

half a minute or more took place, at the end of which, our adversary not shewing a further disposition to fire, I hailed and again asked "what ship is that?" I learned (for the first time) that it was a ship of his Britannic Majesty's; but owing to its blowing rather fresher than it had done, I was unable to learn her name. After having informed her commander of the name of this ship, I gave orders to wear, run under his lee, and haul by the wind on the starboard tack, and heave too under top-sails and repair what little injury we sustained in our rigging, which was accordingly executed, and we continued lying too on different tacks with a number of lights displayed, in order that our adversary might the better discern our position, and command our assistance, in case he found it necessary during the night. At day-light on the 17th, he was discovered several miles to leeward, when I gave orders to bear up and run down to him under easy sail; after hailing him I sent a boat on board Lieut. Creighton, to learn the names of the ship and her commander, with directions to ascertain the damage she had sustained, and to inform her commander how much I regretted the necessity on my part, which had led to such an unhappy result; at the same time to offer all the assistance that the ship under my command afforded, in repairing the damages his had sustained. At nine A. M. Lieutenant Creighton returned with information that it was His Britannic Majesty's ship Little Belt, commanded by Capt. Bingham, who, in a polite manner declined the acceptance of any assistance; saying, at the same time, that he had on board all the necessary requisites to repair the damages sufficiently to enable him to return to Halifax.

This however was not the most unpleasant part of Capt. Bingham's communication to Lieut. Creighton, as he informed him, that, in addition to the injury his ship had sustained, between twenty and thirty of his crew had been killed and wounded.

The regret that this information caused me, was such, you may be sure, as a man might be expected to feel, whose greatest pride is to prove, without ostentation, by every public as well as private act, that he possesses a humane and generous heart; and with these sentiments, believe me, sir, that such a communication would cause me the most acute pain during the remainder of my life, had I not the consolation to know that there was no alternative left me between such a sacrifice, and one which would have been still greater, namely, to have remained a passive spectator of insult to the flag of my country, whilst it was confided to my protection—and I would have you to be convinced, sir, that however much individually I may previously have had reason to feel incensed at the repeated outrages committed on our flag by British ships of war, neither my passions nor prejudices had any agency in this affair.

To my country I am well convinced of the importance of the transaction which has imposed upon me the necessity of making you this communication; I must, therefore, from motives of delicacy, connected with personal considerations, solicit that you will be pleased to request the President to authorise a formal enquiry to be instituted into all the circumstances as well as in every part of my conduct connected with the same.

The injury sustained by the ship, under my command is very trifling, which I before mentioned; no person killed, and but one (a boy) wounded.

For further particulars I refer you to Capt. Caldwell, who is charged with the delivery of this communication. I have the honor to be, with great respect, sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) JOHN RODGERS.
Lieut. PAUL HAMILTON, Secretary of the Navy.

NEWBURYPORT, JUNE 5.
DREADFUL FIRE!

On Friday evening last, at half past 9 o'clock, the citizens of this town were alarmed with the cry of fire, which proved to have taken effect at the place where they have so repeatedly been summoned in the course of the present season on a similar occasion; and where it has for some time past been anxiously feared some vile incendiary intended to accomplish the purpose which is now effected. The fire commenced in an unimproved stable in Mechanic Row, owned by David Lawrence, which at the moment when the fire was discovered was found to be completely enveloped in flames. It soon extended to the market and to State-Street, and spread in such various directions as to baffle all exertions to subdue it. In a few hours, it prostrated every building on the north side of Cornhill, and both sides of State-Street from Cornhill to the market; it then proceeded into Essex-Street, on the north east side to the house of Capt. James Kettell, where it was checked—into Middle-Street as far as Fair-Street on the north-east side and within a few rods thereof on the south-west side—into Liberty-Street within one house of Independent-Street, and down Water-Street as far as Hudson's wharf, sweeping off every building within that circle. The whole of Centre-Street was laid in ashes, and the whole range of buildings in Merchant's Row on the Ferry-wharf, also all the stores on the several wharves between the market and Marquand's wharf, including the latter: Thus clearing a large tract of land of 16 and half acres in a part of the town the most compact, and containing a much larger proportion of the wealth of the town than any other part.

It is estimated that upwards of two hundred buildings were burnt, most of which were Stores and Dwelling-Houses; in which number nearly all the Dry Goods Stores in town are included; four Printing Offices, being the whole number in town; and including the Herald Office; the Custom-House; the Surveyor's Office; the Post-Office; two Insurance Offices; (the Union and the Phoenix;) the Baptist Meeting-House; four Attorneys' Offices; four Book-Stores; the loss in

one of which is Thirty Thousand Dollars, and also the Town Library.

SAINT JOHN, June 17, 1811.

Alive as the public must be at this juncture to every fact connected with the question of Peace or War between our Country and the United States, we conceive the following article will be read with interest.

A gentleman recently from thence on whose correctness and veracity we place a full reliance, informs us that a public character who controls the Politics of a Federal Paper in one of the Northern States, personally communicated to him, that in consequence of the indignant feelings of many Federal Members of Congress respecting the mischievous proceedings which took place in secret conclave at the close of the last Session—those Members had determined the business thus transacted should be given to the public, a part of which he stated to be as follows:

That a confidential message was received from the President, communicating a remonstrance from Mr. Morier against the measures of the American Government relative to the territory in dispute with Spain—the substance of Mr. Morier's note being expressly to inform the President that His Majesty was bound by his alliance with that country to defend her territorial rights from invasion; that immediately upon this message the Congress proceeded, in private Session, to pass an Act empowering and directing the President "that in case any nation should land troops in the neighborhood of the Floridas, immediately to take possession in behalf of the United States of the province of East Florida," the boundary of which Colony is totally unconnected with the matter in dispute between Spain and America.

Our informant states that he has every reason to believe the gentleman who gave him this intelligence, to be superior to an attempt to deceive him—that he enjoined secrecy upon him until he should leave the American territory, and upon being asked to shew the copy of this Act, which he averred to be in his own possession, declined it only because it was not with him at the time, he being at a distance from his home, and that further he expressed his full expectation that these circumstances would ere long be published without reserve.

ARRIVALS SINCE OUR LAST.

Saturday, Brig Flora, Capt. Rees, Portsmouth, in ballast to L. Donaldson.

Brig Frances, Capt. Danson, Oporto, in ballast to John Black, & Co.

H. M. Schooner Cuttle, Lieut. Hawkshaw, Halifax.

Yesterday, Schooner Lily, Capt. Leavitt, Tobago, with Rum, Shrub, Sugar & Coffee to T. Millidge, jun.

At Public Auction at the Custom-House, ON WEDNESDAY next, at XI o'Clock, Will be Sold (weather permitting)

A SCHOONER or Pilot Boat with her appurtenances; 4 Casks Gin; 1 Cask Brandy; 1 Cask Clove water; 2 Casks Wine; 1 Cask Pickles; ½ Barrel Pork; 1 Box Candles; 1 Box Figs; 1 Barrel Cheese and 2 Barrels Tobacco;—Seized by the Comptroller of His Majesty's Customs, and condemned in the Court of Vice-Admiralty, as forfeited to His Majesty. The Money must be paid before the Goods are delivered. Custom-House, St. John, 17th June, 1811.

Shrub, Rum, Sugar and Coffee.

THOMAS MILLIDGE, Junr.

Has this Day received by the Schooner LILY, JAMES LEAVITT from TOBAGO, 43 Puncheons of Tobago RUM, 10 Puncheons of very excellent SHRUB, 4000 wt. of very excellent COFFEE, And a few barrels of good SUGAR, which is now landing at his Store at York Point. St. JOHN, 17th JUNE, 1811.

DAVID MERRITT,

Has received per the HARMONY from LIVERPOOL, AN ASSORTMENT OF BRITISH GOODS,

CONSISTING OF—

BROAD Cloths; Kerseymeres; Swansdown; Serges; Linens; Flannels; Slops; Hats; Salmon Twine; Canvas; Ladies Straw Bonnets and Veils; Calicos; Hosiery; Umbrellas; Paints and Paint Oil; Brushes; Stationary; Combs; Iron; Steel; Nails; Loaf Sugar; Gun Powder; Shot; and Cutlery; which will be sold low for CASH.

He has also for Sale RICE; fresh Superfine and Rye FLOUR and TAR. 17th JUNE, 1811.

LAST NOTICE.

THE Administrators of the Estate of the late PETER BLAIR, of this City, deceased, request those having demands against the said Estate, to render them for payment within Two Months from this date; and those indebted to the said Estate, are desired to make payment without delay.

WILLIAM DONALD, Administrator,
ISABELLA DONALD, Administratrix.
St. JOHN, JUNE 17, 1811.

JUST RECEIVED

BY the Schooner Messenger from Berbice, a consignment of 48 casks and 45 bags COFFEE, containing about 40,000 lbs. which will be sold on reasonable terms by JOHN ROBINSON. Saint John, 10th June, 1811.

BY THE HONORABLE
MARTIN HUNTER, Esquire,
PRESIDENT of His MAJESTY'S Council and
(L. S.) Commander in Chief of the Province of New-BRUNSWICK, &c. &c. &c.

MARTIN HUNTER.
A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of this Province stands prorogued to the first TUESDAY in JUNE instant; I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of His MAJESTY'S Council, further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued to the first TUESDAY in SEPTEMBER next ensuing.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Fredericton, the first day of JUNE, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eleven, and in the fifty first Year of His Majesty's Reign.
By the PRESIDENT'S Command,

JON. ODELL.

ASSISTANT COMMISSARY GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Saint John, New-Brunswick, 13th June, 1811.

CORD WOOD.

WANTED for the use of His MAJESTY'S Troops in this Garrison, Six Hundred Cords of Merchantable Hard Wood, to be delivered into the Fuel Yard at Fort Howe, by or before the 20th Oct. next. Sealed proposals, for supplying the abovementioned quantity of Wood will be received at this Office, between the hours of 10 and 3 o'Clock on Thursday 27th inst. to be written upon "Tenders for Wood."

Payment to be made either in Cash or Bills of Exchange at the current rate, at the option of Government, on the delivery of the whole Six Hundred Cords of Wood at the period aforesaid, and unexceptionable security will be required for the performance of such Contract as may be entered into.

By order of WILLIAM H. ROBINSON, Commissary-General.
JOHN SINNOT, Clerk.

WANTED,

FOR the use of the Royal Artillery in this City, One Hundred Cords of good Merchantable Fire Wood, to be delivered at the Public landing place.—Sealed tenders will be received at this Office on or before the first of JULY next.

ROBERT PARKER, Ordnance Storekeeper.
Office of Ordnance, St. John, 8th June, 1811.

NEW GOODS.

BERTON & NEEDHAM, and
Berton, Needham and King,

HAVE just received by the Brig ELK, from GREENOCK, and Ship DYKES from LIVERPOOL, (and are in daily expectation of more.)

A NEAT AND FASHIONABLE

ASSORTMENT OF MERCHANDIZE, suitable for the Season; which will be disposed off on the most liberal terms for CASH or BILLS OF EXCHANGE. FREDERICTON, 25th MAY, 1811.

JAMAICA SPIRITS.

LANDING this Day from on board the Brig Mars, Capt. Wills, 70 puncheons and 6 hds. of high proof JAMAICA SPIRITS, 84 barrels and 20 tierces excellent MUSCOVADO SUGAR, 4 casks COFFEE and 3 tons LIGNUMVITÆ, which will be Sold very low for Cash or bartered at fair prices for country produce. TMOMAS MILLIDGE, Junr.

T. M. junr. has also received part of his SPRING GOODS by the Harmony, Captain Currie;—The remainder he expects next month by the Ship Five Sisters from LIVERPOOL. Saint John, 10th June, 1811.

JOHN KNUTTON,

Has received by the HELEN, from GLASGOW, an assortment of Fashionable and other GOODS, now opening at the Store late His Majesty's Custom-House in Prince William Street, which he will Sell low for Cash.

AMONG WHICH ARE,

PLAIN and figured Cotton Cambric; a variety of elegant Lenos and Muslins of the newest patterns; Gingham; Printed Calicos; Camel Hair and Cotton Shawls; Dimity; Muslinet; Cotton Counterpanes; Nankeen; Silk and Cotton Velvet; Ribbons; Silks and Sarsnets; Thread and Cotton Lace and Edging; Lace Veils; Gloves; Umbrellas and Parasols; Ladies and Childrens Beaver, Straw, Morocco and Shag Hats; Ladies Morocco and Kid Slippers; Linen Cambric; Irish Linen; Shirting Cotton; Table Cloths; Diaper; Silk, Linen and Cotton Handkerchiefs; Bed Tick; Rattinet; Shalloon; Calimanco; Durant; Bombazet; Wildbore; wide and narrow Black Crape; Ounce Thread; Cotton Thread and Yarn; Ivory and Crooked Combs; Pins; Needles; Mattresses, &c. &c.

N. B. He expects his WOOLLEN and other Goods from Liverpool by the first Vessel. St. JOHN, 10th JUNE, 1811.

FOR SALE,

THAT Commodious Two Story HOUSE in the Market-Square, lately occupied by the Subscriber; if not disposed of at Private Sale before the 20th JULY next, it will positively be put up at Auction on that day.

For particulars please enquire of Mr. David Merritt. JOHN WOLHAUPTER. St. John, 30th May, 1811.