

for if I allow you to grow up, you will some day or other turn me into ridicule." On the 18th of June last, Fort was accosted by a woman, to whom he said, "I am determined to kill all the people of Querroy." "And why?" said the female. "Because they are too thick, and want thinning; some are too honest; but they have caused me to kill my mother!"—"Your mother!"—"Yes; I have killed her, but I will put her into a coffin, and bury her myself."

On the following afternoon another woman, who lived near the house of the prisoner's mother, saw him enter the garden with a spade, mark out a grave, and begin to dig. She asked him what he was going to do? "I am digging a grave for my mother," said he, "for I have killed her; and if you don't believe it, go into the house and see."—During the night he continued to dig. The woman and her husband rose at midnight, and called him to go to bed.—He replied coldly, "Go to bed yourselves, I am not working on your property."

When they went to apprehend him, he was found lying in the grave fast asleep. Being awakened, and asked what he was doing, he said, "I am digging a grave for my mother, whom I have killed," at the same time shewing the instrument with which he had destroyed her.

On entering the house, the mother was found murdered in her chair. Fort followed, and began to prepare her for interment. He was suffered to do this, and in a few hours he made a complete shroud. He was then taken to prison, and soon afterwards put upon his trial.

The Mayor, and several persons who had known him for years, swore that they never witnessed in him any act of insanity. The physician of the place, and other medical men, gave similar testimony. He acknowledged the murder; said he could die but once; and if found guilty, ten days (making a sign to imitate the falling of the guillotine,) would end every thing. The Jury acquitted him, on the ground that at the time of the murder he was suffering under mental aberration.

**Colonial.**

[FROM THE UPPER CANADA GAZETTE.]

To HIS EXCELLENCY SIR PEREGRINE MAITLAND, K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY, We His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the undersigned, Clergy, Magistrates, and other Inhabitants of the District of Gore, understanding that your Excellency is about to retire from the Government of this Province, are desirous—previous to your departure—to offer our congratulations upon His Majesty's increased confidence in your Excellency, in promoting you to a situation next to the General Government of the British North American Colonies; and to express to you the high sense which we entertain of your Excellency's conduct as Lieutenant Governor of this Province, which has been blessed with so many marks of the fostering hand of the Parent State since your Excellency has presided over it.

We have hailed with grateful feelings the beneficence of the best of Sovereigns in the various imperial grants so auspiciously made to secure to us and to our posterity, the proud advantages of British Subjects, as well for the purpose of fortifying our frontiers as for opening and improving our internal communications: in which we recognize your Excellency's favourable representations to His Majesty's Government, on those subjects so intimately connected with the true welfare of this Province.

We are not unmindful of the great improvement in this Province since your Excellency's Administration of its Government, in laying open to actual settlement, so many Townships, which were previously in a state of nature, and in which we now enumerate so many fellow subjects from the Mother Country.

We are also sensible that your Excellency's Administration has always been marked with that mildness which Religion and Virtue inculcate; and we are satisfied that it has been your Excellency's constant desire to administer equal and impartial justice alike to all His Majesty's Subjects.

We beg to offer you our assurances of unfeigned respect, not only as the Representative of our beloved Sovereign, but as a Soldier and a Christian; and to ady Sarah Maitland, whose exemplary piety and

domestic virtues command our highest admiration; and wherever your Excellency and family's lot may be cast, our best wishes are, that you may enjoy happiness and prosperity.

**SACKVILLE CHURCH, N. S.**

On Sunday, 10th inst. just as the congregation were assembling, the Sackville Church was found to be in flames, and in spite of every effort to save the building, it was shortly burned to the ground. A meeting was held on Monday last, at the house of Mr. Wm. Fultz, when Wm. Fultz, John Hamilton and Francis Robinson, were appointed a Committee to solicit subscriptions in aid of the erection of another building—40l. was subscribed on the spot, and the following Resolutions adopted:—

"Inasmuch as the means of the Inhabitants of this Parish are slender, and they should be utterly unable of themselves to repair the sad calamity which they deplore, it is further Resolved that aid should be solicited from the English "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts" to which Association this Parish acknowledges itself, in common with the whole of these Provinces, to be already under deep and lasting obligations.

"It is trusted, however, that its present calamitous visitation, may be thought to furnish a further claim upon that excellent Society's acknowledged bounty. It is therefore agreed that their Spiritual Father, the Right Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese, of whose affectionate anxiety for their welfare they are well assured, be waited upon by a Deputation from the Parish, and respectfully requested to represent their destitute condition, and their humble suit, to that venerable Society. That the Board however of that Society may be fully assured, that they are worthy objects of its munificence, and that they duly estimate the advantages which they have lost, it is determined that before such application be made, they do individually and collectively exert themselves to the very utmost of their ability; and that they do give every publicity to their misfortune, within the Province of Nova Scotia, that those who duly value the ordinances of our most holy faith, may have opportunity of assisting towards the re-establishment of this Parish in the privilege of an "House of Prayer," of which it has thus suddenly been deprived. Agreed, therefore, that the friends of the Church, and of the rising generation, be most earnestly solicited to assist this Parish by their contributions; and that those who have not the ability thus to help them, be urged to remember them in their supplication to the throne of grace, and to entreat for them; that they, their children, and their servants, may again be permitted to tread the courts of the Lord's House, and to rejoice in the due and decent administration of God's holy word and sacraments.

**MYSTERIOUS DISPENSATION.**

From the Prince Edward Island Register, Nov. 4. The disastrous incidents so circumstantially detailed below, came to our knowledge through the medium of a Newfoundland paper. Not having heard of them before, we were at first disposed to question the accuracy of the detail, but on setting an inquiry on foot, we have but too much reason to believe it to be substantially correct. It is certainly a little extraordinary that no investigation took place at the time.—It may not yet be too late.

(From the Newfoundland Gazette.)

The following extract of a letter from P. E. Island, giving an account of the sudden and extraordinary death, in succession, of a family of three children, will be read with painful interest:—

"East Point, P. E. Island.

4th September, 1828.

"A most mysterious and distressing occurrence has lately taken place in this neighbourhood, which has excited a great sensation, and of which the following is a rough, but correct, sketch:—On the 23rd of August, Mr. Donald M'Donald, of West River, with his wife, went to work in a field near the house, leaving their infant, about a year old, in apparent good health, to the care of a servant girl, who very shortly afterwards called them in when they found their babe lying a lifeless corpse!—the girl stating that it had suddenly expired, without any visible cause.—It was buried on the 25th. On the 26th, M'Donald and his wife again went to their employ, leaving their eldest child, an interesting girl of about 6 years of age, alone in the house; when, a short time after, the servant woman having occasion to go in, discovered it stretched inanimate on the floor—the spark of life having for ever fled!

—in this situation it was found by its distressed parents, who had been immediately summoned by the girl to view the heart-rending spectacle.—The child's remains were interred on the following day, the 27th. On the 29th the father and mother again went to their harvest work, taking with them their only remaining child, about 3 years old, who continued to play about the field for some time; but the girl being sent off to herd the cattle, took the child with her,—and if their cup of misery was not before full, it was now completed, by the servant shortly afterwards returning, and informing its unhappy parents, that as soon as she had entered the house, the child dropped its head on her shoulder, and instantly expired.—The next day, Saturday the 30th, it was buried.—The whole being interred in the Burial Ground here, adjoining the Lake. Thus have the whole of this infant family been cut off, by sudden death, and consigned to the grave, within one short week!—without the wretched parents having had even the melancholy satisfaction of receiving the last sigh, or witnessing the expiring struggle, of either of their offspring. They appear, as may naturally be expected, inconsolable for their loss:—but strange as might seem, no Surgeon was sent to open either of the bodies, nor any Coroner's Inquest held, to investigate the cause which led to this mysterious and awfully sudden deprivation of life."

**BRICK HOUSE**

NEAR THE PROVINCE BUILDING

THE Subscriber offers for Sale a valuable assortment of British Merchandise newly imported, together with a general stock of East and West India Produce, and Provisions. The highest prices will be given for all kinds of Country Produce, in exchange for the above.

JOHN SIMPSON,

Fredericton, Oct. 26, 1828.

**TO BE SOLD**

Or to Lease for a term of years,

A VALUABLE Farm in the Parish of Wakefield, on which are about 80 Acres cleared; a comfortable Dwelling House and a large Barn.

POSSESSION will be given early next Spring; for further particulars apply on the premises, to

JOHN D. GAULT.

Fredericton, August 9, 1828.

**FOR SALE,**

THAT well known establishment, in the Parish of Fredericton, known by the name of the Golden Ball, or Barristers Inn, now in possession of Benjamin Creighton. The above property will be offered with or without the Furniture at Private Sale, until the 24th day of December next; and then, if not previously disposed of, will be offered on the premises at Public Auction. The Sale to commence at 11 o'clock. For particulars, please to apply either to James Miles, or Jedediah Slason. Fredericton, Oct. 14, 1828.

ALL Persons indebted to the SAINT GEORGE Steam Boat, are requested to make immediate payment to the Subscriber, who is now directed by the Proprietors of said Boat to place all unsettled Notes and Accounts in the hands of an Attorney to collect.

JAMES SEGEE.

Fredericton, April 8, 1828.

**HOUSE & ORNAMENTAL PAINTING, GILDING, GLAZING, and PAPER HANGING**

THE Subscriber begs leave to inform the public that he has a very convenient Paint Shop in the House formerly occupied by Mr. Howden, where he will be enabled to Execute all kind of Ornamental Painting, Stages, Sleds, Signs, and Headboards lettered, Pictures and Maps Varnished, frames Gilded, &c., at the shortest notice, and on the most reasonable terms.

Also has for sale Linseed Oil, and White Lead. Fredericton, Nov. 17, 1828.

L. WARREN.

THE Glebe Rentshaving become due on the 24th March last, it is requested they be forthwith paid into the hands of Jedediah Slason, Esquire.

GEORGE BEST, Rector.

Fredericton, April 8, 1828.

ALL persons who have unsettled Accounts, and are indebted to the Subscriber, will please to call and settle them satisfactorily, or they will be put into the hands of an Attorney to collect without discrimination.

Fredericton, April 22, 1828.

JEDEDIAH SLASON.