

of the U. States to take possession, under the treaty with Spain, of East and West Florida, and providing for the temporary government of the territory.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed, and was subsequently read a third time, passed, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

#### THE SLAVE TRADE.

The House, on motion of Mr. Middleton, went into committee of the whole, on the bill in addition to the acts prohibiting the slave trade.

Mr. Pindall, after some prefatory remarks, offered the following as an additional section, which was agreed to, viz.

"That every person who shall import into the United States, or knowingly aid or abet the importation into the United States, of any African negro, or other person so to be imported, as a slave, or shall purchase any such slave, knowing him or her to be thus imported, shall on conviction thereof, in any circuit court of the United States, be punished by death.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

**LATEST FROM GIBRALTAR.**—Our Norfolk Correspondent has furnished us with a proof sheet containing the following letter from his Correspondent at Gibraltar:

"GIBRALTAR, Jan. 6, 1819.

"The only news I have to give you is, the death of the Queen of Spain, last week. A pretty general rumour is in circulation that she was poisoned: but why she should have been the victim of secret resentment is not stated; and as the King has certainly removed to the Escorial since the demise of his Consort, it has been whispered in no very low tone, that the germs of revolt have become so apparent as to render some preparation for his safety a matter of necessary precaution. There are some however, who say, that the King has absented himself from his Court, only from a pious inclination to brood over his grief in tranquility. But nothing authentic can be known abroad, and a rupture outright will perhaps take place before it is known beyond the vicinity of the Capital. Certain it is that the sufferings of the Spanish people have reached that climax when "forbearance ceases to be a virtue!" and they are fully sensible of it.—An uncommonly intelligent Spaniard with whom I have conversed, states, that the nation is now ready for the worst, and must ere long give a loose to their indignation.

**LONDON, Dec. 23.**

"Foreign Office, Dec. 22, 1818.—As, upon the meeting of Parliament, which is fixed for Thursday, the 14th of next month, the House of Commons will immediately proceed to the choice of a Speaker, and to the considerations of other matters of great importance, I take the liberty to acquaint you that a full attendance is most highly desirable at the opening of the session.

"I have the honor to be,  
Your most faithful and obedient servant,  
CASTLEREACH."

London, December 21.

We are still unable to lay before our readers any certain information respecting the state of Spain. It would appear from a private letter from Madrid, of the 31st inst. published in *The Courier* of Saturday, and from a letter from the same place, and of the same date in the Paris papers, that bands of armed men are roaming up and down the country, and that "these bands are principally composed of soldiers whom the fear of embarking for America, has induced to desert their corps." How far this breaking up of the Spanish army may be connected with the disturbances which are reported to have taken place at Madrid, remains to be ascertained. That the Spanish army is generally disaffected, was already pretty well known; and how indeed should it be otherwise, when it is neither paid, clothed, nor fed? An army in such a state can give no protection to Ferdinand, and the only wonder is that an attempt should not before have been made by some of the many who must wish the overthrow of his government to turn this engine against him.

But whatever may be the fate of Ferdinand, it is pretty evident from these dissensions, that South America can have little to apprehend from any future expeditions from Spain.

By the way, on the result of the accouch-

ment of her Majesty, was to depend the fate of the proscribed Spaniards,—if a boy, an amnesty was to be granted; if a girl there was to be no amnesty. Such is the government of Ferdinand! All we can say is, that if the Spaniards suffer a man like this to reign over them long, they deserve no better Government.

DECEMBER 26.

Letters from Amsterdam state, that a Commercial establishment which has attracted much notice from the extent of its speculations in the Government securities of France, is at length declared in a state of insolvency. The ruin of this house, which, though not perhaps of the first order, maintained a very high rank at Amsterdam, is chiefly to be ascribed to those speculations, of the magnitude of which some idea may be formed, by stating that at one period it held 4,000,000 of *rentes*, forming a capital of 80,000,000 of francs; and that every fall of one per cent. that took place in the funds, constituted a difference of more than £40,000, sterling.

**KINGSTON, JAM. JANUARY 30.**

A letter has been received from Lima, via Porto Bello, which states that there was a considerable sum of money ready at that place, for shipment, but in consequence of the activity of the Insurgents, it would be necessary to have a British man of war to protect it to Panama. It is likewise mentioned that the Spanish frigate *Isabella*, with transports having on board 2000 men, from Cadiz destined to Lima, had been captured by some Insurgent cruisers, and that the Royalists were in consequence intimidated in their movements.

**FREDERICTON, (N. B.)**

30TH MARCH, 1819.

P. S. to the Gazette.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, has been pleased by and with the advice of His Majesty Council, to appoint the following Gentlemen to be Commissioners of Sewers for the Parish of Botsford, County of Westmorland:—

Messrs. Richard Dobson,  
James Allen,  
William Daworth.

LEGISLATURE OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

Wednesday, 24th March.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, requiring the attendance of the House of Assembly at Government House.

The House attended accordingly.—When Mr. Speaker addressed His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor as follows, to wit,

"May it please your Excellency,  
The House of Assembly have passed,  
"A Bill to enable the Province Treasurer to borrow the sum of Nine Thousand Pounds, for paying off Bounties and other Debts, payable by the Laws of this Province.

"A Bill to explain and amend an Act, intituled "an Act to impose a duty upon certain articles imported into this Province."

"A Bill for laying a duty on all Teas imported into this Province.

"A Bill to amend and continue an Act, intituled "an Act for raising a Revenue in this Province."

"A Bill to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the services therein mentioned.

"Which they now tender for your Excellency's acceptance."

His Excellency was then pleased to give his assent to the following Bills, to wit,

"An Act to prevent the further issuing and circulation of Treasury Notes.

"An Act to make perpetual several Acts of the General Assembly which are near expiring.

"An Act to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John, to levy an assessment on the Inhabitants of the said City, for the purpose of building a Poor House in the said City.

"An Act to revive and make perpetual an Act, intituled "an Act authorizing the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, of the City of Saint John to make regulations for the more effectual prevention of Fires within the said City."

"An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, intituled "an Act to

revive and make perpetual an Act authorizing the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, of the City of Saint John, to make regulations for the more effectual prevention of Fires within the said City."

"An Act for the more effectual punishment of persons who shall be guilty of the Trespasses therein mentioned, in the City of Saint John.

"An Act in amendment of the Act, for making further provision for preventing the importation and spreading of Contagious Distempers in the City of Saint John.

"An Act to provide for the support of a Light House to be built upon Point Escuminac, in the County of Northumberland.

"An Act to enable the Province Treasurer to borrow the sum of Nine Thousand Pounds, for paying off Bounties and other Debts, payable by the Laws of this Province.

"An Act to regulate the exportation of Lumber, and to repeal all the Acts now in force relating to the same.

"An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, intituled "an Act for the support and relief of Confined Debtors," and the Act further to extend the provisions thereof.

"An Act to regulate the exportation of Fish, and to repeal the Laws now in force relating thereto.

"An Act further to alter and extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "an Act to encourage the erection of a Passage Boat, to be worked by steam, for facilitating the communication between the City of Saint John and Fredericton, and to give further encouragement to the present Proprietors of the Steam Passage Boat erected in pursuance of the same Act."

"An Act to prevent Desertion from His Majesty's Forces, and to punish unlawful dealings with Soldiers or Deserters.

"An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled "an Act to impose a duty upon certain articles imported into this Province."

"An Act to regulate the Herring Fisheries in the Parishes of West-Isles, Campo Bello, Pennfield, and St. George, in the County of Charlotte."

"An Act for laying a duty on all Teas imported into this Province.

"An Act to amend and continue an Act, intituled "an Act for raising a Revenue in this Province."

"An Act to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the services therein mentioned.

His Excellency was also pleased to reserve "a Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the 56th year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act for establishing a Grammar School in the Town of Saint Andrew's," for further consideration.

After which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses:—

"Gentlemen of the Council,  
and Gentlemen of the Assembly,  
Having passed such Bills of the present Session as have been agreed to, with one exception, I have only to express my hopes that the Acts may prove advantageous to the interests of the Province.

"Gentlemen of the Assembly,  
It is with regret that I have to remark, that hardly any provision has been made for those services which have been particularly recommended by me to your consideration.

"And it is with great concern that I notice your persistence in a measure to which your attention has been very recently called—which conduct I cannot suffer to pass unnoticed, consistent with the duty I owe to my Sovereign.

"The only mode which you have now left me to do this, is by dissolving this General Assembly."

The Honourable Judge Saunders then, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, said—

"Gentlemen of the Council,  
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**ST. JOHN, MARCH 17.**

ARRIVED.

Monday, Am. sch'r Charlotte-Corday, Russel, New-York—Crockshank & Johnston, flour, corn, and naval stores.

This morning, sch'r Herman, Milne, Jamaica and Turk's Island—W. Pagan & Co. salt.

Am. sch'r Fox, Blanchard, Portland, lumber.

Sloop Favourite, Knight, Boston and Portland—T. Hanford, lumber.

CLEARED.

Am. sch'r's Neptune, Furber, Belfast—salt and rum.

Three Sisters, Meryman, Lubec—ballast.

Sloops Madison, Jones, Portland—rum and salt.

Ranger, Carlisle, Boston—rum, salt, &c.

Venus, Prince, Portland and Boston—salt.

The brig Woodman, Robson, of this port, has arrived at Bermuda from Jamaica, and will take a cargo from thence to the West Indies, previous to her return.

The Am. brig Morning Star, Smith, hence, has arrived at New-York.

The sloop Huntress, Morton, hence, at Portland.

The sch'r Stork, Haskell, cleared at Portland for this port, February 23.

**MARRIED**] On Wednesday evening, by the Rev. Dr. Burns, Mr. Daniel Smith, to Miss Charlotte Ann Foy, of the Parish of Portland.

On Thursday evening, by the Rev. Dr. Burns, Mr. Thomas Reed, to Miss Frances, third daughter of Mr. John Clark, all of this City.

At Annapolis Royal, on the 27th ult. by the Rev. Mr. Millidge, Lieutenant James Roach, to Miss Elizabeth Tomblason, both of that place.

At New-York, on the 24th ult. Mr. James Waterbery, of this City, to Mrs. Catherine Mischeau, of the former place.

Lately at Plymouth, U. S. Mf. Benjamin Smith, of New-York; to Miss Jane Canby.

**DIED**] On Saturday last, after a long and painful illness, which she bore with fortitude and resignation, in the 65th year of her age, Mrs. Margaret Partelow, consort of Mr. Jehiel Partelow, Sen.

In King's County, on the 10th instant, Mrs. Mary Carlow, wife of Mr. John Carlow, aged 67 years.

NOTICE.

THE Subscribers respectfully inform the Public that the STEAM-BOAT will commence running from Saint John to Fredericton as soon as the river is sufficiently clear of ice.—She will leave Saint John every Saturday morning precisely at 7 o'Clock, and Fredericton, every Tuesday at the same hour.

FARE as usual.

JAMES SEGEE,

RICHD. WINTER,

Fredericton, 27th March, 1819.

ALL PERSONS

HAVING just demands against the Estate of Frederick Rogers, late of the County of Northumberland, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested, within twelve months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate, are required to make immediate payment to

NANCY ROGERS, Adm'r.

ANTHY. ROGERS, } Adm's.

A. FRASER, Junr. }

Miramichi, 11th March, 1819.

JOHN O'BRIEN,

RETURNS unfeigned thanks to the Military and Inhabitants of Fredericton and its vicinity, for their very liberal donations for the support of himself and family, in their late distress, occasioned by fire.

30th March, 1819.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

LOST between George Sutherland's and Mr. Porter's, in Miramichi, a SILVER WATCH, CHAIN and SEAL.—The Chain was Gold, and composed of seven small strands—the Seal small, and set with a black Stone. Whoever has found the same and will return them to the Subscriber, shall receive the above reward.

GEO. RAPPLE

Miramichi, 26th Feb. 1819. 3w. pgv.