

LONDON, May 4.

DREADFUL FIRE—FOUR LIVES LOST.

Often as it has been our task to record the lamentable effects of this devouring element, we have never witnessed a scene more awful than the one we are about to detail—not from the extensive loss of property, but the dreadful loss of lives, and the almost miraculous escape of others.

About one o'clock on Tuesday morning, a smoke was discovered by the watchman, issuing from the area of a house next door to the Wheat Sheaf, in Vere-street, Clare-market. The alarm was soon given, and prompt assistance was rendered by all the neighbours. The house was occupied by Mr. Cross, a broker, who had a family of three sons and daughters. These occupied the ground floor—on the second floor an Italian figure maker, named Giacomelli, his wife and two children—in the front attic resided a Mr. Elton, with his wife and three children; and in the back attic a Mr. Hawkins; in another part of the house there were some other lodgers making in the whole twenty-one persons. When the inmates of the house were first awakened, the whole premises were found to be filled with a dense smoke, which rendered escape from the front door almost impossible. Mr. Cross and his family all escaped, and one grown up daughter luckily escaped out of a back window into a small yard and from thence on a water butt, and was dragged over a wall to the house of Mr. Harrison, the Wheat Sheaf. The inmates upstairs finding all attempts to get out by going down stairs unavailing, proceeded to make efforts to get out at the top, by which means some escaped; but we regret to state that one man named Hawkins, two of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Elton (one a boy, Henry, about five years old, and Sarah, the daughter of Mr. Giacomelli, perished by suffocation. Hawkins was a man who sold pamphlets about the streets, and was well known in the neighbourhood. His corpse was found stretched under the bedstead, and near to him the sheets tide together, and also near to him the corpses of two of the children, who slept in the front room. Poor Giacomelli took his child up stairs, in the hope of escaping by a trap door, but his attempt failed, and he has to deplore its untimely end. The conduct of Elton appears to

have been very spirited and praise-worthy, and to have displayed great presence of mind. He lodged in the front attic, and on account of the smoke, he found it impossible to descend and escape by the street-door. He searched for the trap-door, but was unable to find it, and he then made a hole in the ceiling, through which he got upon the roof.—On going to the front of the house, he saw poor Giacomelli looking out of his (Elton's) window; and in absolute despair of obtaining any assistance, he was about to jump into the street, when Elton cheered him, told him to reach out his hand, of which he took hold, and drew him up out of the garret window upon the roof. Immediately afterwards Elton's wife came to the same window with an infant in her arms. Either through design or accident she dropped the infant, which fell into the street, and in all probability she would have resorted to that desperate mode of escape herself, had not her husband appeared, providentially, to save her from such a dreadful alternative, and rescued her in the same manner as he had just before saved Giacomelli. Elton then went to the hole he had made in the ceiling, with a view of saving his children; but the smoke rushed up, according to the statement of those present, in a dense mass, and prevented any further efforts on his part to save those who fell victims to the flames. Elton, his wife, and Giacomelli, all of whom were nearly naked, then passed over the roof of the adjoining house, and finally, escaped. The smoke seemed to have had such an overpowering effect upon Hawkins, that, when Giacomelli went through the aperture in the ceiling, Hawkins was seen to fall exhausted among the children.

There has been but one death of a male adult in the town of Newport since the 7th March last—in a population of 8000 inhabitants.—*Boston pa. 10th June*

STEWART & AITKEN.

CABINET MAKERS,

AND UPHOLSTERERS.

RESPECTFULLY inform the Gen- ty and other Inhabitants of Fredericton and its vicinity, that they have commenced business at that Shop next to the Store of Messrs. J. & G. E. Kerchum, where every article in their line, will be manufactured, in the neatest and most Fashionable manner, on the shortest notice, and most reasonable terms. Fredericton, 9th May 1826.

**J. B. JOHNSTON,**  
GRATEFUL for past favors, begs leave to inform his Friends and the Public, that he has removed to that

**NEW STORE**  
In Regent Street adjoining Messrs PETER'S Corner, and directly opposite Mr. GEORGE WOODS'S, where he has on hand an excellent assortment of  
**DRY GOODS,**  
Groceries, Spirits, Port and Madeira Wines.—All of which he will sell very cheap for Cash. Fredericton, 4th July, 1826.

**AUCTION.**

To be sold by Public Auction, On Tuesday the 26th day of Sept. next. At the Court-House, Newcastle, between the hours of 12 and 5, in the afternoon.  
All that well known and valuable tract of Land, situate on the South West branch of the Miramichi river, at and near Indian Town, commonly known by the name of the **ELM TREE TRACT**, presently the property of the Honorable **MICHAEL WALLACE**, of Halifax, N. S. The land will be Sold in Lots of one hundred Acres each, or such lots as may suit purchasers.  
The Terms of Sale and all other particulars relative to the premises will be made known on the day of Sale, or prior thereto, by applying to the Subscriber, or at the office of **J. A. Street, Esq.** Newcastle.  
**Thomas C. Allan.**  
Newcastle, 23d June, 1826.

WHEREAS the Subscribers, **Wm. Anderson** and **John Anderson**, on or about the first of September, 1826, gave a joint note of hand to **Andrew M'Crea** of the Parish of Kent, in the County of York, for fifteen pounds; which note the said M'Crea now refuses to give up, although he has received the full value thereof; We therefore caution all manner of Persons against purchasing the said note, as we have sufficient proof of his receiving the full value of the said note.  
**William Anderson,**  
**John Anderson,**  
Kent 29th June, 1826. 3-w-p

**NOTICE.**—The Subscriber is under the necessity of requesting all those who are indebted to him to make payment immediately. All accounts not settled in one month from this date, will then be put in the hands of an Attorney to collect.  
**JAMES CAMERON.**  
Fredericton, 6th June, 1826.

**I. HOOPER,**  
Book Binder, King Street

**SAINT JOHN,**  
INFORMS the Inhabitants of Fredericton, that he executes work in plain, neat, and elegant Bindings. Books left at the Royal Gazette Office in Fredericton, will be forwarded to him, and neatness and dispatch may be depended on.

**SAINT JOHN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE CAPITAL or STOCK of the **Saint John Marine Insurance Company** having been paid by the Stockholders agreeably to the Act of Incorporation, The PRESIDENT & DIRECTORS do therefore give notice, that they have commenced the business of the said Company.  
Orders for Insurance, with a full description of the risk, to be addressed to the President of the Saint John Marine Insurance Company. **N. MERRITT, President.**  
St. John, April 26, 1825.

The Royal Gazette Office is removed to Queen Street, over Mr. Ezekiel Stool's Store.

THE Co-partnership heretofore carried on by the Subscribers under the Firm of **John & Alexander Goodfellow**, having been dissolved by mutual consent on the 31st day of December 1823.  
All persons having any demands on the FIRM up to that date, will please to send in their accounts for adjustment, and all those indebted to said Co-partnership, are requested to make immediate payment to **ALEXANDER GOODFELLOW**, who is duly authorized to receive the same.  
**John Goodfellow.**  
**Alexander Goodfellow.**  
Newcastle, 18th January 1826.

**NOTICE.**

ALL Persons are hereby cautioned against trespassing upon Lot No. 16, in the Grant to the Guides and Pioneers on the Madam Keswick belonging to the Heirs of Henry Staples late of the Island of Jamaica, Mariner, deceased; and also upon Lots No. 14 and 17 in the same Grant; undivided parts in each of which last mentioned lots belong to the same heirs:—And notice is hereby given, that in the event of any trespass being committed upon the same lots, all measures warranted by Law will be used to bring the offenders to justice.  
**R. T. EDGHILL,** for himself and the Heirs of the late Henry Staples.  
22d May 1826.

WHEREAS my wife **Betsy** has left my bed and board and has gone to some other part of the Province with a man by the name of **Edward Phelan**: I therefore hereby caution all Persons against harboring and trusting her or my account for I will pay no debts of her contracting.  
**CHARLES GALLAGHER.**  
Parish of Douglas 6th June 1826.

**THE SUBSCRIBER**

RETURNS his sincere thanks to the public in general for past favours, and begs leave to inform them, that he has removed to that House formerly occupied by the Hon. Judge Bliss near the Provincial Building, where he hopes that the arrangements he has made for the accommodation of Travellers, will meet with a continuance of that encouragement, which has prompted him to spare no expence or personal exertion in rendering his Hotel worthy of Public Patronage.  
**W. MILLER.**

**N. B. Passengers** arriving in the Steam Boat, may have their luggage attended to, and conveyed carefully to the Hotel.

Excellent Stabling for Horses. Fredericton, May 11, 1826.

**FOR SALE.** A Farm on Keswick Creek, containing 200 Acres, about fourteen of which is cleared, and cuts two tons of Hay. Application to be made to **Mr. B. Carroll**, Fredericton, or at Keswick Ridge to the Proprietor.  
**W. H. B. ADAIR.**  
6th June 1826.

**NOTICE.**

WHEREAS the Boom at the mouth of the Resto k having been carried away by the fishes, a quantity of Pine Logs and Timber, marked **DH** are at this time scattered along the main River. A due compensation will be paid to persons taking the trouble to pick up and restore the same to the subscriber here, or to **Gilbert Jordan**, St. John.

**ROBERT EGGAR.**  
Fredericton, 9th May 1826.

**Dissolution of Co-Partnership.**

THE business hitherto carried on here under the firm of **Mackintosh & Sutherland**, was this day dissolved by mutual consent. For the future the business will be carried on under the Firm of **Hector & Joseph Sutherland**, who have purchased the Stock of the late Firm, and who will settle all the debts owing by and to the late firm of **MACKINTOSH and SUTHERLAND.**  
**Donald Mackintosh.**  
**Hector Sutherland.**  
Fredericton, Jan. 2, 1826.

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