr. King, for the amount claimed.

11.—Charles Daines was indicted at the Norfolk Assizes, before Mr. Justice Vaughan, for the wilful murder of Elizabeth Daines, his infant daughter, by poisoning her at Hempnall on March 11th. The prisoner was acquitted. He was then charged with attempting to murder his wife by poisoning her with arsenic, found guilty, and sentenced to death. The execution took place on the Castle Hill, Norwich, on April 27th. “He appeared to die an exceedingly hard death. He clasped his hands, and raised his arms several times towards his breast, as if in the act of prayer, unquestionably showing that consciousness had not left him. His remains were buried in St. Michael-at-Thorn churchyard.”

13.*—“We understand it is in contemplation to revive in Norwich under different regulations and on a more extensive scale those annual art exhibitions, which for the last six years have ceased to take place. It is proposed to form a society, through the medium of which artists and amateurs in Norwich and its neighbourhood may have the opportunity of offering to public inspection and patronage productions in any department of art. The large room in the building, lately occupied as a bazaar in St. Andrew’s, is to form the gallery.” (The exhibition was opened on August 16th.)

—*“An enormous eel was lately brought to Norwich Fish-market. It weighed 25 lbs., and was sold to be placed in the collection of a London naturalist.”

13.—Died at Doughty’s Hospital, Norwich, Elizabeth Bentley, “the Norwich poetess,” in the 72nd year of her age. She was born in the parish of All Saints, and was the only child of Daniel Bentley, a journeyman shoemaker, who died in 1783. Two years after her father’s death she developed a taste for versification, and in 1791 appeared the first volume of her poems, dedicated to Mr. Wm. Drake, jun., M.P. The profits of the publication (from the contributions of

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nearly 2,000 subscribers) enabled her for many years, with the income arising from a small school, to support the declining age of her mother. Another volume of her poems was published in 1821.

MAY.

6.—At the sale of effects at Gunton Hall, very high prices were realised for the wine, liquors, and ale. Griffith's port (1830) sold at 81s. per dozen; Fontignac, at £8 per dozen; curaçoa, £13 per dozen; brandy, £9 per dozen; ale, £4 per barrel. At Tattersall's, 49 horses and colts belonging to Lord Suffield produced £4,400, and the pack of 47 couples and 13 bitches with their whelps £280.

9.—The Yarmouth Town Council accepted the tender of the Rev. Mark Waters for the presentation to St. George's chapel. The minimum price fixed was £620; the highest tender £661.

14.—The Purple and Orange Club, at a meeting presided over by Mr. W. J. Utten Browne, and held at the Maid's Head Inn, adopted an address to the Queen, expressing regret at the threatening aspect of affairs in our Colonial possessions, and of sedition manifest in England, and imploring her Majesty to summon to her counsels "all those upright and enlightened statesmen whose consistent advocacy of Conservative principles has obtained for them the respect and confidence of the nation." On the 23rd the Norwich Town Council adopted a counter address, "thanking her Majesty for her choice of ministers who deserve the regard of the nation by righteous taxation, by extending commerce, by improving criminal and civil laws, by commuting tithes, by amending the Poor-laws, by granting self-government to the people by municipal corporations, and by making provision for national education."

15.—By the fall of a floor at Taverham paper-mills, a man and a woman were killed.

25.*—"A tomb of novel construction has lately been erected in Diss churchyard. It is constructed entirely of cast-iron, and for neatness, security, and durability excels anything of the kind we have ever noticed."

27.—The Norfolk and Norwich Literary Institution closed its rooms at the Assembly House, Norwich. The library was opened at the new rooms adjoining the Museum in St. Andrew's Street, on July 8th.

—The Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry mustered on Thornage Green and marched to Holt for six days' permanent duty, under the command of Major Loftus.

JUNE.

1.*—"A respectable young man a few days since, at Norwich, undertook for a wager that he would take the sum of five shillings in one hour by travelling the city with a basket containing threads, tapes, cottons, &c., which he accomplished, and proceeded on the second hour, when he took 4s. 6d. more." p. 386

5.—The Norwich Tonnage Bill was read a third time in the House of Commons. This measure was intended to provide a new mode of application of the tolls and dues, first to defray the expenses of obtaining the Act; secondly, to pay interest on all sums borrowed under the powers of the Act, and to promote an accumulative fund for the purpose of paying off all the principal monies; and thirdly to keep in repair bridges, &c., to free Carrow Bridge, Duke's Palace Bridge, and Foundry Bridge, to keep in repair St. Andrew's Hall and the Guildhall, and to pay for any permanent improvement, such as widening streets, &c.

7.—Died at Shadwell Lodge, in his 86th year, Sir Robert John Buxton, Bart. He had successively represented in Parliament for several years the borough of Thetford, and the borough of Bedwin, Wilts.

11.—A prize-fight for £25 a side was fought at Pulham, between Brassey and Bailey, of Norwich. In 1 hour 8 minutes 72 rounds were contested, "during which time Bailey never had a chance." Brassey was seconded by John Stanfield and Charles Utting, and Bailey by Jem Perowne and Bounce Brown. "On Sunday, the 9th inst., no less than five of these disgraceful scenes took place in the parish of Earlam."

15.*—"A full length portrait of the rector, the Rev. William Manning, by Mr. Thomas Ronds, of London, formerly of Diss, has been placed in the committee room of the Diss Hospital, the result of a subscription set on foot by the inhabitants."

22.*—"The Tour,' a poem written anonymously, published by Simpkin, Marshall, and Co., and printed by Gowing, of Swaffham, is, independent of its literary merits, highly creditable to the West Norfolk press. The frontispiece, Lake Lucerne, is drawn by Wright, of Swaffham."

26.—A fire occurred on the premises of Mr. Bush, cabinet maker, Roach's Court, Fisher's Lane, Norwich, and was one of the most destructive that had taken place in the city for many years. The factory was destroyed, and with it the adjoining house, occupied by a silk weaver, who lost his stock of silk and machinery. "The fire engines were not in a state for such an emergency, and many of the leather pipes had to be tied up with handkerchiefs."

JULY.

6.*—"Mr. Smith, who has managed the Norwich Theatre for the last 25 years, has retired altogether from the concern, which is now in the hands of his son, Mr. George Smith."

13.—A person of eccentric character, named John Coe, of Chapel Street, Crook's Place, Norwich, died on this date. "For 34 years he was a trunk maker in St. Lawrence'. Deceased had made his own coffin five years ago, of old soap chests and tea chests, and had polished it up so that it looked like mahogany. It was composed of 165 pieces, and on the lid was a black plate, bearing a quotation from the Burial Service. The deceased had also made a coffin for his wife, who survives him, but this had to be disposed of to inter the remains of a poor woman whose friends could not find the money to purchase one."

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15.—A prize-fight took place on Mousehold Heath, Norwich, between Brundell and Thetford, who were seconded respectively by Perowne and Cricknell. Fifty-two rounds were fought, in 1 hour 15 minutes. Both men were severely punished. Brundell was the winner.

—Died at his house, Chester Square, London, Mr. Praed, M.P. for Aylesbury. The deceased, who was in his 37th year, was Deputy High Steward of Cambridge University, and formerly Conservative member for Great Yarmouth.

16.—The "London Gazette" of this date contained the announcement: "The Queen has been pleased to grant unto Henry le Strange Styleman, of Hunstanton Hall, Esquire, her Royal licence and authority that he and his issue may, out of respect for the memory of his great grandmother, Armine Styleman, eldest of the two daughters of Sir Nicholas le Strange, take and use the name of le Strange in addition to and after that of Styleman."

17.—Two musical artistes who afterwards achieved much local celebrity, Madame de Belleville Oury (pianist to H.R.H. Princess Frederick of Prussia) and Mr. Oury (principal violinist at the Italian Opera in Paris), made their first appearance in Norwich at a *matinée musicale*, given at the house of Madame Oury Crook, Chapel Field, Norwich.

20.*—"A fine specimen of that rare and exquisitely beautiful fish, the Opah, or *Zeus Imperialis* was taken alive at Hunstanton. It measured 3 ft. 3 ins. in length, 1 ft. 10 ins. across, and 7 ins. thick. It was purchased for Wisbech Museum."

25.—Died, aged 66, Mr. William Snow, many years master of the Black Bull Coffee House, in Norwich Market Place. "He was a man of superior ability in his profession as a cook and purveyor for festive parties."

29.—Mr. George Smith commenced the first season of his management at Norwich Theatre by engaging Madame Vestris and Mr. Charles Mathews. The pieces produced during the visit of these eminent performers were "The Welsh Girl," "Patter *versus* Clatter," and "Loan of a Lover."

AUGUST.

6.—A correspondent, in a letter of this date, called attention in the NORFOLK CHRONICLE to the use of dogs as animals of draught. "I saw," he wrote, "in a big, overloaded baker's cart this week a disproportioned dog, willing but quite unable to pull his cruel load up Market Place Hill. Let the inhabitants of Norwich withdraw their custom from any baker who is guilty of this barbarism."

14.—The Fakenham coach, on its journey to Norwich, was descending Guist Hill, when one of the leaders fell, the pole broke, and the coach was overturned. The only person seriously injured was a Mrs. Flowers, of London, who sustained a broken thigh and received a severe wound in the neck.

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28.—The Cley estate, the property of Mr. John William Tomlinson, was sold by auction in London by Mr. W. W. Simpson, for £32,000.

SEPTEMBER.

2.—Died at Annesley Place, Cambridge, aged 61, Mr. W. Wilkins, M.A., R.A. He was the architect of Downing College and of the new buildings at King's, Trinity, and Corpus Christi Colleges; the University College, London, and the National Gallery were erected from his designs, as were also the Shirehall and the Theatre Royal at Norwich. Mr. Wilkins graduated as a member of Caius College, of which he was afterwards Fellow. He was the author of "Magna Græcia" and other works on architecture. With his father, Mr. William Wilkins, F.S.A., he resided some years in Norwich.

15.—A cuckoo, in fine plumage, was shot in the garden of Messrs. Howes, Red Lion Street, Norwich.

17.—At the Norfolk and Norwich Musical Festival, which began on this date, the programme included "Israel in Egypt," the new oratorio "Calvary," produced on the 19th and conducted in person by the composer, Spohr; selections from the "Redemption," and the "Messiah." A miscellaneous concert took place each evening, and the Festival concluded with a fancy dress ball. The principal artistes were Signora Persiani, Signora Placci, Miss Birch, Miss Hawes, Madame Stockhausen, Mr. Hobbs, Mr. H. Phillips, Mr. Balfe, Mr. Young, Mr. Francis, Signor Tamburini; Mr. F. Cramer was leader of the band, and Professor Taylor conducted. The gross receipts were £5,639 0s. 5d., and the gross expenses £4,343 4s. 2d.

—A two days' race meeting commenced on Mousehold Heath, Norwich, and was attended by

30,000 persons.

23.—The foundation-stone of Yarmouth Hospital was laid by Mr. Simon Cobb, Mayor of the borough.

25.—Mr. Hampton made a balloon ascent from the Gas Works, Bishop Bridge, Norwich, at 4.30 p.m., and descended prematurely in a field at Rackheath. A parachute containing a monkey was detached from the car as the balloon passed over Mousehold Heath.

OCTOBER.

2.—A great demonstration took place at Norwich, on the occasion of the third anniversary of the "Teetotalist" Society. A procession, headed by a band of music, started from Castle Meadow, paraded the principal streets of the city, and arrived at St. Andrew's Hall at five o'clock. After tea the Bishop addressed the meeting, and "declared in the most positive manner his deep conviction of the value of the society." Mr. Samuel Wiseman and Mr. James Jarrold were presented with silver medals by the temperance workers in the city.

8.—The Norwich Paving Commissioners adopted ground plans and elevations for the widening and improvement of Briggs Street, and it was agreed that the cost be met proportionately by the trustees of D'Oyley's fund, the Paving Commissioners, and the Tonnage Commissioners. At a meeting of the Paving Commissioners, on December 10th, it was decided to carry out the contemplated improvements on the east side of the street, and that conjointly with the Tonnage Commissioners, they should spend a sum not exceeding £2,000.

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9.—Mr. Hampton made a second balloon ascent at Norwich. The balloon was filled at the Gas Works, and floated thence by means of guide ropes to the yard of the Cavalry Barracks. Among the persons who availed themselves of the opportunity of ascending in the balloon while in its captive state was Col. Harvey, who, on September 7th, 1825, made an ascent from Richmond Hill Gardens with Mrs. Graham (*q.v.*). Mr. Hampton was accompanied by Mr. William Shalders, jun., and the balloon descended on the estate of the Rev. T. Mack, of Tunstead, ten miles distant from Norwich. On October 16th Mr. Green, the celebrated aeronaut, then on a visit to Mr. R. Crawshay, of Honingham, ascended in his "Coronation" balloon, from Norwich Gas Works. "A parachute with a cat in the basket was thrown out, and descended at Catton." The balloon descended at Trunch, after a journey of twenty-five minutes' duration.

16.—At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions, William Wales was indicted for maliciously shooting cattle, the property of Mr. Robert Mack, jun., at Hainford, on August 18th. It was proved that the prisoner had shot several valuable beasts. He had already served seven years' transportation, and, on being found guilty, was sentenced to transportation for the term of his natural life.

—Died in London, Mr. Charles M. Curtis, aged 44, an artist of considerable merit. He was a native of Norwich, a brother of the accomplished author of "British Entomology," and for several years devoted his talents to drawing objects of natural history and to the illustration of scientific works.

25.—The centenary of Wesleyanism was commemorated at Norwich. On the 28th 1,000 members of the body had tea at St. Andrew's Hall, which was also attended by 1,200 children from the Wesleyan Sunday schools in the city.

30.—St. Mary's Baptist chapel, Norwich, which had been closed for four months, for the purpose of enlargement, was re-opened for public worship. The preachers were the Rev. Dr. Andrew Reed, of London, and the Rev. Eustace Giles, of Leeds. "The chapel, which is now one of the most elegant in this part of the kingdom, and is capable of seating more than one thousand persons, was densely crowded by a congregation amounting to nearly 1,600 persons."

NOVEMBER.

5.—At Yarmouth Quarter Sessions, before the Recorder, Mr. N. Palmer, Fortunatus Robert Townshend Crisp was indicted for publishing, in a paper called the "Paul Pry," a slanderous and malicious libel upon Henry Holmes Baker. Many persons in Yarmouth had, it was stated, been grossly libelled in this notorious publication. Defendant was found guilty, and ordered to pay damages amounting to £5.

9.—Capt. Philip John Money was elected Mayor, and Mr. John Barwell appointed Sheriff, of Norwich.

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11.—Mr. Arrow, auctioneer, of Lynn, was served with an Exchequer writ under peculiar circumstances. Proceedings had been taken against several individuals in St. Margaret's parish for non-payment of Church rates, and their goods were distrained and put up for auction in the Saturday Market Place. Among other articles offered was a silver-cased watch. Mr. Arrow not having a licence to sell plate, offered the works only, and proposed to make a present of the case to the person who purchased the works, and in this manner the watch was disposed of. On receiving the writ, Mr. Arrow wrote to the Commissioners of Stamps and Taxes, giving a full explanation of the circumstances, whereupon further proceedings were stayed.

16.*—"A new Paving Bill is being prepared by Mr. C. S. Gilman, and its entire management is to be entrusted to a committee of inhabitants and owners of property in Norwich and the hamlets." Among its objects were the prevention of the erection or maintenance of any toll-gate in any part

of the hamlets, the acquisition of powers to widen Briggs Street, Theatre Street, and London Street; to open a carriage way through the Back of the Inns from London Street to White Lion Street; to afford public carriage communication from the Back of the Inns through Angel Street to the Castle Ditches, and to effect other improvements conducive to the health, cleanliness, and security of the inhabitants. (See January 31st, 1840.)

22.—At a meeting of the county magistrates, held at the Shirehall, Norwich, the Hon. and Rev. R. Wilson moved, Lord Wodehouse seconded, and it was resolved by a large majority to adopt the new Constabulary Act throughout the county. The force, known as the "Rural Police," was constituted as follows:—One chief constable, at the salary of £500 per annum; 12 superintendents, at £100 each; and 120 petty constables, at £1 each per week. Each superintendent was allotted a district of twelve square miles. On January 3rd, 1840, Lieut.-Col. Richard Montague Oakes was appointed Chief Constable.

23.—Ducrow's Circus was opened at the Ranelagh Gardens, Norwich.

26.—A meeting of the insurers in the Norwich Union Life Office was held at the Assembly Rooms, Norwich, "to take into consideration the examiners' report, agreeable to the resolutions of the meeting held on the 6th inst." These proceedings arose mainly because of long-continued personal attacks made upon Mr. Bignold by Mr. Bacon, editor of the "Norwich Mercury." "The character of Mr. Bignold was placed on the highest pinnacle of unimpeachable honour and good fame; and the present state of the society's affairs is founded on that firm and equitable basis of adjustment which fully warrants its members in looking forward to years of increasing prosperity and success for the establishment."

DECEMBER.

21.—Wombwell's Menagerie was exhibited at Norwich. The collection had largely increased in extent since its previous visit, and included three elephants. "In consequence of the rapid growth of the enormous elephant, G. W. has been obliged to erect the largest machine in the form of a waggon that was ever built, so ponderous as to require six roller wheels to support it, and from 12 to 18 horses to draw it."

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21.—Died in St. Stephen's, Norwich, aged 65, Mr. William Moore. He served the office of Sheriff in 1824, and of Mayor in 1835. Mr. Moore was the last Mayor elected by the old Corporation before the Municipal Corporations Act came into force.

24.—The weather on this day was only ten degrees colder than on June 24th. "The thermometer out of doors remained at 50."

28.*—"One night last week some persons stole from the church at Swardeston one of the bells. The rogues broke the bell to pieces on the spot, and although the blows must have made a great noise, the villagers were not alarmed, and the sacrilegious depredators were enabled to carry off their booty unmolested."

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JANUARY.

1.—At the Norwich Quarter Sessions, before the Recorder, Mr. Jermy, James Ollett Marshall and James Darkin were indicted for publishing in a paper called "The Searcher" a libellous article on Mr. Sparkall, of Norwich. Marshall was sentenced to two months' imprisonment, and Darkin fined £5.

4.—Died at Hempnall, in his 101st year, William Reed, cordwainer.

7.—A prize-fight took place on Pulham North Green, between Cricknell and Cain. After six rounds had been fought, Cricknell was taken into custody by the "Rural Police," conveyed to Harleston, and bound over to keep the peace for twelve months. "The concourse of persons was not so numerous as has been noticed on similar occasions. Whether this arose from the necessary secrecy of the scene of action, on account of the declared intentions of the magistrates to put a stop to these demoralising sights, or the early hour (ten o'clock) the combatants set-to, cannot be fully determined. But that these brutal attacks are fast declining in the estimation of the middle classes may be fairly presumed by the paucity in number and the circuitous route taken by many of them to the battlefield."

10.—The Penny Postage "came into operation this day, according to the official regulations. Our advertising friends and correspondents will also be pleased to observe that unless the penny postage be prepaid the expense of them will be DOUBLE on their orders or communications. Since the 'schoolmaster has been abroad' the plural of penny is twopence. A letter not exceeding half-an-ounce in weight may be sent from any part of the United Kingdom to any other part for one penny, if paid when posted, or for twopence if paid when delivered." On January 18th it was announced "the penny postage reduction has about trebled the number of letters in Norwich and in other towns, but printed circulars have formed a great proportion of this temporary increase. A tradesman in this city, we are informed, has sent out several thousands of such penny postpaid circulars."

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15.—Died, Mr. J. Purdy Beacham, aged 70, for 54 years a highly-respected member of the

19.—A severe thunderstorm occurred. A stack of barley at Overstrand was struck by lightning and entirely consumed; and on the 20th, during a heavy gale at Carlton Forehoe, a barn was blown down. On the 21st the thunderstorm raged with increased fury at Carlton Rode, where the lightning struck the premises of Mr. James Ringer, a miller, and set the thatch roof on fire. "His married daughter (Mrs. Matthews) was struck, and her clothes set on fire in twenty different places. Her sister was also enveloped in flames. The lightning inflamed her neck and shoulders, ran down her back, her side and breast, ran down her legs, and burned her heels, even the bottoms thereof, but neither her stockings nor boots were the least injured. Of her upper apparel, every article was burnt through and through."

23.—A fine schooner, named the Lady Sondes, was launched from the shipyard of Mr. Lubbock, at Wells-next-the-Sea. The vessel was built for Messrs. R. and R. Brereton, of Blakeney, and was intended for the foreign trade. This was a very busy year for Norfolk shipbuilders. From Mr. J. Parker's yard at the same town was launched, on May 20th, the Saucy Lass schooner; from Mr. Joseph Hastings' yard at Yarmouth, on June 16th, a vessel of 200 tons burden; from Mr. F. Preston's yard at Yarmouth, on July 16th, a fine vessel named the Maid of Athens; from Mr. Fellowes' yard at Yarmouth on September 15th, the Earl of Leicester brig; and from the yard of Mr. Ambrose Palmer, Yarmouth, on October 28th, a vessel of 400 tons, called the Hamlet.

28.—Steeplechases took place at Long Stratton. Among the other meetings this season were the military steeplechases by the officers of the 9th Royal Lancers at Shimpling Hall on March 3rd; the Fakenham Steeplechases on March 13th, over a four-mile course, with the winning-post on Hempton Green, where, in the heavy weight race, the silver cup, value £100, with 50 sovs. added, was won by Mr. Skelton's ch.h. Colonel, ridden by Wright (sixty-five years of age), and Mr. J. Elmere's br.h. Lottery (winner of the Liverpool stakes) was unplaced; the Norfolk and Suffolk Steeplechases, at Diss, on March 17th; the Loddon Steeplechases, on March 27th; and the Yarmouth Steeplechases, on March 31st.

31.—The petition for the new Norwich Improvement Bill was presented in the House of Commons by the Marquis of Douro, who, on February 26th, introduced the Bill. On the previous day (February 25th) a common hall was held at the Guildhall, at which it was resolved that there was no necessity for the Bill, and a petition was drawn up in opposition to it.

FEBRUARY.

1.—Norwich Theatre opened for the season with the production of "The Lady of Lyons," in which the part of Claude Melnotte was played by Mr. G. V. Brooke. "When we see the huge amphitheatre which is now in rapid progress towards completion on the Castle Meadow, under the sanction of the constituted authorities, for the reception of another batch of horse riders so soon after the visit of Ducrow's troupe, and just at the very moment the players are come, we are constrained to observe that the jewel of fair play does not appear likely to be awarded as it ought to be to a class of her Majesty's servants." On February 4th Mr. J. Russell, of Drury Lane and Covent Garden, appeared in the parts of Dominique ("The Deserter") and Pat Murphy ("The Happy Man"). Before the end of the season it was announced that Mr. G. V. Brooke had been added to the permanent strength of the Norwich Company.

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2.—A remarkable case of somnolence was reported at Norwich. John Browne, master of the Yarmouth Bridge public-house, Red Lion Street, who died on this day, aged 39, and was reputed to be the heaviest man in the city, had been constantly afflicted with sleepiness. "He weighed at the time of his death nearly 27 st., and had generally slept away his time. He kept awake only a few minutes at a time, and even in conversation fell asleep. Browne was several years turnkey at the City Gaol, and was then by no means a man of over size, but he had been increasing in bulk for several years, notwithstanding the rigid temperance which he observed, living entirely upon dry toast and tea. His coffin was 3 ft. across, 6 ft. long, and 1 ft. 9 in. in height."

10.—The marriage of her Majesty the Queen was celebrated in Norwich. The Mayor and members of the Corporation, wearing white favours, attended service at the Cathedral, where the sermon was preached by the Rev. Prebendary Wodehouse. After service the quarterly meeting of the Town Council was held at the Guildhall, when congratulatory addresses to her Majesty and Prince Albert were adopted. At one o'clock the 9th Lancers, under the command of Capt. Arthur Williams, entered the Market Place and fired a *feu de joie* with their pistols; "the trumpeters played 'God save the Queen,' and the soldiers gave three hearty cheers, flourishing their sabres in the air." Luncheon was afterwards served in the Council Chamber, "the principal object on the table being a large wedding-cake, lavishly decorated." At five o'clock one hundred gentlemen dined at the Swan Inn, under the presidency of the Mayor. At night there was a firework display in the Market Place. On the staging at the north-east angle of the Market Place the fireworks were prematurely exploded; a rocket was driven through the shutters of a shop on the Walk, and another entered the second storey window of a house in London Street. A man was severely wounded in the face, and others were also injured. A ball took place at the Assembly Room, "and in conformity with the wishes of the committee of the Council, the pit and gallery of the Theatre were thrown open gratis." The pieces performed were "The Wedding Day" and "The Illustrious Stranger," followed by the pantomime, "The House that Jack Built." There were many parochial celebrations. At Yarmouth the vessels in the harbour were decorated with flags, the Revenue cutter in the Roads fired a royal salute, and a public dinner was held at the Town Hall. At a county meeting held at the Shirehall, Norwich, on March 21st, at which Mr. Henry Villebois,

High Sheriff, presided, congratulatory addresses were ordered to be sent to her Majesty and Prince Albert.

12.—At the Norfolk and Norwich Museum, Mr. William Stark delivered a lecture on “The functions of the brain phrenologically considered.” It was really a defence of the theory of phrenology, and gave rise to much adverse comment.

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15.—Died, aged 31, Mr. George Stannard, younger brother of Mr. A Stannard, the Norwich artist. The deceased was described as “an artist of superior talents.”

19.—Died, in his 108th year, Richard Pattle, of Rudham. “He was a poor but honest man, and had through life earned his bread by the sweat of his brow, and was so respected by his neighbours that they some time ago employed an artist to take his likeness, from which a print was published, and is now in possession of most of the neighbouring gentry and farmers.”

27.—A fire occurred on the newly-erected premises of Mr. Thorrold, engineer and ironfounder, near Foundry Bridge, Norwich, “and totally consumed all but the bare walls.”

MARCH.

2.—Batty’s Royal Circus commenced a season in “the most elegant, spacious, and substantial building ever erected in Norwich.” Its site was on the Castle Meadow. One of the principal productions of the season was the spectacle, “The Council of Clermont,” in which trained lions and leopards were introduced.

7.—At a meeting of the owners and occupiers of land in the Hundred of Henstead, held at the Bell Inn, Orford Hill, Norwich, under the presidency of Mr. Robert Fellowes, it was determined to present a petition to Parliament against any alteration in the Corn Laws. The question was discussed at a meeting of the Norwich Town Council on March 24th, on a motion by Mr. Marshall that a petition be presented to Parliament “to repeal the present laws affecting the importation of foreign corn, and to substitute such a duty as shall secure to the agriculturists of the country present protection, with the prospect of a progressive diminution of that duty as well as of others which form our commercial code.” The motion was negatived. Mr. Bell, of the “Farmers’ Journal,” delivered a lecture in Norwich Corn Hall at the close of the market on March 28th, and argued that the theory of Free Trade was false in the principle on which it professed to be founded. On the 11th a public discussion took place at St. Andrew’s Hall between Mr. Bell and Mr. Ackland, one of the lecturers of the Manchester Anti-Corn Law League. Many meetings were held, for and against repeal, in different parts of the county.

—*“Died, lately, Mr. Robin Wade, of Ditchingham, aged 102.”

—*“Mr. William Bagge, M.P. for West Norfolk, has lately purchased Col. Say’s estate at Crimplasham, for £35,000, including the timber.”

14.—At the Norfolk Sheriff’s Court at Norwich, a jury was empanelled to assess damages in a case of *crim. con.*, in which the plaintiff was Mr. Edward William Trafford, and the defendant Mr. Ellis, a lieutenant in the 9th Royal Lancers stationed at Norwich in 1839. The Attorney-General (Sir John Campbell) was one of the counsel for the plaintiff, Mr. Thesiger was leading counsel for defendant, and Mrs. Opie was a witness in the case. Mr. N. Palmer, barrister, was deputed by the High Sheriff to preside. The damages were laid at £5,000, and the special jury, composed of county gentlemen, assessed them at £500. On August 4th the Royal assent was given to Mr. and Mrs. Trafford’s Divorce Bill.

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20.—At a meeting of the county magistrates, held at the Shirehall, Norwich, Mr. Henry Champion Partridge and Mr. Isaac Jermy, Recorder of Norwich, were elected Chairmen of the Norfolk Quarter Sessions.

29.—Died in St. Giles’ Street, Norwich, aged 47, Mr. Christopher Edwards, formerly a solicitor. “The deceased was better known by the appellation Cutty Edwards, and was possessed of considerable talent and natural wit. No man experienced more the vicissitudes of fortune. He once had a comfortable property, but latterly felt the bitter pangs of want.”

30.—Norman’s School, erected in the parish of St. Paul, Norwich, by the trustees of Alderman Norman, who died May 10th, 1724, “he bequeathing his property upon trust for ever for the purpose of boarding, clothing, and educating the sons of his own and his first wife’s relations,” was opened. The “claimants,” with their children, marched in procession from Chapel Field to the bowling-green of the New Inn, St. Augustine’s Gates, where the boys were regaled with buns. A party numbering 500 was entertained to tea in the school-room, when Mr. Samuel Daynes proposed “The Memory of Alderman Norman.” On July 28th the “claimants” presented a silver cup to Mr. Daynes, “as a memorial of their esteem for his indefatigable exertions in obtaining and establishing the claims of those who could prove descent from their munificent benefactor.”

31.—The Judges of Assize, Sir James Parke and the Hon. Sir Edward Hall Alderson, arrived at Norwich. Their lodgings on this occasion were at St. Catherine’s Hill.

APRIL.

1.—A match against time took place on Swaffham Racecourse. “Mr. B. Land’s celebrated chestnut mare Lady Jane was backed to do 20 miles in an hour for 100 guineas.” Odds of 5 to 4

were laid against the mare, "but she accomplished the task with the greatest ease, having one minute and a half to spare, and trotted in the last few yards."

6.—A meeting of the freemen of Norwich was held at St. Andrew's Hall, for the purpose of petitioning Parliament "to repeal so much of the Municipal Reform Act as debars freemen of the right to be enrolled as burgesses under the same, and to confer on the freemen and burgesses of all cities, boroughs, and towns corporate within the operation of the Act the right to vote at all municipal elections." Mr. John Culley presided, in the absence of the Mayor, and the petition was adopted. On May 4th the freemen went in procession with a band of music and numerous flags and banners, from the Pope's Head to the Greyhound Inn, Surrey Street, where, through Col. Harvey, they presented the petition to the Marquis of Douro, M.P., who promised to support it in the House of Commons. The petition to the House of Lords was presented by Lord Mansfield, formerly Lord Stormont, one of the members for Norwich.

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17.—Died in St. George Colegate, Norwich, aged 41, Emily, eldest daughter of John Crome, founder of the Norwich Society of Artists. "In her pictures of fish, fruit, and flowers it may be justly said that no one has represented these objects with greater fidelity to nature, combined with a tasteful and picturesque manner of grouping them."

18.*—"Children who are sickly are taken to a woman living in St. Lawrence, Norwich, for the purpose of being cut for a supposed disease called the spinnage. The infants are on a Monday morning taken to this woman's, who, for threepence, with a pair of scissors cuts through the lobe of the right ear, then makes a cross with the blood upon the forehead and breast of the child. On the following Monday the same barbarous and superstitious ceremony is performed upon the left ear, and on the succeeding Monday the right ear is again condemned to undergo the same ceremony, and in some cases it is deemed necessary to perform the ridiculous operation nine times."

MAY.

2.*—"Married lately at St. Peter's, in London, by the Rev. Thomas Grose, George Henry Borrow, Esq., for many years a resident in Spain, and a native of Norwich, and only surviving son of the late Captain Borrow, to Mrs. Mary Clarke, of Oulton Cottage, in Suffolk."

3.—Died at Bath, Mr. Thomas Manning, of Orange Grove, Dartford, and formerly of Diss. "An eminent linguist, he accompanied Lord Amherst's embassy to China, and was considered the best Siamese scholar in Europe, Dr. Morrison and Mr. St. Julien being his only rivals. He was able to speak fluently fifteen languages, and maintained a correspondence with the *literati* of the world. For months he resided at H'lassa, in the kingdom of Thibet, and was the only Englishman who had ever penetrated to the metropolis of the Lama. There he spoke during his sojourn only Latin, and on his departure received the benediction of the Lama."

6.—Died, aged 76, Mr. James Sillett, of King Street, Norwich. "As an artist he stood unrivalled in his minute and accurate delineations of fish, fruit, and flowers. From 1781 to 1790 he studied from the figure at the Royal Academy, under Professors Reynolds, Barry, and others, whose lectures he also attended. He began to exhibit at Somerset House in 1796, which he continued at intervals for upwards of 30 years, part of which time he practised as a miniature painter with great success. He afterwards settled in his native city, and gained pre-eminence in his skilful and faithful delineations in oil and water colours. In later days he undertook architectural subjects. In 1815 he was President of the Norwich Artists' Society, of which he was one of the original members, but, in consequence of disputes arising, he and two other of the original members quitted it. He continued annually to exhibit, although he never afterwards joined the society, which, from want of encouragement, gradually dissolved in a few years."

7.—A public meeting was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, "to take into consideration the propriety of petitioning Parliament to afford to every part of the United Kingdom the advantage now enjoyed by the Metropolis of not having any post delivery on the Sabbath day."

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9.*—"Married lately at Catfield, by the Rev. J. Prowett, Mr. John Curtiss, aged 85, to Miss Rogers, an agreeable young lady. The morning was ushered in with the ringing of bells and firing of guns. A large barge was prepared for the accommodation of the company to row on the lake in front of his mansion. In the evening an excellent band of music tended to the great amusement of hundreds who assembled on the cheerful occasion, when all the younger ones joined in the rustic dance, which was kept up till a late hour, after which there was a grand display of fireworks."

13.—Matthew Rackham, over seventy years of age, started from Norwich at four o'clock in the morning and walked to Yarmouth, where he arrived at nine o'clock, and returned to Norwich by six o'clock in the evening, "without experiencing any fatigue, although he had to contend with an adverse wind accompanied with rain during the whole of his journey out."

18.—Mr. G. V. Brooke took his benefit at Norwich Theatre as Hotspur in "King Henry the Fourth" (Part 1). "The degree of estimation in which this young actor is held was displayed in a general call for him at the end of the piece, a proceeding which is frequently resorted to in London, but which we are not aware of having seen occur here before."

22.—The remaining troop of the 9th Royal Lancers marched from Norwich Barracks, under the command of Capt. Whalley. Two troops and the headquarters of the 8th Royal Irish Hussars, commanded by Col. the Hon. G. B. Molyneux, took over the Barracks on June 5th.

25.—The Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry, commanded by Major Loftus, commenced permanent duty at Cromer. The regiment consisted of three troops, namely, the Rainham Troop (Capt. H. B. Caldwell); the Hingham Troop (Capt. Ferdinand Ives); and the Holt Troop (Capt. John Mott). "The uniform and appointments assimilate closely in cut and other details with those of her Majesty's regiments of Dragoon Guards."

JUNE.

1.—Died at Thetford, aged 63, Mr. Thomas Withers Gill, an alderman of the borough, who had twice served the office of Mayor.

—The publication commenced in bi-monthly shilling parts of "The Eastern Arboretum: a new Botanical Work on the Trees of Norfolk," by James Grigor; illustrated by T. Ninham. London: Longman and Co.; Norwich: John Stacy, Old Haymarket.

4.—A public meeting, presided over by the Dean, was held in Norwich, "to receive a report on the city National Schools, established in the year 1708, and to consider the best means of advancing the benevolent objects of these most ancient charitable institutions." Resolutions were passed pledging the meeting to support the schools, "which were the first and for a long time the sole means of educating the children of the poor, and also the cause of similar institutions in later years."

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5.—The tender of the Rev. Mr. Kent, of East Winch, for the purchase of the patronage of St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmund's, at 3,000 guineas, was opened and accepted by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

9.—Mr. W. M. Warcup, surgeon, of East Dereham, was presented with a piece of plate by the inhabitants of Swanton Morley, "in testimony of their respect for his skilful and successful treatment of the poor of that parish during fourteen months when typhus fever of a very malignant character extended itself into the family of almost every poor person in the village."

—The question of the practicability of paving Guildhall Hill, Norwich, with wood, "in order to prevent the noise and interruption from carriages passing up and down the hill during the holding of Quarter Sessions, Assizes, and magistrates' sittings," was introduced by the Mayor (Capt. Money) and referred to a Committee of the Paving Commissioners, who, on October 13th, reported that "a wood pavement was not suitable for declivities." A macadamised road was thereupon ordered to be made.

13.*—"We regret to find some of the finest parts of the antient church of Yarmouth are doomed to destruction. Handbills inviting tenders for the work have for some time been in circulation. The principal object of demolition is the splendid east window of the south isle, one of the most elaborate examples of a highly-enriched style of architecture in the county. This capacious building has long been suffering from the effects of mutilations which every admirer of our antient ecclesiastical architecture must lament. The modern and ghastly eastern windows of the north isle and chancel are deformities which would disgrace a dilapidated church of the meanest village."

15.—Mr. Farren, of Covent Garden, and Mr. J. Vining, of the same theatre, formerly a favourite actor in the Norwich Company, commenced a short engagement at Norwich Theatre. The plays in which they appeared included "The Clandestine Marriage," "The Day after the Wedding," "The School for Scandal," &c.

—A public meeting, convened by the Mayor, was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, "for the purpose of congratulating her Most Gracious Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert on their late most happy escape from the atrocious attempt at assassination." The address was moved by Col. Harvey, and seconded by Dr. Wright. The notorious Chartist, Dover, moved a direct negative, which the Mayor refused to accept. The address was then adopted. An address was also agreed to by the Town Council on the 15th, and on the 21st the Mayor and Corporation attended the thanksgiving service at the Cathedral. Addresses were adopted by the Corporations of Yarmouth and Lynn, by the clergy of the diocese, and by various public bodies in the city and county, and a special form of prayer was used at all the churches. A county meeting took place at the Shirehall, Norwich, on June 27th, at which congratulatory addresses to the Queen, the Prince Consort, and the Duchess of Kent were adopted. Dover and a party of Norwich Chartists occupied the gallery and created much disturbance.

16.—John Mountjoy, the pedestrian, commenced a series of remarkable feats at Norwich. At Ranelagh Gardens he performed the task of taking up with his mouth, without touching the ground with his knees, 100 eggs placed a yard apart and dropping them into a bucket of water without breaking them, and leaping over 50 hurdles 4 ft. high placed ten yards apart, making a distance of 6½ miles. He undertook to do this in one hour, and accomplished it in 58 minutes 56 seconds. On June 22nd he began his walk from the Shirehall Tavern, Castle Ditches, to Symonds' Gardens, Yarmouth, and back twice a day for six successive days, a distance of 76 miles. He finished the undertaking on Saturday, June 27th. After he had crossed Foundry Bridge on his last return journey he was followed by a tremendous crowd, who bore the toll collectors before them and made a free passage. The only remuneration Mountjoy received for his self-imposed task were the contributions prompted by the generosity of the public. On July 13th, at Ranelagh Gardens, he ran a mile, walked backwards a mile, ran a wheelbarrow half a mile, rumbled a hoop a mile, hopped 200 yards, picked up with his mouth 40 hazel nuts placed a yard apart without

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putting his knees to the ground, and jumped over 30 hurdles ten yards apart within five minutes of the time stipulated, one hour. On August 31st he started to walk to London and back, by way of Cambridge, in 48 hours. Leaving Ranelagh Gardens at four o'clock in the morning, he reached Wymondham at 5.5 and Thetford at 9.20, Barton Mills before 11, and Newmarket at 12.45. After leaving Newmarket, he incautiously drank some cold water, which had such an effect upon him that he lay for an hour and a quarter outside the Swan Inn at Bottisham. Having somewhat recovered, he resumed his walk and reached Cambridge a little before five o'clock, and Melbourne at nine, where he was again taken ill and obliged to lie down for an hour. He then struggled on to Royston, where "he was obliged to lie down under a hedge, with none but strangers around him." On reaching Buntingford he was advised to give in, but he pursued his course to within a mile of Ware, when he was obliged to relinquish the undertaking. Mountjoy, on September 10th, jumped 144 hurdles and ran twelve times round the racecourse on Mousehold Heath in 1 min. 4 sees, under the hour (distance not stated); and on September 13th walked 20 miles backwards and 20 forwards on the Catton Road, starting at 9 a.m. and finishing at 7.4 p.m.

18.—Died at Coltishall, aged 62, Mr. Thomas Stallard Webb, historical engraver to the Queen. "For the long term of 38 years this eminent artist most assiduously devoted his great talents, in conjunction with the late Thomas Holloway and Richard Slann, who survives, exclusively to the engraving of the celebrated cartoons of Raphael from the original paintings in the possession of her Majesty, the last plate of which series was completed only a few weeks before his death. This splendid work will carry down his name to posterity amongst the first artists of the age."

23.—The foundation-stone of Christ church, New Catton, was laid by the Hon. and Very Rev. Dean Pellew, after a special service at the mother church of St. Clement, at which the sermon was preached by the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Pelham, rector of Bergh Apton. The architect was Mr. Brown, the contractors Messrs. Wright and Cattermoul and Messrs. Watson and Neale, the site was given by Mr. S. D. Page, and the entire cost of the work was £2,400. "More than 300 years have elapsed since a parish church has been raised in this city. Of the 36 churches, St. Andrew's is the last that was erected, or rather rebuilt, about the year 1500, on the site of an ancient church."

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JULY.

1.—On the opening of the Eastern Counties Railway from Shoreditch to Brentwood, the London coaches from Norwich, Yarmouth, and other places in Norfolk and Suffolk there transferred their passengers and mails to the trains in communication with the Metropolis.

4.*—"The very antient *lectorium* or reading-desk which has for many years lain neglected in Norwich Cathedral has, by order of the Hon. the Very Rev. the Dean, recently been restored, and is now placed in the choir. It was originally adorned with figures, which, in the time of the usurpation, were destroyed or mutilated. These figures have been replaced by others cast in brass and elaborately chased by Mr. John Herbert, from models furnished by Mr. Ollett."

9.—Died in St. Stephen's, Norwich, aged 81, Mr. John Stafford, "a man well known in the sporting world, having been many years a noted cock-feeder."

18.*—[Advt.] "The public are respectfully informed that the Angel Inn, Market Place, Norwich, having been recently disposed of, is now refurnishing and fitting up with every convenience for the reception of families and commercial gentlemen, and will in future be known as the Royal Hotel."

23.—In recording the anniversary of an Oddfellows' Lodge at Lynn on this date, the NORFOLK CHRONICLE stated: "The name 'Oddfellows,' by which the Order is distinguished, scarcely does justice to the institution, as corresponding with its importance and its noble and generous principles. To those who are unacquainted with the real merits of the society, there is a sort of peculiarity in the title of 'Oddfellows' which may seem to imply something of buffoonery united with thoughtless revelling."

30.—Died, aged 50, Mr. B. Harrison, many years a popular actor on the Norwich stage.

31.—Married, Mr. Charles Fisher, of the Norfolk and Suffolk Company of Comedians, to Miss Richardson, only daughter of Richard Richardson, gent., of Swafield, North Walsham.

—The non-commissioned officers and men of the East Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry presented to Major Charles Loftus a silver candelabrum, in "testimony of the sincere regard and admiration which they bear towards him both as their commanding officer and as a private gentleman." The presentation was made by Lord James Townshend, at a dinner given at the King's Arms Inn, East Dereham, under the presidency of Quarter-Master Wood.

AUGUST.

1.—Sir John Patteson and Sir Edward Hall Alderson, the Judges of Assize, arrived at Norwich.

3.—Mr. Yates, Mr. and Mrs. Keeley, and Mr. Paul Bedford commenced a six nights' engagement at Norwich Theatre for the Assize week, in the new drama, "Jack Shephard." Mrs. Keeley appeared in the title *rôle*, Mr. Yates as Abram Monday, and Mr. Bedford as Joe Blueskin. Mrs. Keeley (*née* Goward) was formerly a member of the Norwich Company. On the 10th Miss Ellen Tree and Mr. George Bennett, of Covent Garden and Drury Lane, appeared in Sheridan Knowles'

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play, "Love." Mr. Bennett was the son of an old actor on the Norwich stage, and of Miss Tree it was said: "She is indeed one of Nature's *noblesse*, an histrionic genius of the first order, an ornament to her arduous, anxious, and ill-requited profession."

—At the Norfolk Assizes, before Mr. Justice Patteson, John Randalsome, aged 40, was indicted for the murder of his wife, at Thwaite, on June 19th. A singular feature of the case was that none of the murdered woman's relatives were aware that she was married to the prisoner. Randalsome had formed an illicit acquaintance with a girl named Punchard, and desired to be rid of his wife. Having enticed her from the house of her father, with whom she resided, he wounded her severely about the head and face with a hedge stake, and threw her into a pond. The medical evidence proved that death resulted from drowning. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the prisoner was executed on the Castle Hill, Norwich, on August 22nd.

—The new Amphitheatre and Royal Albert Saloon, Ranelagh Gardens, St. Stephen's Gates, Norwich, was opened. "The building is after a new design, constructed with great solidity, and on a considerably increased scale of dimensions. The circle is about 150 feet in circumference, lighted up with a splendid chandelier of 20 gas burners, suspended from the centre of the cone, which is glazed from the top downwards about 15 ft. Round the spacious arena rise lower and upper tiers of boxes splendidly fitted up. The entrance to the circle and boxes is through a lofty and well-proportioned saloon, about 70 ft. long and 30 ft. wide. The façade of the building presents above the principal entrance an open portico of three arches looking into the gardens; and there is an exactly similar arcade opening internally towards the theatre." A portion of the building here described is now the Victoria Station of the Great Eastern Railway.

SEPTEMBER.

2.—At the King's Head Inn, Diss, the brewery, public-houses, mansion, farm, and other property of Mr. Robert Sheriffe, of Diss, were sold by auction by Mr. W. W. Simpson, of London. The brewery and public-houses were purchased by Mr. Samuel Farrow, and the amount realised by the three days' sale was £50,000. "The great increase in the value of country public-houses apparent from the enormous prices which have lately been realised for this description of property leads us to believe that the shock which the trade suffered on the passing of the Beer Bill some years since has been entirely recovered, and that country public-houses are now even of greater value than they were antecedent to the passing of that measure."

9.—The two days' annual race meeting commenced on the Mousehold course, Norwich.

10.—A "great ringing festival" took place at Heydon, to celebrate the opening of the new peal of bells put up by Thomas and Joshua Hurry, of Norwich. Prizes were competed for by the ringers, and a "farmers' ball" concluded the festivities.

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12.—On this date was reported the discovery of the remains of Sir Thomas Browne, in the church of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. "The bones of the skeleton were found to be in good preservation, particularly those of the skull. The brain was considerable in quantity, but changed to a state of adipocere resembling ointment of a dark brown hue. The hair and the beard remained profuse and perfect, though the flesh of the face as well as of every other part was totally gone. With respect to the formation of the head, we are informed that the forehead was remarkably low, but the back of the cranium exhibited an unusual degree of depth and capaciousness. Sir Thomas Browne died on October 12th, 1682."

14.—Died at Honing, Thomas Holt, aged 105.

21.—M. Liszt, the celebrated pianist, performed at two grand concerts at Norwich, in the morning at the Assembly Rooms, and in the evening at the Theatre. The other artistes were Mr. Mori, Mdlle. de Varny, Miss Louisa Bassano, and Mr. J. Parry.

22.—Under the management of Messrs. Hewlett and Trory, a morning concert was given at the Assembly Rooms, and an evening concert at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, at which the performers were Madame Persiani, Signor Negri, Signor Rubini, and Signor Puzzi. "In two consecutive days we have had four concerts and heard four of the greatest performers of the present day—Persiani, Puzzi, Rubini, and Liszt."

24.—From a meadow near Bishop Bridge, Norwich, Mr. Charles Green ascended in the Nassau balloon, accompanied by Mr. R. Crawshay and his sons, Messrs. F. and E. Crawshay, Mr. Nicholas Bacon, Mr. Shalders, and Mr. Andrews. The balloon rose at four o'clock, and descended at five o'clock, at Metton, near Felbrigg.

OCTOBER.

1.—Died at his residence in the Lower Close, Norwich, aged 90, Syllas Neville, M.D. "Of this venerable gentleman, for a great many years an inhabitant of this city, living as he did in a state of perfect seclusion, there is little to record beyond the fact of his having been born in London and having taken his doctor's degree at Edinburgh, in 1775. His inaugural essay, 'De Prognosi in Febribus,' delivered on the occasion, is in print, and bears testimony to his acquirements both as a classic and as a pathologist. During many years and to the last moments of his existence, Dr. Neville was chiefly indebted to the kindness of friends around him for the means of subsistence."

5.—George Edward Seales, known as a common informer, procured the conviction of a coach proprietor, at the Norwich Police Court, for carrying more than the regulation number of

passengers. Seales, on leaving the Guildhall, was violently assaulted by the mob, and was escorted to his home by twenty police-officers.

6.—Col. Petre, of Westwick, presided at a meeting at the Assembly Rooms, Norwich, at which was formed, for the prevention of cruelty to animals, a society known as "The Animals' Friend Society."

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—The Countess of Leicester sustained a compound fracture of the leg by a fall from her horse whilst riding in Holkham Park.

16.—A brace of trout was taken in an eel net at the New Mills, Norwich. The female weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz., and was 23½ inches in length; the male was 4 lbs. 12 oz. in weight, and 23 inches in length.

NOVEMBER.

2.—On Mr. T. R. Buckworth's estate at Cockley Cley, near Swaffham, "a party of several gentlemen killed the extraordinary number of 630 head of game, consisting of 331 pheasants, 15 partridges, 176 hares, and 108 rabbits."

5.—Gaslight was used for the first time at Harleston; to celebrate the event a public dinner was held at the Magpie Inn.

6.—A public meeting was held at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, presided over by Mr. John Joseph Gurney, at which an auxiliary of the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society, for the purpose of abolishing slavery throughout the world, was formed. Mr. Henry B. Stanton, secretary of the New York Anti-Slavery Society, was the principal speaker.

9.—Mr. Edward Willett was elected Mayor, and Mr. Richard Coaks appointed Sheriff, of Norwich.

—Died at his residence, St. Margaret's Place, Lynn, aged 63, Mr. John Prescott Blencowe, who had several times served the office of Mayor of that borough.

10.—The Norwich Polytechnic Exhibition was opened in the premises known as the Royal Bazaar, St. Andrew's. The exhibition consisted of scientific objects, paintings, drawings, machinery, &c. Professor Partington delivered a course of lectures on arts and manufactures.

18.—A county meeting was held at St. Andrew's Hall, in furtherance of the movement for suppressing the slave trade in Africa. The High Sheriff (Mr. H. Villebois) presided. The Chartists attended in force, and "gave groans for the Whigs of Norwich, for Mr. J. J. Gurney, the Bishop of Norwich, and Sir T. Fowell Buxton." The ringleader, Dover, moved a resolution affirming that the meeting "views with deep regret the many proofs of despotic slavery now increasing at home, and it therefore pledges itself to use all its exertions to put a final stop to slavery wherever it is found to exist." This was negatived, amid great uproar, and the resolutions drafted by the promoters of the meeting adopted.

22.—Intelligence was received in Norwich of the birth of a Princess (Princess Royal). The bells of St. Peter Mancroft were rung, and next day (Monday) there were further demonstrations of joy. On December 2nd a special meeting of the Norwich Court of Guardians was held, "to drink the health of the Queen and the Princess Royal"; and on the same day the Bishop, in celebration of the birth, entertained the inmates of the Workhouse. The Town Council, on the 10th, adopted a loyal and dutiful address of congratulation.

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22.—A severe gale occurred on the Norfolk coast, and resulted in the loss of several lives. Ships were driven ashore at Cromer.

DECEMBER.

14.—A young man named William Bunting appeared before the Norwich magistrates, charged with using threatening language to Mr. R. N. Bacon, of the "Norwich Mercury." The defendant, a groom in the service of Capt. Ives, rode a horse named Newman Nogs at Long Stratton steeplechases on December 9th. The animal was injured, and had to be destroyed. The complainant, in his report in the "Mercury," insinuated that the rider "had too much nog in his head"; and Bunting, taking offence, called at the office, and threatened to horsewhip Mr. Bacon. It was alleged that, during the interview, Capt. Ives rode backwards and forwards in front of the office. Defendant was ordered to find sureties, and keep the peace.

26.—Navigation between Norwich and Yarmouth was obstructed by the frozen state of the river.

28.—A cricket match was played on the ice on Scoulton Mere, between two selected elevens from the parish of Hingham. "Mr. W. Waller's side went in first, and after some fine play, and still finer falls, were out for 66 runs. Mr. W. Roberts' side then took the bat, and scored 170 runs in the most slashing style, hitting the ball quite off the ice in all directions. Some of the players wore skaits, and others their stump shoes, &c., to prevent falling."

30.—At a meeting held at the East India and Colonial Rooms, Pall Mall, under the presidency of Mr. W. L. W. Chute, M.P., the Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridge Railway Company was formed, for the purpose of constructing a line to proceed from Yarmouth to Bishop's Stortford, by way of Norwich, Wymondham, Attleborough, Thetford, Newmarket and Cambridge. The principal promoter was Mr. J. W. Rastrick, and the adoption of the scheme was agreed to on the motion of

the Marquis of Douro, seconded by Mr. Samuel Bignold. The estimated cost of the line was two millions, and of locomotives and carriages, £200,000.

31.—The weather “was warmer and more brilliant than the last days of May are sometimes found to be.” In the previous week the thermometer stood at eleven degrees below freezing point.

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JANUARY.

3.—A severe gale, with thunder, lightning, and hailstorms, occurred.

4.—A correspondent writing to the *NORFOLK CHRONICLE* on this date announced the discovery, in the old Library Room at St. Andrew’s Hall, Norwich, of an antique chest containing the remains of a valuable collection of Roman and English coins. John Kirkpatrick, in his will, dated July, 1727, made the following bequest: “I give to the Mayor, Sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of Norwich all my ancient MSS. and all my medals and antient coins of silver and brass, to be deposited in the library of the new Hall” (the Guildhall). The coins found at St. Andrew’s Hall formed the remnant of that collection.

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7.—The thermometer fell to zero at Norwich. The cold was so intense that fowls under cover were frozen to death. Great distress prevailed, and meetings were held at Norwich, Yarmouth, and Lynn, to adopt measures for the relief of the poor.

9.—Died in the Cathedral Precincts, Norwich, in his 77th year, the Rev. Peter Hansell, one of the Minor Canons of the Cathedral, an office which he had held for upwards of fifty-four years. For more than half a century he was minister of St. John de Sepulchre. His remains were interred, on the 15th, in the south transept of the Cathedral.

—Died, aged 52, Samuel Thurston, for more than 30 years a ringer at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. “As a practical ringer and theorist combined, the art has lost one of its brightest ornaments. The date tablets erected in different parishes throughout the city and county record his fame as a ringer.”

16.—All the marshes and low-lying lands in the vicinity of Norwich were flooded upon the breaking up of the frost. Owing to the heavy state of the roads, the mail and stage coaches were delayed several hours beyond their usual time. The weather was remarkably warm and brilliant in the last week of the month.

FEBRUARY.

3.—Wintry weather set in with increased severity, the rivers were icebound, and navigation was completely stopped at Lynn.

—The Mayor of Norwich (Mr. Ed. Willett) entertained a large party at the Royal Hotel, in celebration of the christening of the Princess Royal. “Four swans formed a conspicuous figure in the second course, and the ancient and costly Corporation plate was brought into requisition on this occasion. Previous to the removal of the cloth the beautiful antique massive gilt dishes were passed round with rose water in them.” In the evening a ball was held at the Assembly Rooms.

8.—Miss Ellen Tree commenced a six nights’ engagement at Norwich Theatre. Her impersonations included Julia (“The Hunchback”), Letitia Hardy, Mrs. Haller, Constance (“The Love Chase”), Juliana (“The Honeymoon”), and Pauline.

12.—Died, at East Dereham, in her 101st year, Mrs. Carter, widow of the Rev. John Carter, formerly minister of the Independent chapel, Mattishall.

—Died, Sir Astley Paston Cooper, Bart., aged 78 years.

27.—Died at Scarning, aged 67, the Rev. L. Walton, perpetual curate of Wendling and Longham, and many years master of the Free Grammar School, Scarning.

MARCH.

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5.—The Norwich Philharmonic Society, established on the dissolution of the Hall Concert, gave its first concert.

22.—The Mayor of Yarmouth (Mr. S. Palmer), “assisted by the lodge of Free and Accepted Masons,” laid the first stone of the Victoria Hotel at Yarmouth. “Corn, wine, and oil, emblems of plenty, were offered and poured upon the stone.” The hotel, and adjoining houses known as Kimberley Terrace, were erected by the Victoria Building Company, “for the reception of families of the highest distinction.”

APRIL.

5.—At the Norfolk Assizes, before Mr. Justice Bosanquet, Charlotte Yaxley, *alias* Middleton, aged 22, was indicted for the murder of Lavinia Kerrison, the thirteen months old illegitimate child of her husband, by drowning it in a duck-pond at Yarmouth, on March 23rd. She was found guilty, and sentenced to transportation for life.

10.—Intelligence was received at Norwich of the massacre, by Malay pirates, in the Straits of Timor, of the crew of the Pilot Southseaman in June, 1840. The captain, first officer (Mr. Gidney, brother of Mr. J. W. Gidney, of East Dereham), and twenty-five seamen fell victims whilst gallantly defending the ship.

13.—Died, aged 85, John Rayson, of Pulham. "For nearly half a century he had been deprived of the use of his legs, but this did not prevent his travelling daily between Pulham and Harleston as postman or letter carrier, for 47 years."

17.—A new "local drama," entitled, "Rose Maynard, the Factory Girl of Norwich," was produced for the first time at Norwich Theatre. "The piece is of home manufacture, but we cannot compliment the *weaver* of this dramatic *warp* and *woof* of his judgment in laying such a *fabric* before an audience in Norwich." The scenery, by Thorne, included views of St. Saviour's church, the Palace Gate, St. Martin-at-Palace Plain, and Whitefriars' Bridge.

27.—Died at South Walsham, aged 75, Mr. Henry Codling. "Unassisted by the aid of any tutor, he acquired no mean degree of mathematical knowledge. He understood the doctrine of fluxions, and delighted in his favourite author, Maclaurin. He was a constant annual correspondent with the 'Ladies' Diary,' to within a few years of the close of his life, and received prizes for the solution of the most knotty questions contained therein."

28.—The headquarters of the 8th Royal Irish Hussars marched from Norwich for Manchester, and on the same day two troops of the 7th Dragoon Guards marched in, under the command of Major Bolton.

—Died at Chigwell Row, Mr. Luke Greaves Hansard, aged 61. "He was printer to the House of Commons, and eldest son of Luke Hansard, a native of Norfolk."

MAY.

5.—The Bishop of Norwich confirmed 500 persons at Diss. His lordship, in the course of this visitation, confirmed 10,464 young persons.

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11.—Mr. Carter, "the celebrated African Lion King," appeared at Norwich Theatre "with his troupe of acting animals, consisting of lions, tigers, leopards, and panthers, in a new drama, entitled, 'The Lion of the Desert.'" Mr. Carter took the part of "Abdallah, a dumb Arab." "It requires no little nerve on the part of the actors and actresses to play to such rough customers, and much credit is due to the members of the Norwich Company who took a share in the performance."

17.—At Norwich, R. Coates, "the great London pedestrian," walked 50 miles in twelve hours; on the 18th ran 50 miles, on the 19th ran 40 miles backwards, on the 20th ran a pair of wheels 22 miles, rowed a boat 10 miles, jumped 300 flights of hurdles placed ten yards apart, and threw 100 somersaults. "All these events on the several days were performed in the space of twelve hours." At the Green Hill Gardens, Norwich, Coates undertook to walk, on June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, fifty miles in twelve hours each day, "half backwards and half forwards, and accomplished this extraordinary feat the last day with ten minutes to spare." At the same gardens, on June 30th, he commenced walking 1,000 half miles in 1,000 successive hours. "He has to walk a half mile every succeeding half hour day and night, but he has the privilege of walking two half miles together, the last and first part of the hour." Coates was credited with the due accomplishment of the feat. On August 10th a man named Charles Thurlow began a walk of 1,000 miles in 1,000 hours at Richmond Hill Gardens, Norwich, and completed what was said to have been a genuine performance on September 21st. Another pedestrian named Henry Raven, started to walk the same distance in the same time on the Lord Nelson ground, Lakenham, on September 29th, and completed his undertaking on November 10th.

—The Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry, under the command of Major Loftus, marched into Norwich, headed by their brass band, and on the following day proceeded to Yarmouth for a week's permanent duty.

18.—Sir Jacob Astley, of Melton Constable, Norfolk, and of Seaton Delaval, Northumberland, took his seat in the House of Peers as Baron Hastings. The termination of the long-pending abeyance of the Barony of Hastings in favour of Sir Jacob was celebrated with great festivities at Foulsham and Holt. "According to the date of his barony, the 18th of Edward I., 1290, next below Lord de Roos, Baron Hastings is the most ancient baron of the United Kingdom."

20.—Mr. G. V. Brooke commenced a six nights' engagement at Norwich Theatre.

JUNE.

2.—At a meeting held at the Assembly Rooms, East Dereham, under the presidency of Lord Sondes, it was agreed "that in consequence of the unprincipled attacks made upon the owners and cultivators of the soil by the employment of hired agitators to inflame the minds of the lower orders of society against them, it is expedient that some steps be adopted for the protection and defence of those interests." It was also decided to form an association which was known as the Central Norfolk Society for the Protection of Agriculture, and was affiliated to the British Agricultural Protection Association, an organization which worked in opposition to the Anti-Corn Law League.

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2.—A meeting was held at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, in pursuance of a requisition addressed to the Mayor, stating that "her Majesty's Ministers had been guilty of an act of gross and wanton injustice and spoliation in depriving the freemen of this and other cities and boroughs of their vested municipal rights; that by their unremitting endeavours to uphold and perpetuate in all their unmitigated harshness and severity the heartless and oppressive provisions of the new Poor Law they had evinced an utter disregard to the wants, feelings, and rights of the poor, and that their recent attempts to deprive the colonial and agricultural interests of the empire of a just protection under the specious and delusive pretext of supplying a deficiency in the revenue which their own mismanagement had occasioned, had rendered them wholly unworthy of the confidence of the country." Between two thousand and three thousand persons were present, and the greatest confusion prevailed, owing to the action of a large body of Chartists, led by the notorious John Dover. It was proposed that Col. Harvey should take the chair, but the Chartists elected one Matthew Smith, a working man. On the latter assuming the presidency of the meeting, Col. Harvey, Mr. Bignold, and other gentlemen left the hall. A number of resolutions of a revolutionary character were adopted, and Dover, at the conclusion of the meeting, congratulated his followers on the success of the gathering, remarking that "it had cost the Tories £20 for bills, and the Whigs £20 for bullies." The proceedings, which were of a very orderly character, concluded with three cheers for Fergus O'Connor. Meanwhile the gentlemen who had convened the original meeting adjourned to the Norfolk Hotel, where they passed a series of resolutions emphasising the statements contained in the requisition. During the whole of the proceedings the hotel was besieged by a riotous mob, several serious assaults were committed, and on the 3rd some of the rioters were charged before the magistrates.

9.—Litcham Races took place on this date. Among the other local meetings was that at East Dereham, on June 23rd, where the commencement of the sport was announced by the ringing of the church bells, and the cup was won by Mr. Column's c.g. Day Star. The trophy "weighed 41 oz., and contained by admeasurement eight pints of Howard's sparkling champaign, which the fortunate winner twice filled, and the company partook of it with true English feeling." The Yarmouth meeting took place on July 20th and 21st, the Norfolk and Norwich Races were held on Mousehold Heath, Norwich, on September 8th and 9th, and Swaffham Races on September 15th.

19.*—"For nearly the middle of June, so cold a season has never perhaps been experienced as during all last week. Fires and great coats were in general requisition, and coachmen and guards were to be seen muffled up as if we had been in the depth of winter."

28.—The Marquis of Douro and Mr. Benjamin Smith, the retiring members, were nominated for the representation of Norwich in Parliament. Dover, the Chartist, nominated a third candidate, Mr. William Eagle, of Lakenheath, Suffolk. "Conservatives and Whigs, in the show of hands, voted against Eagle, and the Sheriff declared the Marquis of Douro and Mr. Smith duly elected." Dover thereupon demanded a poll for Eagle, but was unable to deposit one-third of the expense (about £200). The proceedings were temporarily adjourned. "Dover then went out of the room, and, after the lapse of half an hour, *something* took place which our readers will guess by the result. When Dover came back there was no further demand for a poll—we believe Dover received £50 to withdraw the nomination." The rumour quickly spread among the Chartists that Dover had "sold" them. The mob waylaid him in Dove Lane, and he retreated to the Guildhall for protection. The windows of the room in which he was supposed to have taken refuge were demolished by the stones thrown by the mob, and the police who went out to quell the disturbance were assailed by volleys of brickbats and other missiles. The 7th Dragoon Guards were called out, the Mayor read the Riot Act, and in the excitement and confusion Dover left the Guildhall unnoticed. On the 29th the Chartists assembled in force and went to the King's Head, St. George's Colegate, where Dover lived with a woman named Charlotte Humphrey. They burst into the house and found him armed with his Chartist weapons, which were wrested from him; he was knocked down, brutally belaboured, and hurried to the river, and would have been thrown from the bridge had it not been for the piteous intercession of one of his children. The mob were moving towards the Market Place with their prisoner when he was rescued by the police. At the same time a detachment of dragoons, commanded by Cornet Crofts, with the Mayor at their head, rode up, a coach was procured, and Dover, having been placed inside, was conveyed, under military escort, to the City Gaol, where his serious injuries were attended to by the surgeon of the prison. On the 30th several persons appeared before the magistrates and were punished for taking part in the disturbances. Public tranquillity was somewhat restored the same day by a procession in which "Philip Augustus, the musical pieman," and "Jerry, the lucifer match seller, in a military costume, with an immense plume of feathers in his cap," were "chaired."

28.—Lord George Bentinck and Sir Stratford Canning were returned unopposed for the borough of King's Lynn.

—Mr. W. Wilshere, Mr. C. E. Rumbold, Mr. Thomas Baring, and Mr. Joseph Soames were nominated candidates for the representation of Yarmouth. The proceedings were marked by great disorder. The polling, on the 29th, resulted as follows:—Wilshere, 945; Rumbold, 943; Baring, 501; Soames, 494. The two first named were declared elected.

30.—Thetford election took place. The Hon. W. Bingham Baring (Conservative), 86; Lord Euston (Whig), 71; Sir James Flower (Conservative), 71. Before a Committee of the House of Commons, on May 4th, 1842, a petition was presented on behalf of Sir James Flower, on the ground that several votes polled for Lord Euston were bad, as the voters had lost their qualifications. His lordship declined to take any part in these proceedings. The objection against one voter having been sustained, Sir James Flower was placed in a majority, and the Committee then passed the

following resolution:—"That the Right Hon. Henry FitzRoy, commonly called the Earl of Euston, was not duly elected member for the borough of Thetford; that Sir James Flower, Bart., was duly elected, and ought to have been returned; and that the Committee have altered the poll by striking off the vote of William Burlingham from the poll of the Earl of Euston."

JULY.

5.—Mr. William Bagge and Mr. W. Lyde Wiggett Chute, the former members, were nominated and returned unopposed as members for West Norfolk. "The town of Swaffham was one blaze of pink and purple." The candidates were escorted to the Shirehall by an imposing procession, and after the nomination the election dinner was held at the Assembly Rooms, under the presidency of the Hon. Francis Baring.

10.—Mr. Edmond Wodehouse and Mr. Henry Negus Burroughes, the former Conservative members for East Norfolk, entered Norwich at the head of a great cavalcade of freeholders, and were nominated at the Shirehall. Mr. Palmer, Recorder of Yarmouth, and Mr. William Wilde, Coroner for Norwich, nominated and seconded Sir William J. H. B. ffolkes as the Whig candidate. The polling, on the 13th, was declared as follows:—Wodehouse, 3,498; Burroughes, 3,437; ffolkes, 1,379.

12.—Died at Denton, near Harleston, Sarah Witton, aged 100 years, "leaving twenty-nine great-grandchildren still living, they being the origin of one daughter." The deceased was "the daughter of John and Eleanor Middleton, who lived to attain to the great age of 105 years."

15.—Died in the Chantry, Norwich, Monsieur De Rouillon, "an eminent professor and teacher of French, and extensively known as the author of several grammatical and other useful literary works."

26.—At the Norwich Assizes, before Mr. Justice Williams, a special jury tried the important action, Palmer and another *v.* Irving, chairman of the Alliance Insurance Company. The action was brought by the executors of a person of the name of Howes to recover from the company the sum of £1,503, the amount of a policy on the life of Howes. The defendant disputed the liability to pay, on the ground that Howes had suffered from consumption, was addicted to habits prejudicial to life, and that the policy had been obtained by fraud. After a long trial, an arrangement was arrived at, and a verdict given for the defendant, both sides to pay their own costs, and the policy to become void. Policies with other offices were similarly affected by the result of the trial.

28.—At the Norfolk Assizes, before Mr. Justice Williams, John Self, aged 20, was charged with the murder of Jemima Stimpson, aged 15, at Wymondham, on July 17th. The prisoner killed the girl by striking her on the head with a spade, and afterwards threw the body into a pond. He was found guilty, sentenced to death, and on August 14th executed on the Castle Hill, Norwich.

AUGUST.

16.—The two troops of the 7th Dragoon Guards marched from the Cavalry Barracks, Norwich, *en route* for Ireland. On the 25th a portion of the 13th Light Dragoons, recently returned from active service in India, marched in. The headquarters of the regiment were stationed at Ipswich. The commanding officer was Lieut.-Col. Richard Brunton, youngest son of Mr. John Brunton, formerly manager of Norwich Theatre, and brother of the Dowager Countess Craven.

17.—Experiments were made on Yarmouth beach, in the presence of coastguard officers, with the view of testing the capabilities of Manby's mortar and Dennett's rocket in carrying out a line for effecting communication with stranded vessels. "The result of the experiments appears to be that each apparatus is possessed of qualities peculiar to itself. The rocket unquestionably carries the furthest, and flies with great precision. It is also more portable, but the unanimous opinion was that the rocket and mortar should go together, and so far from being considered rivals, they should be regarded as coadjutors in promoting the beneficent object which each must have in view."

26.—A four-oared match between London and Norwich crews, for £50 a side, took place from Coldham Hall to Thorpe Gardens, distance seven miles. The crews were composed as follow: London—Lett (stroke), Moulton, Maynard, Perry, G. Maynard (cox.). Norwich—William Gurling (stroke), Henry Gurling, Clarke, Tom Lefevre, W. Buttle (cox.). The boats started at 4.30 p.m.; the Londoners rowed the distance in 53 minutes, and the Norwich men in 56 minutes. The London boat, the most perfect specimen of a four-oar ever seen in Norwich, weighed 124 lbs. In a second match, on August 28th, in Norwich-built boats, from Bramerton to Thorpe, the London crew won by 25 seconds. On the same day a match between London and Norwich amateurs (London: Messrs. Chinery and Thompson; Norwich: Messrs. Clabburn and Russell), was rowed from Postwick to Thorpe (two miles), stakes £10. "The striking of the flags was nearly simultaneous, but the Londoners were declared the winners."

—A balloon ascent was made from Lynn Gasworks by Mr. Gypson, accompanied by Mr. Thomas Oxley and Mr. D. Nelson. A second ascent took place on September 9th. On September 18th Mr. Gypson ascended from Swaffham Gasworks.

SEPTEMBER.

6.—Mr. and Mrs. Wood commenced an operatic engagement at Norwich Theatre. The productions included "La Somnambula," "Fra Diavolo," "Love in a Village," and "The Waterman."

14.—The Coltishall Brewery estate, consisting of a residence and cottages, 53 inns and public-houses, and about 260 acres of land, formerly the property of Mr. Robert Howes, deceased, was offered for sale by auction, at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, by Mr. W. W. Simpson, of London, and realised about £50,000.

OCTOBER.

13.—Van Amburgh, with his collection of trained animals, performed at Lynn. "The elephant arrived covered with a sort of coat *à la Mackintosh*, and, to prevent injury to his feet, he had something on in the shape of boots." The show also visited Norwich, and was located in the Ranelagh Gardens. "As a menagerie it is inferior to Wombwell's; as a spectacle it is scarcely to be compared with Carter's."

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19.—At the Norwich Quarter Sessions, before Mr. Isaac Jermy, Recorder, Jacob Macro, woollen draper, refused to take the oath as a member of the grand jury, "because Scripture said 'Swear not at all.' The Recorder: Then, sir, I think it right to fine you the sum of £50, to be paid to the use of her Majesty." The fine was subsequently reduced to £20.

NOVEMBER.

8.—An exceedingly rare fish, the maigre (*sciæna aquila*), was captured off Sheringham. It measured 5 ft. 2 in. in length, weighed 68½ lbs., and was preserved by Mr. George Johnson, chemist, of Norwich.

9.—At a meeting of the Norwich Paving Commissioners, it was decided to try the experiment of paving Briggs' Street with wood. It was suggested that "pieces of fir 14 in. or 15 in. long, having been peeled, be put down as they grow, with gravel between each."

—Mr. John Marshall was elected Mayor of Norwich, and Mr. William Storey appointed Sheriff.

10.—On the arrival at Norwich of the intelligence of the birth of the Prince of Wales, the Union flag was hoisted on the towers of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Stephen, St. Giles, and of other parish churches, and the bells of St. Peter rang rejoicing peals. On Sunday, the 14th, a special form of thanksgiving was used at the church services; on November 16th and December 4th the Norwich Town Council and the county magistrates voted addresses of congratulation to the Queen and Prince Albert; and on December 7th the Bishop of Norwich gave a dinner to the inmates of the Workhouse. "The Queen graciously received the congratulations of the boys of Paston Grammar School, North Walsham, and requested that an additional week of holidays be granted to them at the ensuing Christmas vacation, in commemoration of the happy event."

13.—On this date was published the judgment given in the Consistory Court of Norwich, by Mr. Evans, in the suit, Loftus husband *v.* Loftus wife. The suit was brought by the Rev. Arthur Loftus, of Fincham, against Mary Anna Ray Loftus, for restitution of the conjugal rights of marriage. The Court ruled that Mr. Loftus was fully entitled to judgment, and admonished Mrs. Loftus to return to her husband.

14.—Died at Blickling Hall, the seat of the Dowager Lady Suffield, John William Robert Kerr, Marquis and Earl of Lothian, aged 48. The funeral of the deceased nobleman took place at Blickling church, on November 24th.

16.—Christ church, New Catton, was consecrated by the Bishop of Norwich, and the sermon was preached by the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Pelham, rector of Berghapton. "The Chartists marched in procession to the church and were refused admission, and then commenced every possible description of insult and injury. The Bishop and other gentlemen, on leaving the church, were scandalously assailed by the mob; near St. Clement's church some stones were thrown, and it was with difficulty that the crowd was kept off. The Right Rev. prelate was escorted to the Palace, and at the gate three cheers were given for his lordship." Eleven arrests were made, and several convictions were recorded during the two days' hearing at the Police Court. The ringleader, a man named Hewett, was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions, and on January 4th, 1842, the Recorder (Mr. Isaac Jermy) sentenced him to two calendar months' imprisonment, ordered him to find two sureties and keep the peace for twelve months, and to remain in custody until such sureties were forthcoming.

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17.—At the dinner of the Marham Hunt, held at the Crown Inn, Swaffham, Mr. Henry Villebois was presented with a silver candelabrum, weighing 200 oz., in recognition of "the liberal and sporting manner in which he had contributed to the general amusement" of the members of the Hunt.

19.—A meeting of landowners and others was held at Yarmouth, for the purpose of considering a scheme proposed by Mr. Robert Stephenson, for constructing a railway from Yarmouth to Norwich. Two other proposed railways were before the public, and in both cases it was proposed to construct bridges over the river. Mr. Stephenson's railway, first known as the Valley Line, pursued a route which obviated the necessity of crossing the river, but the scheme included a plan for diverting the course of the stream at Thorpe for a distance of about 50 chains. The scheme, which was estimated to cost £150,000, was adopted, and the line, the first to be opened in Norfolk, was called afterwards the Yarmouth and Norwich Railway.

24.—The celebrated Distin family gave the first of three concerts at the Theatre Royal, Norwich.

27.*—“The memorial statue of the late venerable Bishop Bathurst, by the far-famed hand of Chantrey, has been erected this week in Norwich Cathedral.” This was the last work of Chantrey, who died in London shortly after his departure from Norwich. “The estimate for the monument of Bishop Bathurst was £2,500; Chantrey took it for £1,500; the block of Carrara marble alone must have cost him nearly £1,000.”

—The Census returns were published on this date. The statistics affecting Norwich were as follow:—Houses, inhabited, 13,889; uninhabited, 805; building, 53; persons—males, 28,014; females, 33,832; total, 61,846. The population of Norfolk, exclusive of Norwich, was 350,775.

DECEMBER.

7.—A flood occurred at Norwich, after twenty-four hours' rain. It was the sixth that had taken place since October 5th. “The waters were as high if not higher than on any former inundation of our marshes.”

23.—The Phenomena coach, with its Christmas load, started from Norwich, drawn by a team of six greys, “which were all managed by Mr. Thomas Wiggins, in a style which would have done credit to a first-rate whip, and which was never before attempted by any coachman on the road.”

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24.*—“We have lately had exhibited in Norwich a new system of skating on the saloon in the Ranelagh Gardens and at the Corn Exchange. It is called Tachypos, and is a kind of skait each running on two iron wheels about six inches in diameter, and fastens on to the foot in a similar way to the common skait, with protection to the legs up to the knees. With these persons may travel at the rate of nine miles an hour upon the common road. The Tachypos is invented by Mr. J. Ayton, of this city, and differs considerably from the Tachypos lately exhibited at the principal theatres in London. There are at this moment boys exhibiting upon them, and are cutting round the corners and corn-stands with all imaginable ease and rapidity.”

—Wombwell's Menagerie arrived at Norwich, and was exhibited on the Castle Hill. The collection included a pair of giraffes, one of which was killed by an accidental fall. “The elephant is a magnificent animal, but we think the walking exercise which Van Amburgh's elephant is obliged to take, instead of being drawn from place to place by some twelve horses, conduces to a clearer complexion and a better state of health.” For the first time, Wombwell advertised that he had a keeper “who goes into the den of the trained lions and tigers.”

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JANUARY.

7.—At a meeting of the county magistrates, held at Norwich, the Earl of Orford presented a petition signed by a very large number of occupiers of land, “praying for a considerable change, if not a total abrogation, of the police force, as the introduction of the force had not decreased either the number of robberies or cases of vagrancy, while the expenses of the county were much increased by the costs arising from the prosecution of persons apprehended by the police for offences of a very trivial nature.” The Rev. J. C. Collyer presented a counter petition from the clergy, landowners, and inhabitants of Reepham, “praying that no alteration take place in the county police, which had been found a most useful body in that part of the county.” A resolution was unanimously adopted affirming that great benefits had been derived from the introduction of the police, and thanking Col. Oakes, the Chief Constable, for his exertions in the formation of the force.

8.—Deputations from the various agricultural societies in East Norfolk attended a meeting at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, at which the East Norfolk Agricultural Association was formed, for the exhibition of stock and agricultural implements in Norwich or its vicinity. Lord Wodehouse was elected president, and Mr. E. C. Bailey secretary. The first show was held on Norwich Cricket Ground, on September 13th. There were twenty-four classes of live stock, and four entries of implements; 800 persons were present, and the sum of £40 was taken at the gates. Lord Wodehouse presided at the dinner, held at the Assembly Rooms.

14.—The Lynn mail coach, on its journey to London, overturned between Melbourne and Royston, and Simpson, the coachman, was killed.

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15.—“Died last week, in the 85th year of his age, Mr. Thos. Leech, hosier, one of the oldest inhabitants of Diss. He was the representative of the venerable Bishop Blaize in the last procession of the wool-combers held at Diss at about the same time the like pageant was exhibited at Norwich, Diss having been esteemed a great manufactory of hosiery, and one of the chief in Norfolk and Suffolk.”

19.—At a meeting held at the Guildhall, Norwich, it was decided to celebrate the christening of the Prince of Wales by the erection of an almshouse, and to raise £1,000 for carrying out the scheme. At an adjourned meeting, on January 25th, the resolution was rescinded, because “the opening of an alms-house was only the opening of a pauper warren.” On the same day a dinner was given at the Royal Hotel, a ball took place at the Assembly Rooms, and the inmates of the Workhouse were entertained.

FEBRUARY.

5.—Richard Cricknell, the Norwich pugilist, died on this date. "He had never been well since he fought with Cain (on January 7th, 1840, *q.v.*); the injury which he received to his head deprived him of his reason, and he had since been in the Bethel."

6.—Died at Budleigh-Salterton, near Exeter, aged 70, the Rev. William Gilpin, who had been twice stationed in Norwich as Wesleyan Superintendent, namely, in 1809 and 1824, during which periods "the great chapels" in Calvert Street and St. Peter Mancroft were erected.

9.—Died at his seat at Thorpe Lodge, aged 87, Lieut.-Col. Harvey, a magistrate and deputy-lieutenant of the county, and a justice of the peace for Norwich. He was also "Father of the City." Born in 1755, he was elected Sheriff of Norwich in 1784, Alderman for the Middle Wymer Ward in 1787, and Mayor in 1792. During the war which was terminated by the Treaty of Amiens he raised and commanded a troop of Volunteer Cavalry, called the Norwich Light Horse, which, on the renewal of hostilities with France, was augmented to a squadron, of which he was appointed Major. In 1824 he became by seniority Lieut.-Col. Commandant of the 3rd Regiment of Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry and continued at the head of the corps until the three county regiments were disembodied. In 1825-26 he served the office of High Sheriff of Norfolk. The Thorpe Lodge estate was sold at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, by Mr. Culley on June 9th and 10th. The amount realised by the auction was £35,000 and sales by private contract brought the amount to £50,000.

10.—Lord Jocelyn was elected unopposed Member of Parliament for Lynn, to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Sir Stratford Canning as Ambassador at Constantinople.

26.—A prospectus was issued inviting the public to subscribe £800 in 40 shares of £20 each, for the purchase of a steam carriage (patented by Mr. W. Parr) to run for hire between Norwich and Yarmouth. (There is no further record of the proposed undertaking.)

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7.—The Norwich weavers commenced a strike to enforce a return to the scheduled prices paid in 1836. The women and girls employed at Mr. Wright's factory struck on July 19th, and paraded the streets with alms-boxes; and on August 22nd the jacquard weavers adopted a similar course. In the latter case Mr. Hinde and Mr. Steward agreed to their demands, and Messrs. Willett and Francis urged the making of mutual concessions.

—Died, aged 86, Elizabeth Hawes, widow, of Coltishall. "She was born and reared in humble life, and was the only sister of that eminent scholar, Richard Porson, and though under widely different circumstances, her mind showed traces of the relationship in perception, memory, and the power of application."

23.—Disturbances took place at Lynn in consequence of a reduction in the wages of coal porters and sailors. The rural police were summoned, special constables sworn in, and a troop of the 13th Light Dragoons were ordered from Norwich. Several of the ringleaders were sent to jail.

26.—The publication of Part I. of Mr. David Hodgson's "Antiquarian Remains, Principally Confined to Norwich and Norfolk," was announced on this date.

—*"A plan has been set on foot for the establishment of an Art Union for East Anglia, with the view of giving encouragement to the fine arts in this county and its vicinity. The exhibition is intended to be opened at Norwich at or prior to the Festival week." The society was known as the East of England Art Union, and the first exhibition was opened "at their well-lighted gallery in Exchange Street," on July 27th. The exhibitors included J. Stark, J. B. Crome, S. B. Colkett, M. E. Cotman, A. Stannard, R. Ladbrooke, J. B. Ladbrooke, T. Lound, R. Leman, &c.

APRIL.

4.—At the Norfolk Assizes, before Mr. Serjeant Atcherley, George Barber, aged ten years, was indicted, upon the Coroner's inquisition, for murdering John Smith, aged eight, by throwing him over Shotford Bridge into the river Waveney, on November 6th, 1841. The only direct evidence to criminate the prisoner was his own confession, which was extracted from him by a witness who had chained him up and frightened him by threats. The Commissioner directed the jury to acquit the prisoner, who was afterwards received into the establishment of the Philanthropic Society, St. George's Fields, London.

5.—A singular case was tried at the Norfolk Assizes, before Lord Chief Justice Tindal. The defendants, John Utting and Anna Bunn, were indicted for conspiring against one Daniel Durrant, of Winterton, a criminal then under sentence of transportation for life. Durrant, at the Summer Assizes in 1841, was charged with committing a rape upon Bunn, on whose evidence and that of John Utting, a constable at Filby, he was convicted and sentenced. Soon afterwards Durrant's wife died of grief, and Bunn, labouring under the pangs of remorse, confessed to the Rev. Mr. Sidney, of Acle, that the statements which procured the conviction of Durrant were false. It was further shown that Utting had planned with Bunn to ruin Durrant. The jury now found that Durrant was not guilty of the charge on which he was convicted, and returned a verdict of guilty against Utting, while Bunn, who had not been called upon to plead, was discharged. Utting was taken before the Court of Queen's Bench, on May 9th, and was there sentenced by Mr. Justice Patteson to twelve calendar months' imprisonment in Norwich Castle. "The issue of the

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prosecution was that Durrant was restored to liberty and returned home. Only three years ago he would have been executed for this crime. He was formerly an innkeeper, with a good business. Through this unfounded charge he has lost his wife, who died of a broken heart, and he and his three young children are now destitute." Public subscriptions were made on behalf of this unfortunate man.

16.*—"During the Assizes the Norwich Scholars ascended the tower of St. Peter Mancroft and made a grand attempt to ring 6,729 changes of Stedman's Cinques. They attained about 6,000, in four hours and a half, after which the gudgeon of the tenor broke, which, with the stock and implements, weighs 5,000 lbs. and upwards. It fell on the beams beneath with a tremendous crash, but sustained no injury. The ringers were more frightened than hurt."

—*"Messrs. Whaites, of Ingham, have, in two days during the last fortnight, killed 116 couples of snipes; on the first day 54 couples, on the second day 62 couples." Other remarkable feats of snipe shooting were recorded during the year. On October 15th Mr. Robert Fellowes, jun., killed, on Sir William Beauchamp Proctor's marshes at Langley, 60 couple; and on November 17th, at Rockland, Mr. Richard Crawshay killed, at one shot, four snipe on the wing.

—The publication, by subscription, was announced of a new tragedy, entitled, "De Valencourt, or the Fate of Extremes," by Mr. William Henry Hoskins, principal tragedian and deputy stage manager at the Theatre Royal, Norwich, and Mr. H. H. Hoskins, author of "The Spaniards' Ransom," &c. The publishers were C. Mitchell, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, London; Matchett and Co. and Bacon and Co., Norwich. The play was produced at Norwich Theatre for the first time on May 14th. "In the piece there is an imitation of Shakesperian language and dialogue; there are many striking, and some touching passages, but allied with much that is very strained and exaggerated."

23.—Mr. Abington, "a graduated member of Trinity College, Cambridge, and also of the English Bar," who had adopted the stage as a profession, made his first appearance at Norwich Theatre, as Hamlet.

MAY.

1.—A serious fire occurred at Hillington Hall, the seat of Sir William ffolkes, Bart. The fire was confined to the servants' apartments, which were totally destroyed, and the main building was saved by the unroofing of the intervening structure.

6.—Samuel Wilkinson, of Mill Street, Peafield, appeared before the Norwich magistrates and stated that he wished to sell his wife. The magistrates referred him to the Ecclesiastical Court, but he said he would effect the sale and take the risk. On the 7th, at or near the Prussia Gardens, he sold his wife for a guinea, and received a sovereign on account. On the 10th Wilkinson was bound over to keep the peace for assaulting his wife. In the course of the hearing the following written agreement was produced:—

"This is to satfy that I Samyoul Wilkerson sold my wife to Mr. Gorge Springle for the sum of one pound one before witness.

Samyoul X Wilkerson
Maryann Wilkerson X her mark
Gorge Springle X his mark
Frederick Cornish, witness."

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7.—Died, Mr. George Cooke Tucker, landlord of the New Inn, Cromer. "The present flourishing establishment was built and raised by him. Possessed of a peculiar courteousness of manner, and endowed with great kindness of disposition, he was alike esteemed by the resident gentry and the general inhabitants of the place and neighbourhood. He had reached the patriarchal age of ninety years."

11.—Died, aged 62, Mr. William Norman, Windsor Place, New Lakenham, "many years hair dresser to his late Majesty George III."

18.—At Norwich Theatre was produced, for the first time, a new melodrama, in three acts, entitled, "The Student of Jena," by Mr. Wm. Cooper, B.A., barrister, of Norwich. "The play is founded on the romance of the 'Diamond Watch,' a piece of *diablerie*, emanating from the German school."

26.—Thurlow, the pedestrian, commenced a walk of 2,000 miles in one thousand hours, at Richmond Hill Gardens, Norwich. (No further record.) Robert Skipper, "the celebrated pedestrian, of Norfolk and Norwich, having been absent on the Continent and in different counties, where he has won several matches, and is now in his 55th year," began a walk on June 21st, of 50 miles per day for twenty successive days, at the Green Hill Gardens, St. Augustine's Gates, Norwich. He completed the task on Sunday, July 10th, "and did not appear to be in the least distressed."

28.—Mr. and Mrs. Wood commenced, at Norwich Theatre, a five nights' engagement, prior to their final retirement from the stage. The operas produced included "Fra Diavolo," "Midas," "La Somnambula," and "Norma."

—The Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry assembled at Swaffham for eight days' permanent duty, under

the command of Major Loftus.

30.—Cricket was revived in Norwich by a match played on this date, between the Norwich Club and the officers and privates of the 13th Light Dragoons. "Considerable fluctuation has for the last few years in Norwich marked the practice of this celebrated manly game, and about two years since nothing appeared more probable than its extinction."

JUNE.

1.—Another instance of the holding in church of a public meeting for secular purposes occurred on this date. The inhabitants of Stoke Holy Cross assembled at the parish church to discuss the propriety of establishing a benefit society. Mr. T. Brightwell presided over the meeting.

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14.—Died, aged 65, at Long Island, United States, Mr. John Hunt, engraver, formerly of Norwich. He was the author of a work on British ornithology.

19.—A severe thunderstorm occurred at Norwich. "The wind blew a perfect hurricane. Rushing in a straight line for Catton, it caught the high wall in St. Clement's Square, and blew down about 30 yards of solid brickwork." The sails of Catton mill were blown off, trees were torn up by the roots, and the river suddenly rose above the banks in places. At Harleston a marsh mill was overturned and houses were unroofed.

21.—Died at the Euston Hotel, London, Mr. Fred. Yates, aged 45, manager of the Adelphi Theatre. He married, in 1823, Miss F. Brunton, granddaughter of Mr. John Brunton, of Norwich.

30.—Died at Longford Hall, Derbyshire, aged 88, Thomas William Coke, Earl of Leicester. His lordship was born on May 6th, 1753, and was returned for Norfolk in 1776. With one brief intermission, he continued to represent the county until 1832. He was created Earl of Leicester in 1837. He married, in his twenty-third year, his cousin Jane, youngest daughter of Mr. James Dutton, who died June 2nd, 1800, leaving no male issue. After remaining twenty-two years a widower, he married, February 26th, 1822, Lady Anne Amelia Keppel, third daughter of the Earl of Albemarle, her ladyship being then 19 and Mr. Coke 70 years of age. The issue of the marriage were Thomas William, born in 1822; Edward Keppel, 1824; Henry Coke, 1827; Wenman Clarence Walpole, 1828; and Margaret Sophia, who, at the Earl's death was only ten years of age. The remains of the deceased nobleman arrived at Swaffham on July 10th, and were placed in the large room at the Crown Inn. From four o'clock in the afternoon until nine in the evening the body lay in state, and immense numbers of persons passed through the apartment. At nine o'clock on the morning of the 11th, muffled peals were rung, and at eleven o'clock the funeral procession started for Tittleshall. It passed through Castle-acre, the Lexhams, and Litcham. "At every spot where the main road crossed the cross roads were carriages in waiting to fall into the procession, which, marching in close order, was two miles in length." At Tittleshall church, where the interment took place, there was a great gathering of the personal friends and tenantry of the deceased earl.

JULY.

2.—Died at Hexham, Northumberland, aged 86, Mr. William Cooke, formerly of North Creake. "About 60 years ago, under the auspices of Mr. T. W. Coke, and upon the estate of Earl Spencer, he introduced into Norfolk the drill system for corn. He subsequently introduced into the same county the Northumberland turnip husbandry, and, in conjunction with Sir Mordaunt Martin and Dr. Letsome, established the cultivation of mangold wurzle in England. During his latter years he devoted much time and his high mathematical attainments to perfecting the plough."

4.—The first meeting for enforcing the Income-Tax was held at the Shirehall, Norwich, when Commissioners were appointed for the several Hundreds named in the Act of Parliament. Similar meetings took place at Yarmouth and Lynn.

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6.—Races were held at East Dereham. The other meetings this season were at Norwich on July 12th and 13th, Downham July 22nd, and Yarmouth September 6th and 7th.

9.—The funeral of Lord Townshend, who died at Hutton Lodge, Yorkshire, on June 28th, aged 56 years, took place at Bintry church.

14.—Major Boxall, of Swaffham, was killed at the brewery of Mr. Morse, in that town, by the fall of a portion of the roof.

16.—At a meeting of the yeomanry and tenantry of both political parties, held at the Swan Inn, Norwich, it was decided to erect, by public subscription, a monument to the memory of the late Earl of Leicester. (See January 7th, 1843.)

23.—A correspondent, writing under this date to the NORFOLK CHRONICLE, complained of the danger and annoyance caused on the public roads by vehicles drawn by dogs. "If," he wrote, "Parliament deemed it necessary two years ago to pass an Act prohibiting, under a severe penalty, the use of dogs as beasts of draught or burden in London and its neighbourhood for twenty miles around, surely the same necessity, as well on the score of humanity as of personal security to the public, does exist in reference to every other portion of the kingdom."

24.—Died, aged 60, at Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, London, John Sell Cotman.

AUGUST.

1.—An acrobat, named Alleni, was descending a rope "in his chariot of fire," at the Greyhound Gardens, Ber Street, Norwich, when his apparatus failed, the rope broke, and the unfortunate performer, falling a distance of thirty feet, was seriously injured.

6.—A correspondent complained that the "unrivalled tower" of Norwich Cathedral, then undergoing restoration, was "under the care of a plasterer, to be patched and pieced in his best manner with a compound of villainous ingredients scarcely tolerable on a shop front." Mr. John Brown, the Cathedral architect, replied, on August 10th, to the effect that the substance used was not plaster, but "hydraulic cement, calcined limestone and sand, which is more durable than stone." Much newspaper controversy ensued.

20.*—"Last week a block of granite of nearly two tons weight was fixed on the south battlement of Norwich Castle, containing the following inscription:—"This Royal Castle, built by William Rufus, as Knyghton testifies in his Chronicle, on the site of one much more ancient, has been used as a county gaol since the year 1345, and was finally vested in the magistrates of Norfolk for that purpose by Royal grant confirmed by Parliament in 1806. The ornamental work and facing of the exterior having fallen into a state of extreme decay, the same was ordered to be restored at the expense of the county by the Court of Quarter Sessions, in April, 1834. Its restoration was carried into effect with the most careful adherence to the details of the antient work in Bath stone, as most resembling that of Normandy, which had been originally used, under the superintendence of the visiting justices, and completed in 1839. The battlements and corbel table were designed from the best discoverable authorities, as no portion remained of the original termination of the building. Anthony Salvin, Esq., of London, architect; Mr. James Watson, of Norwich, stonemason." [The NORFOLK CHRONICLE expressed regret "at the necessity, if any such existed, for the adoption of a process which has for ever hidden from human eyes the whole exterior of this celebrated Anglo-Norman keep."]

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27.—A finner whale, discovered stranded upon a shoal in Lynn Roads, was secured by a boat's crew who fastened a rope to its tail. When the tide rose the whale dragged the boat with great velocity towards the town. After a struggle of seven hours, it was landed. It measured 50 ft. in length.

—*"Her Majesty has been pleased to grant unto William Hardy Cozens, Esq., of Letheringsett, her Royal licence to take and use the surname and arms of Hardy, in addition to his present name, in compliance with a condition contained in the will of his late uncle, William Hardy, Esq., of Letheringsett Hall."

30.—A great rowing match took place on the Yare, at Norwich, in the presence of thousands of spectators. The match, which was open to all England, was for a subscription cup or purse of £50, and was to be rowed in four-oared 36ft. boats, by amateurs. Competing crews were entered by the Leander Club, London; King's College Club, London; the Cambridge Amateur Club, and the Norwich Amateur Club. The odds throughout were greatly in favour of the Londoners, and many heavy bets were made on Cambridge. The course, about three miles, was from stakes on Bramerton Common to a spot nearly opposite Thorpe Gardens. "The boats started two and two; the first two boats were started 100 yards apart at the same time; the winning boat of each pair had therefore to row another heat. By the casting of lots, the Leander was pitted against King's College, and Norwich against Cambridge. The Leander had the lead of King's College, and Cambridge the lead of Norwich." King's College and Norwich won the first heat—the former in 22 minutes 30 seconds, and the latter in 21 minutes 30 seconds. In the final heat Norwich beat King's College easily. The winning crew were composed as follow:—J. Kidd, 9 st. 10 lb.; J. Wigham, 10 st. 9 lb.; W. Clabburn, 11 st. 7 lb.; T. Clabburn (stroke), 9 st. 2 lb.; F. Bolingbroke (cox.), 8 st. 11 lb. Trained by Noulton.

—The Royal squadron accompanying the Queen on her voyage to Scotland passed Yarmouth at five am. On the return of her Majesty, on the evening of September 16th, several yawls put out to sea, and the occupants were gratified with a sight of the Queen and Prince Albert on the main deck of the Trident steamer. Loud cheers were given for the Sovereign and her Consort.

SEPTEMBER.

10.—The publication of Part I. of Mr. Henry Ninham's "Picturesque Antiquities of Norwich" was announced.

13.—The Norfolk and Norwich Musical Festival commenced. Miscellaneous concerts were given at St. Andrew's Hall on the evenings of the 13th, 14th, and 15th. The morning performances included, on the 14th, Parts II. and III. of the "Creation"; on the 15th, Parts II. and III. of "The Fall of Babylon" (composed expressly for the Festival by Spohr); and on the 16th, "Samson." A fancy dress ball was given on the night of the 16th. The artistes engaged at the Festival were: Madame Caradori Allan, Miss Rainforth, Miss Maria B. Hawes, Miss Bassano, and Signora Pacini; Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Balfe, Mr. Bradbury, Mr. Young, Mr. Walton, and Signor Rubini. Professor Taylor conducted. The surplus amounted to £716 15s. 2d.

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—A circus company, under the management of Madame Ducrow, commenced a series of performances at Norwich Theatre. "The whole of the stage, 43 ft. square, was formed into a circus ring, decorated round with appropriate devices. The circle was rendered moveable, so that dramatic representations similar to the late Astley's Amphitheatre were introduced." These included "The Spanish Bullfight, or the Muleteer," "Mazeppa," "The Secret Mine, or the Hindoos of the Ruby Cliffs," &c. To enable the audience to obtain a full view of the ring performances, the

floor of the pit was raised.

14.—Died at Yarmouth, in his 49th year, Mr. J. B. Crome. "Besides inheriting the talents of that well-known 'Father' of the Norwich school of painting, he possessed literary attainments and theoretical knowledge which conferred both honour and advantage on his practical pursuits of Art."

24.*—"The Queen has been pleased to grant unto the Rev. James Tooke Hales, of Glazenwood, in Essex, and of Thompson, in Norfolk, her Royal license and authority to assume the surname of Tooke in addition to and after that of Hales, and to bear the arms of Tooke."

—*"Mr. C. F. Hall, of Norwich, has been appointed second leader of the orchestra of Drury Lane Theatre, after a contest of skill. He is the composer of two ballads, 'I have dream'd of hopes defeated' and 'The Inconstant.'"

OCTOBER.

8.*—"At a late sitting of the magistrates at Litcham to hear appeals against assessed taxes, Mr. Lynes, one of the appellants, accused the Surveyor of Taxes of partial conduct. He alleged that Mr. F. Beck, of Mileham, owned greyhounds for which he was not charged duty. Mr. Beck jumped up and got hold of Mr. Lynes' nose, which he held for some time. Mr. Lynes retaliated by striking Mr. Beck several blows on the head and face, and a battle ensued. The police interfered, and Capt. Fitzroy ordered the parties into custody. It was stated that there had previously been a quarrel between Mr. King, the magistrates' clerk, Mr. Beck, and Mr. Lynes, and Mr. King had challenged the latter to fight a duel. Mr. King acknowledged that he had sent a challenge. For the fight in the magistrates' room Mr. Beck and Mr. Lynes were bound over to keep the peace for twelve months. Mr. King was also bound over in sureties to keep the peace towards Mr. Lynes for twelve months." At the Norfolk Assizes, on April 3rd, 1843, the action *Lynes v. Beck*, for assault, was tried before Lord Chief Justice Tindal, and judgment was given for the plaintiff, damages one shilling. The Judge remarked that the assault was of a very degrading and contumacious character.

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11.—Died at his house on Scoles' Green, Norwich, Mr. Robert Ladbrooke, artist, in his 73rd year.

13.—Died at Tunbridge Wells, aged 55, Sir John Jacob Buxton, Bart., of Shadwell Park, Norfolk, and of Tockenham House, Wilts. He served the office of High Sheriff of Norfolk in 1841-2.

19.—At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions, Johnson Hemnell was sentenced to fifteen years' transportation for stealing promissory notes, gold, and silver, to the amount of £150, the property of Mr. Harrison Wells, of Dilham. On the night after his conviction the convict accompanied two of the prison warders to Seething, where he showed them a garden bank in which £108 of the stolen money was found concealed.

NOVEMBER.

7.—An inquest was held at the Hare Arms, Stow Bardolph, on the body of John Vare, who died under singular circumstances. On October 24th, at the Swan Inn, Downham, "he recited with considerable spirit to a party of tradesmen a piece out of 'Othello,' and at the finish, where Othello dies, deceased, as in the character, fell with considerable violence on the hearthrug at full length with his face down wards. He complained of considerable pain, went home, and died."

9.—Mr. Alderman Mitchell was elected Mayor, and Mr. William Freeman appointed Sheriff of Norwich.

18.—Died at Rawal Pindi, Lieut. Richard Edward Frere, 13th Light Infantry, aged 25. He had been in every action throughout the war in Afghanistan, was repeatedly wounded, and was mentioned with distinction in dispatches.

19.*—"Messrs. Wells and Gardner, of Birmingham, have entered into an arrangement with T. T. Berney, Esq., of Morton Hall, Norfolk, for the manufacture of his patent cartridges so much approved by gentlemen and sportsmen generally, and have appointed local agents."

26.*—"Sir Robert Peel has recommended her Majesty to grant an annual pension of £100 to Mr. John Curtis, the eminent naturalist and author of the great work, 'British Entomology.'" Curtis was a native of Norwich.

DECEMBER.

24.—A singular story of a supposed murder was published. A human skeleton was recovered from the bed of the river at Costessey Mills by a "didling" boat owned by Messrs. Culley. The circumstance was recalled that a Jew pedlar, known as "Old Abraham," had mysteriously disappeared eight years previously. It was also remembered that one Robert Page, sentenced to transportation for life for sheep stealing at Drayton, on March 27th, 1834, had told the prison warders that if he were taken to Costessey he could show them, beneath a willow tree, "something that would make their hair stand on end." By a curious coincidence, the skeleton was found beneath a willow which overhung the river. It was stated that the body had been staked down in the bed of the stream.

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31.*—"During last week the coaches and vans were laden with turkeys and game for London.

From the Magnet Office alone upwards of 1,600 packages were consigned, containing at least 2,400 turkeys, besides geese and game. The other coaches have had their share. One manufacturing firm in the city sent 1,000 lbs. weight."

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JANUARY.

2.—Norwich Theatre opened for the season at reduced prices of admission, namely, boxes, single ticket, 4s., half price 2s., family tickets to admit six £1; upper boxes 2s., half price 1s.; pit 1s. (no half price); gallery 6d. The entire house had been redecorated by Mr. Thorne. Mr. Frederick Vining, of the Haymarket Theatre, London, and his daughter, Miss Vining, appeared on the 16th in the parts of Benedict and Beatrice, and fulfilled an engagement of seven weeks. The season, one of the most successful that Mr. Smith had experienced, was chiefly remarkable for the large number of "bespeaks" given, amongst others, by the officers of the 13th Light Dragoons, the Royal and Norfolk Hotel Wine Clubs, the Governor and Deputy-Governor of the Court of Guardians, &c.

5.—A heavy fall of snow on this day was accompanied by lightning and thunder.

6.—The first annual meeting of the Norfolk Flax Society, the object of which was "to promote the cultivation of a plant for the produce of which vast sums of money are annually sent abroad," was held at Norwich. It was stated that the soil and climate of the county were "equal and perhaps superior to any in the world for the growth and perfection of the plant, and its cultivation would be more profitable than that of any other crop." The method of "forming linseed into compound to fatten cattle" was demonstrated in a booth on the Castle Meadow, and an exhibition of articles manufactured from flax was held at St. Andrew's Hall. The Hon. W. R. Rous was President of the Society, to which about eighty prominent agriculturists belonged. M. Demann, a Belgian agriculturist, was engaged as the Society's agent, and many meetings were held in the county in furtherance of the movement.

7.—The promoters of the scheme for the erection of the Leicester monument appointed a "committee of taste," who recommended the building of a column, of artistic design. At a meeting held at the Norfolk Hotel, on January 21st, the much vexed question of the site was discussed and a decision was given in favour of Holkham Park, mainly by the votes of a number of subscribers of ten shillings each in the neighbourhood of Wells. Efforts were made to secure the erection of the monument at Norwich, and the supporters of either place were invited to vote upon the subject. After the poll a scrutiny was held, and on August 5th it was announced that 322 votes had been given in favour of Holkham, and 281 in favour of Norwich.

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9.—Died, aged 60, at Birmingham, Mr. Vaughan, "the highly respectable musician and once excellent tenor singer." He was a native of Norwich, and when quite young was a member of the choir of St. George's Chapel, Windsor. He was afterwards engaged at Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, and the Chapel Royal. On the death of Mr. Harrison, in 1812, Mr. Vaughan was appointed principal tenor at the King's Concerts of Ancient Music, he sang at most of the provincial musical festivals, and was a member of several musical clubs in the Metropolis.

FEBRUARY.

14.—The first touring circus in Norfolk at which performances were given under canvas was that belonging to Batty, "sole proprietor of Astley's Royal Amphitheatre," who on this date erected at Lynn Mart a tent 65 ft. in height and 300 ft. in circumference. It was the same tent placed on the site of the Royal Exchange when Prince Albert laid the first stone of the new building, and on that occasion it afforded accommodation for 1,400 persons. In the autumn of the same year Richard Sands' American circus toured the county, giving one performance only in a "spacious pavilion" at each town visited. A procession of "twenty-five caparisoned horses" was a feature of the show. After this date the circus touring system became general during the summer and autumn months.

22.—Died at Caen, Normandy, aged 76, the Rev. T. D'Eterville, "a well-known and respected inhabitant of Norwich for upwards of forty years, who retired a few months ago to end his days in his native country." [Borrow's "preceptor in the French and Italian tongues."]

23.—The coach from London to Norwich, driven by Thomas Wiggins, ran into a brewer's dray at Tasburgh, during a thick fog and was overturned. Mr. Scott, of Newton Maid's Head, one of the outside passengers, was jammed between the coach and a tree, which had to be cut down to extricate him, Wiggins was thrown head first off the box seat and severely injured, and the guard, Thomas, was dashed against a tree stump and killed outright, "his head being completely split open." It was not until January 22nd, 1844, that Wiggins was able to resume his duties. It was then stated: "So highly is this excellent whip esteemed along the line of road, that at the several inns where the coach stopped to change horses it appeared as if the landlords had determined to celebrate the circumstance by making it a general gala day."

26.—Died at Cheltenham, aged 60, Major-General Sir John Thomas Jones, Bart., K.C.B., of Cranmer Hall. He served in the Royal Engineers during the campaign in Calabria, and was present at the Battle of Maida and the attack on Scylla Castle; in the Peninsular campaign he was in the retreat to Corunna; he accompanied the expedition to Walcheren and was present at the

reduction of Flushing, served in the campaigns of 1810, 1811, and 1812 in the Peninsula, received the medal for Badajos, and was shot through the ankle joint at the siege of Burgos, in October, 1812. He entered the service as second-lieutenant on August 30th, 1798, and retired with the rank of major-general on January 10th, 1837.

27.—Yarmouth Orange Fair was held. "Like the generality of fairs, it has fallen sadly out of repute, and but for the immense quantity of fruit from which it takes its name anyone might have passed the Market Place without noticing it."

MARCH.

17.—At a special meeting of the Norwich Town Council, on the motion of Mr. A. Dalrymple, a petition to Parliament was adopted in opposition to the Income Tax, on the ground that it was "unjust, unwise, repugnant, and unproductive."

18.—The Watton coach, on its way from Norwich, with six female outside passengers, stopped at Barford Cock. During the temporary absence of Allen, the coachman, the horses started off at full gallop, and were not stopped till they arrived at Hingham. With the exception of a wheel being taken off a passing vehicle, no damage was done.

APRIL.

4.—At the Norwich Assizes, before Lord Chief Justice Tindal, was tried the case, the Queen against Edward Painter. The prosecution, for assault, was instituted by Mr. Jeremiah Cross, corn merchant, of Norwich. An indictment had been preferred at the Norwich Quarter Sessions and a true bill returned, which the defendant removed by writ of *certiorari*, and the case now came on for trial on the civil side of the Court. The plaintiff, in June, 1842, was invited to the Rising Sun Inn, kept by Mr. John Abel, and he was there met by Painter, who for several minutes thrashed him with an ash stick so severely that for a considerable time afterwards plaintiff was under medical treatment. For the defence it was alleged that Cross had grossly insulted the defendant's daughter, hence the thrashing. The jury found a verdict of guilty, and on May 10th, when defendant appeared before the Court of Queen's Bench to receive judgment, he was fined one shilling and discharged. On June 24th the following advertisement was published: "Ned Painter having been subjected to the expense of wanton and persecuting litigation, his friends intend giving him a benefit at the Pantheon, Royal Victoria Gardens, on which occasion the Stars of the Fancy have resolved to rally round and support an old and tried veteran of the Prize Ring. Among the prominent professors of the Pugilistic Art who will appear are Tom Spring, Champion of England, and Ben Caunt, the modern champion."

7.—Great excitement was created in Norwich by the conviction at the Assizes before Mr. Justice Coleridge, of John Harper, a well-known auctioneer, on the charge of stealing cloth entrusted to him for sale at North Walsham by a Leeds manufacturer named Jonas Driver. Mr. S. Bignold, Mr. Beckwith, solicitor; Mr. T. M. Keith, solicitor; the Rev. S. Stone, the Rev. W. Hull, and other prominent citizens testified to the general honesty and integrity of the prisoner, who, amid a strong manifestation of feeling in Court, was sentenced to seven years' transportation.

7.—Mr. Cobden, M.P., Col. Thompson, and Mr. Moore, representatives of the Anti-Corn Law League, addressed a large meeting held at St. Andrew's Hall, under the presidency of Mr. J. H. Tillet. A body of Chartists created some disorder. On the 8th a meeting of farmers "of the most complete party complexion" took place at the Hall, when Mr. A. Morse, of Swaffham, "author of one of the prize essays of the League," presided, and addresses were delivered by Mr. Cobden and his friends. The League at this date was actively promulgating its principles in all parts of the county.

15.—The ship Phya sailed from Lynn for Quebec, with emigrants. "Whilst the population keeps increasing, and machinery keeps lessening the demand for manual labour, many thousands must seek to provide for themselves and families in distant regions."

20.—The construction of the Yarmouth and Norwich Railway commenced on this date on the Postwick Hall Farm (in the occupation of Mr. Gillett), near Thorpe Asylum. The excavation of the New Cut from Trowse Hythe to Whitlingham Reach was begun on May 6th. In October an engine with ballast waggons was running between Reedham and Yarmouth; and in November another engine appeared on the Postwick end of the line. "Its marvellous facility in whirling along any number of loaded waggons elicited exclamations of astonishment from the many hundreds of Norwich people who went out to see it." (See April 12th, 1844.)

—In the waistband of the trousers of a notorious housebreaker, named James Fisk, who was apprehended at Surlingham on this date, "was found sewed up the Lord's Prayer, written backwards, which he carried about with him as a fancied protection against the power of human law."

—The marriage of the Earl of Leicester and Miss Whitbread, daughter of Mr. S. C. Whitbread, at Cardington church, Bedfordshire, was celebrated with great rejoicings at Wells-next-the-Sea, where 800 school children were entertained, and 1,400 of the poor inhabitants had dinner on the Buttlands.

21.—At Norwich Theatre was performed a new drama, entitled, "Mokanna, or the Veiled Prophet of Khorassan," written by Mr. William Cooper, barrister, and originally produced at Lynn

Theatre. An anonymous handbill, printed by J. Fletcher, Upper Haymarket, Norwich, was afterwards circulated, describing the play as a "barefaced exhibition of profligacy," and calling upon the citizens to denounce it. The strictures were grossly unfair.

25.—The foundation-stone of St. Mark's church, Lakenham, was laid by the Very Rev. Dean Pellew. The architect was Mr. John Brown, and the builder Mr. James Worman. The church was consecrated by the Bishop of Norwich on September 24th, 1844.

28.—The two troops of the 13th Light Dragoons marched from Norwich Barracks for Hounslow. They were replaced on May 22nd by the Scots Greys, commanded by Col. Clarke. Mainly through the influence of the Duke of Wellington and the Marquis of Douro, the headquarters of the regiment were stationed at Norwich.

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4.—Business was entirely suspended in Norwich on the occasion of the funeral of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex. The Corporation attended service at the Cathedral, and afterwards assembled at the Guildhall and adopted addresses of sympathy.

6.—At the Norwich Police Court, a woman named Kedge complained to the magistrates that another woman, of the name of Clarke, had bewitched her "by sending her and her children a vast number of vermin." Clarke replied that Mrs. Kedge had harboured her (Mrs. Clarke's) husband, and had given her a small piece of paper, whereon was very small writing. It was found to be the Lord's Prayer. Mrs. Kedge acknowledged having given this to Mrs. Clarke, and said it would "prevent her from doing her further injury, for when she had herself put it in defendant's hands, all danger from witchery was over."

13.*—"One day last week a steam coach, constructed on a new principle, was tried at Witton, on the Yarmouth road, before a large concourse of spectators, but although the steam was put on, the coach would not move an inch. When pushed it proceeded a short distance and stopped. The experimenters at last lifted the coach from the road, when the wheels went round with alarming velocity." On May 27th the carriage was advertised for sale by private contract, by Mr. Joseph Emmerson Bane, at the King's Head Inn, Blofield.

—The Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry, commanded by Major Loftus, commenced their annual eight days' training at Fakenham.

17.—The inhabitants residing in the vicinity of Duke's Palace Bridge memorialised the Norwich Town Council to take the necessary steps to free the bridge from toll.

18.—Died at his residence in Union Street, South Lynn, Mr. Peter Lewis Dacheux, an immigrant from France, aged 83. "He had resided at Lynn for many years, and had long officiated as Roman Catholic priest in that town. He was a schoolfellow of Bonaparte, and in his boyish days had many a scuffle with that celebrated personage."

23.—Mr. Braham, assisted by his son and pupil, Mr. Charles Braham, gave a concert at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich.

JUNE.

13.—The Norwich Town Council decided, on the motion of Mr. Barwell, to memorialise the House of Commons in favour of Mr. Rowland Hill's scheme of penny postage.

14.—Norwich Theatre was re-opened for a limited number of nights at the close of the regular season, when "The Tempest" was produced from the original text, with Miss Grant as Ariel, and Miss Vining as Miranda. On the occasion of her benefit, on June 27th, Miss Grant took the part of Tom Tug, in "The Waterman."

15.—On opening the East of England Bank at Lynn, it was discovered that during the preceding night upwards of £4,000 had been stolen. A clerk, named William Henry Sangar, aged nineteen, had committed the theft, in the absence of Mr. Spiller, the manager, and had absconded. He was apprehended on July 3rd, at Pooley Bridge, Ullswater, with £4,300 in his possession. At Lynn Quarter Sessions, on July 17th, he was charged before the Recorder, Mr. Martin J. West, with stealing £4,362 1s. 6d., and, on pleading guilty, was sentenced to fourteen years' transportation. The Recorder expressed the hope that he would not have to appear at the Assizes to answer the still more serious charge of forgery. He was, however, indicted at the Norfolk Assizes on August 3rd, on two counts, for forgery, and on pleading guilty was sentenced by Baron Alderson to transportation for life.

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16.—For nearly three hours "the sun was surrounded by a bright and beautiful halo, whilst several others appeared in its vicinity, intersecting the main one in several directions." A similar appearance was observed in the summer of 1826.

JULY.

1.—The fares by the Royal Norwich mail from the Star, Haymarket, to the Belle Sauvage, Ludgate Hill, were reduced from this date to 16s. inside and 8s. outside.

4.—Mr. Charles Gill and Miss Vining, two popular performers with the Norwich Company, eloped from the city. "The attachment between the parties has been of long standing, but it was

opposed by the young lady's friends, on account of the disparity of years." Mr. and Mrs. Gill appeared at Yarmouth Theatre on September 8th.

—Died at North Walsham, Captain Thomas Withers, R.N., aged 73. He entered the service in 1793, joined Nelson in the *Agamemnon*, which formed part of Lord Hood's fleet at the occupation of Toulon, and took part in the reduction of Bastia and Calvi, and in the several actions in which the ship was engaged. In 1796 he joined the *Captain*, and in the following year, in the battle off Cape St. Vincent, had the distinguished honour of commanding the division which boarded the *San Nicolas*, and from that ship the *San Josef*. He was made lieutenant next day, and soon after appointed to the *Terrible*, under the command of Sir Richard Bickerton, and served during the expedition against the French in Egypt. In April, 1803, he was appointed to the command of the *Expedition* (44 guns), and was chiefly engaged in the Mediterranean until 1804. In 1805 he accepted employment under the Transport Board, and in 1809 received post rank.

8.—A whirlwind occurred at Blakeney. In its course it carried away several yards of a wall two feet thick, took from some smacks the hatchings, which were blown upon the marshes, and blew a man off the seat of a threshing machine. The stable at the White Horse was unroofed, and a quantity of Mr. Temple's hay was blown to the distance of a mile.

15.—Arising out of an assault case, a curious story about witchcraft was told to the Norwich magistrates. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis alleged that a Mrs. Bell had bewitched them three days after Tombland Fair, and they had been bewitched ever since. "Mrs. Curtis saw Mrs. Bell light a candle and fill it with pins. She then put some red dragon's blood, with some water, into an oyster-shell, and having repeated a form of words over it, her (Mr. Curtis') husband's arms and legs were set fast, and when he lay down he could not get up again without somebody helping him." The man made a similar statement, and said that to the dragon's blood and water Mrs. Bell added some parings of her own nails, put the mixture over the fire, and muttered an incantation.

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19.—A young man named Robert Smithson "wagered that he would run over the nine bridges in Norwich in twenty-five minutes." He performed the distance, nearly four miles, in twenty-two minutes.

24.—Died at Shotley Parsonage, Ipswich, aged 91, the Rev. Samuel Forster, D.D., formerly head-master of Norwich Free Grammar School. On resigning, in 1811, Dr. Forster became private tutor to the son of the Marquis of Bristol. Sir Edward Berry, Nelson's flag captain at the Battle of the Nile, married the doctor's eldest daughter.

29.*—"In the melancholy list of passengers on board the *Pegasus*, lost off the Fern Islands on July 19th, we are sorry to observe the name of Mr. Elton, for many years a favourite tragedian in the Norwich Company, and latterly holding a most respectable station on the London boards."

—The Assize week performances at Norwich Theatre opened with the appearance of Miss Montague, of Drury Lane, as Juliet. On July 31st Miss Clara Novello, Miss Sybella Novello, Mr. Manvers, and Mr. Stretton, of Drury Lane, performed in Bellini's opera, "*Norma*," and in "*Acis and Galatea*"; and on August 7th Madame Céleste and Mr. Webster commenced a four nights' engagement in "*St. Mary's Eve*," "*The Woman Hater*," and "*The French Spy*."

AUGUST.

6.—Died at Gaywood, aged 70, Mr. Thomas Marsters, for many years the representative at Lynn of the *NORFOLK CHRONICLE*. "He was extensively read in the poets and classics, and his taste for the drama induced him, when he resided at Gaywood Hall, to become lessee of Lynn Theatre, on the boards of which he occasionally performed as an amateur."

9.—Norwich and many parts of the county were visited by one of the severest thunderstorms that had occurred for many years. It was accompanied by a hailstorm which did immense damage—in the city windows and conservatories were smashed, in the county garden and field crops were destroyed. The first floors and cellars in Surrey Street, St. Stephen's Street, Rampant Horse Street, the Market Place, and London Street were flooded, and in places morsels of ice lay from four to five inches deep. The storm lasted half an hour. The performance at the Theatre was stopped, and the terrified audience in the gallery rushed down the stairs and found the passage filled with water, which prevented their escape. The river at Bishop Bridge rose one foot in five minutes. At two o'clock on the morning of the 10th, the rain and hail again descended with great violence, and "a surface of flame spread across the heavens, followed by a clap of thunder which seemed to rend the welkin." Another storm occurred on the 15th, and on the 18th waterspouts were observed at Rushall and Dickleburgh. At a meeting at the Bishop's Palace on the 19th, steps were taken for the relief of the sufferers, a public subscription organized, and surveyors appointed to assess the damage. In September the Committee reported that the total losses amounted to £30,770 2s. 3d. In some parishes a voluntary rate of threepence in the pound was paid to assist the relief fund. The contributions from the parishes amounted to £5,622, and individual subscriptions to £4,391.

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16.—The left wing of the Cavalry Barracks at Norwich was destroyed by a fire which originated in the forage barn. The men of the Scots Greys succeeded in saving the remainder of the buildings.

31.—Died at Stisted Hall, Essex, aged 87, Mr. Charles Savill Onley, bencher of the Middle Temple. He was third son of Mr. Robert Harvey, merchant and banker, of Norwich, by Judith, daughter of Capt. Onley, R.N. Mr. Onley (then Mr. Charles Harvey) was called to the Bar on November 24th, 1790. In 1783 he was elected Steward, and in 1801 Recorder, of Norwich. In

1804 his portrait was painted by Lawrence, at the expense of the Corporation, and hung in St. Andrew's Hall. In 1812 he was returned to Parliament, and at the dissolution in 1818 retired from the representation of the city, but sat for Carlow from 1820 to 1826. It was in December, 1822, that he took the name of Savill Onley, on the death of his maternal uncle, the Rev. Charles Onley, through whom he came to the possession of a fine estate in Essex, besides a large personal property. He resigned his Recordership in 1826. He was lieutenant-colonel of Col. Patteson's battalion of Norwich Volunteers, enrolled in 1808 as a regiment of Local Militia. He married, first, Sarah, daughter of Mr. J. Haynes, by whom he had issue one son, Onley Savill Onley, who married his cousin Caroline, daughter of Mr. John Harvey, of Thorpe; and two daughters, Sarah, married to Mr. William Harvey, and Judith, to Mr. Charles Turner. Mrs. Harvey died in 1800, and he married, secondly, Charlotte, sister of his former wife.

SEPTEMBER.

7.—Father Mathew attended a temperance festival at Norwich. He addressed a meeting on St. Martin-at-Palace Plain in the morning, and a public gathering at St. Andrew's Hall in the evening, at which the Lord Bishop and Mr. J. J. Gurney were present. On the 8th Father Mathew, from twelve to six o'clock, "administered the pledge to all who cared to receive it." The NORFOLK CHRONICLE observed: "We cannot but feel that the members of the Church of England are pledged to temperance already, and have therefore no necessity to repeat the pledge before a Romish priest."

11.—The Earl of Leicester laid the foundation-stone of the new quay at Wells-next-the-Sea.

16.—A platform was erected on the summit of the spire of Norwich Cathedral by a party of Sappers and Miners, to support an observatory for the purpose of the trigonometrical survey then being made throughout the kingdom, by order of the Board of Ordnance.

23.*—"Died, lately, aged 101, Mr. Robert Holmes, of St. Augustine's, Norwich."

27.—Died at Ramsgate, Lieut.-General Beevor. He was the last surviving son of Mr. James Beevor, of Norwich. He served in Flanders in the campaigns of 1793-4-5; in 1801-2 he was actively employed in Egypt, and he took part in the protracted operations in the Peninsula and Portugal.

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2.—Mrs. Fitzwilliam, of Covent Garden Theatre, commenced a six nights' engagement at the Theatre Royal, Norwich. She was described as the first comic actress of the day and a most accomplished vocalist. On the 7th Mrs. Fitzwilliam was joined by Mr. Buckstone, of the Haymarket Theatre, with whom she appeared in "My Tender Charge" and "Foreign Airs and Native Graces."

14.—In a case before the county justices at the Shirehall, Norwich, in which the keeper of Hellesdon toll-bar was summoned for unlawfully taking toll in respect of a vehicle called a "wheel machine," interesting particulars were given of the contrivance, which belonged to a Norwich mechanic named Matthew Fish. It was described as "only a barrow worked by the feet, and not propelled by machinery." The carriage was shown outside the Court, and "appeared to be a very ingenious machine, which could be worked at the rate of ten miles an hour on a level road." It had three wheels and two levers. Mr. Repton, the clerk to the turnpike trustees, urged that the narrow wheels cut up the road more than those of heavy carriages, and that *such contrivances for evading toll and the keeping of horses were increasing*. These carriages were considered a nuisance on the roads, no horses liked to pass them, and the Act laid a heavy toll upon them to prevent them running on any turnpike at all. The matter was ultimately settled without a conviction.

16.—Carter, the "Lion King," appeared at Norwich Theatre with his trained lions, &c., in a drama founded on the adventures of Mungo Park. "The submissive bearing with which they crouched to the lash and the utter want of animation and spirit which they exhibited, divested the exhibition of all sense of danger."

17.—A severe gale occurred on the Norfolk coast, several vessels were driven ashore, and five lives were lost off Bacton.

23.—The Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry paraded at East Dereham and received from the Lord Lieutenant of the county a standard, in commemoration of the honour conferred upon it by Prince Albert, in allowing the corps to be called after his name. "The helmets, which formerly were fronted with the Maltese Cross, now exhibit the Royal Arms."

NOVEMBER.

9.—Mr. Freeman was elected Mayor, and Mr. George Lovick Coleman appointed Sheriff of Norwich.

25.—Mr. Murray announced the publication of "The Correspondence of William Taylor of Norwich (author of 'English Synonyms') with Robert Southey, Esq., from 1791 to 1830, with a memoir of his life and works," by J. W. Robberds.

DECEMBER.

2.—A meeting of landowners, agriculturists, and merchants of the county, presided over by the High Sheriff (Mr. Tyssen), approved the scheme of the Norwich and Brandon Railway, expounded by Mr. G. P. Bidder. The estimated cost was £380,000, to be raised in 19,000 shares of £20 each. (*See* July 29th, 1845.)

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9.—The first person in Norwich to advertise “patent photographic portraits” was Mr. Beard, of the Royal Bazaar. These likenesses were stated to be “surprisingly correct,” and severe chemical tests proved that they would “last to infinity.” The prices ranged from one to two guineas.

—Mr. George Pinson, Governor of Gressenhall Workhouse, was selected by the visiting justices Governor of the County Gaol at Norwich Castle, in succession to Mr. Johnson, resigned.

15.—Died in St. Peter Southgate, Norwich, John Smith, gardener, aged 102.

16.—The improvement of Briggs’ Street, Norwich, was completed, and the Paving Commissioners were paid £700 by the trustees of the D’Oyley fund.

19.—Died, Mrs. Elizabeth Barbara Bulwer Lytton, widow of General Bulwer, of Heydon Hall, and daughter and sole heiress of Richard Warburton Lytton, of Knebworth Park, Herts. “She was mother of the Ambassador at Madrid, of Sir Edward, who succeeds to the estates, and of Mr. W. L. Bulwer, of Heydon Hall. The literary tastes and accomplishments of Mrs. Bulwer Lytton may have had an influence in early life upon her son’s mind. Many poems of hers circulated amongst her immediate friends are full of feeling and grace.”

26.—The report on the Christmas trade at Norwich stated that the stage coaches conveyed 3,036 hampers of game and poultry to London. Sykes’ waggons in five days conveyed to the Metropolitan market 68 tons of meat, game, and poultry, from Norfolk and Suffolk.

—For the first time for many years, Norwich Theatre opened on Boxing Day. The programme included “The Stranger,” “Cherry Bounce,” and the pantomime “Harlequin Baron Munchausen.” The other Christmas attractions were Batty’s Equestrian Company at the Pantheon, Victoria Gardens, and Wombwell’s Menagerie on the Castle Meadow.

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JANUARY.

9.—A meeting was held at Norwich, under the presidency of Mr. T. Brightwell, at which it was resolved to raise a subscription to pay the legal expenses of Mr. John Francis and of four other recusants, proceeded against in the Court of Arches for failing to make a rate for repairing the parish church of St. George Colegate. When the case was heard in the Arches Court, counsel for Mr. Francis protested that upon the face of the citation it did not appear that he had been guilty of any ecclesiastical offence cognisable by the Court, neither did it appear that the parish church was in need of repair. These arguments were overruled by the Court, whereupon Mr. Francis took the case to the Court of Queen’s Bench, and on May 9th Mr. Justice Denman delivered judgment in favour of the appellant, on the ground that the citation was bad, because of there being no adequate allegation of any spiritual offence.

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13.—Mr. H. J. Wallack, of Drury Lane Theatre, formerly a member of the Norwich circuit, and Mrs. Wallack, commenced an operatic engagement at Norwich Theatre, in the “Barber of Seville.”

FEBRUARY.

3.—In the Court of Exchequer, before Lord Abinger and a special jury, an information was heard against three persons named Phillips, of Swanton Abbot, for the recovery of penalties for a violation of the Excise laws by means of illicit distillation. The jury returned a verdict of guilty. It was stated that defendants had rendered themselves liable to penalties amounting to £12,000, but the Crown would be satisfied with a verdict for one penalty of £200, which, trebled, amounted to £600. Judgment was then entered for the last-named sum.

—Permission was given by the authorities of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital for the formation of a hospital museum, on the understanding that there should be no alienation of the funds of the institution. On October 19th it was reported to the Governors that the museum had been completed, and an inscription on vellum was voted to Mr. William Dalrymple, in grateful acknowledgment of his donation of his entire collection in anatomy and pathology, and to Mr. J. G. Crosse for his valuable contributions. (*See* September 10th, 1845.)

7.—John Franklin, “known by the name of Bill Downey, the celebrated Southtown pedestrian,” for a wager of £10 walked from the Duke’s Head Inn, the Quay, Yarmouth, to the Shirehall, Norwich, and back, in eleven and a half hours.

8.—A meeting was held at North Walsham, for the purpose of forming a Protection Association against the attacks of the Anti-Corn Law League. Similar associations were formed in other parts of the county, and about fifty petitions were sent to Parliament, praying that no alteration be made in the state of the law.

10.*—“A society for insurance against damages by hail has been established in Norwich, an influential body of gentlemen having accepted the office of directors, and numerous parties have

intimated their intention to take advantage of this institution."

13.—A new historical play, entitled, "Zopyrus, the Hero of Persia," by Mr. William Cooper, barrister, of Norwich, was produced for the first time at Norwich, Theatre.

15.—A singular person, named Jemima Cock, died at Long Stratton. "She was 78 years of age, and was known for many years as a letter-carrier of the Post Office, and although no scholar, was never known to make a mistake in that department. She once travelled the country as a seller of rakes and other implements. She wore top boots, kindly given to her by gentlemen of the village, and dressed her head with a hat like Mrs. Twankey's in the play of the 'Ladies' Club,' and long before, and at the time of her demise was, by order of the parish, made governess of the clink. She leaves no relative or friend to mourn her loss, save one, and those placed under her kind attention in prison-like confinement, and the poor weary barefooted traveller who wandered thither for shelter (and repose) from the fury of the pelting storm."

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20.—It was announced in the "London Gazette" that Sir E. L. Bulwer, Bart., in compliance with a direction contained in the will of his late mother, Elizabeth Barbara Bulwer Lytton, of Knebworth, would thereafter use the surname of Lytton in addition to and after that of Bulwer, and also bear the arms of Lytton quarterly in the first quarter with his own family arms.

26.—An information was laid before the Docking magistrates by Robert Bullock, a common informer, against Mr. William Shearman, of Burnham, under 52 Geo. III., cap. 93, for having, on November 17th, 1843, "assisted Mr. Charles Edward Overman and 20 other persons in the taking of a hare by means of two greyhounds, the said act of assisting not being done in the company or presence and for the use of any person who had then duly obtained a certificate in his own right and who then and there used his own dogs for the taking of the said hare," whereby he rendered himself liable to a penalty of £20. Evidence was adduced showing that the dogs which ran at the West Burnham Coursing Meeting, where the alleged offence took place, belonged to qualified persons. The Bench recorded a conviction, against which the defendant appealed, at the Norfolk Quarter Sessions, held at Norwich on March 13th. The Court quashed the conviction. Twenty other cases depended upon the result of this appeal.

—Died in London, aged 73, Mr. John Wright. He was a native of Norwich, and going early in life to the Metropolis, where he had the superintendence of Hookham's Reading Rooms, in Old Bond Street, he became acquainted with many of the leading political and literary characters of the day, by whose support he entered into business as a publisher, in Piccadilly. He was the particular friend of Gifford, the poet, and the *rencontre* between that individual and Peter Pindar took place at Wright's house. He was afterwards connected with Cobbett in the publication of the "Weekly Register," but this terminated in a lawsuit, in which the latter gained little credit. Literary pursuits of various kinds occupied Mr. Wright's attention for the remainder of his life, and his assistance was much sought after by publishers and others, in affording which and in attendance at the House of Commons he generally spent his time. He was supposed to have had the superintendence and correction of "Hansard's Debates."

28.—Died at Ingolville, near Havre, Mr. John Morse, formerly of Sprowston. He was a magistrate and deputy lieutenant of the county, and served the office of High Sheriff in 1807. His remains were interred at Sprowston, on March 12th.

MARCH.

5.—The Norwich Court of Guardians passed a series of resolutions on the new Poor Law Amendment Bill, expressing regret that the measure contained a clause extending the powers of the Poor Law Commissioners to places hitherto governed by local Acts of Parliament, and thereby to a considerable extent repealed those Acts.

9.*—"A very fine specimen of the osprey or sea eagle, in full plumage, measuring 7 ft. 5 in. from tip to tip of the wings, was lately shot at Westwick by one of the gamekeepers of Mr. J. Petre."

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16.*—"Ministers connected with the party which seceded last May from the Scotch Church have visited Norwich this week, for the purpose of detailing their version of the differences between them and the Presbyterian Establishment and of raising 'siller' to enable them to carry on their system."

25.—Lord Chief Baron Abinger and Mr. Justice Patteson, Judges of Assize, arrived at Norwich. Lord Abinger, on the 30th, received a deputation of the principal merchants of the city, who represented to him the unfairness and expense attending the mode of conducting bankruptcy proceedings. On April 1st his lordship was taken suddenly ill at Bury St. Edmund's, the next town on the Assize circuit, and on April 7th he died. His lordship's political connection with Norwich commenced in 1832. As Sir James Scarlett he was returned with Lord Stormont in 1833 a member for the city, and on December 15th received the honorary freedom. When Sir Robert Peel was unexpectedly called upon to form a Conservative ministry, the office of Chief Baron was conferred upon Sir James Scarlett, who was called to the House of Lords by the title of Baron Abinger, of Abinger, in the county of Surrey, and of the city of Norwich.

30.—Died, aged 81, at Wymondham, Mr. John Cullyer. "He was an excellent arithmetician, and the author of a scientific work entitled, 'The Gentleman's and Farmer's Assistant,' containing tables for the measurement of land, &c."

APRIL.

4.—Hales, the Norfolk giant, was exhibited at Tombland Fair. He was 8 ft. in height, and weighed 33 stones.

8.—Mrs. Yates and Mr. O. Smith appeared at Norwich Theatre in the "Christmas Carol," produced under the superintendence of its adaptor, Mr. Edward Stirling, stage manager of the Adelphi Theatre. Mrs. Yates was a granddaughter of Mr. Brunton, many years manager of the Norwich circuit.

11.—The Norwich Town Council completed the arrangements respecting the purchase by the Corporation of the Foundry Bridge tolls, and empowered the City Committee to negotiate for the borrowing of £8,000 for the purpose. The new iron bridge which replaced the old wooden structure was opened for traffic on June 29th. It was erected by Messrs. Bradley and Co., of Wakefield, from designs by Mr. C. D. Atkinson, of the same town, at the cost of £800.

12.—Major-General Pasley, Government Inspector, accompanied by the Lord Bishop of Norwich, and several of the directors, proceeded in "a train of carriages" from the Norwich terminus to Yarmouth by the new Yarmouth and Norwich Railway. This was the first train that ran out of the city, and its departure was witnessed by thousands of the inhabitants. (*See* April 30.)

20.—The Scots Greys, during the week ending this date, marched from the Cavalry Barracks, Norwich, *en route* to Edinburgh.

20.*—"The parish clerk of St. Peter's, Terrington, has caused his coffin and gravestone to be prepared, although in excellent health. The former he keeps in his sleeping room, and uses as a wardrobe, and the latter stands in the church, ready to be put down when required. The stone contains the following:—

"This aged clerk, long ere he died,
His coffin had and placed by his bedside;
His neighbours all well know the truth is spoke—
'Twas made of Mr. John Perry's best oak;
His old friend Death just touch'd him with his spear
And in pure kindness laid him quietly here.

"The upper part of the stone contains the name, with blanks for cutting age, &c., when the time of his dissolution shall take place."

24.—Died at Boyland Hall, aged 66, the Hon. Frederick Paul Irby, C.B., Rear-Admiral of the White. He was born April 18th, 1779, and was second son of the second Baron Boston. He entered the Navy in 1791, was present in Lord Howe's action on June 1st, 1793, at Camperdown under Lord Duncan, and afterwards saw much active service. He was severely wounded in an action fought with a French frigate off the Isle of Los, on the coast of Guinea.

—Died in Julian Place, Norwich, aged 38, Mr. Thomas Wiggins. "He had been proprietor of and a celebrated whip on the Phenomena coach from Norwich to London for several years, and was much respected by all for his skill as a coachman."

30.—The Yarmouth and Norwich Railway was formally opened on this date. The county was indebted to Mr. R. Stephenson, the celebrated engineer and "father of railways," for the introduction of the line. He and his friends, supported to a limited extent only by residents in Norwich and Yarmouth, contemplated it as the commencement of a grand line from the east to the west of England, in connection with other systems extending north and south. The prospectus was issued on January 15th, 1842; the Act of Parliament obtained June 18th, 1842; and the first meeting of proprietors held at the Victoria Hotel, Yarmouth, on August 5th, 1842. The total cost of the undertaking was estimated at £200,000. The first half-yearly meeting of shareholders was held at the Royal Hotel, Norwich, on February 26th, 1843. Messrs. Grissell and Peto constructed the line, at the cost of £10,000 per mile. The rolling stock of the company consisted of five locomotives and a number of passenger carriages, supplied by Mr. Wright, of London. "The third class are six-wheeled carriages, open, and at present without seats. We trust they will not long continue so; the inconvenience of standing, especially to females, during a journey in cold weather, will be very great." Thousands of persons assembled at Thorpe Station to witness the departure of the first train at 10.30, hundreds thronged the line at various points, and a great crowd gathered at Yarmouth to see the arrival. Howlett's brass band occupied a third-class carriage next the engine, and the other carriages were reserved for 200 guests, specially invited by the directors. The train started amid loud cheers, and accomplished the journey in 50½ minutes; the return trip was done in 44 minutes. At four o'clock a dinner was held at the Assembly Rooms, Norwich, under the presidency of Mr. S. M. Peto, supported right and left by the Mayors of Norwich and Yarmouth. The railway was opened for public traffic on May 1st, when 1,015 passengers were booked.

MAY.

4.*—"Last week 100 stand of arms were received at our barracks for the Norwich Enrolled Pensioners. The dress consists of a peaked, glazed cap, with scarlet band and star in front, a blue frock coat, similar to those worn by the French infantry, with scarlet epaulettes edged with brass, and dark mixture trousers with broad red stripes. Sergeants will be each armed with a light carbine and cutlass. The whole will be called out occasionally for exercise and drill."

6.—A troop of the 4th Light Dragoons arrived at Norwich.

—The Bishop of Norwich confirmed 1,277 persons at the Cathedral.

18.—The Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry commenced eight days' permanent duty at Holt.

20.—Mr. Govett, formerly assistant minister at St. Stephen's church, Norwich, "whose eccentricities were often the cause of great pain to many members of the congregation," was baptised at Mr. Brock's chapel, "with six young ladies whom he had persuaded unhappily to follow his errors."

JUNE.

1.—The season terminated at Norwich Theatre. The manager (Mr. G. Smith) said, in the course of his customary address: "Having been for nearly 30 years a member of the company, I am most reluctantly compelled to chronicle the one now closing as the very worst season within my recollection."

19.—Died at Knapton, aged 59, Mr. Jeffreson Mills, Commander R.N. He served from 1799 until the Peace in 1815. "During his career he assisted at the capture of 26 line of battleships, 18 frigates, and 21 sloops of war and privateers. He was the author of a masterly vindication of Lord Nelson's proceedings in the Bay of Naples."

22.*—"The fatal ball by which Nelson received his death wound, and which was in the possession of the late Sir W. Beatty, M.D., R.N., at his death came into possession of Col. Beatty, R.M., and his brother, Mr. Vincent Beatty, *ci-devant* captain of the late 24th Light Dragoons, by whom it has been presented to her Majesty, and most graciously received. The ball, with the particles of the coat and epaulette which were forced into the body, is neatly and elegantly set within a crystal case, which is appropriately mounted with a double cable coiled around its circumference. It opens like a watch."

24.—Madame Vestris and Mr. Charles Mathews commenced a short engagement at Norwich Theatre, in "Patter *versus* Clatter," "Loan of a Lover," "Grist to the Mill," and "Follies of a Night."

JULY.

13.—At Marsham, near Aylsham, were rung 10,080 changes of Oxford treble bob major, "the longest peal on eight bells ever completed in this county." It was composed by Eversfield, of London, and rung in 5 hours 44 minutes.

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22.—Died at Longford Hall, Derbyshire, whither she had retired for her accouchement, Anne Amelia Dowager Countess of Leicester, wife of the Right Hon. Ed. Ellice, M.P. for Coventry. The third daughter of the Earl and Countess of Albemarle, and born on June 16th, 1803, she married, on February 26th, 1822, Mr. Thomas William Coke, of Holkham, who was created Earl of Leicester in 1837, and died in 1842. Her ladyship married Mr. Ellice on October 25th, 1843.

25.—A cricket match, Marylebone Club and Ground against Norfolk with Fuller Pilch, commenced at Lord's. Norfolk, 60-111; Marylebone, 79-71. The return match commenced at Swaffham on Sept. 5th. Marylebone, 19-32; Norfolk, 45-6.

29.—The celebrated dwarf, Tom Thumb (Charles Stratton), made his first appearance in Norwich at the Theatre Royal, where he was introduced by Mr. Barnum, the equally famous showman.

30.—Mr. Justice Williams, in charging the Grand Jury at the Norfolk Assizes, dwelt upon the alarming increase of incendiarism.

AUGUST.

1.—Madame Céleste and Mr. Webster commenced an engagement at Norwich Theatre. One of the features of the entertainment was the dancing of "le Polka." This dance, which was introduced for the first time in Norwich, was described as "a mixture of the waltz and the cracovienne, and extremely pretty when danced well." All the local dancing masters advertised it, and it gave fresh life and animation to the ball rooms. "Nothing was more wearisome," it was said, "than the eternal first set of quadrilles, and comparatively few joined in the waltz; in the polka we have a dance full of life, elegant in its figures, and with the additional charm of being accompanied by music of the most attractive character." At the Norwich Sessions Ball, on Sept. 16th, it was a great attraction; Mr. Frank Noverre gave a "polka ball" at the Assembly Rooms on December 2nd; and at Miss Bidwell's ball, at the same place, on December 5th, "these ladies danced the polka in character, giving a good delineation of Madame Céleste and Mr. Webster."

—A sculling match took place between Messrs. Corby and Wigham, from the New Cut, Whitlingham, to Mutford Lock and back, a distance of 60 miles, for £25 a side. Corby, the winner, rowed the distance in 10 hrs. 21 mins., the whole of the return journey being against a strong wind and tide. Wigham gave up at Buckenham.

2.—At the Norfolk Assizes, before Mr. Justice Williams, William Frost, aged 35, was indicted for having, on April 8th, at Whitwell, murdered his four children, whose ages ranged from five years to ten weeks, by striking them on the head with a hammer. Mr. W. P. Nichols, Mr. G. W. W. Firth, and Mr. Crosse testified to the insanity of the prisoner, against whom a verdict of not guilty was returned, and he was ordered to be confined in the Criminal Lunatic Asylum, St. George's

3.*—"About 60 cwt. of tea and coffee have been brought to Norwich by the Yarmouth and Norwich Railway Company, for Messrs. Wolton and Co., of London Street. We should not be surprised if that practice become more general in busy weeks, particularly when the wind is contrary for the favourable transit of the wherries."

—At the Norfolk and Norwich Assizes, before Mr. Justice Alderson, the action, *Cory v. the Yarmouth and Norwich Railway Company*, was heard. It was an action sent down from the Vice-Chancellor's Court, in which the plaintiff sought to restrain the defendants from carrying passengers from their railway terminus across the Bure or Yare to Great Yarmouth, on the ground that the right of the plaintiff as proprietor of the ancient ferry and of the suspension bridge which supplied its place, was thereby infringed. At the suggestion of the Judge, an agreement was arrived at between the parties. (*See* May 2nd, 1845.)

7.—Intelligence was received at Norwich of the birth of a Prince (Prince Alfred Ernest Albert, Duke of Edinburgh). The bells of St. Peter Mancroft were rung, and the Town Council in due course sent to the Queen a congratulatory address.

9.—Great festivities took place at Ellingham, near Bungay, in celebration of the return of Col. Smith from active service in India.

12.—The opera of "The Bohemian Girl" was performed at Norwich Theatre for the first time. The principals included Miss Rainforth, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Stretton, of Drury Lane Theatre; Mr. Gilbeigh, Mr. Duval, &c. The numerical strength of the orchestra was more than trebled by the services rendered by professional and amateur instrumentalists of the city. The conductor was Mr. C. F. Hall, one of the leaders of the Drury Lane orchestra "Norma" was also produced. The week's performances received very inadequate support.

19.—Killed at Sekerran, Borneo, aged 39, George Steward, youngest son of Mr. Timothy Steward, of Great Yarmouth. He was in the East India Company's service, and volunteered to accompany Capt. Keppel, R.N., in his expedition against the pirates of Borneo. While ascending a river in a native boat he was surrounded by the enemy and slain.

—Died at Bracondale, Norwich, aged 78, Mr. Roger Kitson, a schoolmaster, who sixty years previously succeeded Mr. Massingham at the then well-known academy in St. Andrew's Broad Street. He had a talent for poetical composition, and belonged to the Confraternity of United Friars and other literary societies.

21.—The Norwich Mechanics' Institute was dissolved. On October 27th its surplus funds, amounting to £120, were handed over to a new society, known as the Athenæum, in which the Rev. A. Bath Power, Mr. J. J. Gurney, and other gentlemen were interested. The society met at rooms in the Market Place.

24.*—"The operation of Lord Brougham's Act, for the abolition of imprisonment for debt, has had the effect of clearing the Norwich Gaol of all the debtors except one. Its operation will be very disadvantageous to the prisoners sentenced by the Court of Conscience or Requests, as they had laid a part of their time, and a very few days more would have exempted them from future liability, whereas now they go out subject to other proceedings and executions against their goods."

28.—A shocking accident occurred at Dereham Theatre, to Mr. Dillon, one of the performers. He had just dressed for his part, and approaching too near to a lighted candle, the inflammable material which he wore immediately caught fire, and he was enveloped in flames. He ran about the stage in terror, and some of the audience, rushing forward, endeavoured to extinguish the fire, but they did not succeed until he had been seriously injured.

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31.—Among Norwich improvements completed during the preceding twelve months were mentioned at this date the building of Victoria Street, the erection of new houses in place of old and unsightly ones near St. Giles' Gates, and the widening of the street in that locality; the reconstruction of the Wensum Street and Tombland Corner; and the construction of the embankment between Foundry Bridge and Carrow Bridge.

SEPTEMBER.

9.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kean appeared in "Hamlet" at Norwich Theatre, and on succeeding evenings played in "The Gamester," "Macbeth," "The Lady of Lyons," "Richard the Third," and "The Stranger."

—The Royal squadron escorting the Queen on her voyage to Scotland was off the Norfolk coast from 7 a.m. to 12 noon. The coastguard fired rockets at various points, which were answered from the Royal yacht.

11.—Died at Cheltenham, the Ven. Henry Bathurst, Archdeacon of Norwich and rector of North Creake.

12.—The organ at St. Nicholas' church, Great Yarmouth, was reopened after renovation. The instrument was built in the 18th century, by Abraham Jordan, and repaired in 1812 by G. P. England. It was finally repaired by Messrs. Grey and Davison, of Gray's Inn Road, London.

19.—At a meeting of the members of the medical profession in Norwich, held at the Guildhall, under the presidency of Mr. J. G. Crosse, approval was expressed of the registration clauses in Sir James Graham's Bill for the better regulation of medical practice in the United Kingdom.

26.—The new chapel, dedicated to St. Edmund, at Walpole St. Peter, was consecrated by the Bishop of Norwich.

—A meeting was held at the King's Arms Hotel, East Dereham, in furtherance of a scheme for constructing a railway from Wymondham to that town, with extensions to Lynn and Downham. Lord Sondes, on October 7th, presided over a meeting at the Guildhall, Norwich, at which the undertaking was approved. It was estimated to cost £10,000 per mile. (*See* December 7th, 1846.)

OCTOBER.

10.—Died at Norwich, Mr. Thomas Turner, "a well-known amateur on the river." "Agreeable to the wishes expressed by the deceased, he was conveyed from Carrow to Thorpe on board a sailing-boat, from which he was carried on the shoulders of six boating men in blue jackets and white trousers to his last resting-place in Thorpe churchyard."

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16.—Van Amburgh's Circus and Menagerie were exhibited in a large marquee erected in Chapel Field, Norwich.

17.—Dereham and Swaffham Theatres were advertised to be sold by auction, "under the will of the late Mr. David Fisher." After this date there are no further records of the Norfolk and Suffolk Company of Comedians, so long under the management of the Fisher family.

—Mr. Rush, "a respectable farmer," of Hevingham, was accidentally killed by the discharge of a gun "left in the kitchen of his house by his son, James Blomfield Rush, auctioneer and farmer, of Wymondham."

18.—M. Jullien gave the first of three concerts at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich.

26.—In the Arches Court, the Rev. William Henry Henslowe, perpetual curate of Wormegay, was suspended from the ministry for three months, for refusing on two occasions to bury the corpse of Sarah Bowden, a parishioner who had been baptised by a minister of the Primitive Methodist persuasion. The case was brought before the Court by letters of request from the Bishop of Norwich.

NOVEMBER.

9.—Sir William Foster, Bart., was elected Mayor, and Mr. John Betts appointed Sheriff of Norwich.

24.—Died at his residence, St. Catherine's Cottage, St. John de Sepulchre, Norwich, aged 73, Mr. Jonathan Matchett, senior proprietor of the NORFOLK CHRONICLE. He had been connected with the journal for 51 years, and became its head on the decease of his father-in-law, Mr. Stevenson, in 1821.

27.—Died at his house at Costessey, aged 69, Mr. Richard Mackenzie Bacon, principal proprietor and editor of the "Norwich Mercury." Mr. Bacon was the editor also of "The Quarterly Musical Magazine and Review."

28.—Mr. Tom Cross, the celebrated "gentleman whip," driver of the Lynn and London coach, delivered at the Assembly Rooms, Lynn, a lecture on Shakespeare.

DECEMBER.

3.—Died at Swaffham Vicarage, aged 92, the Rev. William Yonge, vicar of the parish and Chancellor of the Diocese.

5.—Mr. Edward Stracey, of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, the respondent in a suit respecting the tenancy of a pew in the parish church, was taken into custody and lodged in the City Gaol by a process of the Norwich Ecclesiastical Court, because of his refusal to pay the costs imposed by the Court.

14.*—"The winter has set in most severely, with an intense ground frost and the wind in the east. The navigation of the river between Norwich and Yarmouth and from that port to Beccles, Bungay, and Aylsham, has been stopped by ice, but not a particle of snow has fallen."

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5.—The Rev. Charles Chapman, who was elected vicar of the parish on November 5th, 1832, preached his farewell sermon at St. Peter Mancroft church, Norwich. The Rev. Thomas Wilson, M.A., was elected to the vacant living.

7.—At Norwich Quarter Sessions, before the Recorder (Mr. Isaac Jermy), John Dover, the notorious Chartist leader, was found guilty of receiving stolen silk, &c., the property of William

Martin and others, and sentenced to fourteen years' transportation.

13.—Cooke's Royal Circus was opened at the Amphitheatre, Victoria Gardens, Norwich. During the season various "horse spectacles," pantomimes, farces, and burlettas were produced.

18.—Died at his house near St. Giles' Gates, Norwich, Mr. James Bennett, a man of great scientific attainments. By trade a watchmaker, "he invented an instrument for performing the operation of the trepan, which was mentioned with much praise by Sir Astley Cooper in his lectures, and ever afterwards used by that distinguished surgeon. He was the first man who made an electrical machine in Norwich. To different societies he sent original contributions, and presented articles of value, particularly the splendid anatomical preparations of the late Mr. Stevenson, veterinary surgeon, Castle Meadow, which were given to a museum in London. He took great interest in witnessing surgical operations, and could dissect an eye very beautifully. He was an adept at music and drawing, and was one of the original members of the Hall Concert." Mr. Bennett served the office of Sheriff in 1826, and by virtue of seniority was "Father of the Common Council." He was the oldest surviving "brother" of the intellectual and benevolent confraternity, the College of United Friars, and was for many years a member of the Castle Corporation.

25.—The NORFOLK CHRONICLE published the results of an inquiry into the state of the manufactures of Norwich, and in its comments stated: "Norwich has lost its former prominence as a manufacturing city, partly in consequence of the high price of coals compared with the North and West, and partly from improvements in machinery being tardily introduced. We regret that while 8,000 persons are employed in or connected with our factories and mills, a large number are constantly without work, and this is likely to be the state of things for some time to come."

26.—On this date occurred the highest tide ever recorded at Yarmouth. The depth of water on the bar was 19 ft. 6 in. A severe gale prevailed, and several vessels were in distress. The Phoenix yawl, which went out to the assistance of a brig stranded on the north end of the Scroby Sand, was lost, and seven of her crew drowned.

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FEBRUARY.

19.—Died at his residence, Northrepps Hall, Cromer, Sir T. Fowell Buxton, Bart. He was in his 59th year.

23.—Died at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, Mr. Thomas Stannard, engraver, aged 55.

24.—The Hon. W. B. Baring, M.P., who had accepted the office of Paymaster to the Forces, was re-elected without opposition member for the borough of Thetford.

28.—Mr. Samuel Lover, author of "Rory O'More" and other Irish tales, gave, at the Assembly Rooms, Norwich, his "Irish Evening, illustrative of the national characteristics, legends, superstitions, mirth, and melody of his country, entitled, 'Paddy by Land and Sea.'" The entertainment was repeated on the 29th.

—At an inquest held at Costessey, by Mr. Pilgrim, one of the County Coroners, upon the exhumed body of a woman named Jane Mary Lovett, who was alleged to have died in childbirth, in consequence of improper treatment by a medical man named Gaches, a verdict of manslaughter was returned. Mr. Gaches contrived to escape from the custody of Inspector Barrett, concealed himself in the park, and ultimately absconded from the neighbourhood. He was re-arrested on March 29th, in a railway carriage at Shoreditch, and at his trial at the Norfolk Assizes on April 8th the jury, by direction of Mr. Justice Patteson, returned a verdict of not guilty.

MARCH.

5.—Died at his residence in the Upper Close, Norwich, Dr. Warner Wright, aged 70. He was founder of the Norwich Dispensary, and in 1804 was chosen a physician of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, a position which he resigned in 1840. For many years he was visiting physician to the Norfolk County Lunatic Asylum, and to the Norwich Bethel, and was placed upon the commission of the peace for the city in 1836.

12.—John Tawell, indicted at Aylesbury Assizes for the murder of Sarah Hart, at Salt Hill, by poisoning her, came of a respectable Norfolk family. "Augustus Metcalfe, who served the office of Mayor of Norwich in 1716, was the maternal grandfather of Tawell's father. Thomas Tawell, uncle of John Tawell's father, served the office of Sheriff of Norwich in 1723, and died during his shrievalty. Tawell's father was a shopkeeper, and had resided in several places in the neighbourhood of Norwich." The convict, who was a Quaker, was executed on March 28th.

15.*—"The frost has now continued, with few intermissions, for eighteen weeks, a longer period than has been remembered for the last thirty years."

19.—A meeting of the principal inhabitants was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, under the presidency of the Mayor (Sir William Foster), "to determine on the steps to be taken for arresting the progress of the epidemic diseases so extensively prevailing, and for mitigating the sufferings of the afflicted poor." It was stated that between 1,500 and 1,600 persons had been attacked by small-pox, measles, scarlet fever, and typhus. The attention of the authorities was directed to the insanitary condition of the city, and a fund was started for cleansing and disinfecting the houses of the poor.

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26.—Sir James Graham's Bill for the amendment of the Law of Settlement was considered at a public meeting held at the Guildhall, Norwich. Disapproval of the measure was expressed. The Court of Guardians and other public bodies passed resolutions in opposition to the Bill, which was received unfavourably in other parts of the county.

29.*—"A salmon trout, measuring 23 inches in length and weighing 5 lbs., has been taken while fishing for pike in the river Wensum, near Hellesdon."

APRIL.

1.—Died at Winfarthing, aged 80, Mr. Philip G. Browne. "He was author of 'The History of Norwich,' &c., &c., and was parish clerk of Winfarthing for upwards of fifty years."

7.—At Norwich Assizes, before Mr. Baron Parke, George William Wilson, formerly cashier of the Norwich Court of Guardians, was charged with embezzling various sums, amounting to £1,245, the property of that body. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty. A further charge of stealing a book belonging to the Guardians was deferred to the Summer Assizes, on which occasion no evidence was offered, and the prisoner was discharged.

—At the Norfolk Assizes, before Mr. Justice Patteson, Robert Richard Royal, James Barnard Hall, and James Mapes were indicted for the murder of Harriet Candler, at Yarmouth, on November 18th, 1844. The principal witness was a man named Samuel Yarham, who had turned Queen's evidence. The jury acquitted the prisoners. (*See* March 27th, 1846.)

8.—Bawdeswell church was consecrated by the Bishop of Norwich. The church became dilapidated in 1740, but a portion of the ruined building was fitted with pews and used until 1843, when it was found necessary to rebuild the church, at the cost of £1,400. Mr. J. Brown, of Norwich, was the architect, Mr. William Gillham, of Rainham, contractor, and Mr. Francis Cushing, of North Walsham, sub-contractor.

14.—The east wall of the chancel of St. Julian's church, Norwich, fell with a tremendous crash, which greatly alarmed the neighbourhood. The church was re-opened on January 18th, 1846.

19.—The foundation-stone of the new church of St. John, King's Lynn, was laid by the Bishop of Norwich. The building was consecrated by his lordship on September 24th, 1846.

21.—Died at his official residence, Woolwich, Colonel Sir George C. Hoste, C.B. He was the third son of the Rev. Dixon Hoste, rector of Tittleshall, and was gazetted lieutenant in the Royal Engineers on December 20th, 1802. He was attached to the expedition to the Mediterranean commanded by General Sir J. Craig, and was present at the battle of Maida, and distinguished himself on other occasions in Sicily, Egypt, and Calabria. He was employed in the two attacks on Antwerp in 1813, and gained the rank of brevet-major for the skill and gallantry which he displayed in leading the Guards at the storming of Bergen-op-Zoom. At the battle of Waterloo he was attached to the corps led by the Prince of Orange, and was subsequently upon the personal staff of the Duke of Wellington. For his services during this campaign he received the distinction of C.B.

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26.—At a meeting of the Norfolk and Norwich Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, held at the Shirehall, Norwich, Mr. J. J. Gurney called attention to a new form of life-preserver made and presented to the society by a reporter of the NORFOLK CHRONICLE. "It consists of a linen jacket covered with oblong pieces of cork. The head is put through a circle, and the jacket falls down at the back and the front of the person wearing it, leaving the arms perfectly free, being suspended from the shoulders and strapped round the body. There is a semi-circular thick cork collar in front and coming under the chin, so that the jacket is not only calculated to keep any person afloat in the water, but also to keep his head at a sufficient elevation. It was agreed that the jacket should become the property of the society."

MAY.

2.—An appalling loss of life was occasioned at Yarmouth by the fall of the Suspension Bridge, which had been the subject of so much litigation between Mr. Cory and the Yarmouth and Norwich Railway Company. A clown named Nelson, belonging to Cooke's Equestrian Circus, had announced that he would perform the feat of sailing in a tub drawn by four geese from the old Draw Bridge to the Suspension Bridge. Thousands of persons assembled to witness the spectacle, and upon the bridge itself there were between 400 and 500. The bridge, which was the chief means of transit from the railway terminus to the town, and had been widened to admit of increased traffic by a footpath constructed on either side, was suspended from two piers. Just as the clown was entering the Bure, at ten minutes to six o'clock, there was a rush to the south side of the bridge, the suspension rods snapped, the chains gave way, and "the bridge fell on that side like the leaf of a table let down," pouring the crowd upon it into the water. A terrible scene ensued. As many as possible were rescued and conveyed to the Vauxhall Gardens, but notwithstanding the efforts made by watermen in boats and upon the river banks, there was fearful loss of life. An inquest was opened at the Church Hall on the 3rd, when Mr. Cooke, the proprietor of the circus, intimated that he would at once withdraw his company from the town. The inquiry was adjourned from time to time, and at the last sitting Mr. James Walker, C.E., who had been sent down to examine into the cause of the disaster, reported: (1) the immediate cause of the accident was a defect in the welding of the bar which first gave way; (2) that the quality of the iron and the workmanship were defective, and the accident would not have happened had the

work been properly examined at the time of construction; (3) the widening of the bridge appeared to have been made without sufficient reference to its original strength and the weight which it had to support; and (4) that in the original construction of the bridge the casualty of a great load all on one side did not appear to have been contemplated. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with Mr. Walker's conclusions. The number of dead bodies recovered was 77; some, however, were supposed to have been carried away by the current. Nearly all the sufferers were children or very young persons, but it was related as "a very extraordinary circumstance" that "Mr. Thomas Bowles, aged 84, who was on board the Royal George when she sank, and who is probably the only living survivor, should have been on the Suspension Bridge during the late accident. He was precipitated into the water, but was once more miraculously saved."

3.—The Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry assembled at East Dereham in stronger force than on any previous occasion, for eight days' permanent duty.

—The last troop of the 4th Dragoons marched from Norwich Barracks, and were, on the same day, replaced by the 7th Hussars.

5.—Died at West Somerton, aged 74, "Mr. William Hales, father of nine children, whose united heights amount to 57 ft. 6 in., including the Norfolk giant and giantess."

7.—The experiment was made at Norwich Theatre of still further reducing the prices of admission to 2s. 6d. for dress boxes, and to 1s. 6d. for the upper circle.

8.—Mr. Walter Morgan, aged 23, of the firm of Messrs. Morgan, of the King Street Brewery, Norwich, met with his death by falling into a vat of beer.

10.*—"A handbill has been published in Norwich showing that out of 1,664 persons who have had small-pox, 1,536 had not been vaccinated, and only 128 were vaccinated. Out of 506 who had escaped the disease altogether, only 84 had not been vaccinated, and 422 vaccinated. Of 141 who had died from small-pox, only four had been vaccinated, one a man 93 years old; the other three were suffering from teething or were otherwise ill when vaccinated."

24.*—"The Hanworth Hall estate, comprising a mansion, cottages, and 1,465 acres of land, has been disposed of by private contract to Mr. William Howe Windham, of Felbrigg Park, for £65,000."

26.—A series of lectures on phonography was commenced at the Assembly Rooms, Norwich, by Mr. Joseph Pitman and Mr. Reid. "Mr. Reid appears to have mastered the system so far as to be able to follow a speaker, but no reporter has yet adopted it."

JUNE.

2.—Mr. Macready, accompanied by Mr. Ryder, "a highly respectable actor," commenced a three nights' engagement at Norwich Theatre. He appeared in the characters of Hamlet, Richelieu, and Macbeth.

JULY.

21.—Miss Fitzwilliam appeared at Norwich Theatre in the Assize week performances. She took the leading parts in "The Belle of the Hotel," "My Little Adopted," "Foreign Airs and Native Graces," &c. At the conclusion of the season, on the 26th, Mr. George Smith announced to the audience that he had resigned the management of the circuit. "He had been," he said, "thirty-one years a member of the Norwich Company. He had witnessed the drama in its high and palmy state; he had seen its gradual decline. Many had been the causes assigned for this decay—the increase of Dissent and fanaticism on the one hand, errors of management on the other, and the reduction of prices."

29.—A prize-fight took place on Mousehold Heath, Norwich, between Jim Woods and Ben Clarke, "the Norfolk Slasher," for £5 a side. Woods was the favourite, at 5 to 2, and obtained "first blood," but in the second round Clarke struck him a severe blow on the temple and felled him. In the third round Clarke put in another blow, and as his opponent was falling, struck him behind the ear and laid him senseless. Clarke was declared the winner, after a contest which lasted only five minutes.

—The Norfolk Railway was opened. The directors ran a special train from Trowse to Cambridge, by which about 200 guests, including the Dean and Mayor of Norwich, were conveyed. A special train from London brought a like contingent to Cambridge, where luncheon was served, under the presidency of the chairman of the Eastern Counties Railway, Mr. Henry Bosanquet. One of the first projects for a long line was the proposal to construct a railway between London and Norwich, *via* Thetford, with a continuation to Yarmouth. A prospectus was printed and partially circulated in 1825, but the scheme was abandoned. In 1835 the prospectus of the Eastern Counties (or Grand Eastern Counties) Railway appeared. The requisite notices were published in November of that year, application was made in the ensuing session of Parliament for a Bill, and the first Act for the construction of the works received the Royal assent on July 4th, 1836. Up to 1840 this line was opened only as far as Warley Lane, between Brentwood and Warley Common. In 1843 it was completed as far as Colchester, but as the original capital was more than expended in carrying the line that distance, all hope of proceeding to Norwich was abandoned. In 1839 two Acts connected with the Northern and Western Company were passed, and received

the Royal assent on July 19th. The first was for the purpose of extending the time for the purchase of land as far as Bishop's Stortford, and the second was chiefly to confirm an agreement with the Eastern Counties Company as to the terms, &c., for passing over their line. In 1840 another Act was passed, receiving the Royal assent on June 4th, for reducing the joint stock capital to £700,000, giving the company power to raise £240,000 on debentures so soon as one moiety of the capital should be paid off, and abandoning that portion of the line between Bishop's Stortford and Cambridge. In 1840 the idea of railway communication between Norwich and the Metropolis was revived, and it was resolved to form a company, to be styled the Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridge Railway Company. It was afterwards known as the East Anglian Railway Company. It received the support of the landowners' committee in Norfolk, and the expense was estimated as follows: From Bishop's Stortford to Cambridge, 22 miles, £572,000; from Cambridge to Norwich, 63 miles, £1,126,695; from Norwich to Yarmouth, 18 miles, £291,512. After the opening of the Yarmouth and Norwich line according to the plan of Mr. Stephenson, the project for the East Anglian Railway was dropped for a time, and was revived by the promoters of the Norwich and Brandon Railway, the prospectus of which was published in 1843. The capital to be raised was stated to be £380,000, in 19,000 shares of £20 each. In the Session of 1844 an Act was applied for and received the Royal assent in the month of June. The line in connection with that from Yarmouth and with that from Ely to Brandon resulted, and it was known as the Norfolk Railway. Messrs. Grissell and Peto were the contractors, and Messrs. Stephenson and Bidder the engineers in chief. The works were commenced at Wymondham on May 17th, 1844, and finished on July 1st, 1845. The first through train to London started from Trowse on the morning of July 30th. At that date the swing bridge at Trowse had not been completed. Of the travelling it was said it "cannot be rendered more comfortable than it is upon the Norfolk Railway."

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AUGUST.

12.—The foundation-stone of the Leicester monument was laid in Holkham Park by Lord Coborne, in the presence of a large gathering of the nobility and gentry and of the tenant-farmers of Norfolk.

15.—Died at his residence in Golden Ball Street, Norwich, aged 78, Mr. John Angell, who served the office of Sheriff in 1825 and of Mayor in 1830.

16.*—"Within the last few days no less than 500 coach horses have been sent for sale at Aldridge's Repository, owing to the further opening of the Northern and Eastern Railway from Bishop's Stortford by way of Ely and Thetford to Norwich, and the consequent discontinuation of coaches."

SEPTEMBER.

6.—The Brundall estate, consisting of a mansion and 143 acres of land, the property of the Rev. L. B. Foster, was sold by Mr. Spelman, of Norwich, for £12,500, to Mr. T. G. Tuck.

—The Newmarket mail coach was overturned at Cringleford Gate, and of the six outside passengers, all of whom were more or less cut and bruised, a lady had her arm broken and a gentleman sustained a fractured collar-bone and dislocated arm.

10.—The museum at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital was opened, under the presidency of the Lord Bishop of Norwich.

11.—A cricket match commenced at Swaffham, between the Marylebone Club and the Norfolk Club, and concluded on the 12th. "Fuller Pilch, the hope of Norfolk, was beautifully caught for seven runs. A great damper was thrown on their spirits by this untoward event, and the rest of the side did little to retrieve the misfortune." Marylebone, 162; Norfolk, 42-83.

16.—Died at Yarmouth, aged 69, Mr. Richard Sutton. "He was very eccentric, and had such a love for mathematics that though extremely poor he had often been known to sell his dinner in order to procure some old book on mathematics."

16.—The Norfolk and Norwich Triennial Musical Festival commenced. The principal vocalists were Madame Grisi, Madame Caradori Allan, Miss Dolby, Miss Poole, Sig. Mario, Sig. F. Lablache, Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Machin, Mr. Bradbury, and Herr Standigl. Mr. T. Cooke was leader of the band, Mr. Benedict conductor, and Mr. Turle organist. The programme included selections from the "Stabat Mater," "The Seasons," "Il Don Giovanni," Purcell's "Jubilate," Mozart's "Requiem," "Calvary," "Midsummer Night's Dream," and "The Messiah." On the 19th a ball took place at St. Andrew's Hall. The gross receipts amounted to £5,432 9s. 6d., and expenses to £4,180 10s. 9d. The Sheriffs of London (Mr. Hunter and Mr. Sidney) attended the Festival, and were, on the 19th, entertained at dinner at the Royal Hotel.

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27.*—"The Yarmouth and Norwich Railway Company has reduced the charge for the use of the telegraph and dispatching a messenger to any part of Norwich from 4s. 6d. to 2s. 6d."

OCTOBER.

7.—A meeting of the Wesleyan Methodists of the Norwich circuit was held at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, for the purpose of raising a consolidated fund to redeem the chapel debts, amounting to £6,900. It was proposed to create a capital to be raised in 6,900 shares of £1 each, the payments to be made at intervals of three months during the ensuing five years.

13.—Died “that excellent and philanthropic lady,” Mrs. Fry, who for many years “devoted her time and her purse to ameliorate the miseries of the inmates of our various prisons.”

14.—Lord Suffield was installed Grand-Master of Freemasons in the province of Norfolk.

NOVEMBER.

1.*—“Mr. Charles Fisher, who for the last two or three seasons has been a general favourite on the Norwich circuit, has accepted an engagement at the Prince’s Theatre, London.”

—*“The North Walsham Theatre, which eighteen years ago cost Mr. D. Fisher £1,800, has lately been sold for about £400, and is to be converted into a school, to be conducted on the National system.” The school was opened on May 25th, 1846.

4.—A prize-fight took place near Harford Bridges, between Ben Clarke and Smith. After a contest lasting twenty minutes, the former was declared the winner.

6.—Large numbers of birds were attracted by Happisburgh light during stormy weather on this date. Forty-five dozen larks, eight and a half dozen starlings, and many other birds, were taken.

7.—Trowse Swing Bridge, erected from a design by Mr. Bidder, was swung across the river for the first time. It underwent Government inspection on December 9th, and the first trains ran over it on December 15th.

7.—Sir Lawrence Jones, Bart., of Cranmer Hall, was murdered by robbers at Macri, in Turkey. He was in his 29th year. On July 8th, 1846, his remains were interred in the family vault at Sculthorpe.

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10.—Mr. John Betts was elected Mayor of Norwich, and Mr. Jeremiah Colman appointed Sheriff.

16.—Died, aged 72, Gregory Robinson, of the Bull’s Head Inn, Ber Street, Norwich. “The deceased in early life entered the Navy, and was with Lord Howe on June 1st, 1794, and in several other engagements. He was one of the crew of the St. George when that vessel was wrecked on the coast of Jutland, on December 24th, 1811.”

DECEMBER.

3.—A public meeting was held at St. Andrew’s Hall, Norwich, to consider the propriety of memorialising the Government to open the ports of Great Britain and Ireland for the admission of foreign grain free of duty, in consequence of the apprehended scarcity of food. The Mayor presided, and Mr. Tillet moved that a petition be presented to Parliament for the immediate repeal of the Corn Laws. A similar petition was adopted by the Norwich Town Council on the 9th.

12.—In the Arches Court, Sir H. Jenner Fust gave judgment in the suit *Kitson v. the Rev. Arthur Loftus*, vicar of Fincham St. Martin and rector of Fincham St. Michael. The case came before the Court by letters of request from the Bishop of Norwich, and the articles, in substance, charged Mr. Loftus with gross immorality. Sentence of deprivation was passed.

—A “remarkable and unprecedented” occurrence took place at the meet, on Mulbarton Common, of the Norfolk Subscription Pack of Staghounds. A bailiff, on behalf of the Rev. J. H. Steward, of Carlton House, served notices upon all who were suspected of being about to commit a trespass. “The eccentricity of such a proceeding created much amusement, and the consequence was a change of position was ordered.”

22.—The van of a menagerie travelling through Potter Heigham overturned into a ditch, and the bars of the tiger’s cage giving way, “the animal escaped, after biting off the head of an eagle.” The neighbouring farmers, armed with guns, and the labourers with pitchforks, went in pursuit of the beast. An unsuccessful endeavour was made to entangle him in a sheep-net. “A large hamper containing a piece of flesh was then placed in his way. Upon his jumping in to seize the food the lid was drawn down and soon secured, the animal uttering the most hideous yells.”

24.—A serious accident occurred on the Norfolk Railway near Thetford. The up-train from Norwich was proceeding at a rapid rate when the engine left the line and fell down the embankment. The engine-driver, named Pickering, was killed instantly, and the stoker, Richard Eager, had both legs broken, and died shortly after his removal from the scene of the accident. None of the passengers were seriously hurt. The accident was supposed to be due to the excessive speed at which the train was travelling—fifty-five miles an hour.

26.—Norwich Theatre was opened, under the management of Mr. Abington, M.A., lessee of Southampton Theatre. The circuit also included the Cambridge, Bury St. Edmund’s, Ipswich, Colchester, and Yarmouth Theatres. The old company had been dispersed, and regret was expressed that the new company was not likely to maintain the reputation of the Norwich stage.

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31.—The customary peals were rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. “In the centre of the circle stood the celebrated pitcher, capable of holding seventeen quarts, which was moulded by John Dearsley in the year 1749. This the churchwardens (Mr. W. Butcher and Mr. Robert Fitch) liberally filled with punch.”

JANUARY.

6.—The West Norfolk Agricultural Protective Association held a meeting at the Town Hall, King's Lynn, under the presidency of Lord Hastings, "to preserve the Corn Laws from further violation." A similar meeting was held at North Walsham on the 8th. On January 20th a great meeting took place at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, at which addresses were delivered by Mr. Cobden and Col. Thompson in favour of the repeal of the Corn Laws, and a resolution, moved by Mr. Geary, and seconded by Col. Angerstein, "that the Corn Laws and all other laws designed to restrict trade under pretence of protecting particular classes are unjust in principle and injurious in operation, and ought to be forthwith abolished," was carried by a large majority, in face of an amendment proposed by Mr. Wodehouse, M.P., and supported by Lord Hastings, Mr. Hamond of Westacre, and other prominent Protectionists. "Reporters from all the London daily papers attended the meeting, and the proprietors engaged special trains to carry back the report of the proceedings. The first special left Norwich Station at 8.45 p.m., and reached Shoreditch at 12.40 a.m.; the second left at 10.29 p.m. and reached London at 2.38 a.m. At half-past two p.m. on Wednesday (the 21st) we received the 'Times' containing the speeches to the extent of rather more than four columns."

7.—Died at Malta, aged 77, the Right Hon. John Hookham Frere, of Roydon Hall, eldest son of Mr. John Frere, formerly member for Norwich. Mr. Hookham Frere was educated at Eton, where he had Canning as a school companion. When very young he evinced a love for verse, and made, when only an Eton school boy, his clever translation of the Anglo-Saxon War Song on the victory of Athelstan, written when the Rowley controversy was at its height. George Ellis gave it a place in his historical essay before his "Specimens of the Poets," and Scott invariably spoke of it as something more than a mere curiosity. Another of Mr. Frere's works was a "prospectus and specimen" of his "Intended National Work by William and Robert Whistlecraft of Stowmarket in Suffolk, Hemp and Collar Makers, intended to comprise the most interesting particulars relating to King Arthur and his Round Table"—the precursor and original of Byron's "Beppo" and "Don Juan." "I have written," says Byron, "a poem of 84 octave stanzas, in or after the excellent manner of Mr. Whistlecraft, whom I take to be Mr. Frere."

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17.*—"All the coaches between Norwich and London have ceased to run, the last being the mail through Bury St. Edmund's, which was discontinued on the 6th inst. Six or seven coaches direct to London from Norfolk have been discontinued, and about 700 horses thrown off the road. There are, however, about 30 coaches constantly running from various towns to the principal stations between Yarmouth and London. There are many omnibuses, cabs, and flies. The railway has very much increased the number of horse conveyances to and from all the towns along the line. In fact, horses are dearer than ever they were and more in demand, and the consumption of oats is not likely to be diminished, but rather increased." The adverse effects of the railway were shown in the following paragraph, published on April 25th: "During the droving season last year 9,300 beasts were housed at the Bird-in-Hand public-house, Tasburgh, and the landlord purchased for their consumption, and for horses, &c., 50 tons of hay; but so great is the diminution of the traffic occasioned by the Norfolk Railway, that during the present season only twelve beasts have been taken in, and the landlord has had occasion for only eight and a half hundredweight of hay."

21.—The Norwich School of Design was opened by Sir J. P. Boileau, Bart.

31.*—"By order of the Mayor and magistrates of Norwich, the shop-keepers have had notice that no goods are to be exposed or sold after ten o'clock on Sunday morning, and bakers are not to sell or bake goods after half-past one o'clock in the afternoon." Several tradesmen were afterwards charged before the magistrates for contravention of the order.

FEBRUARY.

2.—A large sea-borne vessel, heavily laden with coal, and between 60 and 70 tons burden, was brought up to the head of the navigation at Norwich, the first vessel of the kind that had ever got beyond Foundry Bridge. It was a Dutch-built craft, drawing only two feet of water, and was the property of Messrs. Bullard and Watts, St. Michael-at-Coslany Bridge.

6.—Mr. D. N. Fisher gave the first of three subscription concerts at the Assembly Rooms, Norwich. The *artistes* included Mdlle. Schloss, Madame and Signor F. Lablache, Mr. W. L. Phillips (principal violoncello), Mr. D. N. Fisher (leader), Mr. William Sterndale Bennett (director), and Mr. James Harcourt (director of rehearsals). "The musical world of Norwich owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Fisher for introducing to them Mr. William Sterndale Bennett. As a pianist, Mr. Bennett, without the extravagance and with less fire and brilliance than Liszt, has all the expression and musical enthusiasm of that performer."

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27.—At the Norfolk Assizes, before Mr. Justice Maule, Samuel Yarham was indicted for the murder of Harriet Candler, at Yarmouth, on November 18th, 1844. The prisoner, who at the Spring Assizes in 1845 turned Queen's evidence against three other men (Hall, Mapes, and Royal) charged with the murder, had made certain admissions which led to his apprehension at Gloucester, where he had gone to work. The jury found him guilty, and he was sentenced to death. The execution took place on the Castle Hill, Norwich, on April 11th (Tombland Fair-day), in the presence of 30,000 spectators. "Eight hundred persons came from Wymondham in one

train; it was found necessary to use bullock-trucks to convey the people, there not being a sufficient number of regular carriages." The fancy fair (the Sick Poor Repository) and all business in the city was suspended during the morning. "After the execution, gongs, drums, and other instruments commenced their uproar, mountebanks and clowns their antics, the vendors of wares and exhibitors of prodigies their cries, while the whirligigs and ups-and-downs were soon in full swing. The public-houses round the Hill were crowded, and hundreds finished the day in riot and intoxication. Royal and Hall were on the Hill during the execution, and got jostled by the crowd. They were turned out of the Golden Ball public-house and other houses where they presented themselves." Owing to the scandalous character of the proceedings, a public meeting was held at St. Andrew's Hall on April 17th, under the presidency of the Mayor, when it was decided to petition Parliament for the abolition of capital punishment.

APRIL.

1.—The first general meeting of the Norfolk and Norwich Archæological Society was held at the Norfolk and Norwich Museum, under the presidency of the Lord Bishop of Norwich.

8.—Died at his residence at Lakenham, aged 81, Mr. Thomas Thurtell, formerly an Alderman of Norwich, who served the office of Sheriff in 1815, and of Mayor in 1828. "He was universally esteemed as an honest and upright man." (See April 30th.)

11.—George Clarke, a Norwich pedestrian, commenced a walk of 1,500 miles in 1,000 successive hours, "a mile and a half at the beginning of each hour," at the West End Retreat Gardens, Norwich. (The result was not recorded.)

16.—The Rev. R. F. Elwin, of Norwich, was presented with a silver coffee service, in recognition of "his promotion of the objects of the Norfolk and Norwich Musical Festival from its institution, in 1824."

18.—The 7th Hussars left Norwich for Ipswich, where they joined headquarters and marched for Hounslow. They were succeeded by the 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabineers), with headquarters and staff. "This regiment received its *nom de guerre* from being the first corps which carried the modern carbine."

20.—The Norwich Board of Health was established as a permanent institution at a meeting held at the Guildhall. Among its objects was the encouragement of vaccination amongst the poor. The Bishop of Norwich was elected president, and the Mayor vice-president.

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21.—Many hundreds of persons attended a steeplechase meeting at East Dereham. "The course from the Common was marked out by flags describing a circle round the country, over Mr. Greenacre's piece, across Mr. Neale's land, and round to the Common again, making a distance of three and a half miles in two rounds."

—The first stone of the Cromer sea-wall was laid by the vicar, the Rev. W. Sharp, in the presence of the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon and Lord Porchester. The contractors were Messrs. Wright and Cattermole, of Norwich, and the engineer Mr. J. Wright, of Westminster. On the same day the first pile of the new jetty was driven. The works were opened amid much festivity on August 7th.

23.—The North Cove Hall estates were sold at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, by Mr. Simpson, for £36,960.

29.—At a meeting of "The Friends of Permanent and Universal Peace," held at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, under the presidency of Mr. J. J. Gurney, it was resolved: "That in consideration of the points now at issue between this country and the United States of America, involving, as they do, the question of war or peace, an address be presented to the magistrates and to the ministers of the several denominations of the city of Norwich in Connecticut, and generally to the people of the United States, asking them to use their endeavours to avert war."

30.—At the Norwich Police Court, Mr. George Thurtell, horticulturist, was charged with assaulting a Mr. Riches, of St. George Colegate. Mr. Riches was the Norwich correspondent of the "Daily News," and he had sent to that journal a notice of Mr. Thomas Thurtell's death "and a private communication respecting one of Mr. Thurtell's sons." Mr. George Thurtell was greatly incensed on seeing the paragraph, more particularly as his father was not dead at the time, although he had been ill for some weeks, and meeting the complainant in the Market Place, he severely chastised him with a whip. The Bench, who considered the paragraph highly improper, imposed upon the defendant the nominal fine of one shilling. (See January 5th, 1848.)

MAY.

8.—The Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry commenced eight days' permanent duty at Cromer.

9.*—"During the last week as many as 18 seaborne vessels, *via* Lowestoft, many of them of considerable burden, have been lying at Foundry Bridge, Norwich, laden with coke, coals, and other materials, for delivery at the railway station. This proves how excellent and how practical was the plan of our late fellow-citizen, Mr. Crisp Brown, and must cause universal regret that it then failed."

18.—An inquest was opened at Happisburgh by Mr. Pilgrim, one of the County Coroners, upon the bodies of Jonathan Balls, his wife, and four grandchildren, who were believed to have been

poisoned. The bodies had been exhumed, and were placed in a tent erected in the churchyard; peace officers were sworn to prevent the incensed villagers from rushing into the tent. Several other bodies were disinterred, and in nearly every instance traces of arsenic were found. At the adjourned inquiry some curious facts were elicited. Suspicion pointed to Balls as having destroyed his wife and grandchildren, and then poisoned himself. His conduct years previously had been suspicious, children having died suddenly while at his house. What number of persons had been thus destroyed it was impossible to ascertain. The jury found that, in the majority of the cases, death resulted from the effects of poison, but how it was administered there was no evidence to show.

26.—The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, were rung on the reception of the news of the birth, on the previous day, of a Princess (Princess Helena Augusta Victoria).

31.—Died at Kimberley Hall, in his 76th year, the Right Hon. John Baron Wodehouse. He was born January 11th, 1771, and married November 18th, 1796, Charlotte Laura, only child and heiress of Mr. John Norris, of Witton Park. He succeeded to the peerage on the death of his father in 1834. He was made Lord Lieutenant of the county and Vice-Admiral of the coast in the room of Lord Suffield in 1821, and he had also served as Colonel of the East Norfolk Militia, and was Steward of Norwich Cathedral. His lordship was succeeded in his title and estates by his grandson, John Gurdon Wodehouse, son of Henry Wodehouse and of Anne, only daughter of Mr. T. T. Gurdon. The deceased nobleman was a staunch Conservative. "He was of commanding appearance, both in personal figure and dignity of deportment. During the contest for the representation of Norfolk in 1806 it was remarked with perfect truth that three finer men or more perfect gentlemen than Mr. Windham, Mr. Coke, and Col. Wodehouse never presented themselves together as candidates for the electoral suffrages of a great county."

JUNE.

5.—A fire occurred at St. James's Factory, Norwich. Upwards of one thousand persons were, in consequence, thrown out of employment.

25.—The first meeting of a new archery society, known as the West Norfolk Bowmen, of which Sir William B. ffolkes was "Prime Warden," and Lady ffolkes "Lady Patroness," was held at Reffley Wood, near King's Lynn.

27.—The first excursion train from London arrived at Norwich. It conveyed 800 passengers, who left Shoreditch at one p.m., and reached Norwich at eight p.m. The first excursion train from Yarmouth to London was run on June 29th. "There were 1,500 persons when it left Trowse Station at a quarter to nine, in 37 carriages. The passengers had increased to 2,000, and the carriages to 52, before it reached London, at 5.15 p.m." The return fare was 7s. 6d. On June 30th 6,000 passengers were conveyed by two special cheap trains to Yarmouth and back. Hundreds of Nonconformist Sunday School children were taken at threepence a head, and the return fare for ordinary passengers was one shilling. Ten thousand persons assembled at Thorpe Station to witness the return of the excursionists.

JULY.

3.—A cricket match was played on the Norwich Ground, between eleven resident members of the Norwich Club and the Messrs. Colman (eleven brothers). In the first innings the club headed their opponents by five runs only, and in the second innings had 50 runs to get. At eight o'clock, when the wickets were drawn, they had obtained 22 runs for four wickets. Scores: The Messrs. Colman, 87-54; the Club, 92-22. Game unfinished. The following were the Colmans:—Samuel, Joseph, William, Barnard, Thomas, Jeremiah, Henry, Edward, James, Robert, and John.

4.—The great heat on this day so affected the iron Swing Bridge at Trowse as to prevent its being opened for the accommodation of the river traffic. At the magisterial proceedings which followed, it was urged in defence that the heat caused the ironwork to expand.

9.—The first direct communication from Norwich to London was made through the medium of the electric telegraph.

—An experimental trip from London to Rotterdam was made by the railway company, *via* Norwich and Yarmouth. The railway journey was performed in 3 hrs. 35 mins. 15 secs., and was more successful than the trip by the steamer known as the Norfolk. On the return voyage the crew were under the influence of drink, bad weather was experienced, and the vessel got out of her course. The boiler of the engine of the return train to London burst when a mile and a half from Ely, and the excursionists alighted from the carriages and walked to that city. The Norfolk afterwards plied regularly between Yarmouth and Rotterdam.

12.—Died, Charlotte Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Lewis Tonna and only daughter of the Rev. Michael Browne, Minor Canon of Norwich Cathedral. She edited "The Christian Ladies' Magazine," and was the author of "Letters from Ireland," and of many religious works.

20.—Norwich Theatre was opened, under the management of Mr. Davenport, who had become lessee of the circuit, in place of Mr. Abington. He announced that "he would be able to avail himself of the occasional services of his daughter, the eminent actress." The company included Mr. L. Melville, Mr. Henry Loraine, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cranfield, and Mr. J. Clarence. It was said to be better than Mr. Abington's company, but inferior to that of Mr. George Smith.

27.—A match between the Norfolk Cricket Club and Marylebone commenced at Lord's, and finished on the 28th. Marylebone, 117-122; Norfolk, 119-32. The return match was played at Swaffham on August 10th, 11th, and 12th. Marylebone, 52-149; Norfolk, 86-82.

28.—Died, aged 49, Mr. John Hill, nearly 20 years chorus-master of the Norfolk and Norwich Musical Festival.

—Died at Bath, aged 58, Lieut.-Col. Richard Brunton, youngest son of Mr. John Brunton, manager of Norwich Theatre, and brother of the Dowager Countess Craven. He entered the Army young, and went through the Peninsula War. He was several times wounded, and had his lip shot away. "He was in the same battle in which several Norwich men were wounded in the leg, one of whom was Mr. R. Blake. He was also wounded at Waterloo, in defending the baggage from an attack by the enemy. He joined his regiment (the 13th Light Dragoons) in India in 1819, and brought it home, having the command of it, about five or six years since. Whilst lying in Norwich with the regiment, in 1841 and 1842, he was universally beloved by both officers and men." Col. Brunton married the widow of Col. Wallace, but left no family.

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AUGUST.

1.—The first consignment of foreign beasts were sold on Norwich Hill by Mr. Stephen Fromow. Dutch bullocks made £13 10s. each, and Dutch lambs from 9s. to 20s. each. "No doubt a regular trade will be ultimately established here in foreign stock, but whether to the advantage of any party except the foreign importer time must show."

4.—Lord George Bentinck, M.P., was entertained at dinner at Lynn by "the friends of agricultural protection, as a testimony of their esteem for the public integrity and perseverance displayed by him in the House of Commons during the recent discussion on the Corn Law Importation Bill." The Earl of Orford, High Steward of Lynn, presided, and one of the principal speakers was Mr. Disraeli, M.P., who had a most enthusiastic reception.

19.—The Provincial Medical and Surgical Association held its anniversary meeting at Norwich. Mr. J. G. Crosse was President for the year.

—Died at Ormesby, Capt. Richard Glasspoole. He was President of the Norfolk and Norwich Museum in 1844-45, and a large contributor to the zoological department of that institution.

26.—Died at Norwich Castle, in his 90th year, Mr. William Cole, formerly an attorney at Loddon. "He was committed to prison for debt in January, 1830, and remained there till the time of his death, never having been out of the walls of the prison 16 years and 8 months."

SEPTEMBER.

2.—Burgh Castle, the ancient *Garianonum*, was offered for sale by auction at the Bear Hotel, Yarmouth, by Mr. Pettingill, and was purchased for £1,500 by Sir John P. Boileau, Bart., President of the Norfolk and Norwich Archæological Society.

OCTOBER.

17.—A meeting of tenant-farmers was held at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, presided over by Mr. Leamon, of Whitwell. After addresses by a deputation from the "Total Repeal Malt Tax Association," a committee was appointed to form a district branch of the society in Norfolk.

26.—The railways from Lynn to Downham and from Lynn to Narborough were opened on this date.

NOVEMBER.

9.—Mr. Jeremiah Colman was elected Mayor, and Mr. Charles Winter appointed Sheriff of Norwich.

13.—The London markets were, for the first time, "expressed by electric telegraph" in the NORFOLK CHRONICLE. Discussing the possibilities of "this wonderful medium of communication," that journal observed: "A division in the House of Commons after any important debate may be communicated at all stations from London to Yarmouth in a few minutes."

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16.—The first recorded canary show in Norwich was held on this date, at the Greyhound Inn, Ber Street, when 300 specimens belonging to a canary club were exhibited.

24.—A trout, weighing 9½ lbs., was captured in a net near the New Mills, Norwich.

27.—The Norwich Corporation delegated their powers to the Watch Committee "to appoint a fire brigade of six men, whose business it will be to attend all fires in Norwich with the Corporation engine, which is to be managed by the brigade exclusively. The men in the daytime are to act as common policemen, and to sleep near the station house, where the engine is kept, each night, that they may be ready in case of alarm."

DECEMBER.

5.*—"The directors of the Norfolk and Eastern Counties Railway, with the view of giving the poorer classes greater facilities, have started a fourth class. The return fare to London is 7s. 6d."

7.—The Wymondham and Dereham Railway was opened for goods traffic. The Bill for the construction of this railway, which was applied for by the Norfolk Company, was strenuously opposed by Norwich traders, who considered that a direct line to Dereham would be to their greater advantage. The Act authorised the Company to make an extension of 22½ miles from Dereham to Wells, with a branch line of 6½ miles to Blakeney, making the total from Wymondham 40½ miles. Messrs. Grissel and Peto were the general contractors, and the electric telegraph was established under the superintendence of the Rev. A. Bath Power. (*See* February 15th, 1847.)

18.—Winter set in with great severity. The Dereham, Swaffham, and Lynn coach was unable to leave Norwich, owing to the great depth of the snow.

20.—A fine specimen of the black grouse was shot at Swanton.

—A riot occurred at Pulham St. Mary Workhouse. The paupers made a preconcerted attack upon the bread store, and were with difficulty driven back by the officials. Thirteen of the ringleaders were committed to Norwich Castle for terms ranging from seven days to two months' imprisonment. (*See* January 5th, 1847.)

26.—Norwich Theatre opened for the Christmas season with the play of "George Barnwell" and the pantomime "Fortunio." Mr. Davenport, "in compliance with public feeling," reduced the prices of admission, which had been raised on his taking over the management.

—Many of the roads in the country were stated to be "half a yard deep in mud," and almost impassable. "Heavy goods in large quantities have lately been sent from Norwich to London and from thence to Ipswich by rail, 196 miles, instead of the direct route of 40 miles by road, the rail conveyance being cheaper and quicker. It would be a great advantage in this and other counties if a general Act were passed for widening and levelling the turnpike roads and for laying down tramways on which carriages could be drawn by horses or by engines of small power to the principal railway. Unless some measure of this sort be carried out, the common roads will soon be of little use, and not worth keeping in repair."

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1847.

JANUARY.

1.—A new form of entertainment was introduced at this date—"Ethiopian minstrelsy," the precursor of the Christy minstrels. The troupe appeared at Norwich Theatre. "The band consists of five harmonists, with black faces and white eyes, black coats and white cuffs, black trousers and white waistcoats, black stocks and white collars. The instruments are a violin, two 'banjoes' (instruments that look like guitars run to seed), a tambourine, and 'bones' (a species of castanet)."

4.—Died at Earlham, in his 59th year, Mr. Joseph John Gurney. He was a son of John Gurney, of Earlham, and a grandson of John Gurney who died in 1770, and had been "the connecting link by which the hand-spun yarn of the South of Ireland was brought to add its stores to the wants of our artizans." Mr. J. J. Gurney received his early education under the Rev. M. Browne, of Hingham; he then went to the Academical Institution at Oxford. He was a great traveller. Several times he visited the West Indies, travelled twice on the Continent, made a tour in Scotland, in company with Mr. Hoare, for the purpose of inspecting the prisons, and, accompanied by Mrs. Fry, he visited Ireland in the spring of 1827, in order to personally investigate the condition of the prisons and the charitable institutions of that country. On July 8th, 1837, he embarked at Liverpool for Philadelphia on a Gospel mission to parts of North America and the West Indies. Of this tour he gave an interesting account in "Familiar Letters to Amelia Opie"; his "Winter in the West Indies" is described in "Familiar Letters to Henry Clay of Kentucky." He was three times married; his first wife was a daughter of Mr. J. Birkbeck, of Lynn, his second a Wiltshire lady, and his third an American lady. Mr. Gurney was the author of several works in addition to those above-mentioned, and was one of the greatest philanthropists of his day. Memorial services were held at many places of worship in Norwich on the Sunday following his death, and on the day of the funeral (January 12th) business in the city was suspended. The interment took place at the Gildencroft, when the rites peculiar to the Society of Friends were performed.

5.—Serious acts of insubordination were committed by the inmates of Swainsthorpe Workhouse, "on the ground that they wanted more victuals." Damage was done to the windows to the amount of £30.

14.—The use of anæsthetics—"ethereal fumes"—was introduced at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital by Dr. Hull, in the extraction of teeth. (*See* December 30th, 1847.)

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23.—At a meeting held at the Swan Inn, Norwich, the East Norfolk and West Norfolk Agricultural Societies were amalgamated under the title of the Norfolk Agricultural Society. The first general meeting of the newly-formed society was held on the same day, when Lord Hastings was elected President. The first show took place on the Cricket Ground, Norwich, on June 18th, and for several years the exhibitions were held alternately in the city and at Swaffham.

27.—Died, aged 67, Mr. George Fisher, formerly of the Norfolk and Suffolk Company of Comedians.

31.—Died, in his 93rd year, the Rev. John Oldershaw, Archdeacon of Norfolk. He was born at Leicester, where his father practised as a surgeon, and was educated at Oakham Grammar School and at Emanuel College, Cambridge, where he proceeded B.A. in 1776, and obtained the distinguished honour of senior wrangler of his year. About this time he became private tutor to Charles Manners Sutton, who was afterwards Bishop of Norwich and Archbishop of Canterbury. He was elected a Fellow and public tutor of his College; when Sutton became Bishop of Norwich he appointed him his examining chaplain. Mr. Oldershaw married Anne, daughter of Sir John Hynde Cotton, Bart., of Maddingley, Cambridgeshire, and took up his residence at Harpley, as curate. He was presented in 1797 to the Archdeaconry of Norfolk, and was soon after nominated to the rectory of Redenhall-with-Harleston. Archdeacon Oldershaw was for many years one of the most active magistrates in the county.

FEBRUARY.

5.—At a meeting held at the Guildhall, Norwich, presided over by the Mayor, it was decided to open a public subscription for the relief of the distress among the Irish peasantry, consequent upon the failure of the potato crop. For the same object collections were made in the places of worship in city and county.

6.—The warehouse in Rose Lane, Norwich, belonging to Mr. Kitten was burnt down, and its contents, consisting of barrels of grease, resin, and other inflammable materials, destroyed. Another serious fire occurred on the same premises on May 20th.

15.—The opening of the Wymondham and Dereham Railway for passenger traffic was celebrated with great festivities. Mr. Gidney, of Dereham, one of the principal promoters of the line, entertained a large company at luncheon at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, and in the evening a dinner took place at the King's Arms Hotel, Dereham, in which town the day was observed as a general holiday. "Along the road from the station," it was stated, "many new and handsome-looking houses have been built, far superior to any modern houses in Norwich."

17.—Died at his residence in the Cathedral Precincts, Norwich, the Rev. Canon Edward South Thurlow, rector of Houghton le Spring, Durham. He was appointed Prebendary of Norwich in 1788.

25.—The Mayor of Norwich (Mr. Jeremiah Colman) turned the first sod on the Norwich extension of the Ipswich and Bury Railway. The ceremony took place on Mr. Cyrus Gillett's farm in the parish of Markshall. Several gentlemen filled barrows with earth, which other gentlemen, including the Sheriff (Mr. Charles Winter) wheeled away—a proceeding which elicited from Mr. Willett the remark that "if they went on at that rate they would leave little work for the navvies to do." The company then assembled for luncheon, under the presidency of Mr. A. Ogilvie, and many congratulatory speeches were made. (See November 7th, 1849.)

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28.—The shop of Mr. Cooper, silversmith and jeweller, London Street, Norwich, was broken into and goods of the total value of £2,000 stolen.

MARCH.

4.—Died at his residence, in St. Giles', Norwich, Dr. Edward Lubbock, aged 43. He was the younger son of Dr. Richard Lubbock, and was educated at the Free Grammar School, under Valpy. He commenced his medical studies under Dr. Skrimshire at Peterborough, became a student at Guy's Hospital, and afterwards proceeded to Edinburgh University, where he took his degree as M.D. His devotion to the study of anatomy and physiology led him, conjointly with Mr. Nichols, to establish in Norwich, about 1830, a school for dissection. He was one of the physicians of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and of the Bethel.

10.—A public meeting, presided over by the Mayor, was held at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, "to oppose the oppressive operation of the present Law of Settlement upon the industrious poor." Petitions were presented to Parliament praying for the abolition of the system, and demanding that the poor should be relieved out of a national fund.

15.—Died, in his 92nd year, the Rev. Stephen Allen, for 56 years minister of St Margaret's, Lynn. "In early life Mr. Allen was a pupil of Archdeacon Paley, and by his mother's marriage with the celebrated Dr. Burney he enjoyed frequent opportunities of mixing in that brilliant circle of which Madame D'Arblay was at once the life and the ornament."

24.—A public fast and humiliation were observed in Norwich.

30.—An inquest was held at Tibenham, by Mr. Pilgrim, one of the County Coroners, on the bodies of Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Everett, the wives of farmers living in that parish. Several deaths had occurred under mysterious circumstances, and in these two cases *post-mortem* examinations revealed the fact that death was due to arsenical poisoning. The inquiry was several times adjourned, and on May 13th the jury returned a verdict to the effect that the women died from poison wilfully administered by some person or persons unknown.

APRIL.

3.—The new road from the bottom of Long John's Hill to Lakenham Mills, with the bridges and viaduct beyond the mills, was completed by the contractors, Messrs. Watson, Wright, and Cattermoul, from plans prepared by Mr. J. Brown.

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17.—A brig of 150 tons, named the Countess of Leicester, and intended for the southern trade, was launched from Mr. Tyrell's shipyard, at Wells-next-the-Sea. She was classed A 1 for twelve years, and was the finest ship ever launched at Wells.

22.—The new County Court, for the recovery of small debts, was held for the first time, at the Guildhall, Norwich, before Mr. T. J. Birch, the Judge. In consequence of the jurisdiction of this Court, the old Court of Conscience was abolished.

30.—St. Mark's Schools, Lakenham, erected from designs by Mr. J. Brown, were opened.

MAY.

1.—The remains of the Hon. Isabella Stafford Jerningham, who died at Genoa on January 1st, were interred in the family vault beneath the altar in the chapel at Costessey Hall. At the same time was interred the body of the Hon. Frances Stafford Jerningham, who died at Paris in May, 1838. It was placed by the side of the remains of her twin sister, the Hon. Georgiana Stafford Jerningham, who died at Leamington in 1841.

3.—Mr. Davenport, lessee of the Norwich Theatre, was fined by the magistrates in a nominal sum for assaulting a man who was selling tickets outside the Theatre under the regular prices of admission. The sale took place upon what was known as a "ticket night." Mr. Davenport alleged that by this system, which was allowed in no other town, the former manager, Mr. Smith, had lost in twenty years £6,000 from the treasury of the circuit.

15.—The Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry commenced its annual training at Wells-next-the-Sea. The drills took place in Holkham Park, where the regiment was hospitably entertained by the Earl of Leicester.

JUNE.

11.—The Norwich Small Tenements Bill was referred to a Committee of the House of Commons. On the 12th the Committee settled the clauses determining that the owners of cottages of the annual value of £6 and under should be rated at one-third of the yearly value or rent.

28.—Mr. Henry Russell, "from America," gave his entertainment at the Concert Room, Swan Inn, Norwich. The programme included most of the favourite songs of the popular composer. The performance was repeated on the 29th. Mr. Russell made a return visit to Norwich, and appeared at the Theatre on September 6th and 8th.

JULY.

1.—The railway from Reedham to Lowestoft was opened.

3.—The Norwich Chamber of Commerce was announced to be "in full activity." It was formed for the purpose of associating bankers, merchants, and other persons interested in the trade and commerce of the city, "so as to enable them to promote such objects as may be best calculated to benefit and protect commercial interests, and to further the carrying out or attainment of such measures as the exertions of individuals may be less adequate to accomplish." p. 464

5.—Feargus O'Connor, the leader of the Chartists, addressed a large meeting held at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich.

19.—Mr. and Mrs. Keeley commenced a week's engagement at Norwich Theatre.

26.—Madame Céleste appeared at Norwich Theatre as Madeline ("St. Mary's Eve") and Julien ("The Cabin Boy").

28.—The Marquis of Douro, Mr. Samuel Morton Peto, and Mr. John Humphries Parry were nominated candidates for the representation of Norwich. A poll was demanded, and the election took place on the 29th. The poll was declared on the 30th, as follows:—Peto, 2,448; Douro, 1,727; Parry, 1,572. The chairing of the successful candidates took place on August 2nd.

—Thetford Election: The Right Hon. W. B. Baring and the Earl of Euston were returned unopposed.

29.—Yarmouth Election: Lord Arthur Lennox, 834; Mr. Octavius Edward Coope, 813; Mr. Charles Edmund Rumbold, 729; Mr. Francis Henry Goldsmid, 698. The two first-named were returned. (See February 7th, 1848.)

—The Archæological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland commenced its annual meeting at Norwich. The proceedings concluded on August 5th.

30.—Lynn Election: Lord George Bentinck and Lord Jocelyn were returned unopposed.

AUGUST.

3.—East Norfolk Election: Mr. Edmond Wodehouse and Mr. Henry Negus Burroughes were returned unopposed.

6.—Mary Ann Havers, of Norwich, a girl in humble life, who possessed remarkable musical ability, died on this date. She was educated at a school supported by private subscription, where

singing according to the Norwich Sol-fa system was taught, and she became one of the best organizers of village choirs ever sent out of the city. Before she was fifteen years old she went to Southampton to give instruction; thence she was invited to Salisbury, and met with successive engagements in Dorsetshire, the Isle of Wight, Staffordshire, Kent, and Warwickshire.

9.—The "London Gazette" announced that the Queen had granted to Robert Blake, of Swaffield, her Royal license and authority, in compliance with a wish expressed in the will of the Rev. John Humfrey, of Wroxham, to take the surname of Humfrey immediately after that of Blake, and to quarter the arms of Humfrey with those of Blake.

10.—The railway extension from Narborough to Swaffham was opened.

10.—The nomination of candidates for the representation of West Norfolk took place at Swaffham. The Conservative procession started from Friars' Thorns, headed by the candidates, Mr. William Bagge and Mr. H. L. S. le Strange. It extended two miles in length, and included 1,000 yeomen on horseback. The Whig procession, with the candidates, Mr. A. Hamond and the Hon. Ed. Keppel Coke at its head, started from Swaffham Splashes, and was in all respects as imposing as the other. At the nomination the show of hands was in favour of the Conservatives, and Sir William ffolkes demanded a poll for Messrs. Hamond and Coke. The polling took place on the 13th and 14th. The contest, one of the severest that had ever taken place in the county, resulted as follows:—Bagge, 3,113; Coke, 3,052; Hamond, 2,935; le Strange, 2,676.

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17.—Mr. J. B. Wigham and Mr. J. L. Barber, members of the Norwich Amateur Rowing Club, launched their pair-oared boat at Villequier, on the Seine, at 2.30 p.m., and rowed to Paris, where they arrived at 9 a.m. on August 24th. The distance was upwards of 300 miles, and the actual time occupied in rowing was 57 hours 25 minutes. For more than 200 miles the men rowed against a current which flowed at four miles an hour. "Galignani's Messenger" described it as an "unparalleled feat."

28.—The New Adelphi Theatre, Victoria Gardens, Norwich, was opened, after extensive alterations and improvements, under the management of Mr. R. Gordon. "As You Like It" was produced, with Mr. Fred. Phillips in the part of Jacques. Mr. Phillips, who came from the Royal Pavilion Theatre, London, was subsequently editor of the "Norwich Argus."

30.—Mr. Farren and his son, Mr. H. Farren, appeared, the former as Sir Anthony Absolute, and the latter as Captain Absolute, at the Theatre Royal, Norwich.

SEPTEMBER.

11*.—"At Deopham, near Hingham, a skeleton has been found, underneath the floor of an old barn, which was being pulled down, and it is supposed to be the remains of Thomas Jolly, aged 20, the heir of the estate, who was missing 52 years since, and is supposed to have been murdered. A piece of his dress and a small portion of his handkerchief were also found."

22.—Mdlle. Jenny Lind, engaged by Mr. George Smith, late manager of the Theatre, and Mr. C. F. Hall, made her first appearance at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich. Mr. Gedge was responsible for the payment of her fee of £1,000, of which amount she gave £200 to the charities of the city. Mdlle. Lind was accompanied by Madame F. Lablache, Signor Gardoni, and Signor F. Lablache, and Mr. W. Balfe was director of the concert. She appeared again on the 23rd and 25th. Mdlle. Lind stayed at the Palace as the guest of the Bishop of Norwich.

30.—Died at Bath, aged 65, Mr. Benjamin Plim Bellamy, for many years lessee of the Assembly Rooms there. Mr. Bellamy, some 30 years previous to his death, was a favourite actor on the Norwich circuit. On vacating the stage in 1819 he took the editorship of the "Bury Herald," but in 1823 went to Bath and resumed his original profession. He became manager of the Theatre there in 1827, which he soon after resigned on becoming lessee of the Assembly Rooms, and Master of the Ceremonies.

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OCTOBER.

12.—Mr. George Dawson, of Birmingham, lectured at the Assembly Rooms, Norwich, on "The Characteristics of the Age."

16.—The Catfield estates, formerly the property of Col. Cubitt, deceased, were sold by auction at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, by Messrs. Spelman and Sons, for £27,930.

—A report was presented to the Governors of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, upon the result of inquiries made into certain serious allegations by the Messrs. Dalrymple, who had asserted that, compared with other hospitals of the same size, the utility of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital was in an inverse ratio to its cost of maintenance. The meeting was adjourned for a week, but discussion upon the statement and report was avoided, on the understanding "that such regulations would be framed from the two documents as would improve the management of that noble institution."

20.—Elihu Burritt, "the learned blacksmith," of Massachusetts, U.S., delivered a lecture at St. Mary's chapel, Norwich, on "The Organic Sinfulness of all War."

23.—A high tide overflowed the salt marshes at Wells-next-the-Sea and drowned 240 ewes, the property of Mr. Hudson, of Warham.

25.—The East Anglian Railway, from Lynn to Ely, was opened.

NOVEMBER.

9.—Mr. G. L. Coleman was elected Mayor, and Mr. James Watson appointed Sheriff of Norwich.

23.—The Queen's Speech was, for the first time, transmitted to Norwich by electric telegraph. "Through the politeness of the Rev. A. B. Power, the superintendent of the electric telegraph along the Norfolk line, the Queen's Speech was transmitted to us before 4 h. p.m. The transmission commenced at 2 h. 15 m. p.m., and our reporter took it down till the transmission was finished at 3 h. 45 m."

DECEMBER.

3.—Rajah Brooke of Sarawak was entertained by his old schoolfellows of the Free Grammar School, at a dinner held at the Royal Hotel, Norwich. During his stay in Norfolk he visited the Earl of Leicester at Holkham, the Earl of Albemarle at Quidenham, and Mr. H. S. Partridge at Hockham.

7.—Died in London, aged 76, Mr. William Dalrymple, "one of the most eminent of general practitioners in chirurgery and medicine in Norwich."

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24.—Died at Yarmouth, in his 81st year, Sir George Parker, K.C.B., Admiral of the Red. He entered the Navy at a very early age, and served under his uncle, Sir Peter Parker. He took part in the capture of the Cannanon on the Malabar coast, and was senior lieutenant of the Phoenix at the capture of La Resolve, French frigate, and of the Crescent in her gallant action and capture of the Rennon in 1793, previous to which he brought to England the despatches of Admiral Cornwallis. In 1805, when commanding the Stately, he, in company with the Nassau, destroyed, after a running fight of two hours, a line of battle ship of 74 guns. He was appointed, in 1808, to the command of the squadron in the Baltic, and on his return to England he was appointed to the Aboukir (74), which he commanded in the Walcheren Expedition. In 1841 he attained the rank of Admiral of the Red.

29.—Died at the residence of his son (the Rev. W. R. Crotch), at Taunton, "that eminent musician," Dr. Crotch. He was born in Norwich in 1772, and in his twenty-second year was appointed professor of music in the University of Oxford. In 1822 he became principal of the Royal Academy of Music.

30.—Chloroform was, for the first time, used in a surgical operation at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. "A young woman had her leg amputated after having inhaled the fumes from a convenient apparatus. She became perfectly insensible to pain, and continued so throughout the operation. Her sensations were apparently of a very happy description, as she partly amused herself by singing psalms in a very clear and distinct voice, and partly by holding lively conversations with imaginary persons during the performance of this painful operation. The state of unconsciousness appeared to be more rapidly induced by the use of chloroform than is usually effected by spirits of ether. Its exhalation also was more easy and agreeable, and the duration of its influence longer."

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JANUARY.

1.—Methwold church was re-opened after restoration. "The centre of the nave has been given to the poor, and the outside aisles appropriated to the rich."

3.—Mr. Aldridge, "the African Roscius," appeared at Norwich Theatre in the character of Othello, and afterwards as Zanga ("The Revenge"), Fabian ("The Black Doctor"), and Bertram. He was a native of Africa, and was described as a very intelligent actor.

5.—At the Norfolk Quarter Sessions, at Norwich, George Thurtell (47), horticulturist, "who appeared like a dying man," pleaded guilty to stealing various articles from the house of Mr. Farrer, of Sporle, where he had been entertained as a guest while engaged as a landscape gardener in laying out the grounds. The prisoner, who was a son of Mr. Alderman Thurtell, of Norwich, and brother of the notorious John Thurtell, the murderer of Mr. Wear, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment. He died before the completion of his sentence (July 26th).

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13.—The elephant belonging to Wombwell's Menagerie died whilst being exhibited at Norwich. The animal was said to be 85 years old.

19.—Mrs. Butler, "once so celebrated as Fanny Kemble," commenced an engagement at Norwich Theatre, in the character of Mrs. Beverley. She appeared also as Julia ("The Hunchback") and Pauline.

28.—The Yarmouth Haven and Pier Commissioners determined to oppose at every stage the Norwich and Yarmouth Navigation Bill, by which it was sought to obtain powers for improving the navigation of the river Yare by straightening, widening, and deepening the channel, so as to admit of the passage of seaborne ships from Yarmouth to Norwich. Application was made in the Court of Chancery for an injunction to restrain the Corporation of Norwich from raising funds by means of the borough rate to forward the Bill, which went before a Committee of the House of

Commons on May 2nd. Counsel for the promoters intimated on May 5th that they did not intend to offer further evidence in its support, whereupon the Bill was withdrawn.

FEBRUARY.

4.—The driver of the Brandon, Fakenham, and Wells coach, benumbed with cold, fell from the box seat unknown to the passengers, and was severely injured. The accident occurred at Toftrees. “The horses proceeded at their usual pace, turning all corners, crossing Hempton Common, up the narrow street into Fakenham, and passing several carts and other vehicles on the way. They pulled up at the Crown Inn, as usual, and waited for the porters and ostlers. The coach stops on alternate nights at the Crown and Lion Inns, and this was the proper night for it to stop at the Crown.”

7.—The Yarmouth election petition against the return of Lord Arthur Lennox and Mr. Octavius E. Coope, on the ground of corrupt practices, came before the Committee of the House of Commons. On the 14th the Committee found that “gross, systematic, and extensive bribery prevailed amongst the freemen at the last and previous elections, and considered it their duty to express to the House their unanimous opinion that the freemen should be disfranchised, and that no writ should be issued for the borough until legislative measures had been taken for the purpose of such disfranchisement.” The members were unseated. The Disfranchisement Bill received the Royal assent on June 30th, and the names of 1,106 voters were struck off the list, leaving the constituency at 876. On the same day the writ was issued for the election. Mr. C. E. Rumbold, Mr. Joseph Sandars, and Mr. Bagshaw were nominated candidates on July 7th; a poll was demanded, and the result was declared on the 8th, as follows:—Sandars, 416; Rumbold, 386; Bagshaw, 300.

27.—Died at Hill’s Farm, Attleborough, Mr. Theophilus Smith, aged 68. “He was a man of considerable talent and mechanical skill. In 1841 he had, through the kindness of the Earl of Albemarle, an introduction to Prince Albert at Windsor Castle, when a variety of ingenious models invented by Mr. Smith for improving the construction of the plough were submitted to and obtained the approbation of his Royal Highness, and a patent was subsequently taken out for what has become well known to agriculturists as ‘Smith’s Patent Albert Plough.’ Mr. Smith presented two poems to Prince Albert, addressed, ‘To the Queen’ and ‘To the Prince of Wales,’ and shortly after a beautiful family Bible, elegantly bound and emblazoned with the Royal Arms, was transmitted from Windsor Castle to Mr. Smith, with an inscription intimating that it was presented ‘by command of her Majesty.’ The Royal autograph and that of Prince Albert were, at Mr. Smith’s request, inserted.”

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4.*—“Freehold building land is now freely selling on what is called Diss Common, for building purposes, at the rate of £700 per acre, which before the railway was barely worth the tillage.”

13.—The 16th Lancers arrived at Norwich, from Brighton. Men and horses came by special trains, and were under the command of Lieut.-Col. Smyth, C.B. The regiment had just returned from India, “where it had shared in the glorious battles of Aliwal and Sobraon.”

18.—Intelligence was received at Norwich that the Queen had given birth to a Princess (Princess Louise Caroline Alberta). The Corporation sent a congratulatory address.

22.—Died at Thetford, aged 107, Mrs. Catherine Brand. “She was a pious Roman Catholic, and her first marriage was on the day of the Coronation of George III., to Mr. Main, by whose name, in her second widowhood, she preferred to be called.”

23.—Died at his residence in Surrey Street, Norwich, Mr. Edward Temple Booth, aged 84. In 1820 he was appointed Sheriff, in 1821 Alderman, and in 1826 Mayor. He was president of the Norwich Union Fire and Life Insurance Societies.

30.—At the Norfolk Assizes, before Mr. Baron Pollock and a special jury was tried the action *Jerry v. Rush*. The plaintiff, who was Recorder of Norwich, sought to recover damages from the defendant for a breach of covenants in respect of the lease of a farm at Ketteringham. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff on all issues—damages £420.

APRIL.

11.—Madame Anna Thillon made her appearance at Norwich Theatre as La Catarina in Auber’s opera, “Crown Diamonds.” She also took the part of Roxalana (“The Sultana”).

13.—Died at Cromer Hall, aged 73, Mr. Henry Baring.

14.—Mr. Sims Reeves made his first appearance in Norwich at a concert given by Jullien at St. Andrew’s Hall, under the management of Mr. William Howlett.

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10.—Mr. G. V. Brooke, after an absence of several years, appeared at Norwich Theatre for one night, in the character of Othello.

15.—Mr. Webster, of the Haymarket Theatre, commenced a three nights’ engagement at Norwich

Theatre as Stanislaus ("The Roused Lion") and Michael Bradshaw ("Old Honesty").

22.—Mr. Henry Russell, the favourite vocalist, gave his entertainment at Norwich Theatre.

23.—The enforcement of the regulation of the Poor Law Commissioners for the separation of married men from their wives in workhouses, gave rise to a serious disturbance among the inmates of Norwich Workhouse. The rioting was resumed on June 16th. A policeman named William Callow, while engaged in removing the refractory paupers from the Workhouse to the Police-station, was struck by a stone and received fatal injuries. A verdict of wilful murder against some person unknown was returned by the Coroner's jury.

27.—The Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry assembled at Fakenham for their annual training—the last in the history of the regiment. (*See* May 19th, 1849.)

28.—Died at Castleacre, Ann Stanford, widow, in her 104th year.

30.—A military race-meeting was held by the 16th Lancers, on land near the Heart's Ease Inn, Plumstead Road, Norwich. The "Citizens' Races" took place over the same course on the 31st.

JUNE.

26.—A masquerade and fancy dress ball took place at Norwich Theatre. The pit was converted into a ball-room. "The attendance was moderate and not very select."

—The foundation-stone of the Jewish synagogue in St. Faith's Lane, Norwich, was laid by Mr. Joel Fox. The building was consecrated by the Rev. Dr. N. M. Adler, Chief Rabbi, on Sept. 6th, 1849.

JULY.

13.—The Rev. C. Turner was elected perpetual curate of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

28.—At the Norfolk Assizes, before Mr. Baron Parke, a libel action, *Quarles v. Bacon* and another, was tried. The plaintiff, a solicitor at Fakenham, claimed damages against the defendants, proprietors of the "Norwich Mercury," for stating in that journal he was guilty of such conduct as to warrant his being struck off the rolls. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff—damages 40s.

AUGUST.

4.—A sculling match for £50 a side took place between Mr. J. L. Barber, of Norwich, and Mr. Knight, of Wymondham. The distance was fifty-five miles, namely, from Thorpe Gardens to Reedham, thence through the New Cut and Lake Lothing to Mutford Bridge, and back to the starting-point. Mr. Knight started at 6.56 a.m., and Mr. Barber at 7.1 a.m. On the return journey Mr. Barber's boat was upset during a severe thunderstorm and squall. Resuming, he rowed to Cantley, where he was taken from his boat almost insensible and conveyed to the inn. Mr. Knight reached Thorpe Gardens at 3.39 p.m., having rowed the distance in 8 hrs. 43 mins.—1 hr. 34 mins. less than it had ever been covered before.

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9.—Died at his house at Langham, Capt. Marryat, C.B. He was well-known as the author of several works of fiction, founded principally on the naval service. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society, a magistrate and deputy-lieutenant of the county of Norfolk, and was in his 56th year.

11.—A singular accident occurred at Mattishall. A boy named Thomas Ireson, ten years of age, tied himself to the tail of a cow, and the infuriated animal kicked him to death.

24.—St. Nicholas' church, Great Yarmouth, was re-opened after restoration. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Oxford. Luncheon was served at the Town Hall, and was attended by the Bishops of Norwich and Oxford, Mr. Baron Alderson, M. Guizot, a former Prime Minister of France, and by many other distinguished guests.

SEPTEMBER.

6.—The Royal Victoria and Albert steam yacht, with the Queen and Prince Consort on board, passed off Cromer at 6.30 a.m., on her voyage to Aberdeen. The coastguard discharged rockets and fired from the mortars a salute of seven rounds.

—Died, aged 73, Mr. John Palmer, of St. Mary's, Thetford. "He had been twenty years afflicted with rheumatic gout, and for the past sixteen years had never left his bed but once, on which occasion he was carried to the poll at the borough election in the summer of 1842, in the contest between the Earl of Euston and Sir James Flower, when his vote on the Conservative side carried the election."

7.—A two-days' cricket match, between the Marylebone Club and Ground and the County of Norfolk (with Wisden) commenced at Swaffham. The principal scores for the former were made by the Hon. E. Grimstone and the Hon. F. Ponsonby, and for the latter by Mr. Charles Wright, the Rev. F. French, and Wisden. Marylebone, 84-76; Norfolk, 106-56.

11.—The East Anglian Railway from Lynn and Swaffham was opened for passenger traffic to Dereham.

—Miss Helen Faucit commenced an engagement at Norwich Theatre. She was supported by Mr.

—H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, who visited Norwich for the purpose of attending the Triennial Musical Festival, arrived at Trowse Station, where he was received by the Mayor (Mr. G. L. Coleman) and the Sheriff (Mr. J. Watson), who were attended by the principal officers of the Corporation, mounted. "The four whiffers, in proper dress, created much merriment by brandishing their weapons to keep a passage, but they had not the agile grace of the old retainers of our ancient Corporation, and the procession, though the best we have seen in Norwich since the Municipal Reform Act passed, fell short of that imposing dignity which graced our ancient displays of civic pomp." His Royal Highness, who was the guest of the Bishop of Norwich, left the city on the 15th.

12.—The Norfolk and Norwich Triennial Musical Festival commenced at St. Andrew's Hall, with a grand evening concert, at which selections from "Il Matrimonio Segreto" and from "Le Nozzi di Figaro" were given. The following were the principal items in the week's programme:—Sept. 13th, "The Christian's Prayer" and selections from "The Creation"; evening, "The First Walpurgis Night" and selections from "La Clemenza di Tito"; Sept. 14th, "Elijah"; evening, selection from "Fidelio," &c.; Sept. 15th, "Davidde Penitente" and "Israel in Egypt." In the evening a dress ball was given, at which Jullien's band performed. The principal vocalists at the Festival were Madame Viardot Garcia, Madame Castellan, Mdlle. Alboni, Miss Anne Williams, Miss Martha Williams, Mr. Sims Reeves, Mr. Lockey, Mr. H. Phillips, Mr. H. Whitmore, and Signor Lablache. Mr. H. Blagrove was leader of the band, Mr. Benedict conductor, and Mr. Harcourt organist. The gross receipts were £5,266 4s. 2d.; the gross expenses £4,598 10s. 7d., and the net surplus £667 13s. 9d.

21.—Lord George Bentinck, M.P., was discovered dead on a footpath at Thoresby, about six miles from his seat at Welbeck. The Coroner's jury found that death was due to heart disease. The deceased nobleman was first elected for King's Lynn in 1828, in succession to his uncle, Lord William Bentinck. He had previously acted as private secretary to Mr. Canning, a near relative by marriage. His lordship was the recognised leader of the Protectionist party, and as a firm supporter of the Turf did much to reform the abuses which existed upon it in his time. The vacancy created by his death in the representation of Lynn was filled by the election of the Hon. E. H. Stanley, who was returned without opposition on December 22nd.

23.—Under the provisions of the new Tavern Act, the public-houses in Norwich were closed at 12 p.m. "The streets in the lower parts of the city and all round the Market Place were crowded with persons returning home with pots of malt liquor." On the 25th informations were preferred against many publicans for failing to close their houses at the prescribed time.

28.—Died at Pulham, aged 43, Mr. R. B. Harvey, a well-known flock-master, who did much to improve the breed of sheep in Norfolk. He was a frequent exhibitor at the shows of the Royal Agricultural Society and of the local agricultural associations.

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17.—The first conviction under the new Act for preventing the extension of diseases in sheep was recorded at Norwich, when Mr. Betts, cattle dealer, of Old Buckenham, was fined for exposing on the Castle Meadow sheep that were suffering from sheep-pox or variola ovina.

23.—The Adelphi Theatre, Norwich, was opened under the management of Mr. George Smith, formerly lessee of the Theatre Royal. The company included Mr. and Mrs. Sidney (Miss J. Trafford).

31.—St. Matthew's church, Thorpe Hamlet, Norwich, at which building operations commenced in the second week in August, was "founded" by the chairman and members of the committee.

NOVEMBER.

9.—Mr. Samuel Bignold was elected Mayor, and Mr. Robert Chamberlin appointed Sheriff of Norwich.

13.—A salmon weighing 9 lbs. was captured in the river near Trowse Bridge, Norwich.

21.—Died at Richmond, Mr. William James Achilles Abington, M.A., barrister-at-law, of the Middle Temple, aged 41, the only surviving son of Mr. William Abington, of the East India House. The deceased gentleman was in 1845 lessee of Norwich Theatre.

28.—Madame Dulcken, pianist to the Queen, gave a grand concert at the Assembly Rooms, Norwich.

—Mr. Isaac Jermy, Recorder of Norwich, and Mr. Jermy Jermy, his son, were murdered at Stanfield Hall, Wymondham, by James Blomfield Rush. Mrs. Jermy Jermy and her maid, Elizabeth Chastney, alarmed by the report of the firearm, proceeded to the assistance of the victims, and were severely wounded, the former in the arm and the latter in the hip, by another shot fired by the murderer. Rush was apprehended the same night at his house, Potash Farm, by Police-constable Mortar, of the Norwich city police, and conveyed to Wymondham Bridewell. The first examination of the prisoner took place on the 29th, before the Hon. and Rev. R. Wilson, Mr. Cann, and Mr. Parker. He was afterwards taken to Stanfield Hall, where Mrs. Jermy Jermy identified him as her assailant. Rush was further examined at Wymondham Bridewell on the

30th. At the adjourned hearing on December 2nd, Emily Sandford, his housekeeper, gave evidence, and the prisoner was committed to Norwich Castle, where the third hearing was conducted in private on December 5th. The final examinations took place at the Castle on the 13th and 14th; on the latter date the depositions were publicly read, and the prisoner was formally committed to take his trial on the charge of wilful murder. On the 19th he was taken, under writ of *habeas corpus*, to Stanfield Hall, where Chastney gave evidence in his presence. The inquest on Mr. Jermy and Mr. Jermy Jermy was opened by Mr. Press at the King's Head Inn, Wymondham, on November 30th, and adjourned sittings were held on December 1st, 2nd, and 5th. On the last-named day the Coroner issued a warrant for the detention of Emily Sandford in Wymondham Bridewell. The final sitting of the Coroner's Court was held on December 19th, when the jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against Rush. The funeral of Mr. Jermy and his son took place at Wymondham church, on December 5th. (*See* March 29th, 1849.)

DECEMBER.

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22.—Mr. Prendergast, of the Norfolk Circuit, qualified as Recorder of Norwich, in the room of Mr. Isaac Jenny, deceased.

26.—Pablo Fanque's Circus opened for the Christmas holidays at the Victoria Gardens, Norwich. (On September 15th, 1849, this circus proprietor was referred to as "our fellow-citizen, Mr. Darby, *alias* Pablo Fanque.")

—Norwich Theatre was opened for the season, under the management of Mr. Charles Dillon. The pieces produced were "Virginius," and the pantomime "The Naughty Boys, Smith, Brown, Jones, and Robinson, or Harlequin and the Great Sea Serpent."

30.—St. Mary's church, Norwich, was described as being in a most disgraceful and dilapidated condition. "It was re-pewed in 1827 by the Rev. Mr. Wodehouse, and was then one of the neatest parish churches in Norwich."

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JANUARY.

22.—Mdlle. Jenny Lind, assisted by Miss Dolby, Signor Belletti, and Signor Marras, gave an evening concert at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, in aid of the charities of the city. On the 23rd she sang at a morning concert in furtherance of the same object. The total receipts amounted to £1,859 11s., and £1,250 remained after the payment of expenses. The services of the famous singer were rendered quite gratuitously. The Mayor (Mr. Bignold) and members of the Corporation waited upon her at the Palace, where she was staying as the guest of Bishop Stanley, and presented to her an address expressive of the thanks of the citizens.

FEBRUARY.

2.—Mr. Michael Beverley, of Forncett St. Mary, a popular sportsman in South Norfolk, was killed whilst hunting with Mr. Fellowes' hounds at Moulton. He was in his 60th year.

4.—Many hundred persons assembled at Bacton Wood Mill, North Walsham, to witness the baptism by immersion in the mill stream of several men and women "who had embraced the faith of Mormonites, or Latter-day Saints."

13.—A public meeting was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, under the presidency of the Mayor, at which resolutions were adopted in favour of a national rate, and condemnatory of the laws of settlement and removal, "which drove the poor to reside in large towns and unjustly limited their field of labour." Another resolution condemned the gross inequality in the assessments of the various parishes in England and Wales to the relief of the poor. A petition was ordered to be presented to Parliament in accordance with the terms of the resolutions.

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17.—A severe outbreak of cholera was recorded at Rudham, where twenty-four deaths had occurred up to this date. "Extreme poverty and dirt had much to do with this awful visitation."

27.—The agitation for the repeal of the Malt Tax was re-opened at a meeting of the farmers of West Norfolk, held at the Market Hall, Lynn. It was decided to petition Parliament in favour of the repeal. Many meetings were held with the same object in other parts of the county.

28.—Died at Leyton, aged 54, Mr. Charles Fox, engraver. He was a son of Robert Fox, a steward on the Costessey estate, received lessons in drawing from Charles Hodgson, at Norwich, and was apprenticed to Mr. Edwards, engraver, of Bungay. "His exquisite line engravings are well known by those who value the highest specimens of skill in that department and by the lovers of fine English prints."

MARCH.

13.—Elihu Burritt addressed a public meeting at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, in favour of the settlement of national disputes by arbitration instead of by force of arms.

20.—The railway from Dereham to Fakenham was opened for passenger and goods traffic.

25.—Died at the Grove, Holt, in his 64th year, Major T. A. Girling, formerly of the 5th Fusiliers,

with whom he served in the Peninsula War. He was for some years adjutant of the Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry.

29.—At the Norfolk Assizes, before Mr. Baron Rolfe, the trial commenced of James Blomfield Rush for the Stanfield Hall murders. Mr. Serjeant Byles, Mr. Prendergast, and Mr. Evans were counsel for the prosecution, and the prisoner conducted his own defence. The case was opened at nine a.m., and the Court adjourned at seven p.m. On the 30th Emily Sandford gave evidence, and was in the witness-box nine and a half hours. Her examination in chief lasted two hours, and the prisoner subjected her to seven and a half hours' cross-examination, mostly on irrelevant matters. On the 31st the Court sat from nine a.m. to 7.30 p.m.; and the case for the Crown was completed on Monday, April 2nd. The prisoner commenced his address to the jury shortly after nine o'clock on the morning of the 3rd, and had not concluded when the Court rose at ten minutes to eight o'clock. "It was full of repetitions, and everything material might have been said in a tithe of the time." The address was resumed at nine a.m. on April 4th, and concluded at twelve o'clock, the prisoner in the two days having spoken nearly fourteen hours. Mr. Serjeant Byles then replied for the Crown. The Judge summed up, the jury, after a few minutes' consultation, returned a verdict of guilty, and sentence of death was passed. Throughout the trial the Court was densely crowded. The jury were conveyed each night to the Maid's Head Hotel, where the assembly-room was specially fitted up for their accommodation as a sleeping apartment; and on Sunday, April 1st, they attended morning and afternoon service at the Cathedral, under the escort of the county officials. (See April 21st.)

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APRIL.

2.—The garrison steeplechases of the 16th Lancers took place at Stanninghall, near Spixworth.

21.—The execution of James Blomfield Rush, for the Stanfield Hall murders, took place on the Castle Hill, Norwich, in the presence of an enormous gathering of spectators. Thousands of persons entered the city by road—"one woman who had been confined only three weeks travelled from the country on foot fourteen miles during the previous night, in order to be present"—and many thousands more were brought in by the trains. Cheap return tickets were issued from London to Norwich, and the persons who availed themselves of the facilities were principally members of the "swell mob." At Attleborough station the London detectives who travelled by the train transferred the gang to an up-train; several who evaded the police were apprehended immediately on their arrival at Norwich and conveyed to the Police Station, where they remained in custody until after the execution. The culprit was hanged at noon, by Calcraft. "The greatest silence prevailed, the solemn stillness being only broken by the solitary shriek of a woman who had fainted in the crowd."

MAY.

19.—Major Loftus, commanding Prince Albert's Own Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry, announced to the officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates, that the Earl of Leicester, as Lord Lieutenant, had advised the authorities that, in consequence of local circumstances, it was expedient to disband the regiment. Major Loftus complained that the Lord Lieutenant would assign "no cause for this unceremonious dismissal." He added: "My duty is now to give you my last word of command, which is to obey the orders of her Majesty's Secretary of State and to desire that you deliver up all your arms, clothing, and accoutrements to the respective captains of troops, who are hereby directed to forward the arms and sword belts to Cornet William Freeman, at my store-room at Billingford. And I have to request that your clothing, saddlery, &c., be conveyed to Holkham Hall, when his lordship will have the opportunity of disposing of them as he and Sir George Grey may think proper, for I shall give myself no further trouble in the matter after the ungracious manner in which I have been treated."

20.—A telegram was received at Norwich, announcing that the Queen had been fired at on the previous (Saturday) evening, by an Irishman named John Hamilton. The National Anthem was played at the Cathedral and at most of the parish churches.

24.—The Queen's birthday was celebrated with much rejoicing in Norwich. The Sheriff gave a dinner at St. Andrew's Hall to the inmates of the Workhouse and Infirmary. The 16th Lancers paraded in the Market Place, and the Corps of Pensioners, under Capt. Cockburn, fired a *feu de joie*. The Mayor entertained a large party at luncheon at the Guildhall, and in the evening gave a dinner at the Assembly Rooms.

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26.—Died at Montreal, Sir Benjamin D'Urban, Commander of her Majesty's forces in British North America. He saw much active service during the Peninsula War, and in 1829 became Colonel of the 51st Foot. He was a native of Norfolk, and related to the D'Urban Blythes of Massingham.

26.*—"One day last week a fine sturgeon, weighing 3 st. 11 lbs., and measuring 5 ft. 9 in. in length, was caught in the river at Northwold, twenty-eight miles from the sea."

JUNE.

5.—The Rev. R. S. Bayley, of Sheffield, the originator and promoter, gave the first of a series of addresses on the aims and work of a new institution in Norwich known as the People's College. Commodious premises were taken in St. George Colegate, where students were instructed under competent masters.

11.—Mountjoy the pedestrian commenced the task of walking from Norwich to Yarmouth and back twice daily for six successive days, and completed it on the 16th.

20.—Mr. G. L. Coleman, of Norwich, was presented with a valuable piece of plate, in recognition of his efficient discharge of the duties of the Mayoralty in 1847-8. The presentation was made at a dinner given at the Norfolk Hotel, under the presidency of the Mayor (Mr. Bignold).

—The demolition of the old Guildhall (or Church Hall) at Yarmouth commenced. The building had been used as a National School.

JULY.

18.—The annual show of the Royal Agricultural Society of England was opened at Norwich. The show ground, which comprised about fifteen acres, was on the old Heath, near Ipswich Road; the trials of implements took place on Mr. Parker's land at Bixley. H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge attended the show, and during his one night's stay in the city was the guest of the Mayor. The society's dinner, attended by 900 noblemen and gentlemen, was held at St Andrew's Hall on the 19th, under the presidency of the Earl of Chichester. The show, which lasted two days, was visited by 22,000 persons.

20.—"A gentleman well known as Champion of the Yare" undertook to row 100 miles in twenty-four hours. He started at 12.35 a.m., and rowed to Beccles Bridge, a distance of 40 miles, and returned to Carrow Bridge; he then pulled down the river to Rockland Dyke, and back, a distance of 20 miles, finishing at 8.28 p.m., and completing the whole distance in 19 hrs. 53 mins. He rowed the last 20 miles under three hours.

23.—Mr. Martin William ffolkes, eldest son of Sir William ffolkes, Bart., of Hillington Hall, whilst fishing at Castle Rising, was killed by lightning. "His hands were not closed, and part of a cigar he had been smoking was in his mouth."

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24.—A lecture was given at St. Andrew's Hall, by Professor Isham Baggs, of the Polytechnic Institution, London, on "The Economy and Philosophy of the Electric Light, and its present and prospective bearing on the vested interests of Gas Companies." The electric light was shown by the aid of a powerful voltaic battery. It was described as "a light of dazzling lustre and surpassing brilliancy, on which no eye can steadily gaze. The figures on the various paintings in the Hall appeared to start from the canvas, and every living face displayed an almost supernatural brilliancy and expression. The gas seemed extinguished amid the new blaze of light."

27.—Lieut. Gale, R.N., "of Cremorne celebrity," made a balloon ascent from the Cellar Gardens, Pockthorpe, Norwich, accompanied by Mr. A. W. Pashley, of Harleston, and Mr. Nevey. "There was a second car or fake bottom attached by a rope to the balloon, and when at the altitude of about a mile this was lowered thirty or forty feet. A rope ladder was fixed to it from a trap door in the car, and by that the gallant aeronaut descended into the lower car, from which he discharged shells and other pyrotechnics." The descent was made in a field near Coldham Hall.

AUGUST.

23.—A grand cricket match, between an eleven of All England and twenty of Norfolk commenced on the Norwich Ground. All England, 63-63; Norfolk, 118-11.

25.*—"Several of those new coins, the florin, have found their way to Norwich. It is a handsome piece of money, but we dislike the un-English name. We also protest against the omission of the words of the old legend intimating that our beloved Queen reigns by 'the Grace of God,' and that she is the defender of the faith."

—Particulars were given on this date of the marriage of the notorious Lola Montez, "the ex-Countess of Lansfeldt," with Mr. George Trafford Heald, a lieutenant in the Life Guards, and an owner of considerable landed property at Freebridge Marshland and Walpole St. Peter.

28.—The Rev. John Woolley, D.C.L., was elected head master of Norwich Free Grammar School, and on the same day the Rev. Henry Banfather, B.D., the former master, was, on his retirement, presented with a valuable piece of silver plate, subscribed for by the boys and his personal friends.

SEPTEMBER.

4.—A curious incident occurred at the Assembly Rooms, Norwich, at a lecture given by a Mrs. Hamilton, on "A phrenological analysis of the heads and speeches of three of the speakers at the soirée given on the 16th ult. to celebrate the opening of the People's College." The persons referred to were Mr. J. H. Tillet, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. J. W. Dowson. The lecturer, amid much disturbance, stated that Mr. Tillet had "a large love of approbation, too little veneration, and a large portion of self-esteem"; Mr. Wheeler had "little veneration or philo-progenitiveness"; and Mr. Dowson's head "showed beautiful Christian development." Mr. Tillet rose from his seat and described the lecture as "a mass of rhodomontade, as an imposition, as non-conclusive, and as most of it foreign to the subject. He denounced this lecturing on heads, and asked what would be thought if he brought down a phrenologist to lecture on the heads of his opponents?"

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4.—A balloon ascent was made from the Cavalry Barracks, Norwich, by Mr. Green, accompanied

by Mr. Rush, of Elsenham Hall, Essex, "who was desirous of trying some experiments with a new instrument called an aneroid barometer invented by himself, and the first ever made on the new principle." The balloon descended in a field at West Newton.

6.—The death of the Right Rev. Dr. Edward Stanley, Bishop of Norwich, occurred at Brahan Castle, near Dingwall, Ross-shire. The body was conveyed from Invergordon by sea by the steamer Duke of Sutherland, and landed at Yarmouth on the 19th. It arrived at Norwich on the same day, and was deposited in the Palace Chapel, where it lay in state on the 20th, and was interred in the centre of the Cathedral nave on the 21st. "Anthony Sparrow (50th Bishop), ob. 1685, was the last prelate buried in the Cathedral." Bishop Stanley was the second son of Sir J. T. Stanley, of Alderley, Cheshire, and was born January 1st, 1779. He was elected to the vacant see of Norwich on the death of Bishop Bathurst in 1837. "His lordship was a Liberal in politics, but more of the Whig than the Radical, and although too conciliatory to Dissenters, he, of late years in particular, showed himself devoutly attached to the Church." He was Clerk of the Closet to the Queen, President of the Linnean Society, and one of the Commissioners appointed in 1848 to enquire into the state of the British Museum.

8.—A meeting of medical practitioners was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, to consider the best means of preventing the spread of cholera. Rooms were hired in different parts of the city for dispensing medicines, and special forms of prayer were used in all the churches and chapels. November 15th, the day appointed for thanksgiving "for deliverance from the scourge which has lately visited this land," was observed in Norwich by the entire suspension of business. All classes of citizens attended the services held at the Cathedral and the parish churches.

OCTOBER.

2.—Victoria Gardens, Norwich, for so many generations the popular resort of the citizens, were dismantled on this date, when Mr. William Wilde, auctioneer, sold "the ranges of drinking boxes, seats and tables, the scenery, fittings, and machinery in the theatre, the fittings, benches, &c., in the circus and saloon, the materials of the firework house, the porter bar, cake-room, &c." The sale was held by order of the directors of the Eastern Union Railway Company, who had acquired the property as the site for their Norwich terminus.

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3.—Mr. Joseph Hume, M.P., Sir Joshua Walmisley, M.P., Mr. George Thompson, M.P., Mr. J. H. Parry, Mr. Feargus O'Connor, M.P., and other members of the National Reform Association, addressed a large meeting held at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, under the auspices of the local branch of the association. Mr. J. H. Tillett presided.

22.—Madame Sontag, Signor Calzobari, Signor Bolletti, Signor F. Lablache, and M. Thalberg appeared at a grand concert given at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich. A second performance took place on the 23rd.

—A public meeting was held at the Independent chapel, Diss, for the purpose of hearing statements from Mr. James Everett respecting the expulsion of himself and Messrs. Dunn and Griffith from the Wesleyan Conference. On the 24th a similar meeting was held at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, when resolutions were passed condemnatory of the action of the Conference and expressive of sympathy with the expelled ministers. The agitation was continued until June 22nd, 1850, on the 19th of which month another meeting took place at St. Andrew's Hall, at which the Wesleyan Reformers uttered "violent tirades against the Conference, the Missionary Committee, and other ruling bodies of Wesleyanism." In December, 1850, a series of disturbances occurred at Lenwade, where the services of the chapel were stopped and the preacher, the Rev. C. Povah, assaulted with stones and burnt in effigy. Magisterial proceedings at Reepham were followed by an application in the Court of Chancery for an injunction to restrain certain persons from interrupting Mr. Povah and other ministers in the performance of religious worship at the Wesleyan chapel, Cawston. The affidavits read disclosed a number of gross outrages upon the ministers, extending over the period of six months. Issue of the injunction was stayed upon the defendants entering into an undertaking not to disturb or molest the plaintiffs in the exercise of their duties.

26.—Immense quantities of fish were caught off Yarmouth. The herring boats had from 100,000 to 200,000 fish on board. Cartloads of fish were taken to Norwich and sold at the following rates:—Fresh herring, 10 for one penny; boaters, 25 for sixpence; cod, one penny per pound; soles, from three halfpence to twopence per pair.

30.—Died at Quidenham Hall, the Earl of Albemarle. Born on May 14th, 1772, he married, on April 9th, 1792, the Hon. Elizabeth Southwell, four years his junior, who became the mother of sixteen children. Mr. T. W. Coke, though old enough to be Lord Albemarle's father, became his son-in-law in 1822, when he espoused Lady Anne Keppel. His lordship married secondly, on February 11th, 1822, Charlotte Susannah, daughter of Sir Henry Hunloke, Bart.

NOVEMBER.

5.—Downham Market was lighted with gas for the first time. The event was celebrated by a dinner at the Queen's Head and by other rejoicings.

6.—The Oddfellows of the Norwich District, to the number of 700, dined at St. Andrew's Hall, under the presidency of Mr. W. M. Kitton.

7.—The Norwich extension railway of the Eastern Union line, completing the communication with London *via* Ipswich, Colchester, and Chelmsford, was opened on this date. It was part of the plan of the Eastern Union Company, whose Act for making the railway from Ipswich to Colchester was obtained in 1844. The line was commenced in 1845, and opened on June 11th, 1846. In 1845 another Act was passed for making a railway from Ipswich to Bury St. Edmund's, and in 1846 an Act was obtained for making the Ipswich and Norwich extension. In the latter year an Act was also passed for the amalgamation of the Eastern Union and the Ipswich and Bury Railway Companies, and by the two united the Norwich line was constructed. Mr. Locke was the engineer-in-chief, Mr. Bruff the resident engineer, and Messrs. Mackenzie and Brassey the contractors. The first train, conveying 550 ladies and gentlemen, the guests of the directors, started from the station ("constructed in part out of the old Pantheon"), and proceeded to Stowmarket, where refreshments were served. Trains from Bury, Colchester, and Ipswich brought 600 more passengers, and the three trains uniting ran to Norwich, where they arrived at 4.30, the band of the 16th Lancers playing the travellers into the city. A dinner took place at St. Andrew's Hall, under the presidency of the Mayor (Mr. Bignold), and the Sheriff (Mr. Chamberlin) gave a ball in the evening, at the Assembly Rooms. The line was opened for the conveyance of cattle and goods on December 3rd, and of passengers on December 12th.

9.—Mr. Henry Woodcock was elected Mayor, and Mr. James Colman appointed Sheriff of Norwich. Mr. Bignold reminded the Council that when he took the office of Mayor a distinct assurance was given that there was to be a retention of the system of alternate Whig and Tory Mayors and Sheriffs. He would not have accepted office but for that assurance.

DECEMBER.

2.—The consecration of the Rev. Dr. S. Hinds, Bishop-elect of Norwich, took place at Lambeth Palace. His lordship was installed at Norwich Cathedral on January 24th, 1850.

—Intelligence was received of the death of the Queen Dowager. The day of the funeral, December 13th, was observed in Norwich by the partial closing of the shops.

20.—Died at Hampstead, the Ven. Philip Jennings, Archdeacon of Norfolk, aged 66. He was presented to his office in 1847 by Bishop Stanley.

27.—A severe gale from the N.N.W., a heavy fall of snow, and a high tide prevented railway communication with Yarmouth. The line was under water for a considerable distance. The trains on the lines to London were delayed by deep snowdrifts. An omnibus was run between Norwich and Yarmouth for the conveyance of passengers. "The people on the road stared with wonderment on seeing the six-in-hand drawing the ponderous vehicle through the snow."

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JANUARY.

3.—Mr. Sims Reeves took part in a performance of "the Messiah" at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich. The other vocalists included Miss Poole, Miss Kenneth, Herr Formes, and Master Mann.

10.—A sculling match from Bramerton to Whitlingham, for £10 a side, between R. Buttle, of Norwich, and Aldred, one of the crew of the "Young Company," Yarmouth, was won easily by the former.

16.—Aylsham was for the first time lighted with gas, an event celebrated by the ringing of the church bells, by the distribution of beer, and by a dinner and ball at the Black Boys Hotel. A display of fireworks ended the festivities.

18.—Acts of disorder were committed by the female factory hands in Norwich, owing to an alteration being made in the working hours. They broke with snowballs the windows in the house of Mr. Douglas, one of the manufacturers, and waylaid him on St. Martin-at-Palace Plain. To save himself from being stripped naked, he took refuge in a neighbouring office.

20.—Died at Ranworth, the Rev. T. B. Greaves, for forty years vicar of South Lynn, and thirty-six years vicar of Wiggshall St. Giles. He was the author of a volume of poems entitled, "Greaves' Wilderness."

28.—A meeting, convened by the High Sheriff (Col. Mason), on the requisition of 3,000 signatories, was held at Swaffham, "for the purpose of adopting means to secure the return of a Protective policy." The railway companies ran special trains for the convenience of persons desirous of attending the meeting. The High Sheriff was supported by Lord Orford, Lord Sondes, and the members for the division. A resolution was adopted to the effect that the depression under which the agricultural, commercial, and industrial classes laboured was owing principally to legislative enactments, and nothing but a return to a protective policy could restore the permanent prosperity of agriculture, trade, and commerce. It was decided to present to the Queen and to Parliament a petition embodying these views.

FEBRUARY.

11.—A public meeting was held at the Guildhall, Norwich, to give the citizens the opportunity of expressing their opinion upon the new Water Works Bill. A resolution was adopted in its favour.

On the 12th the Town Council agreed to petition the House of Commons in opposition to the Bill, on the ground principally that no provision was made for such a supply of water as the inhabitants required, and that the scale of rates was too high. On the 19th the Corporation authorised the expenditure of £250 "to defray the expense of defending the rights of the present Water Works Company and of opposing the new Water Works Bill in Parliament." On March 27th Mr. David Stevenson, C.E., Edinburgh, held a public inquiry at the Guildhall respecting the application for the new Bill, and subsequently made a tour of inspection. He stated that Norwich was as badly supplied with water as any place he was ever in. The Bill went before the Committee of the House of Commons on May 2nd, and on the 16th was reported to the House of Lords. It passed its third reading in the House of Commons on June 3rd. The Town Council, on June 12th, appointed a committee to confer with the promoters of the Bill as to certain clauses; and on June 15th it was announced that the promoters had adopted a course that was satisfactory to the representatives of the Council. Opposition was then withdrawn. The first general meeting of the shareholders of the Norwich Water Works Company was held on October 15th, under the presidency of Mr. Bignold, chairman of the company.

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MARCH.

13.—Festivities commenced at Shadwell Court, and were continued three days, in celebration of the coming of age of Sir Robert Jacob Buxton, who was presented by the tenantry with a massive silver salver. The band of the 2nd Life Guards was in attendance.

24.—Snow fell to the depth of 12 inches. A drift occurred in the chalk cutting between Narborough and Swaffham, and delayed railway traffic.

26.—Died at Lambeth, aged 66, Mr. William Bath, President of the Money Order Office, St. Martin's le Grand. He was Mayor of Yarmouth in 1824 and 1826, and was the first Mayor of that borough after the passing of the Municipal Reform Act, when he occupied the civic chair during two successive terms.

APRIL.

5.—At the Norfolk Assizes, before Lord Chief Baron Pollock, Blofield John Rix and Henry Senior were charged with stealing, embezzling, and misappropriating various sums of money, to the amount of £10,589 18s., the property of their employers. Both prisoners were employed at the Diss Bank. The proprietor, Mr. Dyson, was taken seriously ill in the month of December, 1848, and an arrangement was made that Mr. Thomas Lombe Taylor, son of Mr. Meadows Taylor, a former partner with Mr. Dyson, should be taken into partnership, and the partnership commenced in 1849. On January 19th Mr. Dyson died, and Mr. Taylor intended to dispose of the business to the firm of Messrs. Harveys and Hudson. It became necessary to go through the accounts, and then the frauds were discovered. The prisoners were tried on a charge of simple larceny, whereupon they pleaded guilty, and were sentenced, Rix to 18 months' and Senior to 12 months' imprisonment.

—The action, *Berney v. Delane and Co.*, was tried at the Norfolk Assizes, before Lord Chief Baron Pollock. The question at issue was the right to the use of the stream which worked Taverham Mills. The defendants manufactured the paper for "The Times" newspaper, "and their broadsheets were every day scattered round the terrestrial globe, and were to be found in every corner of the earth." In order to carry on their business, the defendants had the right to raise the stream behind their mills; they had not only raised it to the height they were entitled to enjoy, but very much higher; so high that they had flooded the lands of Mr. Thomas Trench Berney, and had rendered them useless for sheep grazing. The case was ultimately referred to Mr. Russell Gurney, and a verdict for the plaintiff was taken on account of the damage laid in the declaration, subject to such reference.

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17.—The Mayor of Norwich (Mr. Woodcock) having offered to provide an illuminated clock and clock turret at the Guildhall, on condition that the Corporation removed the false ceiling in the Council Chamber and laid open the old roof, it was unanimously resolved to accept the clock. It was made by Messrs. Moore, of Clerkenwell, London, and fixed in a turret designed by Mr. Kerr, in the month of October.

30.—The headquarters of the 16th Lancers marched from Norwich for Hounslow.

MAY.

1.—Sultzer's public baths were opened in St. Augustine's, Norwich. In the course of six months they were used by 10,943 persons.

4.—Attention was directed to the system then becoming more prevalent than ever, of driving dogs in trucks or small carts along the public roads. "To say nothing of the cruelty to the dogs, few horses will pass them without risk of accident."

6.—The season terminated at Norwich Theatre. The house was under the management of Mr. Clarence (afterwards known as Mr. Clarence Holt).

14.—The Norwich Town Council adopted an address of congratulation to the Queen and Prince Albert upon the birth, on May 1st, of a Prince (Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught).

16.—Mr. W. Lee, C.E., one of the Inspectors of the Board of Health, opened, at the Guildhall,

Norwich, a public inquiry into the sanitary state of the city. It lasted eight days.

—A sturgeon, measuring 6 ft. 2 in. in length and 3 ft. 6 in. in girth, and weighing 15 st. 3 lbs., was shot in the river Wissey, near Hilgay Bridge. "It is surprising how a fish of this size could get up the river so far, as it had to pass through several sluices."

17.—Died at Mill Hill, Hendon, aged 57, Sir James Flower, Bart. He was a son of the first baronet, by the eldest daughter and co-heiress of Mr. James Squire, of Portsmouth. In 1816 he married the daughter of Sir Walter Stirling, Bart. He succeeded his father in 1834. In 1838 he filled the office of High Sheriff of Norfolk, and in 1843 was appointed a deputy-lieutenant for Herefordshire. A Conservative in politics, he contested the representation of Thetford with the Earl of Euston, when a "double return" resulted. On petition, Sir James was declared the sitting member. The first baronet was an alderman of the City of London, who filled the office of Lord Mayor in the year of the Jubilee.

19.—Lieut. John Allen, commander of the Prince of Wales Revenue cutter, boarded off Happisburgh a vessel named the Sea Flower, of Hull, and found her laden with 122 bales of contraband tobacco of 50 lbs. each, the duty upon which amounted to £900. The vessel and cargo were confiscated.

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24.—The headquarters of the 11th Hussars arrived at Norwich, under command of Col. the Earl of Cardigan. "This regiment has a fine appearance. The uniform is blue jacket, braided, scarlet trousers, and bearskin cap."

—The Queen's birthday was celebrated at Norwich by the Pockthorpe "Corporation" parading in the Market Place, "the 'Mayor' and 'Aldermen' wearing their scarlet gowns and bearing themselves with all the conscious dignity of office." The Sheriff of Norwich (Mr. James Colman) entertained the inmates of the Workhouse, the Infirmary, and the Boys' Home to dinner at St. Andrew's Hall, and the Mayor (Mr. Woodcock) gave a dinner at the Assembly Rooms.

29.—A new organ, the gift of Col. Mason, was opened at Necton church.

JUNE.

5.—An extraordinary will was left by Miss Margaret Creake, of St. Andrew's, Norwich, whose death occurred on this date. She was the last of three sisters, very eccentric in their manners and parsimonious in their way of living. She directed that her relatives who chose to prove their identity should receive one shilling each; a legacy of £20 was left to one neighbour, and of £10 to another. She directed that £50 be given to each homeless person above 68 years of age in London, Ireland, and Scotland, and that all her real estate be employed in founding a hospital for aged persons, the hospital to be built and the inmates habited according to her directions. The property, valued at £20,000, being insufficient, the wishes of the testatrix could not be carried out. Upwards of 1,000 persons visited the late residence of the deceased, "the filthiness of which was beyond description." Shortly after the death of Miss Creake, a chemist named Woolner, with whom she had been intimate, committed suicide by poisoning himself. It was then rumoured that the woman had met with her death by foul means. The Coroner (Mr. Wilde) ordered the exhumation of the body from St. Clement's churchyard. An examination of the remains was made by Mr. T. W. Crosse, who attributed death to natural causes.

9.—Died at Norwich, aged 60, Mr. John Green Crosse, senior surgeon of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. Mr. Crosse was a native of Suffolk, and received his early professional education under Mr. Bailey, at Stowmarket. After a distinguished career as a medical student in London, he became demonstrator of anatomy in Dublin. He visited Paris, where he made himself sufficiently acquainted with the French schools of medicine to enable him on his return to publish "Sketches of the Medical Schools of Paris." He settled in Norwich in 1815, and in the following year married a daughter of his former master and friend. In 1825 he was elected assistant-surgeon of the Hospital, and on the death of Mr. Bond succeeded to the surgeoncy on August 25th, 1826. There he gained for himself a surgical reputation which was described as "not local, not provincial, not British, not European, but universal." Mr. Crosse was one of the founders of the Pathological Society; he was a Fellow of the Royal Society, a Fellow of the College of Surgeons of England, a Doctor of Medicine in the Universities of Heidelberg and St. Andrew's, a member of several scientific bodies, and the author of many valuable professional works and papers. His remains were interred on June 14th, in the burial ground of Norwich Cathedral.

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JULY.

9.—Intelligence was received in Norwich of the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge. The bells of the city churches were tolled.

29.—Mrs. Charles Gill (Miss Vining) appeared at Norwich Theatre, after an absence of five years, and was enthusiastically received by a crowded house.

AUGUST.

3.—Comment was made upon the altered circumstances of the Norwich Assize week:—"Alterations in our system of jurisprudence have caused some change in the character of our Assizes, and diminished the number attending them; whilst changes of our social system have led the higher classes to join less in the popular amusements of the people."

10.—Potash Farm, formerly occupied by James Blomfield Rush, was sold by auction by Mr. Butcher, for £3,100. The purchaser was Sir J. P. Boileau, Bart.

17.*—“Messrs. E. and R. W. Blake, of Norwich, have purchased the Yarn Factory, with its machinery, for £14,000, under direction of the Master in Chancery, under the Winding-Up Act. The stock is valued at £7,219, making, with the purchase, the sum total of £21,219.”

—Died, Hannah Sarah Hancock, daughter of the Rev. Thomas Wigg Hancock, of St. Helen's parsonage, Norwich. She was born on November 8th, 1781. At eight years of age she compiled a dictionary for children, and throughout her life took great interest in music and painting. She received the silver medal of the Society of Arts in 1805, and in 1807 was granted a second silver medal by the same society for an oil painting after the design by Rubens in the altarpiece at Antwerp.

—Considerable inconvenience was caused at Norwich by a strike of the firemen and engine-drivers on the Eastern Counties Railway.

24.—Died at Birkenhead, Lieut.-Col. Edwin Cruttenden. Of an old Norfolk family, he was born in 1784. He received a commission in the Royal Artillery in 1804, was stationed ten years in the Mauritius, and in 1814 was engaged in the capture of Oswego, North America. He was appointed lieutenant-colonel in 1841.

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20.—At a special meeting of the Norwich Town Council, an address was ordered to be presented to the Bishop of Norwich on his appointment to the diocese. The presentation took place at the Palace, on October 4th.

28.—Died at his residence, James Street, Buckingham Gate, London, Mr. Thomas Amyot, F.R.S., F.S.A., in his 76th year. He was the eldest son of Mr. Peter Amyot, of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and was articled to Messrs. Foster and Unthank, solicitors, of that city. On the accession to power, in 1806, of the Fox and Granville parties, the Right Hon. William Windham, Secretary for the Department of War and the Colonies, appointed Mr. Amyot his private secretary. On the dissolution of that short-lived Administration, he received a lucrative Colonial appointment as Registrar of Slaves in the British West India possessions, a position which he continued to hold until his functions gradually ceased on the passing of the Slavery Abolition Act. Mr. Amyot was interested in literary pursuits and archæological research. He married Jane, only daughter of Mr. Edward Colman, surgeon, of Norwich, by whom he had two sons and six daughters.

OCTOBER.

23.—A fine schooner was launched from Mr. T. Tyrrell's shipyard at Wells-next-the-Sea.

24.—“The Times” was shamefully hoaxed on this date. A letter had been sent to the editor, with the intimation that a Protectionist meeting was to be held at Lynn, to be addressed by the Hon. E. H. Stanley, M.P., Mr. D'Israeli, and other gentlemen. “The Times” sent its representatives, who found that no such meeting had been announced or even contemplated.

27.—Died at Blickling Hall, the Dowager Lady Suffield. “She was born in the year 1767, her early life being passed during one of the most eventful periods, both socially and politically, which have marked our history.” Her father was John Hobart, second Earl of Buckinghamshire, who had been Ambassador at St. Petersburg, and was afterwards Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. In 1792 she married William Assheton, second Lord Suffield, and in 1744 her youngest sister, Amelia Ann, was married to Lord Castlereagh. “In consequence of this union her connection with the political world was maintained even more intimately than before. Throughout her life she continued to take a lively interest in the politics of the county, and the influence of the united houses of Gunton and Blickling in the days of contested elections was not lightly esteemed by conflicting parties.” In 1821 she became a widow, and thenceforth devoted herself to charitable works. The family estates descended to the Marquis of Lothian, her grand-nephew.

NOVEMBER.

2.—The announcement was made of the engagement of Mr. and Mrs. F. Phillips as members of the Norwich Company, under the management of Mr. Joseph Clarence. Mrs. Phillips, who was professionally known as Miss Ellen Daly, had acquired Metropolitan celebrity, and “was equally at home in serious work, in domestic comedy, and in fashionable life.”

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8.—The ceremony of turning the first sod of the great undertaking known as the Norfolk Estuary Works was performed at Lynn by Sir William ffolkes. The Earl of Hardwick, the Earl of Leicester, Mr. R. G. Tounley, M.P., and Miss Wodehouse each deposited a spadeful of earth upon a barrow, which was wheeled away by the Mayor. It was estimated that 150,000 acres of land would be reclaimed from the sea by the completion of the work.

9.—Mr. Henry Woodcock was re-elected Mayor of Norwich. Mr. Edward Blakely was appointed Sheriff.

11.—The Norwich Protestant Association held a meeting at St. Andrew's Hall, and adopted an address to the Queen “on the recent invasion of her Majesty's prerogative by the Pope.” On

December 7th the clergy of the diocese presented to the Bishop an address upon the same subject; and on December 14th the High Sheriff (Mr. E. R. Pratt) presided over a county meeting at the Shirehall, when resolutions condemnatory of the action of the Pope were adopted, and an address voted to the Queen. Many meetings were held in all parts of the county, and for some weeks "Papal aggression" was made a popular cry.

DECEMBER.

21.*—"Baron Rolfe has been raised to the peerage, by the dignity of Baron Cranworth, of Cranworth, in the county of Norfolk."

26.—Mr. J. Clarence produced a pantomime at Norwich Theatre (title not given). Of the scenery and dresses it was said, "We never saw anything, even in the Metropolis, more superb and more beautiful."

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