

will feel the pressure of the new window duties more than others; every frame measuring 30 superficial feet, being now assessable as two windows.

A correspondent wishes us to observe with what indefatigable zeal the committee appointed at a late meeting in this town, are carrying the resolutions into effect, for the purpose of inclosing Lancaster Moor; and in which public-spirited and highly praise-worthy exertions they have the good wishes of all who would have a reduction in the price of provisions.

9th July 1803

MONEY,
WANTED ON MORTGAGE,
About Six Hundred Pounds,
Apply to the Printer of this Paper.

At the Quarter Sessions for this Borough, on Thursday last, **Sarah Stevenson**, was convicted of stealing a check apron, and sentenced to be imprisoned three months in the House of Correction at Preston, and kept to hard labour. Thirteen victuallers were convicted of selling ale in short measures, and fined 5s. each; and two others were fined 3s.4d. each, for suffering persons to tittle in their houses during divine service on Sundays. Two butchers were convicted a *second* time of having short weights in their possession, and fined 13s.4d. each; and four others, convicted a *first* time of similar offences, were fined 6s.8d. each. Too much praise cannot be given to the officers of this borough for their exertions in bringing the above offenders to conviction, which it is sincerely hoped will deter persons from offending in future.

At our Fair, on Tuesday last, cattle sold at advanced prices; and on Wednesday, wool sold from 8s. to 16s. per stone, and cheese from 60s. to 70s. per cwt.

Yesterday a fine new ship, burthen 310 tons, was launched at **Mr Smith's** yard, near this town. She is expected to be a remarkably fast sailer, and is to be sold.

A set of informers are now traversing the country, for the sole purpose of lodging complaints against all persons using five horses in their teams on the turn-pike road.

By the new Income Tax, *furniture, cattle or any property*, the use of which is let with a house or tenement, is liable to the duty; *furnished lodgings* will consequently pay according to the rent.

The Receivers General are to be paid *two-pence in the pound*, the Collectors *three-pence*, and the Clerks *three halfpence*; so that the total will be *sixpence halfpenny in the pound*, on the collection of the sum raised.

Those who have built houses with *large windows*, to save taxes, now find they have been *quite in the dark*.

A *Resurrection Man*, carrying a body to a surgeon was told he did not want it, as he had already a subject in the house. "Well, never mind (replied the fellow) you can take it as a *Corps de Reserve*."

16th July 1803

We are informed, that a sermon will be preached in the afternoon of tomorrow, by the **Rev. Mr Girle**, at the Chapel, in St. Nicholas-street, in this town, on the duty of the relations of those who are in dangerous illnesses, and the hazard of hasty interments. Divine service to begin at

half past three o'clock.

At the Midsummer Meeting of the Lancaster Agricultural Society, the following premiums were adjudged, viz. Silver cups, value five guineas each, to **Mr Wright**, of Hornby Castle, as owner, and **Mr John Knowles**, of Claughton Hall, as occupier, of lands, improved by walled stone drains; to **John Dalton** Esq. of Thurnham, as owner, and **Mr R. Dobson**, of Caton, as occupier, of the best cultivated farms; and another to Mr John Knowles, for shewing the best long-horned bull, two years old. - Silver cups, value three guineas each, to **Mr John Carter**, of Bulk, for the best crop of hay-grass; to **T. Bond** Esq. of Lancaster, for the best pasture; and to **Mr W. Jackson**, of Warton, for the best long-horned heifer, two years old. The two premiums for early potatoes, were adjudged to **James Bruce** and **William Hargreaves**, both of Lancaster; and that to the labourer in husbandry, for bringing up the greatest number of children, without parish relief, to **William Warbrick**, of Torrisholme, he having brought up fifteen children. At the same time, three sweepstakes (each consisting of eight or ten subscribers) were decided in favour of **Mr John Tatham**, of Lowfields; **Mr William Gray**, of Dalton Bank; and **Mr Wright**, of Hornby Castle. The Society afterwards dined together, and spent the day with the greatest harmony.

On Thursday last, the friends of the **Marquis of Douglas** and **Mr Dent** met at the King's Arms, in this town, to commemorate their election to represent this borough in Parliament. About forty sat down to dinner; the utmost harmony and good humour prevailed during the whole evening, and "the gaily circling glass" kept moving until a late hour. Many loyal and appropriate toasts were given, amongst which were the following:

The King - The Queen and Royal Family - The Members for the Borough - The Lord Lieutenant of the County - The Members for the County - May a wall of steel be raised in the united hearts of Englishmen, against the boasted iron frontier of France - May British valour make Old Ocean blush at French impudence etc. etc.

A correspondence wishes us to rouse the inhabitants of this ancient and loyal town from their apparent apathy at this truly momentous period; fully convinced that they will not be the last in addressing the Throne, to express their determination to support and defend their just rights, and to join in protecting the best of Monarchs, our Laws, our Liberties, and our Country, from the avowed designs of an infuriate and insatiate foe.

On Thursday last, the Otter fishing-boat arrived here, with a cargo of soals, turbot, scate etc. The soals were sold at 6d. per lb.

And last night the Beaver arrived here from her first voyage, and has brought a large cargo of different species of fish.

On Thursday last, a fine sturgeon, weighing about 112lb. was caught in the Firth fishery, near Holker, belonging to Lord Frederick Cavendish. It was yesterday shewn in our market, and afterwards carried to Preston. A few weeks ago, there was a sturgeon caught in the same fishery, which was above three hundred weight.

Last week, a boy was drowned in our Canal, near Bolton. He belonged to one of the boats, and is supposed to have fallen overboard.