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"Caelum, non animam, mutant, qui trans mare currant." Hoæ.

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CALAIS.

May 3, 1822.

HERE, an English carriage pays a duty of one-third of its value :* that a government has a right to make any regulations which may best suit its policy, there can be no difference of opinion ; but, an Englishman has also a right to complain when any foreign scheme of policy partially makes him the sole exception to a general law ; as the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Piedmont, and Spain, are not liable to pay this tax.

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CHANTILLY.

This Château was destroyed in the beginning of the French Revolution, but there yet remain two considerable buildings, and the stables, so universally admired by travellers. The basement story of the castle is restored, and where the superstructure was, is now a platform, which makes a terrace for a promenade. The building, inhabited by the Duc de Bourbon, for he does not choose to take the title of Prince de Condé, is fitted up with taste and elegance, and the old carving has been restored and fresh gilt. Here is a long narrow gallery furnished with pictures, representing the most celebrated battles and sieges of the Great Condé, let into the panelling of the wainscot in the same manner as when they were first painted. Here is also a neat Chapel, but no Library. In the Duke's sitting-room were all the stags' and roebucks' horns, and wild boars' tusks, which had been killed in the season, chronologically labelled and arranged, with an injunction not to be touched, lest their order might be disturbed. The

Duke lives retired, and the sports of the field and the forest are his amusement and his occupation. Besides this restored part of the old castle there is another considerable range of building, detached from the Château, erected by the present Duke for his ill-fated son, the Duc D'Enghien; and, during his life, was called after him; but, since his detestable murder, it is never mentioned by any other name than the new building.

The stables, so much lauded, are magnificent, and in the highest degree unfit for their purpose. They are at least forty feet high, and six hundred feet long, without accommodation for a bushel of corn or a single truss of hay; in the centre is an octagonal room, sixty feet in diameter, and ninety feet in height. Here the Prince used to dine once in the course of the hunting season, with a large party of his friends of the chase.

The old garden has not been restored, but here is a modern garden laid out like an English gentleman's pleasure-ground.