

A true and concise Account of a
WOMAN selling her *HUSBAND*,

On Saturday August 21, 1824, in the town of Totness, in Devonshire, where she led him to the Market-place, by a handkerchief round his neck, and put him up for sale to the highest bidder, stating that the purchaser would be entitled to a good dwelling-house worth two hundred pounds. He was bought for the small sum of two shillings, by an old woman of 60 years of age. Being the most laughable circumstance that has occurred for a century back.

THOMAS TODD is a man of 30 years of age, and of low stature. He was brought up to the business of a shoe-maker, about 7 years ago Jane Jackson, a strong, stout, and sturdy wench, then at place with a Publican of Totness, came to him to be measured for a pair of shoes, when he was so struck with the jet black of her eye, or the shape of her ankle, or some other inexpressible beauty, that he made love to her, and in the end she consented, and they became man and wife. From that time they have led a wretched life, continually quarrelling and fighting, but at the end of every set to, she invariably came off the victor; so that, after several attempts to gain the mastery of her, he was obliged to give up to her the sole management of his house and business: thereby rendering to her the complete possession of the breeches.

They then lived on rather better terms, till Saturday last, when she caught him speaking rather too lovingly for the ears of a wife, to a young woman who had come for her shoes. She immediately knocked him down, and seized a silk handkerchief from the young woman's shoulders, and tied it round his neck, and led him to the market place, where she offered him for any money, saying that he had a good house, worth £200, which they would

get into the bargain. At length the young woman who was the cause of his being thus exposed, bid her eighteen pence for him; but with her he was sulky, and would not go with her; when an old widow aged 60, enquired if he had any children, his wife said "No, no, you need not be afraid of that," she then offered two shillings. His wife immediately put the handkerchief into her hand, and the old woman led him off in great triumph to her own house, amidst the derision and hooting of the multitude, which by this time was immense.

On the Sunday morning Thomas & his new wife were up early, & proceeded to his old residence, for the purpose of claiming and carrying away his household furniture and working tools; but when they arrived his former wife was in bed. After getting up and learning what they wanted, she instantly opened the window and threw out his lasts, awls, and stool; which the fortunate purchaser picked up and walked off. This termagant then came to the door, and held up her clenched fist, which Thomas knew the weight of, and therefore had no inclination, to bear it, but took himself off with all speed, determined to make himself as comfortable as he could under such circumstances.

