

thanked the generous but imprudent old man, he departed; but in the course of the day repenting of his weakness, he returned in the evening to the Priest's house, and obtained again, under a different pretence, leave of passing the night there. The enormity of the crime again stopped his criminal arm, and he went away the next morning without having perpetrated it. During the day he again repented of his weakness, and, to steel his heart, had recourse to drinking. He returned to the house of the astonished ecclesiastic, but not suspecting any personal danger, he was soon induced, by the artful address of this wretch, to grant him again his wish. About the middle of the night he lighted his lamp, placed it in the room of his host, cut his throat, and stabbed him in the breast, without his victim uttering a cry. He then went to the bed of the maid servant, and though he stabbed her in five places with his poniard, she escaped and ran to the room of her master; but seeing him weltering in his blood, she hid herself under the bed, but this monster dragged her from it by the hair, and stabbed her without mercy. He then gathered together the property of his victims, slept a short time in a chair, and went to a friend in the city, to whom he said he had found the stolen objects. It was at his friend's that he was apprehended. He has been tried, and sentenced to be degraded from the ecclesiastical functions, and his head struck off."

Letters from Madrid state, that the King has, with his own hand, signed a decree, ordering, "that under no pretext whatever, shall any Merinos be allowed to leave the Kingdom, and that all the laws and prohibitions heretofore made in that respect, shall be strictly observed."

Last week, says a Paris Paper, ----- Mendon, to prevent his garden being robbed, placed a spring-gun in such a manner, that the gate could not be opened without the person receiving the contents of the gun. ---The robbers, perhaps, aware of this terrible preventive, made no new attempt; and M. Mendon, forgetting his own system of defence, and being in a hurry to enter his garden, opened the fatal gate, and received several balls in various parts

of his body---Though dangerously wounded, some hopes are entertained of his recovery.

At a recent sale of cattle of Mr. Price, of Ryal, near Upton-on-Severn Herefordshire, one cow sold for £215 another for £110 and a third for £120, a three-year old heifer for £172 a two-year old ditto for £250 a yearling ditto for £189 a bull-calf for £126 a bull for £341 5s. another for £262 10s. a third for £283 and a fourth for £136 10s.

AWFUL BUT AUTHENTIC OCCURRENCE!
In the course of last week a farmer, near Godstone, in the Country of Surry, while walking over a field with some other farmers, or farm labourers, picked up a blighted ear of corn. With his eyes directed towards Heaven, he exclaimed, in a tone impiously ironical, "Art thou not ashamed, GOD ALMIGHTY, thus to blast the fruits of the earth?" He had scarcely uttered these words, when he fell down a corpse! We will not venture to pronounce him the object of Divine Vengeance, but the coincidence is truly awful.

BRUSSELS, OCT. 22.

The Sessions of the States General being yesterday formally opened in this city, his Majesty delivered the following Speech from the Throne, in the Dutch language:--

"HIGH AND MIGHTY LORD,--I feel a most lively satisfaction in announcing to you, that the best understanding prevails between this Kingdom and foreign Powers, and that every thing authorises us to reckon on the stability of these amiable relations.

"On the other hand, we cannot but be painfully affected by the extraordinary rise which the price of provisions has experienced in this country, as well as in a great part of Europe.

"I shall examine with extreme attention the means which Government can oppose to this calamity; but in a matter so susceptible of exaggeration, and so often obscured by passion and prejudice, the most indispensable point is, an exact knowledge of the details.

Orders have been already given to collect with the greatest care every information on this head, and the conviction which shall result from them will regulate my conduct.

"Several measures tending to favour the development of industry and agriculture, or of institutions and works of public utility, will be laid before your High Mightinesses in the present Session. The examination which they must undergo in this Assembly, will furnish you with fresh occasions to manifest that indefatigable zeal, and profound knowledge of the sources of public prosperity, of which your last Session has given so many proofs.

"Among the establishments which the fundamental law prescribes, but for which we have not yet any organic laws generally applicable, there is none more important than a National Militia.

"The project of a law which I should have been happy to lay before you a long time ago, is now ready to be submitted to your deliberation, and I recommend it beforehand to the particular attention of your High Mightinesses:

"Reasons of general interest have given rise to the projects of an exchange of some small portions of our territory for some parts of the Prussian territory. This is one of the occasions on which, by Art. 38, of the fundamental law, the treaty must be examined by the States General. I shall order the Convention made on this subject, to be immediately laid before you; and if your approbation enables me to ratify it, the line of the Eastern frontiers of the Kingdom will be definitively and completely regulated.

"When the view of the receipts and the expenses of the public Treasury, for the next year, shall be communicated to the States General, your High Mightinesses will see with satisfaction, I hope, the considerable reduction which, conformably to your wish and mine, has been effected in

changes of the Administration. In consequence, no augmentation of the existing means, as creation of extraordinary resources, will be necessary to cover them. At the same time, the regularity and the facility of the collection of the revenues in almost all the provinces demonstrate the salutary influence which the liberty of commerce, and of every species of industry, has already had on the situation of the inhabitants; but neither this circumstance, nor any of the facts from which it is permitted to presume the always increasing solidity of the public credit, will make me forget the necessity of further economy, and the duty imposed on me not to require from my subjects any sacrifices but such as are strictly indispensable to maintain the honor and safety of the State.

"If we recollect, High and Mighty Lords, what has already been done in moments of the greatest difficulty to insure the independence of the country and the uniform action of the Government, we are allowed to hope, that the efforts we have yet to make will lead to an equally favourable result.

"Perseverance to attain the objects, frankness in concerting the means, constant application to cherish in all hearts the seeds of concord, confidence, and benevolence; this is what the Belgic nation expects from us, and neither their King nor their Representatives will deceive so just an expectation."

The King having risen after delivering this discourse, was saluted by the reiterated acclamations of the whole Assembly.

FREDERICTON, (N. B.)

4TH FEBRUARY, 1817.

We delayed the publication of this Paper in order to insert the PRESIDENT'S Speech at the opening of the present Session.

CIVIL APPOINTMENT.

His Honor the PRESIDENT has been pleased to appoint MICHAEL COOKE HAILES, Esq. to be his Private Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, 5th FEB. 1817.

His HONOR came this day at 12 o'Clock, at the Council Chamber and commanded the attendance of the House of Assembly, who attended accordingly, and presented WILLIAM BOTSFOED, Esq. as their Speaker elect, whom His HONOR was pleased to approve of, and then opened the Session by the following SPEECH to both Houses:--

Gentlemen of Council, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

HAVING been, by the departure of Major-General SMYTH, unexpectedly called to the temporary Administration of this Government, I shall, in discharging the important duty which has thus devolved upon me, suggest for your deliberation such subjects only as the Public Interests seem immediately to require: The principal of these, after the Revenue and the ordinary Exigencies of the Public Service, is a continuation of the system begun at the last Session, for improving the means of communication between the different parts of the Province, with such alterations and amendments as experience may dictate, so as to give the fullest effect to a measure, not only of general utility and convenience, but which must greatly contribute to increase the wealth and prosperity of the Province. The encouragement also of Agriculture, which is the surest source of permanent benefit to every country, ought not to be forgotten, and, by the aid of bounties from the Public Treasury, judiciously bestowed, this important object may be materially promoted, and, by exciting among the people a spirit of emulation in those exertions of steady industry, and habits of economy, which are so essential to their own welfare and success, contribute most effectually to the real strength and importance of the Province.

Gentlemen of the Assembly,

The Treasurer's Accounts and such other papers as may be necessary for your information, shall be laid before you; by these you will perceive that, although the Revenue has been sufficiently productive, yet the delay of payment of the duties into the Treasury has been such as to preclude the issuing of many of the sums appropriated at the last Session, and thus to prevent the liberality of the Legislature from having its due effect; for this inconvenience your wisdom and experience will, I have no doubt, provide a proper remedy.

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

Having been an Inhabitant of the Province of New-Brunswick from its first formation, I cannot but feel very solicitous for its welfare, and if, during the short period, as short it must be, of my administration, I shall be able, in any degree, to contribute to this desirable end, it will be the highest gratification to my ambition.

In the mean time, interested as we all are in whatever concerns the Mother Country, I cannot forbear congratulating with you on the late splendid victory obtained, under the command of Lord EXMOUTH, at Algiers—a victory to be commemorated, not only as having added to the renown of the British nation, by the gallantry and skill with which it was achieved, but, it is to be hoped, for the annihilation of a system of piratical warfare in which the whole Christian world may be considered as interested.

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.

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.

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ON Tuesday the 7th ult. a set of Leading LINES. The owner may have them again, by proving property and paying for this advertisement.---Apply at this Office. 4th Feb. 1817.

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STEPHEN CAMERON. Fredericton, 13th Jan. 1817.

Two-pence Reward.

ABSENTED HIMSELF

FROM the service of the Subscriber, NICHOLAS SEWELL, an indentured Apprentice, about 19 years of age, a smart, active lad; but of depraved morals and a great drunkard--ALL persons are cautioned against harbouring or trusting said Apprentice, and any person securing and delivering him to the Subscriber, shall receive the above reward.

All persons are warned against employing the above named Apprentice, as they would avoid the penalty of the Law.

P. FISHER. Fredericton, 13th Jan. 1817.

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