

HALIFAX, FEBRUARY, 17.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Thursday, being the day appointed for convening the Legislative Body, at two o'clock His Excellency the Right Honourable the Earl of DALHOUSIE went in State to the Council Chamber: The House of Assembly then, by command, proceeded to the choice of a SPEAKER; and SIMON BRADSTREET ROBE, Esq. being elected to that important office, the Members attended in the Council Chamber; where the SPEAKER elect was presented by J. G. PARR, Esq.; and His Excellency having declared his approbation, the SPEAKER made the usual demands—which were assented to; and His Excellency was then pleased to open the Session with the following Speech:—

Mr. PRESIDENT, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's COUNCIL;
Mr. SPEAKER, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:—

IN meeting you in General Assembly, it becomes my duty to acquaint you, that His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been graciously pleased to appoint me to the Civil and Military Command in Nova-Scotia.

IN assuming the Administration of the Government, I am sensible of the importance of the trust with which I have been honoured; and conscious that I may be found deficient in the experience requisite for the station in which I am placed in this important part of His Majesty's American Dominions—I feel this the more strongly, in succeeding an Officer, whose abilities and conduct, during his residence among you, have obtained him the approbation of his Sovereign, and the respect and esteem of the inhabitants of this Province.

I AM, however, encouraged, in having this early opportunity of meeting the two Branches of the Legislature in General Assembly. It is from you I can receive the best information of the state of the Country, to direct my attention to the objects most likely to conduce to its general prosperity and welfare. I shall hope to merit your confidence by a constitutional exercise of the powers given me, and by an assiduous discharge of my duties.

OUTRAGES having been committed on the British Flag, by one of the Piratical States on the shores of the Mediterranean, it has been punished with a promptitude and decision of which the British Navy alone was capable; and I have the pleasure to congratulate you on the splendid Victory obtained by Lord EXMOUTH at Algiers, by which the Admiral, (joined by a squadron of Dutch frigates) levelled the defences of that City, burnt their fleet, and dictated Peace in the palace of the DEY. An achievement that reflects the highest honour on the Noble Admiral, and all that were engaged under him, and gives to the Crown of England another claim to the gratitude of the civilized world.

It is with great satisfaction I have to announce to you, the Marriage of Her Royal Highness the Princess CHARLOTTE of Wales to the Prince LEOPOLD of Saxe-Cobourg; and that of Her Royal Highness the Princess MARY, to His Royal Highness the Duke of GLOUCESTER.—I am confident you will participate in the great joy and happiness which these events must afford to the hearts of their affectionate Parents, and to every branch of the Royal Family; and which have been felt and expressed by the Nation at large, in warm congratulations from every part of His Majesty's Dominions.

Mr. SPEAKER, and Gentlemen of the Assembly:—

I HAVE ordered the Public Accounts to be prepared and laid before you without delay; and I trust it will be found that the Supplies of last Session have been faithfully applied to the purposes for which they were granted. Considering the great depression Commerce has experienced, since the return of Peace, the Revenue cannot be expected to prove so productive as it was during the War. It will therefore be advisable to make a judicious use of the means we may have in apportioning them to the Public Service.

Mr. PRESIDENT, and Gentlemen of the Council:

Mr. SPEAKER, and Gentlemen of the Assembly:—

I AM sorry to have to state to you, that

I have received since my arrival various reports of distress, occasioned by the failure of the Crops, in many districts of the Province during the last two years, and though some temporary relief has been afforded, there is reason to apprehend that the pressure of want still continues, and may be severely felt before another harvest can be obtained, even under the most favorable circumstances of season. This subject I recommend to your earliest and most serious consideration.

IN perusing the Proceedings of the Legislature for some years back, I have observed with great satisfaction the attention given to the making and improving the Public Roads: Nothing, indeed, is of greater importance to a new Country, or more powerfully claims my recommendation to your further attention.

RELYING on the zeal, liberality, and patriotism, manifested by this Assembly during the Administration of my Predecessors, and ardently desirous to co-operate with you in all measures tending to the general welfare of the Province, I shall look forward in a confident hope, under the blessing of Divine Providence, that our united endeavours will not prove unavailing.

DALHOUSIE.

Thursday last, arrived schooner Harriet, Leggett, Norfolk, 13 days.—

The Harriet left at Norfolk, Jan. 31, British ship Comet, Boag, from Glasgow; sch. Perseverance, Rowland, loading for Grenada; Sally Ann, Haubolt, from hence 25 days; Caledonia of Shelburne, for Bay of Honduras; Shamrock, Marcher, ready to load for Barbados; Thomas, Marvin, sailed for West-Indies, Jan. 20; George, Roxby, for Martinique 27th; Rhoda, O'Brien, from hence; passed Cape Charles, Jan. 26, for Baltimore; but 'twas thought she could not get up, owing to the ice in the river.—William, Cowper, sailed Jan. 9, from Norfolk for this place.—was in Holmes' Hole Jan. 21, with loss of sails; Rover, Allen, from hence, had arrived at Philadelphia; Sophia, Seely, at New-York Jan. 14, was to sail 16th for this port; Enterprise, Fraser, was at Boston for Liverpool, N. S. and was to sail about 26th ult.

The American schooner Philip Tabb, arrived at Norfolk about the 12th of January, bringing London dates to Nov. 27.—Grain, &c. had taken another material rise. The trade of Norfolk was nearly engrossed by British shipping.—Privateers were fitting out at Norfolk and Baltimore under the Buenos Ayres flag; and such was the bounty promised to seamen, that British vessels had suffered materially by the desertion of their crews.

NORFOLK, January 31.

We do not see what possible benefit can result to the general interest of our commerce by the passage of a Bill reported to Congress by the Committee of Foreign Relations. If Great-Britain has thought proper to exclude all other nations from the carrying trade of her colonies, it will not be questioned that she has a right to do so; and however those other nations may be affected by such a regulation, they cannot with propriety impute it to sinister or hostile intentions on her part towards them. They have a right, also to make similar regulations; and if consistent with wisdom and propriety to oppose restriction to restriction. This however, will not benefit us, as we before remarked, for the restrictive measure proposed by the Committee, will not effect the opening of the ports of the British Colonies to our vessels.

It will certainly injure the Colonial navigation, but it will as evidently benefit the shipping interest of the Mother Country, while we shall remain precisely as we are, if indeed we are not in the end placed in a worse situation. The process of the intercourse between this country and the British colonies will then be conducted in this way: The British merchants will clear their ships for the United States from ports in Great-Britain, by which they will save (and we of course must lose) the heavy tonnage duty; they will come to us, ballasted with the produce of the West-India Islands, which they will be able to sell here as cheap (the difference of duty being considered) as if they had brought it direct from the Islands.

They will then load with lumber, provisions, or other American products, and clear for the free port of Bermuda, where by simply entering and clearing without opening their hatches, they may proceed where they

please without forfeiting the bond required of them by our restriction law. We are satisfied that under such circumstances, the prohibitory Bill reported by the Committee, if adopted, will prove to be an unprofitable experiment.

Quebec, Jan. 30.

We understand that the St. Lawrence is frozen over as low as St. Vallier, a circumstance which has not before happened, we believe, for the last half century. A gentleman from that quarter informs us, that it is the opinion of the inhabitants there, that if the severe weather continue a few days longer, it will be the means of extending the bridge of ice to Isle Madame. The width of the River at the latter place is about six miles; at St. Valier it is about three.

BOSTON, JAN. 30.

Capt. Prentiss, of the schr. Susan, arrived at New-York from Port-au-Prince, informs that advices were received there four days previous, that Christophe was on his march and within thirty miles of the place. In consequence of this intelligence, Petion immediately ordered out 7000 men, and had already organized 6000, who were on the march to meet the enemy. It was expected the forces of the rival chiefs would meet each other on the day Capt. Prentiss sailed.

TO BE LET,

At Public Auction, upon the spot, on Thursday the 19th inst. at 12 o'Clock, Several PEWS in Fredericton Church.

March 4th 1817.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of JOHN DYER, late of Miramichi, (County of Northumberland) deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested, within Six Months from the date hereof; and those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to

JARED BETTS, } Adm'rs.
ELIJAH SPRAGUE, }
Miramichi, 10th Feb. 1817.

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 Nov. 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.

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

DEC. 3, 1816.

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber requests all Persons indebted to him on Note or Account, prior to the 1st of July last, to call and settle the same without delay. E. AVERY.

Fredericton, Nov. 30th, 1816.

FOR SALE,

THE Farm belonging to the Estate of the late JOHN GIBSON, situate on the Nashwalk, and contiguous to the Property of Capt. M'NAB:

The same to take place on the 1st day of July next at the Coffee-room.—Terms, half the money on delivery of the deed, and the remainder in 12 months.

For further particulars apply to the Subscribers, JAMES TAYLOR, JOHN M'LEOD, Fredericton, 17th Feb'y, 1817.

Public Notice

IS hereby given, that the firm of PETERS WILMOT, & Co. was dissolved by mutual consent, on the first day of November last.—ALL persons, therefore, who stand indebted to the said late Firm, are required to make immediate payment to the subscribers, as they are desirous of bringing their concerns to a speedy conclusion.

SAMUEL PETERS,
W. WILMOT,
STEPHEN GLAZIER.

Fredericton, 5th Feb. 1817.

To be Sold,

At Public Auction, on the first day of March next, at 12 o'Clock, at the House of Mr. WILLIAM PERLEY,

THAT valuable FARM owned by the Subscriber, and now occupied by Mr. GEORGE BENNISON. Terms made known at the day of Sale.

RICHARD CARMAN.
St. John, 1st. Feb. 1817.

Ten Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the Subscriber, an indentured Black Boy, named JAMES EDWARDS, about 17 years of age, of a middling stature—had on when he left the service of the Subscriber, a Blue Jacket and Trowsers, and a Brown Surtout Coat.—Whoever will apprehend said Apprentice and return him to the Subscriber, shall receive the above Reward.

All persons are cautioned against trusting or employing the above named Apprentice, as in such case, they would avoid the penalty of the Law. JARVIS RING.
Fredericton, 18th Feb. 1817.

For Sale at this Office,

THE UNION HARMONY;

OR BRITISH AMERICA'S SACRED VOCAL MUSICK.

From the most approved English and American composers, with some original musick on special occasions.
4th Feb. 1817.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of DANIEL SMITH, senr. of Burton, deceased, are desired to present the same duly attested within six months from the date hereof—and all those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to, CLAPMAN SMITH, DANIEL SMITH, ORLO SMITH, Administrators.
Burton, 26th June, 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.

By the Honorable JOHN SAUNDERS, Esq. one of the Justices of His Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature, for the Province of New-Brunswick.

To all to whom it may concern: NOTICE is hereby given, that upon the application of HENRY SMITH, Esq. to me duly made according to the form of the Act of the General Assembly in such case made and provided, I have directed all the Estate, as well real as personal within this Province, of JACOB SMITH, late of Woodstock in the County of York, (which same JACOB SMITH, has either departed from this Province, or is concealed within the same,) to be seized and attached; and that unless the said JACOB SMITH, shall return and discharge his Debts within six months from the publication hereof, all the Estate, as well real as personal of the said JACOB SMITH within this Province, will be sold for the payment and satisfaction of the Creditors of the said JACOB SMITH. Dated at Fredericton, the thirty-first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen. JOHN SAUNDERS. W. F. ODELL, Attorney.