

him's army is said to be continually increased by volunteers, and when joined by the new reinforcements coming from Alexandria, will amount to much more than 100,000 men.

TEXAS.

By the brig Fredericksburgh, arrived at New York from Matamoras, we learn that a vessel of war from Vera Cruz, arrived at that place a few days previous to her sailing with troops, who with others assembled at that place, amounting altogether to about 3,500 men, were to march in a short time to Texas, for the purpose of driving the American emigrants from that place.

HEALTH OF THE METROPOLIS.

The epidemic disease, which has for some time prevailed in London and its vicinity, and which last week confined so many persons to their chamber, has continued to spread with unabated severity. We believe we may assert with confidence, that there is not an inhabited house within the bills of mortality in which there has not been one or two sufferers, and in many instances whole families and establishments have been compelled to find nurses as attendants on the sick. On Saturday week the performances at all the theaters, including the Italian Opera, were, it will be recollected, meagre and unsatisfactory, in consequence of the sudden illness of many of the principal performers. On Monday Covent Garden was closed for the same cause, until Wednesday; on that evening an attempt was made to renew the performances, but the number of the afflicted under the influenza had increased so much in the meantime that the establishment was ultimately closed till the 24th. At Drury Lane the manager was extremely anxious to keep his house open, and the more so as her Majesty had commanded the performances, but there too the disease asserted its omnipotence, and at 4 o'clock on Tuesday it was announced that the house must remain closed till Sunday. The performance at the Haymarket and the Strand Theatre have been also interrupted; the Court of Review was unable to hear causes from the indisposition of the judges; and it was with great difficulty, and under considerable pain, that some of the ci-

ty functionaries presided at the Old Bailey Sessions. In many of the establishments at the west end of the town, the whole of the domestics have been confined. In Devonshire and Northumberland Houses there was scarcely a member of the household in attendance during the whole week, and some of them were at one time considered to be in a state approaching to dangerous. Lord Palmerston and many of the members of both Houses have been added to the sick list.—His lordship's attack was both severe and of long continuance. Nearly 800 of the police force have been reported absent this week, from the effects of this singular complaint, being an increase of more than one hundred over the week preceding.

These who live in low and damp situations appear to have suffered most; but we learn that in two or three instances death has been the consequence of the attack, but whether from the severity of the complaint, or from its aggravating the symptoms of previous illness, seems to be extremely doubtful.—[*London Observer.*]

THE BOOK OF MORMON.

In our last number, we commenced the publication of the book of Mormon, but having altered our calculation, it is stopped. Our reason is, that, at no very distant period, we shall print the book of Mormon and the testament, and bind them in one volume: therefore to continue it in the Star would be superfluous.

SONG OF ZION.

The great and glorious gospel light,
Has usher'd forth into my sight,
Which in my soul I have receiv'd,
From death and bondage being freed.

With saints below and saints above,
I'll join to praise the God I love,
Like Enoch too, I will proclaim,
A loud Hosanna to his name.

Hosanna, let the echo fly
From pole to pole, from sky to sky,
And saint and angels join to sing,
Till all eternity shall ring.

Hosanna, let the voice extend,
Till time shall cease, and have an end;
Till all the throngs of heav'n above,
Shall join the saints in songs of love.

Hosanna let the trump of God,
Proclaim his wonders far abroad,
And earth, and air, and seas, and skies
Conspire to sound aloud his praise.

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