

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 fire, 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 £8000 is a proper sum for immediate distribution, and that the remainder of the Funds on hand, together with any other monies that may be hereafter 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 in 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 the basis of their apportionment—and these classes are, *Farmer, 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 £7800 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 £1800 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, £103,068. Fredericton, £10,687. Oromocto and Charlotte, £6608.

*Amount of relief already received in the District.*

Miramichi, £4800. Fredericton, £934. Oromocto and Charlotte, £953.

*Amount now allotted.*  
Miramichi, £15500. Fredericton, £1700. Oromocto and Charlotte, £800.

#### Total of Relief.

Miramichi, £27300. Fredericton, £2684. Oromocto and Charlotte, £1753.  
The Commissioners therefore recommend that the above mentioned sum of £28,000, be apportioned as follows:—  
Miramichi, £15500  
Fredericton, £1700  
Oromocto, & Charlotte, £800

£18,000

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 loss 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.

#### P. S. to the Gazette.

[In Council, 16th May, 1826]  
SAMUEL PROUDFOOT HURD, Esq. having been nominated a Member of the Council, attended this day, and took the usual Oaths.

[3d July, 1826]  
The Right Reverend the LORD BISHOP, of Nova Scotia, having been appointed by His Majesty, a Member of the Council, to take his seat next after the President for the time being, attended this day, and took the usual Oaths.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to appoint JOHN HAZEN, jun. Esq. Surrogate and Judge of Probates in and for the County of Sunbury.

His Excellency has also been pleased to appoint JOHN HAZEN, jun. Esq. one of the Justices of the Common Pleas, for the County of Sunbury, and CUSH HATHAWAY and NATHANIEL HUBBARD, Justices for said County.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Family left this place on Wednesday morning last in His Excellency's Yacht for St. John. As soon as the Yacht got un-

der weigh, a salute was fired by the Royal Artillery who were stationed near the place of embarkation for that purpose. His Excellency arrived in St. John on the Friday following, and the next morning embarked on board H. M. S. NEWMEN, Capt. Wallace for Halifax.

On Sunday last an Ordination was held in Christ Church, by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, when the Rev. GILBERT LESTER WIGGINS, A. B. Missionary for Westfield and Greenwich, was admitted to the Holy Order of Priests, and Mr. GEO. MC CAWLEY, A. M. Rector of the Collegiate Grammar School of this place—and Mr. ALEX. CARNEGIE SOMERVILLE, A. M. were Ordained Deacons. His Lordship preached a most fluent and appropriate discourse for the occasion from the latter part of 28th Chapter Saint Matthew's Gospel, "Lo I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." Immediately after Divine Service, His Lordship proceeded to consecrate a piece of ground in the neighbourhood of the Alms-House, as a place of burial. On Monday His Lordship attended by the Archdeacon, left Fredericton, proposing to accompany his family in the Steam Boat as far as Bellemont, and to proceed thence by land, consecrating all the Churches on both sides of the River, and administering the Holy rite of confirmation to all such as should be prepared to receive it.

CAUTION.—One eighth of Doubloons, of a base sort, are in circulation. They have a bad finish, appear to have been cast in a mould made of soft materials. The public are desired to examine them strictly; they weigh about one penny weight, eighteen grains; Aqua Fortis, does not at all effect them, they break with a slight pressure.

#### Saint John, July 1.

Arrived, yesterday, His Majesty's ship Niemen, 28 guns, Captain Wallis from Halifax, with specie for Government, and provisions for His Majesty's brig Donerell.

By this arrival we learn that the brig Trusty had arrived at Halifax, direct from India, and brought accounts of the surrender of the important fortress of Bhurtpore, after a hard struggle, in which many lives were lost. It is said Lord Combermere's share of prize money will amount to 30,000*l*.

Upwards of 1550 Emigrants have arrived in this City since the 30th April, many of whom are in a very distressed condition.

The steam boat St. John has discontinued running from this port to Digby and Annapolis, for the present. We understand she will ply twice a week between this place and Eastport.

MELANCHOLY!—On Wednesday evening last, while in the act of Bathing in company with other young lads, GEORGE FEAREBY, a promising youth 16 years of age, was unfortunately drowned, owing, it is generally supposed to having taken a fit of the cramp. His body was found the same evening and interred yesterday.

DIED] on Monday evening last, after a few hours illness, JAMES POTTER, Esquire, Merchant of this City, in the 62d year of his age. In announcing this melancholy event we deeply sympathize with his wife and numerous friends in the great loss they have sustained. He was one of this country's earliest settlers, and universally respected. His remains were interred on Thursday, respectfully attended.

At the house of Mr. E. Cameron in this City, on Monday last, Mr. GEORGE MCCOY, in the 25th year of his age—formerly a resident in Boston.

At Hampton, King's County, last evening, after a long and severe illness, in the 43d year of his age, Mr. JOSEPH FOWLER, leaving a wife and ten children to lament his loss.

#### HALIFAX, June 21.

Colonial Trade important. By the last Packet a gentleman in town received a letter from John Bainbridge Esq. of London, in which he expresses his regret, that he is

unable before the sailing of the Packet, to obtain and transmit to him the copy of a bill then pending in parliament, to alter several of the duties imposed by the New Colonial Act. The only specific alteration he mentions, is one of the highest importance, viz. to admit Foreign Flour into these and the West India Colonies upon the payment of 1*s*. per barrel, in place of the present duty of 5*s*. sterling. If this alteration be effected, the fate of the Agricultural interests of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Canadas will be deeply affected. With the present protecting duty, our farmers can scarcely compete with the American—but if this be removed, farewell to future competition both at home and abroad, farewell to agricultural improvement, farewell to our bright and fondly-cherished hopes. Now that the value of our Agriculture is fully understood, we feel assured, that this question will be contemplated in a just light, and that the above information will be received with the regret which we feel and express in communicating it. *Nova-scotian*.

#### War Office, May 19

52d Regiment—C. F. Norton, gent. to be Ensign, by purchase vice Campbell, promoted.

Unattached.—The under-mentioned Officers having brevet rank superior to their regimental commissions, have accepted promotion upon half pay, according to the general order of the 25th April, 1826:—Brevet Lieut. Col. W. Rowan, from the 52d Foot; Brevet Lieut. Col. H. G. M-Leod, from the 52d Foot—to be Majors of Infantry, by purchase.

Curious Circumstance.—The brig Medusa, Captain Aspoli, of Jersey, while on the passage from Lagaira to this port, lost a portion of her spars and sails in a thunder storm, during which the electric fluid destroyed the magnetic power of the compasses on board, two of which were on deck and two in the cabin. Mr. C. Jones, the optician, has examined the compasses and finds they have entirely lost their attractive powers.

Returns have been printed by order of the House of Commons, showing the number of officers of the army of each rank on full and half pay, respectively on the 25th of March, 1822 and 1826; the general result is as follows:—

	1822.	1826.
No. of officers on full pay,	5379	6173
On half-pay,	8342	7666
The estimated charge of army half-pay was, in 1822, £758,888, and in 1826 £715,432, being on an average only about £98 per annum, or rather more than 5 <i>s</i> a day each unemployed officer.		

It was expected that Parliament would be dissolved on the 1st of June.

The Lady of Sir Walter Scott died at Abbotsford on the 14th.

Brussels papers of the 8th May, announce that Lord Cochrane has left that capital on his way to Greece.

The Frankfort papers, up to the 11th inst. contain a remarkable account of the sudden changes in the weather which have been experienced there, and of a storm, in which a single flash of lightning destroyed an entire flock of sheep, 170 in number, without injuring the shepherd or his dog, who were with them.

The Marquis of Salisbury and Lord Beresford, as directors of the late fancy ball at Covent Garden Theatre, have paid £3000 to the committee for the relief of the Spitalfields weavers, being the amount of the receipts on that occasion.