

March last, as being licensed to the Perpetual Cursey of Chatham Kings, in this county. From the evidence adduced at the inquest, and from information since derived from other sources, we are enabled to give the following narrative of this distressing event:—

On the evening of Monday last, Mr. Goddard partook of his rich party of friends at his residence at Charlton, and on their retiring took an affectionate leave of his family, without any apparent alteration from his usual manner. He did not, however, retire to rest until a very advanced hour, and having risen before six on Tuesday morning informed his servants, that "he was going to Gloucester, and should breakfast there." He took his passage by the Equitable coach at Cheltenham, by which he arrived in this city about a quarter before nine. When left he proceeded to a gunsmith's shop in the Westgate-street, where he said he wanted to purchase a pistol, and on some pocket pistols being shown to him, he observed he wanted one that would do for a carriage. Eventually he bought a large horse-pistol, and asked the firm who served him, if she had any bullets: on being answered in the negative, he begged she would have some cast for him, on which she said she would run them herself, and whilst this process was going on he walked leisurely to and fro in the shop, looking pale but apparently without any emotion. Having procured ten bullets and some gunpowder, he left the shop and proceeded to an inn, where he walked up and down the coffee-room, for a short time, in rather a quick agitated manner. He then ordered breakfast, and asked to be shown to a bedroom; his appearance at this time impressing the servants with the idea that he had been travelling all night, and wanted to refresh himself. In a very few minutes after he had been left in the chamber, a servant in the yard below heard a loud report, and at the same moment, a crash of broken glass from the windows of the room, from which he instantly ran up stairs, and, on opening the door, a most dreadful scene presented itself. On the floor lay the body of the unfortunate gentleman, quite dead; not of his eyes lay under his dressing-gable, at his feet, the entire upper portion of the head was blown into a thousand atoms, which lay scattered about in all directions, whilst the ceiling, walls, floor, and furniture of the room were liberally plastered with the brains to such an extent that it was impossible to walk across the room without treading on some portion of blood, brain, or bone. It would appear that he had loaded his pistol with a very heavy charge of powder, and three bullets, as seven were afterwards found upon the table, and the fearful force of the explosion may be judged of from the following circumstances: he burst of the pistol was blown from the stock, and the breech of it forced into the wall of the room, a depth of upwards of two inches, where it stuck fast; the stock was broken into several pieces, which lay in different parts of the room; but the most awful proof of his violence was afforded in the fact, that a portion of the skull of the unhappy man, consisting of the coronal part of the *os frontalis*, was driven through a miller blind and the glass of the window, carried over a range of lofty buildings and some high trees, and actually broke a pane of glass in some neighbouring premises, the point-blank distance of which from the awful scene must be at least sixty yards, and taking into account the elevation which the fragment must have taken to clear intervening obstacles, the space traversed we should think would be nearly half as much more!

In the room was found a written paper lying open, of which the following are the contents:

My dear Alice—
I am going to Gloucester never to return. I have never been instructed—not to fully say but I have devoured myself about my interest in navigation and die in despair.
Your brother,
WILLIAM GODDARD.

Perpetual Cursey of Chatham Kings, near Cheltenham.

The words in *italic* were in ink, and therefore evidently written before he left home; the remainder was written in pencil in the room where he committed the fatal act, as his pencil case was found lying upon the table. The signature at once affording information of who he was, an express was instantly sent over to Cheltenham with the dreadful intelligence, and arrangements were made for holding the inquest at two o'clock.

Previously to the inquest sitting, two sisters of the deceased attended here, when a scene of the most heart-rending distress ensued, which it is much easier to imagine than describe. Soon afterwards a highly respectable jury was sworn in, before Edward Bower, Esq. Coroner, and the inquiry proceeded. E. Maddy, Esq. attended on behalf of the friends of the deceased, and took a prominent part in the investigation. The foregoing facts are chiefly derived and embodied from the testimony given by the several witnesses, but the evidence as to the cause of this most disastrous act of self-immolation remains yet to be noticed. On this point the only witness was the Rev. Chas. Henry Wadding, professor of the deceased in the living of Chatham Kings, and a fellow-collegian. In giving his testimony, this gentleman was naturally deeply moved. He had known the deceased, (whose age was about thirty-three,) for upwards of twelve years, and held him in the highest possible respect; but he related various circumstances which could lead to no other conclusion than that the deceased was labouring under

OF THE RIVAL QUEENS.
End of the Play, a SCENE from the MERCHANT OF VENICE, in which Mr. CROOKE will give an Imitation of the late Mr. KEAN, in the character of SHYLOCK. Mr. C. having performed with the above-named Gentleman upwards of 200 Nights. Also of Mr. BETTY, the celebrated Young RUCIUS. A COMIC SONG, by Mr. WARREN—"The Lovers of Ralph Rempus and Mary Houshad." After which, A SAILOR'S HORNPIPE, in Character, By Miss FRITCHARD. Mr. CROOKE will, on the economical and prudent, show the way to save ONE THOUSAND POUNDS!! In the course of the Evening, the Young VOCALIST who was received with such applause on Wednesday Evening last, will sing the SOLDIER'S TEAR. The whole to conclude with the Musical Farce—

THE TURNPIKE GATE.
In the last Piece, Mr. WARREN will sing—"The Adventures in a Mail Coach;"—"Hamming's all the Fashion;" and the Duet with Mr. CROOKE—"When off in Carriage we go." * Mr. S. CROOKE has great pleasure in stating, that on this Night a full BAND of MUSIC will attend, several Gentlemen of this City having kindly promised their assistance on the occasion. Leader—Mr. E. BAILEY.

ON WEDNESDAY, 23d APRIL, 1834, for the BENEFIT of Mrs. ROBBERS, Will be performed, the popular and celebrated Melo-Dramatic Drama of—
The NORTHERN BANDIT.
After which, CHERRY'S admired Comedy of—
The SOLDIER'S DAUGHTER.
A Variety of SINGING.—To conclude with the Grand Romantic Romance of—**BLUE BEARD.**

J. T. PATRICK,
FURNISHING and GENERAL IRONMONGER,
5, EASTGATE-STREET,

RETURNS his sincere Thanks to the Inhabitants in General of this City and its Environs, for the liberal Support he has already received, and begs to assure them, that it will ever be his study, by moderate charges for good Articles, to merit a continuance of their kind Favours.

N.B. A respectable Youth wanted as an APPRENTICE. Gloucester, April 19th, 1834.

HIGH-STREET, STROUD.
Mrs. BISHOP,
Milliner and Straw Bonnet-Maker,

BEGS to inform her Friends, that she has REMOVED from NELSON-STREET to Three Doors above the Post-Office; where she has received from London an elegant assortment of Fashionable TUSCAN and STRAW BONNETS, which will be ready for inspection on Monday, the 21st inst. N.B. Also a Fashionable Assortment of STAYS.

New Day Coach
From GLOUCESTER to LONDON.



"The RAPID,"
FROM THE
BOOTH-HALL INN, WESTGATE-STREET,
Every Morning at NINE O'CLOCK precisely.

THROUGH Cheltenham, Oxford, Henley, Maidenhead, Slough, and Reading, to the WHITE BEAR, PICCADILLY, BELL and CROWN, HULBORN, and BULL INN, ALD-GATE, LONDON, arriving there punctually at nine o'clock in the evening.—On its return it leaves the Bull Inn, Aldgate, at six, Bell and Crown, Hulborn, at half-past six, and the White Bear, Piccadilly, at seven, and will arrive at the BOOTH-HALL INN, GLOUCESTER, at half-past six; the SWAN HOTEL, ROSS, at eight; and the KING'S HEAD, MORMOUTH, at nine o'clock in the evening. RAWLINGS, HUGHES, REESLEY, FAGG, NELSON, BARRETT, and ROBERTSON, Proprietors!

Archdeaconry of Gloucester
THE Venerable and Reverend JOHN B.D. Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry of Gloucester, has the pleasure to hold his VISITATION this year on the days and in the order following:
Stroud, Monday,
Gloucester, Tuesday,
Chipping-Badbury, Wednesday,
Dursley, Thursday,
Gloucester, Friday,
Tewkesbury, Monday,
Chipping-Camden, Tuesday,
Stow, Friday,
Droiton, Thursday,
By order of the Archdeacon,
THOS. GARDNER, Printer
Archdeacon's Registry, 5th April, 1834.

IRISH PORTER STOUT
No. 1, OXBODY-LINE, NORTHGATE
HENRY W. HOOPER & C
HAVING received a Consignment of BEAUMONT and CRAWFORD, of Cork, DOUBLE and TREBLE STOUT PORTER and Kildare, beg respectfully of their Friends a trial, not fearing but the respective qualities will, to be found equal to any hitherto imported into this City. Double and Treble Brown Stout in Be N.B.—Orders received for H. W. B. and Co. by I Grocer, Northgate-Street, Gloucester.

SAFE and EXPEDITIOUS
WATER CONVEYANCE
To and from HAMBOUR WHARF, LONDON WHARF, GLOUCESTER.

RICHARD BOWERMAN and
RESPECTFULLY inform the Public BOATS continue to arrive at and Places DAILY, by which they can obtain GOODS with the utmost dispatch at all Places on the Line of Wilts and and Severn, Stroud, and Gloucester and Berkeley directed to any Part of the Kingdom. R. B. and SON, in thanking their Friends for the Carrying Trade has heretofore experienced, beg the curial in ordering their Goods fully directed by

"Bowerman and Son, from Hamburc as some of late, intended for them, have been sent inland, and irregularly forwarded.—Gloucester, Ma

Gloucester Horticultural Society
A MEETING of the COMMITTEE and BERS to the GLOUCESTER HORTICULTURAL CITY will be held at Mr. J. D. WHELEA'S, next, at six o'clock. All Persons having claims upon the Society are to their accounts to the Secretary, Mr. Wm. Matthews,

Gas Light Office, Gloucester
NOTICE is hereby given, That a GENERAL MEETING of the PROPRIETORS of this Company on Tuesday, the 5th day of May next ensuing, at 4 o'clock in the evening. E. WARING, Clerk to the

ELIGIBLE SECURITY
AN opportunity now offers for the Investors in three sums of £1000 each, upon Secus authorised to be levied by the Act of Parliament of Town of Stroud; to carry interest at the rate of 4 annuam.

The above amount (which is the maximum allowed by law) being now divided into small sums; double number of persons, who are not unwise; the reduction of the present rate of interest, the (with a view to convenience and economy) are dealt off the existing Mortgages and raising the amount nearer proposed. The Interest is paid regularly every year at the 4 Applications (if by letter, postage paid), to use NEWMAN & SON, } Clerks and WYATT & BEDWELL, } Stroud, April 13th, 1834.

Mr. WILLIAM WALKER, late of the SW.

