

...heaps, of ghastly ruins. I came
forth to speak the language of hope; to
encourage exertion and occupation; to dis-
pel gloom and all despondency; to assure
you that the Government of your Province,
the sympathies and liberality of your fellow
men, the succours, which your sister pro-
vince, has been prompt to throw in, and the
abundant charity and benevolence which
will move the Mother Countries, have al-
ready provided against the possibility of
want, or will pour in more remote succours,
to restore and retrieve, in some degree,
hereafter, what has been levelled and ruined.
Lives have indeed been sustained, which
no human means can restore. We cannot
raise the dead; but we can relieve and
comfort the living. We cannot re-pro-
duce the capital, which has been utterly
consumed, but we can create wealth again,
by active, enterprising industry. The
pine stands unharmed, in the vast forests of
the Country, and the other fields for ex-
ertion, the natural resources of the Country,
which I have so often recommended you
to cultivate more industriously, are open
to you. Let no man then, yielding to
groundless despondency, quit the Country,
but remain in confidence, that with the
blessing of Almighty God, the country
will be carried and supported through its
present difficulties. It is right you should
know, on what certainties, I pronounce
this, ere the approaching long winter com-
mences. So soon as I received the commu-
nication of these disasters, I assembled His
Majesty's Council, to consult on the mea-
sures, it would be expedient to adopt; when
it was instantly determined, to send an
Agent to Quebec, to purchase a supply of
Provisions and Clothing, to the amount of
between five and six thousand pounds; and
Mr. JOPLIN, was requested to take charge
of this investment to proceed to Miramichi,
where, he, too, had suffered considerable
loss in the late fire. Large sums
have been raised by the liberality and bene-
volence of our fellow subjects in Saint John.
Two vessels laden with supplies, are in
voyage to this place; a convoy of clothes
and blankets, is in progress through the
country; considerable contributions have
been made at Fredericton, and these will,
probably be remitted in Cash, for her
share in this calamity admits not of aid
being sent in kind. We are greatly in-
debted, too, to the humane and benevolent
disposition of the Lieutenant-Governor of
our Sister Province, who supported by the
like sentiments of the Government and
the people, has promptly dispatched ex-
tensive succours, which I have reason to
believe, have arrived in the river, in one
of His Majesty's Ships, which Admiral
LAKE, has, with other marks of strong
feeling for your calamities, assigned to
this service, and whose Officers undertake
it with zealous good feeling to forward
on the occasion;—These succours will be
dispensed by the Committee of manage-
ment, of whose indefatigable, humane and
active exertions, I speak and feel most
strongly. It is indeed a matter of great
consolation, and a reflection which will
ease my anxiety when I am gone, that I
have witnessed these qualities so generally, and
have observed the fortitude, and resignation,
and magnanimity which have been so beau-
tifully displayed upon this calamitous occa-
sion. I cannot conceal from you that
great exertions must be used, and privations
endured by yourselves; but with industry,
resolution, and the succour you are receiv-
ing, you will prevail.
I think it indispensable now to add a
few observations, which may be very useful,
in this work of restoration.
When calamities such as these occur,
it is always prudent before the work of
restoration be commenced, to consider
what inconveniences or disadvantages may
have been experienced, or imperfections
observed to exist, in what has been ruined;
so that well digested plans and mea-
sures of renovation may be adopted, to re-
medy the acknowledged defects, by a sys-
tem which shall reach beyond the temporary
interests of a day, into that prospective
period and enlarged view, of real and per-
manent interests, which should be studied;
and to contemplate ages, not days.
On my late visit to this place, I was
forcibly struck with the inconvenient, dis-
advantageous and greatly scattered condition
of Miramichi. When the affairs of a
country require the agency of men of bu-

...siness in the different professions, and trades
which the concerns, and wants of society
require, those agents should congregate into
dense community. Business cannot be
conveniently, very productively, quickly
or successfully carried on otherwise. Here
a population, which would be powerful,
and more generally prosperous, had it been
formed into one Town by timely measures,
is scattered on opposite sides of a great
river, and extending for many miles on
each bank. I appeal to all who hear me,
whether they have not experienced, in this
distended form, that there is a term of success
in their respective avocations, far short of
what it would be, were their industry exer-
cised in the greater field of a more dense
community; and whether it is not evident
that the religious and moral instructions
of the Country suffer great detriment in
utility and effect from the same cause.—
At the extremes of these scattered hamlets,
stood two small rival Towns. The Church,
instead of being placed in an important
Town, which these might have formed, is
situated in neither; several schools, neither
of them considerable, are scattered to corre-
spond with extended settlements, and none
convenient to the greater portion of those
who should resort to them. The only
Grammar School of the settlements, indif-
ferent and insignificant. In such a state of
Society, professional men must be a Country
practitioners, instead of the solicitor and
physician of the populous Town. There
is consequently too contracted a field to re-
ward and retain talent and celebrity.—
Jealousies, rival feelings, and want of har-
mony are sure to spring from such an ar-
rangement of Society. The business of an
exclusively, peculiar trade in procuring
the staple of the Country may be carried
on any where; but the business of the
Merchant, who generalizes his concerns,
will prosper most in the town. So long as
the great staple trade of the Country may
last, the isolated Merchant may suffer no
inconvenience; but I have always told
you, that this is a trade, which must terminate
some time or other, from exhaustion of the
material, and which will change its Seat of
Business, by migrating in the Province to
ports situated in the vicinity of the next
most productive forests; and which besides,
is exposed at any time to injury of cessation
from external circumstances, over which we
have no controul. Were any or either of
these circumstances to happen in the present
condition of Miramichi, I can conceive
nothing more ruinous than your situation
would be. The persons who carry on this
peculiar trade, on the Capital of exterior es-
tablishments would withdraw, and you
would be left with every necessity seeking
to be supplied by purchase, and no pro-
ductive industry with which to purchase,
those wants. The persons then, who feel that
they have a stake in the Country's real statisti-
cal progress, should dispose themselves to
generalize their pursuits; and cultivate its real
resources, and distribute population, in a sui-
table manner. There is no object more impor-
tant in providing for the progress of a young
Country, than that of providing every fa-
cility for establishing, encouraging and
raising Towns to consideration; and ac-
cordingly you perceive that this is a leading
provision, in the prudent policy of a neigh-
bouring people, who have proved that they
know well, how to bring on a young Coun-
try to power, prosperity and great intelli-
gence, by providing those capacities which
a Town offers for progress, in the sphere
assigned to it, onwards from agricultural
industry, where it commences, to improve-
ment in the mechanic arts, commerce, do-
mestic manufacturers, manufacturing es-
tablishments, arts and sciences.
However distinct these facts and observa-
tions may have occurred to me when I vi-
sited you in August, there did not appear to
be any practicable, immediate remedy.
The county town had long been established
by Legislative enactment, but still the popu-
lation had scattered from it.—The very
disadvantageous tenure upon which the lots
at Newcastle are held, may partly account
for this. But that town is now unhappily
almost destroyed; and many of the disper-
sed habitations, in the Parish of Newcastle,
ruined. This, therefore, is a crisis which
should be taken advantage of; some how or
other, to concentrate the late dispersed po-
pulation. In what way this may be effect-
ed, depends very much upon yourselves.—
Consider it well, and go all together.

Should any plan be proposed by your con-
current wishes, to produce such general
good, and at the same time to do no injury
to individuals who have already too severe-
ly suffered, and which might require to be
submitted to the consideration of the Legis-
lature, I am well persuaded from the expe-
rience I have had of their wisdom, that they
would, under these altered circumstances,
receive it for that consideration, which it
appears to me to merit.
I earnestly recommend, then, concentra-
tion somewhere. If things are restored to
what they were, disadvantages and inconve-
niences the most serious will be perpetuated;
and you will ere long, find towns rising to
consideration in your vicinity, soon to sur-
pass yours, and you will reproach yourselves
hereafter for not having taken timely warn-
ing. For myself, so persuaded am I of the
truth of what I have stated, that I shall
take not with me into after life, any docu-
ment, that can more entirely satisfy the zeal,
with which I endeavour to serve you, than
that document in which, I shall record this
opinion and this advice.
After which, he conversed for some time
with various groups of sufferers, and poor
people, from the back Settlements, and then
proceeded to visit the ruins of Douglas
Town, Newcastle, the establishments of
Gilmour, Rankin & Co. and William A-
brams & Co. and the upper part of the vil-
lage of Chatham. On Sunday His Excel-
lency attended Divine Service in St. Paul's
Church; after which he was waited upon at
the Rectory, by a number of the principal
Inhabitants, who presented the following
Address:—
To His Excellency Major-General Sir
Howard Douglas, Bart, Lieutenant-
Governor, and Commander-in-Chief of
the Province of New-Brunswick, &c.
&c. &c.
We, the principal Inhabitants of Miramichi,
beg leave to approach your Excellency
with our most grateful acknowledgments, for
the deep sympathy and lively interest in our behalf,
felt by your Excellency in the late awful and calami-
tous affliction, with which it has pleased the
Almighty disposer of all events in his wisdom to
visit us.
When, upon a former occasion, we were hono-
red with a visit from your Excellency, we had the
happiness to present an industrious, active, enter-
prising people, enjoying every comfort, that the
then progressive and flourishing state of our Coun-
try could afford; anticipating with much confidence
a continuance of their prosperity, and eagerly
looking forward to the period, when they should
participate in that state of Colonial importance,
which, from the resources and means of the Coun-
try, they had the gratification to believe, under your
Excellency's auspices, they we abundantly calcu-
lated to attain. But alas! how transitory our
happiness! how fleeting our prosperity! how
frustrated do all our hopes appear! We however,
rejoice, that the active measures so promptly adopt-
ed and pursued by your Excellency and His Maje-
sty's Council, and above all, your Excellency's
personal appearance at this all important crisis,
serve to reanimate our hopes, to rescue us from
despair, to resuscitate our relaxed spirits, and to
re-establish the pleasing expectation, that the peri-
od may yet, under your Excellency's fostering and
paternal hand, and the blessing of Providence,
arrive, when these anticipations shall be realized;
and when we shall enjoy the satisfaction derived
from a consciousness of having submitted with be-
coming resignation, to the dreadful dispensation, &
when we shall reap the reward of renewed and
redoubled exertions, continued industry, activity
and perseverance.
We cannot, at this time, deny ourselves the sa-
tisfaction of expressing to your Excellency, our
most heartfelt thankfulness and gratitude, for this
further testimony of your Excellency's peculiar
regard for us; at any period of the year, we could
hardly have expected it; but at this late and in-
clement season, when the journey could not be
accomplished, but at the greatest personal incon-
venience, and the endurance of very many priva-
tions and hardships, it would have been most un-
reasonable if us to have expected, nay more, to
have wished it.
Permit us, in taking our leave, to express our
anxious prayer, that your Excellency may return
in safety to the seat of Government, and your fa-
mily well satisfied that you will be in the full en-
joyment of that happiness which arises from the re-
flection of having contributed most effectually, to
the comfort, relief and the happiness of others
Miramichi, Oct 30, 1825.
To which the following reply was made:—
To the Principal Inhabitants of Mira-
michi.
Gentlemen,
THE sympathy is deep, and the interest lively,
which I feel on the late a wful and calamitous
affliction, with which it has pleased God to visit
you; and I am more afflicted than I can express,
or you can imagine; at the melancholy contrast,
which present appearances make, with that hap-
piness, comfort, and flourishing condition, which
you represent, to forcibly to have been enjoyed,
and which I find so much satisfaction in witnessing.
But with the blessing of God, the support of
your Government, and your own exertions, your
hopes shall not be frustrated, nor your prosperity
arrested, though for the present impeded. It will
be gratifying to the members of His Majesty's
Council, that the active measures which, by and
with their advice, were so promptly taken, have
been so effectual in dispelling apprehension, and en-
suring succour; and it gives me the greatest satis-

faction to learn that my personal appearance,
amongst you, at this important crisis, has served to
reanimate your hopes, and rescue you from despair.
I look forward with the fondest expecta-
tion, that when this period of trial shall have pass-
ed, you will still attain to that State of Colonial
importance and prosperity, which the resources
and capacities of the County, will enable you to
reach, if properly cultivated and improved; and
conjointly with my best exertions to advance these,
you may confidently look to the wisdom and li-
berality of the Legislative and Executive Bodies.
Your conduct, Gentlemen, and your sufferings,
have made a deep impression upon me. They
have excited deep and lasting interest, and I must
say, admiration; and if my presence, besides affor-
ding me the gratification of witnessing the one,
have really tended to alleviate the other, I shall al-
ways have the strongest reason to rejoice that I
came amongst you, whatever may have been the
inclemency of the weather, or difficulty to encoun-
ter, in coming hither, or on my return. Accept
my very best wishes and prayers; and the last
charge, I leave with you is, that the Committee of
Management acquaint me weekly, with your pro-
ceedings, which, I hope, will be to relieve what-
ever anxieties, I may yet labour under, for the well
being of you, gentlemen, and of your fellow suf-
fers.
His Excellency then proceeded to Beau-
clair's Island, where he dined, and remained
during the night, and on the following morn-
ing proceeded up the river in a birch Canoe,
on his return to the Seat of Government.
On the 23d of June last, an Agricultural and
Emigrant Society, auxiliary to the Provincial So-
ciety was formed in the County of Sunbury, when
the following Gentlemen were elected Officers for
the present year:—
The Honorable J. M. BLISS, President,
GABRIEL D. VEBER, Esq. Vice President,
REV. R. MILNER, Secretary,
THEODORUS V. W. CLOWES, Treasurer
Mr. James Tilley,
Mr. Stephen Burpee,
Mr. Shadrach Holley,
Mr. Jacob Smith,
Mr. Benjamin Covert,
Solomon Perley, Esq.
Stephen Peabody Esq.
Mr. Geo. Hayward, Jun. } Committee.
NOTICE
All persons in the County of Sunbury, wanting
Tenants or Servants, or those who may want Farms
or Places, are requested to communicate with the
Secretary of the Agricultural and Emigrant Society.
November 8, 1825
His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor
and Suite arrived here from Miramichi on
Thursday last.
We are desired to state that a meeting of
merchants and others will be holden on Mon-
day evening next, at seven o'clock, P. M.
at Sykes' Coffee-House, to devise measures
for the speedy relief of the sufferers by the
late dreadful fires at Miramichi and other
places in New-Brunswick; and to solicit
the attention of such benevolent persons, as
may wish to avert the evils attendant upon
these dire calamities.—*Albion, Oct. 29.*
ERRATA.—In the Gazette of the 25th
ultimo, in the second paragraph of the first
column of the third page, instead of "but
our appeal to Halifax for relief, has been
unheard, in the anxiety and desire to assist
our still more unfortunate brethren in Mi-
ramichi," read "and our appeal to Halifax
for relief, has been answered in the anxiety
and desire to assist our still more unfortunate
brethren in Miramichi."
MARRIED.
On Saturday the 5th inst at Kingsclear, by the
Rev. J. SOMERVILLE, Mr. RICHARD C. BAR-
KER, to MARY, third daughter of Mr. WM.
SMITH, of the same place.
DIED.
At Ludlow, on the 15th October, aged 42 years,
(after a long and painful illness which he bore with
Christian fortitude,) RICHARD PRICE, Esq.—
He was a native of Devonshire, in England, and
came to this Country at an early period of
life, where he has ever since resided, as an
affectionate husband, a kind and tender Parent,
a firm friend and an active and enterprising Magis-
trate; his loss will be long remembered with re-
gret by his surviving friends and relatives. Blest
with a mild and forgiving spirit, he passed through
life in peace with all good men; and borne above the
fear of death by the consciousness of a well spent
life, he endured his last affliction with tranquility
and resignation. He has left a widow with eleven
children to lament his loss.
FOR SALE,
At Public Auction on Monday next at Mil-
ler's Hotel, between the hours of 10 & 11
o'clock.
A small Frame-House & Barn.
THE Property of the late ALLEN
BASTON on the Lands belonging to
Miss MARGARET ALLEN, in the rear
of the upper part of the Town of Frederic-
ton. Conditions.—Payment to be made in
Cash, in three months with interest.
MARY BASTON, Adm^r
GEO. HAYWARD, Junr Adm^r
Fredericton, 8th November, 1825.
WANTED,
On Sunday the 22d October, at the
corner of Beigne street, a PAIR
of BOOTS, the owner can have them by
proving property, and paying the expense
of Advertising, by applying at this Office.
Fredericton, Nov. 12, 1825.