

usual formalities.

THE GHOST STORY.—In consequence of the numerous reports of a ghost having been seen in various parts of the metropolis, the commissioners of the metropolitan police on Thursday issued the following order:—"The superintendents will cause the strictest inquiry to be made in their respective divisions (horse patrol included) whether any person has been injured or frightened in any manner by the figure which is said to be going about the outskirts of the town, resembling a ghost, bear, devil, &c., for the purpose of alarming the inhabitants. A special report of everything connected with the case which can be satisfactorily accounted for will be made to the commissioners at orders to-morrow (Friday)." Yesterday afternoon the various superintendents accordingly made their reports, the substance of which has not yet transpired; but we understand that in the neighbourhood of Brentford the only female who had been frightened by the supposed ghost had in fact been alarmed by a white-faced heifer; and that at Kensington, where it was alleged his ghostship had been nightly in the habit of prowling, armed *cap-a-pie*, in Lord Holland's park, and on the Palace-green, in the form of a white bear, the residence of three persons only, stated to have seen it, could be obtained. On the police inquiring of them yesterday morning what they had seen, one of them (the wife of a musician in the Guards) stated that whilst returning, about eight o'clock in the evening, from a visit at the Barracks at Kensington, she saw on the Palace-green "a something"—but that was sixteen years ago! The above female, it must be understood, was reported to be in a dying state from the fright she had received. The second, who was alleged to have kept her bed ever since, was a respectable female, who states she a few weeks since also saw "a something," but what it was she cannot describe. She was not, however, much alarmed. The third, a boy twelve years of age, named Foster, living at Earl's-court, states he saw a figure full twelve feet high in one of the lanes, but he can give no description of it.

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