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The Gazette.

By His Excellency Major-General GEORGE STRACEY SMYTH, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c.

G. S. SMYTH.

A Proclamation.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the second Tuesday in December next; I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued to the first Tuesday in February next, then to meet at Fredericton for the dispatch of Business.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Fredericton, the seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command, H. H. CARMICHAEL, Dep. Secy.

By His Excellency Major-General GEORGE STRACEY SMYTH, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c.

G. S. SMYTH.

A Proclamation.

WHEREAS by Act of Parliament, passed in the forty-eighth year of His present Majesty's Reign, power is given to the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief of this Province, with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council, to allow the importation of certain enumerated articles from the United States of America into this Province, for the purpose of re-exporting the same, I have therefore thought fit, with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council, to publish this Proclamation, hereby authorising and empowering British Subjects, for the space of Three Months from the date hereof, to import and bring into this Province from the United States of America, in British built ships or vessels, owned and navigated according to Law, Scantling, Planks, Staves, Heading-Boards, Shingles, Hoops, or Squared Timber of any sort, Bread, Biscuit, Flour, Peas, Beans, Potatoes, Wheat, Rice, Oats, Barley, or Grain of any sort, and British Subjects, during the same period, are hereby authorised and empowered to export in British ships, owned and navigated as aforesaid, all or any of the said herein before enumerated articles, to any other of His Majesty's Colonies or Plantations.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at Saint John, the eleventh day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and in the fifty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command, H. H. CARMICHAEL, Deputy Secretary.

NOTICE.

A General meeting of all the Creditors of Gavin Smith, an absconding debtor, is requested at the office of E. J. Jarvis, Esq. in the City of Saint John, on Wednesday the twentieth day of January next, to examine and see the debts due to each person ascertained, agreeably to the form of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

Dated at the City of Saint John, this seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord 1818. E. J. JARVIS, R. M. JARVIS, Trustees.

At a General Sessions of the Peace holden at Fredericton on the 15th day of January, 1818.

Ordered that the ASSIZE of BREAD be as follows:--viz.

THE Shilling Wheaten Loaf lb. oz. to weigh 2 : 12 Dito Rye do. 4 :

And other Loaves in proportion. By order of the Court, G. CLOPPER, Clerk of the Peace.

Commissariat Office, Fredericton, N. B. 23d December 1817.

CASH.

ANY Person wishing to remit MONEY to Saint John may obtain Drafts from this Office, on the Assistant Commissary General, payable at sight.

NOTICE.

SUCH Persons as are intitled to receive the out Pensions residing within this Province, will forward their Applications and Documents to Captain JENKINS, the Town Major at Fredericton, who is authorised to receive and transmit them to Head Quarters at Quebec.

Fredericton, 11th May, 1818.

NEW-BRUNSWICK.

WHEREOF (in pursuance of an Act entitled "an Act for relief against absconding Debtors") We, the Subscribers, have been duly appointed and sworn before the Hon. JOHN MURRAY BASS, one of the Justices of His Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature for this Province, as Trustees for all and every the Creditors of Reuben Smith, late of the County of York, Farmer, an absconding Debtor: We do, therefore, in pursuance of such our appointment, require all persons indebted to the said Reuben Smith, to pay to us, on or before the thirteenth day of February next, all such sums or sums of money, debts, duties and things, which they owe to the said Reuben Smith, and to deliver to us all other effects of the said Reuben Smith, which they or any of them may have in their hands, power or possession.—And all the Creditors of the said Reuben Smith are also required to deliver to us, on or before the first day of March next, their respective accounts and demands against the said Reuben Smith.

Witness our hands, at Fredericton, this thirteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen. GEO. FREDK. STREET. GEO. MINCHIN. WM. TAYLOR.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post-Office at Fredericton, 10th October, 1818.

- Appelbee, Benjamin Alexander, William Anderson, J. C. Atchison, Mr. M. A. Anderson, George Allen, Alexander Bucking, Stephen Butler, James Banister, Thomas Blood, Daniel Bell, Mr. Barnes, George Burden, Oliver E. Burton, Samuel Bailey, Bateman Butk, Henry Burton, Captain Wm. Bruce, George Bean, Rueben Berily, David Burgess, Seth Bremner, Philip Bryton, William Brown, James Churd, Jacob Connolly, William Cook, Jerehiah Coyle, John Clayton, Captain James Collins, Ben. or James Coeston, Maynel Campbell, Colin Campbell, Charles

- Cullen, John Cupade, John Dun, John Dyrant, Captain Dixon, Captain Doyle, Peter Dune, Bernard Elliott, John Elder, Thomas Eastis, Daniel Esty, Moses Frye, Jonathan Forman, James Ferguson, Charles Fletcher, Nathan Flynne, Edward Fraser, Alexander Fraser, Mr or Mrs Gunton, Miss Elizabeth Green, William Grass, Jacob Grubert, A. Graham, James Graham, Robert Glynn, James Gordon, William Hartsgrove, Mrs Hardin, Jane Hamald, Robert Harley, William Heany, Samuel Hrkness, William Houston, John Hunter, David Harley, James Josting, Abigail Jones, William Jackson, Thomas Jardine, Thomas Knowles, Mrs Knowles, Mr Keval, William Kerr, Alexander Lewiston, William Labban, Alexander Lewis, John Lovely, Samuel Lealand, Thomas Lowry, Robert Lyons, Mrs Charles Landward, Thomas Lushman, Captain Lloyd, Jeremiah McAulav, Samuel Macleod, Duncan Murphy, Daniel Magee, Patrick Mess. Peters & Wilmut Morrow, John Murphy, Thomas Mason, Thomas McLaughlin, William Miller, Benjamin McMahon, Daniel Mills, Robert Mears, William M'Shafrey, Daniel

N.B.—Such of the above as are not called for by the 5th January next, will be sent as dead letters to the General Post-Office. The inland Postage of all letters for Europe and the United States, must be paid at this Office.

A. PHAIR, P. M.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Boston, November 7.

On Tuesday evening at seven o'clock, fire was discovered near the south-west corner of the attic story of the Exchange Coffee-House, and before ten o'clock the whole of that magnificent, convenient and useful edifice, which was more than three years in building, was reduced to a melancholy heap of smoking ruins.

The fire, we are satisfied, was accidental, and occasioned by a defect in the chimney, leading from the kitchen. Being in the area of the Coffee-House, with many others, when the alarm was first given, and hastening to ascertain the cause of it, we found the attic room above-mentioned full of smoke, and immediately after saw the fire through fissures in the walls between that room and the roof. From its rage and extent, this fire must have been kindling for a considerable time within the walls and cornice of the house, before discovered; and found aliment to increase it. But as a large number of citizens of various societies were in the house, several of them firewards, who immediately assembled on the spot; as the house equeduct gave a full supply of water within ten feet of the fire first discovered, and numerous buckets were at hand, confident hopes were entertained that small limits would be put to the destruction. The most spirited and judicious efforts, however, could only

give it a temporary check. It still kept working behind the partition walls, and round the cornices, in places beyond reach, and communicating by the rear to the suite of chambers on the west attic story, in about 20 minutes they were so completely on fire, as that columns of flame issued from all their windows into the gallery, and drove therefrom all who were engaged in extinguishing it.

An engine was drawn into the area, and a hose extended to the fifth story, but the tar in the composition of the roof taking fire, the smoke became so suffocatingly dense, as to endanger the lives of the firemen; and in less than half an hour after the discovery of the fire, all the early hopes of preserving the building were lost; and all united in efforts to save the great property in it, belonging to Mr. Barnum, the keeper, the Proprietors, and numerous Societies, Lodges, and Tenants; which, though extensive, were not so successful as the good wishes and exertions of the citizens were ardent and persevering.

In a very short time, so rapid was the progress of the flames, the greater part of the 210 halls, rooms, chambers, &c. comprised in the building, exhibited a mass of intense fire seldom witnessed; about nine o'clock the noble dome came down into the area with a frightful crash; and soon after nearly all the north, and part of the south walls, both more than eighty feet in height, fell, and damaged many of the adjoining buildings; but in no degree equal to the apprehensions of the spectators.

The energies of the firewards, firemen, and citizens, were then exerted to prescribe limits to the effect of the immense mass of fire now kindled; and no other building was wholly consumed, excepting one belonging to Marshal Prince, in Devonshire street, in which was the printing-office of Mr. Ezra Lincoln, who lost a great part of his materials, not only by the fire, but the mismanagement of those who attempted to save them. Several houses, however, were very much damaged, particularly Mr. Wright's house in Congress-street, the upper stories of the Palladium Office, and the building we occupy.

Eleven Printing Establishments were burnt out, or were in such imminent danger as to require the removal of their apparatus. Those of Mr. Lincoln above-mentioned, and the Patriot, in Devonshire-street; Messrs. Parmenter and Norton's, in Rodgers's building; the Daily Advertiser, Recorder, Intelligencer, Palladium, Centinel, and Boston Gazette, and the extensive book offices of Messrs. West, Richardson, and Lord, and Messrs. Wells and Little, all in Congress-street. Goods and furniture were removed from numerous other houses, stores, and cellars.

The Exchange Coffee-House had become the pride and boast of our metropolis; and, under the intelligent, laborious and gentlemanly superintendance of Mr. Barnum, had been admitted by foreigners, as well as natives, to be the most convenient institution of the kind in the United States, and not exceeded by any in Europe. It covered 12,753 feet of ground, measured 132 feet on the north and south, and 84 on the east and west fronts; and was seven stories high. The extent of the distress which this calamity had caused, may be partially estimated from the fact, that, besides the numerous suites of halls, rooms, and chambers, improved by Mr. Barnum, there were in the building an extensive Reading Room, a large Masonic Hall, most elegantly furnished and decorated, in which the Grand Lodge of the State, and several subordinate Lodges, held their meetings; and a superb room for St. John's Lodge, which was assembled when the fire broke out;

The jewels, regalia and records of the Grand Lodge, were preserved by the vigilance of the Grand Tiler; but the losses of the subordinate Lodges, is estimated exceed 5000 dollars.