

date distribution, a sum that will enable your Excellency to make provision for persons who have been made widows, or orphans, or become maimed and disabled by means of the fires, and for other destitute cases that may not be included within the examinations of loss of property, or that may be proper objects for future and continued relief.

It appears to the Commissioners, under a view of all the circumstances, that 18000 is a proper sum for immediate distribution, and that the remainder of the Funds on hand, together with any other monies that may hereafter be received, should be reserved by your Excellency for the purposes just mentioned.

The next object of the Commissioners is to suggest, a just and proper apportionment of the sum for distribution among the several places where the destruction occurred.

To do this with exactness, the Commissioners have found impracticable, because in their opinion, such an apportionment ought not to be founded merely on a comparison of the amount of losses sustained in the different places, but upon the character and condition of the sufferers, and the means they still possess; and it is obvious, that where such a variety of circumstances must form the ingredients of determination, an approach to the truth is all that can be expected.

In order to approximate as nearly as possible, to a just and proper apportionment, in their view of the subject, they have made a comparison of the amount of losses sustained in the different places, by those classes of sufferers among whom their apprehension, will be found, by far the greatest number of cases, that are proper objects of the charitable donations, and have made such a comparison on the basis of their apportionment—and these classes are, *Farmers, Labourers, Lumberers, Mechanics, Widows, and Single Women.*

From the allotment that might fall to each district upon the above principle, they have thought it right to deduct the respective sums that appear by the statements laid before them to have been already received in each place.

With respect to Miramichi in particular, it appears that £17800 has been received there, but as it is stated by the Miramichi committee that £6000 of this amount has been expended among a class of sufferers, whose loss of property by the fire has not been examined into by the Commissioners, and who therefore do not form an ingredient in the above comparison, the Commissioners have deducted this sum from the amount received at Miramichi, leaving the sum of £11800 charged to them in making the apportionment. Whatever portion of this sum thus received at Miramichi may have been contributed exclusively for that district, it has nevertheless by so much reduced the wants there as compared with the other suffering districts, and therefore in the opinion of the Commissioners, ought obviously to be taken into account by your Excellency when making an equitable distribution among all the sufferers for whose relief the bounty has been placed in your hands.

Upon these principles the statement will be as follows:

Amount of losses proved by the five classes last above mentioned.

Miramichi, £108,068. Fredericton, £10,687. Oromocto and Charlotte, £6668.

Amount of relief already received in the District.

Miramichi, £11,800. Fredericton, £984. Oromocto and Charlotte, £953

Amount now allotted.

Miramichi, £15,500. Fredericton, £1,700. Oromocto and Charlotte, £800

Total of Relief. Miramichi, £27,300. Fredericton, £2,684. Oromocto and Charlotte, £1,753.

The Commissioners therefore recommend that the above mentioned sum of £18,000, be apportioned as follows:— Miramichi, £15,500. Fredericton, £1,700. Oromocto, & Charlotte, £800.

The losses on the Oromocto, and in the County of Charlotte, being all of the same class, namely, that of Farmers, are placed together for the convenience of distribution.

Although the Commissioners for the reasons stated, have adopted the amount of losses sustained by the five classes in that behalf above mentioned, as the basis of the calculation, upon which they have made their apportionment, they do not mean to recommend, that the other classes who have proved losses should be altogether excluded from the Charity. There will doubtless be found cases in all the classes, that are proper objects for relief. But as already suggested, they think that the particular distribution can only be made under your Excellency's directions by local Committees, who will have knowledge of the condition and circumstances of each individual, and will of course in every case take into account the particular amount of relief, that may have been already dispensed.

The Commissioners are clearly of opinion that of all the classes of sufferers, the Farmers or those who depended on the cultivation of the soil for support, are deserving of the most favorable consideration. Persons of this class beginning in the wilderness have accumulated their means under severe privations, by hard labor and slow degrees, and the fruit of years of patient industry, is swept away from them in an instant. They have now the same laborious process to go over again under circumstances of infinite disadvantage arising from the very devastation which has caused their ruin.

All which is respectfully submitted for your Excellency's consideration.

(Signed) WARD CHIPMAN, HARRY PETERS, RICHARD SIMONDS, THOS. H. PETERS, H. G. CLOPPER, Commissioners.

Fredericton, 24th June 1826.

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Arrangements of the Circuits for the present year.

Mr. Justice BLISS.—CHARLOTTE, 8th August. SUNBURY, 24th Oct. QUEENS, 31st Oct.

Mr. Justice BOTSFOED.—KINGS, 25th July. ST. JOHN, 22d, Aug.

Mr. Justice CHIPMAN.—WESTMORLAND, 12th September. NORTHUMBERLAND, 20th September.

CLERK'S OFFICE FREDERICTON, 18th July 1826.

A Special Session of the Peace is hereby Summoned to meet at the County Court House, tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

H. G. CLOPPER, Clerk of York.

TRINITY TERM, 17th July.

WILLIAM WILEY Esq. took the usual oaths, and was admitted and enrolled a Barrister of the Supreme Court of this Province.

There will be a Publick Examination of the Pupils attending the Grammar School, annexed to the College, on Monday the 24th Inst. at 10 o'clock, A. M. and of those of the English School, con-

nected with the Establishment, on Tuesday the 25th at the same hour, agreeably to the Regulations.

THE WEATHER.—We have had lately many refreshing showers, and some heavy rains—the fields in Fredericton, and its vicinity in consequence, bear a promising appearance. We are sorry to have occasion to add that the upper part of the Country has suffered materially, and is still suffering for want of rain—fields that formerly yielded an abundance of Grass, we are informed are so parched with the sun that not one third the quantity of their usual production will be gathered from them this season. Down the River, in Maugeville, Sheffield and Waterborough, there is every prospect of an abundant Harvest.

THE ARMY.—A detachment belonging to 81st. Regt. of Foot, embarked to Portsmouth, on the 18th ult. on board the Finbury transport, for Halifax.

HALIFAX, July 10.

Arrived yesterday, Transport Borodino. Portsmouth, 45 days, with 130 recruits to the 52d & 74th regiments; barque Perseus, Jackson from St. John's N. B. for England—put in to obtain medical aid for the Captain, who was taken ill on Wednesday last.

PASSENGERS. In the transport Borodino, Captains Godfrey & Blois, Lieut. Vereker, Bulter, and French, of the 52d. Regt. Lieut. Walpole, Rifle Brigade. Lt. Cripps, and Ensigns Pococke & Purcell, of the 74th Regt. Mr. Holmes, surgeon of the 81st. In the George Henry John Starr, Esq. In the Victory M. M'Aulay, and Capt. Rosignol.

LAUNCH.

Yesterday morning, agreeably to public announcement, the ship, built by the company of importing Merchants and intended to be established as a regular packet between Halifax and Liverpool, was launched at Dartmouth. The hour at which the tide answered was about 1/2 past 7 o'clock; and previous to this, during the whole morning, the team, ferry, and ship boats were all in requisition to carry across a multitude of young and old and gay and fair, who were anxious to witness a scene which is always animated and interesting. Before the appointed time the huge bulk stood firm, and giant-like, upon the spot on which she had been reared; her decks filled with the adventurous, and her masts garnished with flags. At the fitting moment, the signal was given and the gallant ship instantly began to move majestically down upon the ways, and gathering impetuosity as she receded, plunged furiously into the bosom of the waters which rose and danced around her as if in joy to hail a future subject of their empire. As she moved down the loud huzza was raised from point to point, which was increased and yet softened into melody by the martial music of a Regimental band, that had been provided for the occasion and was stationed on the opposite shore of the creek. She is called very appropriately, by the committee of Management, the "Atlantic"; may she off and prosperously swim across that waste of waters from which she derives her title! Her admeasurement is about 330 tons; her length on deck 104ft.; in breadth 27ft.; her keel is 91 feet, and the depth of her hold 18. 6. She is built of excellent materials; and her model and workmanship are said by competent judges to reflect great credit upon the builder, Mr. T. Lowden. As this is the first enterprise of the kind which has been completed in our harbor and was begun by way of experiment, we sincerely hope that the Atlantic will be the

fruitful mother of many daughters, and thus give promise to a long and extended lineage—Nova-Scotian.

MIRAMICHI, July 10.

On Tuesday last, between three and four o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. William Ledden's Store, at Strawberry March, was struck by lightning, and wholly consumed, with all the property it contained, which we regret to state was very considerable.

Subject as we are in this climate to frequent and heavy thunder storms, few persons, we believe, can recollect one more terrific than that which we are now recording, particularly at the moment the store was set on fire.

It is supposed that the electric fluid, passing through the roof, communicated instantaneously with the rüm, of which fifteen puncheons were laying in the lower part of the building, for such was the appalling rapidity of the flames, not even the books or money could be saved. The greater part of the property belonged to Messrs. Allen and Hill, who were both very serious sufferers by the fire last October.

Colonel Allen inspected the fourth Battalion Northumberland Militia, on Tuesday last, at Beaubair's Island; and was much pleased with its appearance and good conduct.

CANADA.—Quebec, June 12. Canada Agricultural prospects for 1826. It is now only nearly the middle of June, and yet the character of the tending crops is already in a great degree decided. Fodder of all kinds must be scarce; Grain may be good in quality, but will be deficient in quantity. There has been no rain since the first week in May, excepting partial showers at long intervals, and the heat has been excessive, the thermometer having been for several days in succession at the point of greatest summer heat above 90. Nelson's Gazette.

ALL persons having any just demands against the estate of Thomas Crane, late of this Parish, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested, within three months from this date; and all those indebted to said estate are desired to make immediate payment to MOSES CRANE, Administrator. St. Mary's 17th July 1826 3mp

EDUCATION.

MR. Jenkins, Master of the Queen's County Grammar School, respectfully informs the Public, that he has made arrangements for the accommodation of a few additional boarders.—Terms &c will be made known on application.—Gage-Town, 7th July 1826

CAUTION.—All persons are hereby Cautioned against purchasing a Note of hand, dated in 1821, and signed by JOHN TAPLEY, in favour of JOHN CROAKS, for £22: 16: 0 as the money has been paid. JOHN TAPLEY. Fredericton, 5th July, 1826.

ALL Persons having any just demand against the estate, of the Revd. F. Dibblee, late of Woodstock, deceased, are requested to present the same to either of the subscribers, within six months from this date, and those indebted to the said estate are desired to make immediate payment to.

JOHN DIBBLEE, Wm. S. I. DIBBLEE, Executors. 4th July 1826.

A lady, in passing through Hampsh. e last summer, observed the following notice on a board "Horses taken in to grass; long tails 3s 6d, short tails 2s." She asked the owner of the land the reason of the difference of price. He answered "You see ma'am the long tails can brush away the flies, but the short ones are so tormented by them, that they can hardly eat at all."

Advertisements omitted in this publication, will be inserted in the next.