

is much awakened throughout the United States at the late outrage committed on the *Firebrand*; and impatience begins to manifest itself at the apparent delay in our government to lay some kind of account of the transaction before the people. It is known that they are in possession of the facts, and yet the Court gazette only deals in surmises and conjectures. Why is this so? The *Firebrand* is a national vessel, and the sovereignty of the United States is directly implicated in any insult offered her. If the conduct has been such as to afford just cause for the outrage, it is incumbent on the government to let us know it; if not, it then becomes an imperative duty which they owe to the country and to themselves, to demand instant satisfaction.—Of these two courses they must take one. The people expect it; their expectation is reasonable, and they will be gratified in it. No evasions; no unnecessary delays. The *National Intelligencer* assures the public that nothing like indifference is felt on this subject at the seat of government. Very well. It also tells us that prompt measures will be taken to secure reparation. The pledge then is given; it only remains to see how it will be redeemed.

NEW-YORK, OCTOBER 23.
EARTHQUAKES IN SCOTLAND.

PERTH, August 15.
On Tuesday night, about a quarter before 11 o'clock, two smart shocks of an earthquake, the second of which succeeded the first at an interval of half a minute, were felt in this city and over the greater part of the neighborhood, particularly in the low grounds. The effects of the shocks were perceptible for several seconds, and in some places were so violent, as to shake the windows, and cause a rattling noise among the plates. Persons in bed felt a sensible agitation, or rather concussion in an upward direction; and if the bed happened to be in contact with the wall, a latent shock was also felt. In some houses the chairs and tables were moved backwards and forwards, and even the bells set a ringing. Birds in cages were thrown down from the sticks on which they were perched, and exhibited evident signs of fear. A hollow rumbling noise was heard by different individuals, which seemed to die away in the west. The air at the same time was clear and serene. Similar effects were perceived, about the same time, at Dunkeld, in the Carse of Gowrie and Strathearn.

MONTROSE, August 14.

Last night, a few minutes before eleven o'clock, a shock of an earthquake was most distinctly felt here, which had the effect of seriously alarming many families; and many who were in bed were awakened by the concussion. Those who had newly retired to rest were most sensible of the shock, as they felt their beds move, first in a horizontal direction, and then return to their former situation; after which a tremulous motion was felt, as when a thing settles on its basis, after being in commotion. Others describe the effect as similar to that which is experienced by the slight rolling of a ship at sea. The chairs and tables in many houses were put in motion; and, in some cases, the leaves of folding tables were heard to rattle; the fire-irons in many instances rung against the fenders; and bells in rooms and passages were set a ringing; in many kitchens, the cooking-utensils and dishes made a noise, and next morning many of the doors were found difficult to open. One gentleman observed his book-case move from the wall and fall back again upon it. It is impossible to describe the state of alarm which most people were thrown into by this unusual occurrence. Many leaped from bed, imagining their houses were falling, while others ran down stairs in great anxiety, supposing that some accident had happened in the lower part of their house; as it did not readily occur to many what was the real cause of the motion they felt. Nor was the terror confined alone to the human species; a bird in a cage was so alarmed, that it burst through it, and flew towards the light. The shock lasted for about three or four seconds, and I understand was felt for a considerable distance round, as far as Johnshaven. In this neighborhood, two excisemen, who were on the watch for smugglers, whom they expected in a certain direction, had lain down on the ground, and, when the shock took place, one of them leaped up, calling to his companion—"There they are; for I feel the ground shaking under their horses' feet." Fortunately we have heard of no serious injury having been occasioned by the event. The weather here had been cold and rainy for about six weeks, but cleared about mid-day on Sunday, when we had a fine dry westerly breeze. The two following days were warm, and last night quiet and moonlight.—It continued clear till late this morning, when it became dull, and we have had some rain. It is now one o'clock, rather sultry, with no sunshine, and some drops of rain falling.

RELUGUS, August 14.

I hasten to inform you of the circumstances of a phenomenon which took place here, towards 11 o'clock last night. The whole family were suddenly alarmed by a very smart shock of an earthquake. Mrs. L. had just retired to her chamber leaving Mrs. C. and me in the dining-room, where I was employed drawing at a table, and Mrs. C. was walking backwards and forwards, when in a moment we were alarmed by a tremendous rumbling noise, something resembling that of a great many pieces of heavy artillery, driven furiously over a vaulted pavement, and if possible still louder and more terrific. In-

stantly the whole fabric of the house began to shake, whilst the rumbling noise seemed to be transferred to the floors of the rooms above our heads.—The whole doors and windows rattled, and the floor and the chair on which I sat, were heaved powerfully and rapidly up and down under me, so that I felt as if sitting on straw in a cart driven violently over a rocky road. The lamp before me seemed to dance before my eyes. I instantly exclaimed that it was an earthquake; and Mrs. C. who had twice experienced its effects on the Continent, agreed with me. The whole house was instantly in confusion. Mrs. L. came running to the head of the stair, exclaiming with great surprise. Two maid servants, who lay at the top of the back part of the house, were awakened from a deep sleep by the noise, and the movement of the floor and their beds, & pale & shrieking with alarm, rushed down the stairs in the most horrible apprehension, firmly persuaded that the day of judgement was come. C. H. who had just got into bed, called out that his bed and the room were moving with him—and the man servant, who sleeps in a paved room on the ground floor, having just put out his candle to go to bed, was heaved up in the same alarming way. I think it continued rather more than three quarters of a minute, in such a way that I hardly expected that the house could stand its violence.—But even after the most sensible effects of it were over, such doors within the house as happened to be open, were moved rapidly backwards and forwards, creaking upon their hinges for a considerable time; so that the whole endurance of the phenomena might be about a minute and a half.—We were persuaded that the mirrors and furniture in the bed rooms must have been broken, and the kitchen utensils shaken down from the walls, but on examination no such damage seemed to have been done. The sound and motion seemed to come in a direction from the north. The barometer which was about 29° 20° did not appear to be affected. Fahrenheit's thermometer was 54 degrees. The night was clear and the moon bright. The previous day, and particularly the evening, had been remarkably still; and towards sunset, the sky was serene, with the light clouds stretching in horizontal lines across it, and which might have perhaps been defined by the meteorological term *cirrus*, if I rightly understand Mr. Howard's nomenclature of clouds. The earthquake was followed by the same stillness which had preceded it. This morning was calm, and we have had a constant rain all this forenoon.

Such is the result of my own observations. At Logic, the family were thrown into the most dreadful alarm by the same phenomena, and the bells were set a ringing; which, indeed, may have been the case here, though we did not notice it in the confusion. In most of the cottages around us, it was distinctly felt, and their inhabitants were awakened. One of Sir James Cunningham's tenants, three miles up the river Findhorn, to the westward, felt its effects in his cottage most violently. I conversed with a man who, at the time of the shock, was travelling on foot in the mountains near Lochindorb, ten miles to the south of this house, and who gave me a very distinct account of his sensations. He said he was first alarmed by a sudden and tremendous noise of a rushing wind, which came sweeping up the hills, like a roar of water—this was instantly followed by the rumbling noise already described; and the ground was sensibly heaved up and down under his feet. I have had already two accounts of the earthquake from Forres, seven miles to the north of this, where it created an amazing alarm. One gentleman writes me, that it opened a closet door in his house, and rattled a piano forte against the wall, and shook a bird's cage standing on the table. The other accounts tell me, that many bells in different houses were rung by the violence of the shock. It was also felt in different parts of the country, as in the parish of Auldearn, in Nairnshire—at May—at Grange, &c. The district to which my information already tells me its effects have extended is not less than twenty miles in length by ten in breadth; but there is no doubt, that when we shall have time to collect all the intelligence from different quarters, it will turn out to have been more generally and extensively felt. From the difference of time in the various clocks and watches in different houses, it is not easy to ascertain the precise moment when the shock took place, but I think it might have been about 25 minutes from 11 o'clock.

NOTICE.

THE Subscribers request all persons indebted to them on accounts prior to the 1st of January last, to call and settle their balances without delay.

FRASER, DONALDSON, & Co.
Fredericton, 24th Sept, 1816.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of the late RODRICK M'RAW, of Miramichi, deceased, are desired to present the same duly attested within eighteen calendar months from the date hereof.—And all those indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to
JOHN M'RAW, Sole Administrator.
Miramichi, 17th Sept, 1816.

FREDERICTON, 26th NOVEMBER, 1816.

The Halifax and St. John Mails had not arrived when this paper was put to press.

The Ship Favorite, Capt. Hyndman, arrived at St. John on Thursday last from Port Glasgow.

The honor of Knighthood has been conferred on Captain Brisbane of the Queen Charlotte, for his services at Algiers.

A violent gale of wind was experienced at Martinique on the 16th Sept. in which 3 American, 3 British, and 8 French vessels were driven on shore.

St. John, Nov. 15. Arrived Saturday the Ship Ben Lomond, Black, Greenock; and brig Hannah, Shaw, Liverpool, last from Cork.

Yesterday, brigs Dispatch, Faulke Trinidad; and Hiram, Yeomans, Bath, (Maine.)

Cleared, Brigs Orange, Patterson, Aberdeen; Erato, Robinson, Montego Bay; Alexander, Harvey, Grangemouth; Integrity, Richards, Cork; Ardent, Patterson, do.; Schr. Adela, Hanford, Kingston.

The brigs Lucretia, Mason, Elizabeth, Green, and sloop Duke of Wellington, Cronk, from hence have arrived at New-York.

NOTICE.

PERSONS indebted to the Subscriber on Bonds or Notes—or who may have balances due on Book up to the 24th June last, are particularly requested to call and discharge the same without delay.

HENRY SMITH.

Fredericton, 26th November, 1816.

LANDS FOR SALE, By Public Auction on Wednesday the 15th day of January next,

LOTS Number 44 and 45 on the Madamkisswick will be offered for Sale at Public Auction at Mr. DANIEL YERXA'S Tavern in Fredericton, by HENRY SMITH, Auctioneer.

Fredericton, 26th Nov. 1816.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of THOMAS LAWRENCE, late of Fredericton, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested within Twelve Months from the date hereof—and all those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to,

REBECCA LAWRENCE, Administratrix.

Fredericton, Nov. 19, 1816.

THE COPARTNERSHIP

OF WILLIAM & JAMES LEDDEN is dissolved by mutual consent: ALL PERSONS who have any demands against said Firm, are requested to bring forward their accounts for adjustment, and all persons indebted to said firm are requested to make immediate payment to WILLIAM LEDDEN, junr. otherwise they will be put in the hands of an Attorney.

WILLIAM LEDDEN,
JAMES LEDDEN,

Miramichi, Nov. 7, 1816.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of the late Mrs. PENELOPE G. BISSET, of Fredericton, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested—and those indebted to said Estate are desired to make payment to

P. FRASER, Administrator.

Fredericton, 19th Nov. 1816.

THE SUBSCRIBER

REQUESTS all those indebted to him either by Bond, Note, or Book debt, to call on him at Gagetown, (Queen's County,) and settle them without delay, as all accounts not adjusted within six months from the date hereof, will, at the expiration of that term, be put in the hands of an Attorney.

The Creditors of the Subscriber are also notified to meet him at Gagetown within the above term for a settlement.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS,

24th October, 1816.

JEDEDIAH SLASON,

HAS JUST RECEIVED Per PERCIVAL from London; the GILBERT HENDERSON and CASTLEREAGH from LIVERPOOL, an extensive assortment of

BRITISH MERCHANDIZE.

Hollands Gin; Cogniac Brandy; Port, Sherry, and Lisbon Wines; Raisins; Almonds, &c. Also for Sale, RUM by the Puncheon; SHRUB and LIME JUICE.

Also, a Box of DRUGS well adapted for a Medical Man who understands compounding, Likewise a Marble MORTAR, and a Keg of PHIALS.

ALL Persons indebted to the said JEDEDIAH SLASON previous to the 24th day of December last, are requested to make immediate payment.

FREDERICTON, 2d July, 1816.

ALL PERSONS

HAVING any demands against the Estate of CHARLES BYRNS, late of Fredericton, Tailor, deceased, are requested to present them duly attested, within three months from the date hereof—and all persons indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to

THOMAS BYRNS,
PHILIX BYRNS, } Administrators.
EZEKIEL SLOOT, }

Fredericton, 5th October, 1816.