

DREADFUL CRIME!

Very few of our readers will have read of a more horrid, diabolical, and coolly premeditated murder, than that which is described in the following extract of a letter from Pictou.

Extract of a Letter from Pictou, dated August 26, 1819.

"I mentioned in my last the dreadful fate of poor Campbell and his Wife. Suspicion having fallen on their Son, Donald, he has been arrested, and undergone two examinations—on the first he denied all knowledge of the circumstances connected with the death of his Parents—on the second, however, in consequence of his wife having given to the Magistrate a different account of the period he was absent from home, to that given by him, he voluntarily confessed: That he left his dwelling on Monday with the full determination of setting fire to the house of his Father, and burning him and his Step-Mother—that he wandered from one house to another until Thursday, planning how he might best accomplish his object. On the evening of that day he approached his Father's house, and stood listening to the conversation of the old people until near eleven o'clock, when they retired to rest. He then procured some withs from bushes at no great distance, and a stick of about four feet long: the latter he placed across the door-way, then twisted the withs, put them through the handle of the latch and round the stick, and secured the door so effectually, as he supposed, that it could not be opened; and, the door secured, there was no way of escape for his Parents, there being no windows to their cottage. The fire which he had brought a distance of half a mile, from where some persons were burning land, as it is termed, he placed on the roof of the house, it immediately communicated to the building, and he returned to the bushes to witness the completion of his plans. Before the flames however had reached the lower part of the house, he discovered that the old man and his wife had forced the door, and effected their escape out of the house. He saw them endeavouring to save what articles they could from burning—his heart at the instant, became softened, and he resolved to assist them. He went towards the spot: his father, the moment he was recognized by him, charged him with having set fire to his dwelling, and, taking up a stick, obliged him to quit the place. He returned to the bushes—stood looking at the old people saving their furniture—saw, he said, his father go into the house, he thought to bring something out—he did not return, and supposed he was suffocated. He then went up to his step-mother, struck her on the head with a stick, and she fell to the ground—she raised herself up, and requested to be carried towards the house—he assisted her, and she fell into the fire.

The above is the substance of Donald Campbell's confession.

A Mr. McIntosh, who lived about half a mile off, heard the cries of a person in distress, and saw the house was on fire—he ran to the spot—Donald observed him coming, and concealed himself in a field of grain. McIntosh saw the body of Mrs. Campbell lying at the threshold of the door; it was very much burnt; he removed it to some distance, and afterwards went to alarm the neighbours. Donald then left his place of concealment, viewed the fire for a few minutes, and then set off for his own house, about 12 miles distant, where he arrived the next morning about ten o'clock. On his way he was met by several persons, and questioned respecting the scars which were upon his face, about which he told different stories.

His Wife, on his entering the House, and her observing, as she expressed herself upon her examination, "that he did not look as he had before looked," said to him—"Have you had any quarrel with your Father?—where have you been?—how did your face become scorched?"—To which he replied, that he had had no quarrel with his Father—had been reaping for him, and that the Sun had scorched his face. A Messenger soon after arrived, to inform him of the accident, as it was then supposed to have been, and, taking care not to alarm him too suddenly, told him that his Father was very ill, and that his house had been destroyed by fire. He hastily asked several times, if his Father was in life. At 12 o'clock he left his home for his late Father's Farm, loitered on the road all the day, and reached the

place early the next morning: he found a number of persons there, and, among them, Mr. McIntosh, by whom he was instantly seized, charged with the murder of his Parents, and given in custody to those standing around him, by whom, however, he was very foolishly allowed to escape. He skulked about the woods, between his own Farm, and that which had been occupied by his Father, until the news reached Pictou town, and he was soon after apprehended by persons who went in search of him."

To the Free and Independent Electors of the County of York.

GENTLEMEN,
His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor having Dissolved the House of Assembly of this Province, an Election will in all probability, shortly take place: THE SUBSCRIBER therefore begs leave respectfully to intimate, that he intends offering himself as a Candidate for your Suffrages; and to assure you, that if it should be your pleasure to Elect him as one of your Representatives, his abilities shall be exerted to the utmost, for the welfare of the County and Province at large.

CALEB FOWLER.

St. Mary's, County of York,
10th April, 1819.

To the Free and Independent Electors of the County of York.

GENTLEMEN,
HAVING been prevailed on, at the earnest request of a number of respectable Freeholders, to offer myself as a Candidate at the next General Election for Members to Represent this County, I take this public mode of informing you that it is my intention; and if it shall please you to confide to my care the important trust as one of your Representatives, I will endeavour to discharge my duty with Independence and Integrity.

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
STEPHEN CAMERON.

Frederickton, County of York,
10th April, 1819.

To the Electors of the County of York.

FELLOW SUBJECTS,

As a dissolution of the House of Assembly has taken place, and His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor may think fit, within a short time, to issue Writs for a GENERAL ELECTION, the Subscriber thus early, with the utmost respect, offers himself a CANDIDATE to represent you in General Assembly. Should he be elected to fill so important a situation, he has no hesitation in assuring you that what abilities he does possess, shall be devoted as usefully as possible to the particular interests of the County, and to the general prosperity of Province.

HENRY SMITH.

Frederickton, 13th April, 1819.

EZEKIEL SLOOT & Co. request all persons having accounts with them unsettled to the 1st July last, to come forward and settle them without delay, to save unnecessary expences.

Frederickton, 23d August, 1819.

Sheriff's Sale.

TO BE SOLD

At Public Auction,

On Thursday the 7th day of October next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the County Court House,

ALL that certain Piece or Parcel of LAND, known as that part of Lot No. 17, Town Plat of Frederickton, adjoining land owned by Col. Hales, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, taken in execution by virtue of a fieri facias, issued out of the Supreme Court, from Michael Tripp, at the suit of James Sisson, Jun. for £515 : 9 : 8.

By the SHERIFF of YORK.
Frederickton, 6th April, 1819.

NOTICES.

ALL persons having any demands against the Estate of ALEX. MURDOCH, late of Miramichi, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested, and all those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to

GEORGE MURDOCH,

Sole Administrator.

Miramichi, 14th Feb. 1819.

ALL persons having just demands against the Estate of JOSEPH WILLISTON, deceased, late of the Parish of Glenelg in the County of Northumberland, Farmer, are requested to render the same duly attested within twelve months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to

ALCEY WILLISTON, Ex'rx.

RICHARD SIMONDS, Ex'rx.

Miramichi, 19th Jan. 1819.

ALL those indebted or having accounts unsettled with the estate of the late John McLeod, are requested to call on Mr. Robert Eggar, (he being appointed to adjust them). Those indebted to the said Estate are particularly requested to pay their Accounts, otherwise they will be put in the hands of an Attorney to collect.

Jedediah Slason, | Executors.
Mark Needham, |
Frederickton, 23d Jan. 1819.

ALL Persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing Notes of Hand against JONATHAN HARTT and WILLIAM KNOX, in favour of GEORGE HOME of Gage-Town, as there was no value received for said Notes.

JONATHAN HARTT.

Gage-Town, 2d Dec. 1818.

THE Subscriber earnestly requests those persons indebted to JAMES FRASER, FRASER & DONALDSON, and FRASER, DONALDSON & Co. (all of Frederickton) that they will call and pay their respective balances without delay.

M. NEEDHAM.

Frederickton, 6th Oct. 1818.

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'x.

ANTHY. ROGERS, } Adm'x.

A. FRASER, Senr. }

Miramichi, 11th March, 1819.

ALL those Indebted to the Subscriber neglecting to settle, their Accounts will be put in the hands of an Attorney to collect.

JEDEDIAH SLASON.

Frederickton, 9th March, 1818.

RAGS! RAGS! RAGS!
CASH will be given at the Royal Gazette Office, for clean Lincen or Cotton RAGS.

NOTICES.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of the late PETER CRISTY, Esq. of Saint Stephens, deceased, are desired to render their accounts duly attested, within twelve months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate, are requested to make immediate payment to

NANCY CRISTY, Adm'x.

St. Stephen's, 19th Sept. 1818.

ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of the late RICHARD HOME, of Miramichi, deceased, are desired to present their accounts duly attested within three months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to

JOSEPH HOME, Administrator.

Miramichi, 16th June, 1819.

To be sold at Public Auction on Thursday the 14th day of October next, at the Market-House in Frederickton, if not previously disposed of,

TWO Hundred Acres of valuable Land in the rear of Lot No. 27, in Maryland Loyalist Grant, and very contiguous to the Nashwalk road and river, there is a considerable quantity of black Birch and white Pine trees capable of being made into ton timber.

All persons are hereby most strictly forbidden trespassing on the said Lot, either by cutting down or carrying off any timber whatever.

St. Mary's, 29th June, 1819.

P. FRASER,

HAS just received per the Ships Wellington, from London; and Waterloo, from Liverpool; and the Beaulonona, from Glasgow, a general assortment of DRY GOODS and GROCERIES, suitable for the season; all of which will be sold low for Cash, Furs, or Bills of Exchange.

N.B.—Those indebted to him to the 24th December last, are requested to settle their respective balances without delay.

Frederickton, 9th June, 1818.

NEW GOODS.

THE Subscriber has received by the Brothers, Waterloo, and Prince of Waterloo, from Liverpool, Vestal, from London, and Mars, from Glasgow, an extensive and general assortment of Merchandise, which he will sell on the most liberal terms for Cash, or short approved credit.

SAMUEL GROSVENOR.

Frederickton, 13th July, 1819.

JARVIS RING

RETURNS thanks to the Public at large, for the encouragement he has received from them in his line of business for the time past, and wishes also to inform them, that he still carries on the TANNING and CURRYING Business, in its various branches, and will strictly attend to all Hides and Skins sent to be dressed to the Halves.

He also carries on the Boot and Shoe Making Business, in its various Branches: Collars, Harness, Bridles, &c. made at his Shop. He offers the same to the Public for sale upon reasonable terms, and hopes by unremitting attention to merit a share of public patronage.

Frederickton, 2d February, 1819.

NOTICE

WHAT on Sunday the 9th day of May last, was discovered by the Pilot Boats while cruising off Point Escuminac, a Schooner, about 15 miles distant, and bearing E.N.E. from Escuminac; and upon coming up alongside of her, was found to be a Vessel of about 60 tons burthen, having no person on board, water logged, no sails nor rigging of any description, nor spars, except the two lower masts and bowsprit. The water being discharged, three Pilot Boats towed her in from sea, and up Miramichi River about two miles above the Custom-House, where she now lay on the beach in safety—no person appearing as yet to claim her—no name.

JAMES McCULLON.

Miramichi, 26th June, 1819.

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