

mediately occurred to him that having supped in the bed-chamber on that night, a knife had been left behind by accident, and he instantly proceeded to grope in the dark for his weapon, which happily he found before the door, leading from the parlour into the bed-chamber, that had been broken. While he stood in calm but resolute expectation that the progress of the robbers would soon lead them to his bed-chamber, he heard the furniture which had been placed against the nailed up door expeditiously displaced, and immediately afterwards this door was burst open. The moon shone with great brightness, and when this door was thrown open, the light streaming in through three large windows in the parlour, afforded Sir John a view that might have made an intrepid spirit not a little apprehensive. His bed-room was darkened to excess in consequence of the shutters of the windows, as well as the curtains being closed; and thus while he stood enveloped in darkness he saw, standing before him, by the brightness of the moon-light, a body of men all armed, and of those who were in the van of the gang, he observed that a few were blackened. Armed only with this case knife, and aided only by a dauntless heart, he took his station by the side of the door, and in a moment after one of the villains entered from the parlour into the dark room. Instantly upon advancing, Sir John plunged the knife at him, the point of which entered under the right arm, and in a lue with the nipple, and so home was the blow sent, that the knife passed into the robber's body, until sir John's hand stopped its further progress. Upon receiving this thrust, the villain reeled back into the parlour, crying out blasphemously that he was killed, and shortly after another advanced, who was received in a similar manner, and who also staggered back into the parlour, crying out that he was wounded. A voice from the outside gave orders to fire into the dark room, upon which a man stepped forward with a short gun in his hand, which had the butt broken off at the small, and which had a piece of card tied round the barrel and stock near the swell. As this fellow stood in the act to fire, sir John had the amazing coolness to look at his intended murderer, and without betraying any audible emotion whatever, that might point out the exact spot which he was standing in, he calmly calculated his own safety, from the shot which was preparing for him. He saw that the contents of the piece were likely to pass close to his breast without menacing him with at least any serious wound, and in this state of firm and manly expectation, he stood without flinching until the piece was fired, and its contents harmlessly lodged in the wall. It was loaded with a brace of bullets and three slugs. As soon as the robber fired, Sir John made a pass at him with the knife, and wounded him in the arm, which he repeated again in a moment, with similar effect, and, as the others had done, the villain, upon being wounded, retired, exclaiming that he was wounded. The robbers immediately rushed forwards from the parlour into the dark room, and then it was that Sir John's mind recognised the deepest sense of danger, not to be oppressed by it, however, but to surmount it. He thought that all chance of preserving his own life was over, and he resolved to sell that life still dearer to his intended murderers, than even what they had already paid for the attempt to deprive him of it. He did not lose a moment after the villains had entered the room, to act with the determination he had adopted; he struck at the fourth fellow with his knife, and wounded him, and at the same instant he received a blow on the head, and found himself grappled with. He shortened his hold of the knife and stabbed repeatedly at the fellow with whom he found himself engaged. The floor being slippery from the blood of the wounded man, sir John and his adversary both fell, and while they were on the ground, sir John thinking that his thrusts with the knife, though made with all his force, did not seem to produce the decisive effect which they had in the beginning of the conflict, he examined the point of his weapon with his finger, and found that the blade of it had bent near the point. As he lay struggling on the ground he endeavoured, but unsuccessfully, to straighten the curvature in the knife, but while one hand was employed in this attempt, he perceived that the grasp of his adversary was losing its constraint and pressure, and in a moment or two after he found himself shortly released from it—the limbs of the robber were in fact by this time unnerved by death. Sir John found that this fellow had a sword in his hand, and this he immediately seized and gave several blows with it, his knife being no longer serviceable; at length the robbers finding so many of their party had been killed or wounded, employed themselves in removing the bodies, and sir John took this opportunity of retiring into a place a little apart from the house, where he remained for a short time.—They dragged their companions into the parlour, and having placed chairs with the backs upwards, by means of those they lifted the bodies out of the windows, and afterwards took them away. When the robbers retired, sir John returned to the house, and called up a man servant from his bed, who during this long and bloody conflict had not appeared, and had consequently received from his master warm and loud upbraiding for his cowardice. Sir John then placed his daughter-in-law and grand child, who were his only inmates, in places of safety, and took such precautions as circumstances pointed out until the day-light appeared. The next day the alarm having been given, search was made after the robbers, and sir John having gone to the house of the prisoner Maurice Noonan, upon searching, he found concealed under his bed the identical short gun with which one of the robbers had fired at him. Noonan was immediately secured and sent to gaol, and upon being visited by sir John Purcell, he acknowledged that sir John "had like to do for him," and was proceeding to shew, until sir John prevented

him, the wounds he had received from the knife in his arm. An accomplice of the name of John Daniel Sullivan was produced, who deposed, that he was one of the party that met at Noonan's house to rob Highfort-house—that they were nine in number and had arms—that the prisoner was one of the number, and that he carried a small gun. Upon the gun (which was in Court) being produced, with which sir John Purcell had been fired at the witness said it was that with which the prisoner was armed the night of the attack. Witness said he did not go into Mr. Parcell's house—that two men were killed and three severely wounded, out of the nine of which the party consisted. He said he was induced to come forward and give evidence, upon hearing that two men of the names of Cushing, who were innocent, were accused of being of the party that attacked sir John Purcell's house. He said he did not hear that informations had been sworn against him before he delivered himself into custody. The prisoner made no defence, and Judge Mayns then proceeded to charge the Jury in a manner the most copious and perspicuous, and at the same time earnestly exacting for the prisoner whatever could be expected from a junction of the purest humanity with justice. He commended with due approbation the bravery and presence of mind displayed through a conflict so unequal and so bloody by sir John Purcell. The Jury returned their verdict—*Guilty*.

SAINT JOHN, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1811.

ARRIVALS SINCE OUR LAST.  
 Barque Henrietta, Capt. Mason, Liverpool; Brig Friends, Capt. Harrison, Liverpool; Brig Triton, Capt. Richardson, Plymouth; Brig Acorn, Capt. Kerlake, Bideford; Brig Ann, Capt. Holdsworth, Halifax.  
 Yesterday, n. m. s. Sapphire, Capt. Haines, from Halifax.—Passengers, the Lady of General HUNTER, and family.

We are sorry to learn, by a letter from St. Andrews, that the Brig Ann, Capt. Razer, of that port, was on shore on Cape-Sable; the vessel totally lost, and part of her cargo; the crew and passengers safe; no further particulars.

On Friday the 30th ult. the Recorder, by direction of the Common Council, presented to Lieut. Col. CHARLES M'CARTHY, of the Royal African Corps, late Major of the New-Brunswick (now the 10th) Regiment, the Freedom of the City, inclosed in a Box of the wood of the Country, accompanied by the following Letter, viz:

"City of Saint John, 30th October, 1811.  
 "SIR—In compliance with the direction of the Common Council, in their behalf, I request your acceptance of the Freedom of the City, presented by them to you as a mark of the high respect which they entertain for your character, after a long residence in the Province; during a part of which time (although some time since elapsed) they recollect, with great pleasure and satisfaction, that you commanded a Detachment of the Regiment to which you lately belonged, stationed here, and the Garrison of this place.  
 "With great esteem, I have the honor to be, Sir,  
 "Your most obedient and very humble Servant,  
 "THOS. WETMORE, Recorder.  
 "Lieut. Col. Charles M'Carthy, Roy. African Corps."

To which Lieut. Col. M'CARTHY returned the following Answer, viz:

"Saint John, October 30, 1811.  
 "SIR—I beg you will have the goodness to express to the Common Council of the City of Saint John, my grateful thanks for the honor they have been pleased to confer upon me by the grant of the Freedom of the City, and to notify my readiness to be sworn, agreeably to the terms of the Charter, at such time as they may please to appoint.  
 "I feel the greatest satisfaction that my conduct during my residence in the Province, and particularly while I had the command of this Garrison, has met with the approbation of that Board; for whose opinion, and whose loyalty and attachment to our Gracious Sovereign, and country, I shall ever entertain the highest respect.  
 "Allow me to return you my thanks for the flattering manner in which you was pleased to communicate to me the Resolve of the Common Council.  
 "I have the honor to be, Sir,  
 "Your most obedient humble Servant,  
 "(Signed) "C. M'CARTHY,  
 Lieut. Col. R. A. C.  
 "Thomas Wetmore, Esq. Recorder  
 of the City of St. John."

On Monday last Col. M'CARTHY took the oath of a Free Citizen as prescribed by the Charter.

DIED] On Thursday last, Mrs. ELIZA INGLEBY, in the 57th year of her age, wife of Mr. Thomas Ingleby—Her remains were interred yesterday.

Blankets, Cloths, Flannels, &c.

STRIPED, Point, and Rose Blankets; white, red, green, and yellow Flannels; Duffie Coatings assorted colors; Narrow Cloth ditto; Low priced Broad Cloths; Superfine ditto ditto; Single and double mill'd Cassimeres; Black, green; drab, scarlet, and bottle Bombazetts, plain and figured.—  
 Just Imported in the Ship WILLIAM, from LIVERPOOL, and for Sale by the Package on moderate terms, at the Store of RICHARD SANDS.  
 ALSO EXPECTED IN A FEW DAYS,  
 A quantity of Bombazett, Rich Twist, Ribbons, Gold Leaf, Chinaeal, Black Worsted Hose, Lace, Veils, Rich fashionable Shawls, Ribb'd Stockingnet, and a variety of other Goods. 4th November, 1811.

HALIFAX, NOVEMBER 4.  
 The Spy, store-ship, supposed to have been lost in the gale of the 30th September has arrived at Mirimachie, with the loss of one of her masts.

THE SUBSCRIBER  
 Has just received by the Ship WILLIAM, Capt. BAIRD, from LIVERPOOL, AN ASSORTMENT OF  
 BRITISH MERCHANDIZE,

Suitable for the Season,  
 COMPRISING THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES,  
 SECOND and coarse Cloths, single and double Mill'd Cassimeres, Serges, Flannels, Blankets, a handsome assortment of Printed Calicos, Shawls, Cotton Cambricks, Salmon, Herring, Seine and Sewing Twines, Bolt, Flat and Square Iron assorted; Iron pots, Kettles, Bake Ovens, &c. 4 to 7 inch Spikes, 4d. 6d. 8d. 10d. 12d. and 20d. rose Nails, Iron Sheaves and Block Bushes, White, Red and Yellow Paints, Paint Oil, Cordage from 3 inch to 6 thread Ratline, Spun-yarn; Men and Youth's fine and coarse Hats, patent Shot, BB. and No. 1 a 7: 7 by 9, 8 by 10, and 10 by 12 Crown Glass, 1/2 pint Tumblers, Goblets and Wine Glasses in Tierces, Crates of well assorted Crockery, China Ware in sets from £3; 10 to £10; 17: 6, also, 3000 Bushels Liverpool Salt, and 300 stone Jugs, which he will sell on reasonable terms for Cash, Bills of Exchange or in Barter for the produce of the Country.  
 NEHEMIAH MERRITT.  
 St. John, 11th November, 1811.

SAMUEL WIGGINS,  
 Has Received by the Ship WILLIAM, Capt. BAIRD, from LIVERPOOL, AN ASSORTMENT OF  
 British Merchandize,  
 Suitable for the Season, which will be Sold on very liberal terms for good payment.  
 Saint John, 6th November, 1811.

SALE AT AUCTION,  
 BY the Subscribers, on Wednesday first, the 6th instant, at 12 o'Clock, for the benefit of the Underwriters and all concerned, the Hull, Spars, Sails, Rigging, and all Materials of the Ship ELLIS, burthen per Register 325 tons, now lying stranded in the Harbour of Saint John. The Ship is coppered and copper fastened; also her Boats, 8 guns, 12's, 4 carronades, 6's, a quantity of small arms, &c. &c. &c.—An Inventory may be seen now of all the particulars, and may be examined previous to the time of Sale, by applying to the Subscribers. Conditions of Sale—payment to be made by Bills of Exchange payable in London, at 30 days sight, or in Cash at the Current par of Exchange, at the option of the purchaser.  
 JAMES C. F. BREMNER, & Co.  
 LICENSED AUCTIONEERS.  
 Saint John, N. B. 1st November, 1811.

The above SALE is postponed until WEDNESDAY next, the 13th instant.

On TUESDAY, the 12th, 15 Hhds. choice CLARET at Mr. Johnston's Store on the lower end of the Market Wharf. NOVEMBER 9.

NOTICE.  
 ALL Persons having demands against the Estate of WILLIAM LINTHWAITE, deceased, are requested to present them to the Subscribers, duly attested, within Twelve Months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to  
 ELEANOR LINTHWAITE, Administratrix.  
 JOHN COLWELL, } Administrators.  
 WILLIAM PETERS, }  
 Queen's-County, 7th November, 1811.

FOR SALE,  
 THE Valuable and highly improved MANOR of TALWINGTON, in the Parish of WESTFIELD, King's-County, situated 12 miles from the City of St. JOHN; containing 6000 acres, well covered with Pine and Spruce Spars, great quantities of the finest Ship Timber and other hard Wood as yet uncultured, possessing several convenient places for Ship Building; an excellent Salmon and Herring Fishery; a large Grist and Saw Mill that are doing extensive business; four well settled Farms, each having extensive meadows with high and low intervals sufficient to maintain a large stock, together with the Farming Utensils of each. The greater part of the enclosures are under Cedar fence, with a navigable River running through the centre of the estate. The well known local advantage of this property and its commanding prospects renders any further description unnecessary.—Terms of Payment will be made easy to the purchaser.  
 4th November, 1811. J. COFFIN.

DANCING SCHOOL.  
 MR. L. ROBBINS  
 MOST respectfully informs the Gentlemen and Ladies of this City, and its vicinity, that he intends opening a SCHOOL at Mrs. Cock's on MONDAY the 11th November, at 6 o'Clock p. m. for the purpose of instructing Masters and Misses in the polite accomplishment of DANCING.—Days of instruction, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.  
 The Ladies will be admitted at 3 o'Clock afternoon, and the Gentlemen at 6 o'Clock evening.  
 Terms, Three Guineas per quarter including one at the entrance.  
 N. B. Any Gentleman wishing to see Mr. R. previous to the commencing of his School will please to call at Mr. M'Parson's, October 31, 1811.