

Sir,—your declared intention to suppress the discussion which I had just commenced in your paper, appears to be at variance with the conditions of your prospectus; and on further consideration I trust you will be induced to change your mind.

The bill for the better observance of the Lord's Day was, during the last Session of the Legislature, passed unanimously by the House of Assembly, but not concurred in by the Legislative Council. It is therefore one of those very subjects upon which the public have a right to receive information, through the columns of the Sentinel; it being one of the avowed objects for which that paper was established, to admit a free and fair investigation of all Legislative proceedings.

When the said Bill was before the House, it appeared in debate, that although the members were unanimous in passing it, yet they differed in their views with regard to the nature of the obligation to observe the day, and also with regard to the extent of such observance. Upon this the Rev. Mr. Birkmyre by public advertisement, and also by several announcements from the pulpit, gave notice that he should deliver a public discourse on the subject; which he accordingly did to a very large assembly. In this discourse he particularly alluded to the proceedings of the Legislature, and was somewhat severe on a member of the House of Commons, whose views had been quoted in debate. This discourse has since been published, and in pamphlet form is now fully before the people of this Province.

While these proceedings were in progress, I wrote two articles, especially called for by a writer in the "Chronicle"; but unfortunately, although my sentiments agree with many eminent members of the House of Commons, who voted in the majority on the rejection of Sir Andrew Agnew's Bill, they do not happen to coincide with those of Mr. Birkmyre. As he however had urged all that eloquence and zeal could furnish on the one side of this important question, I did hope, and still do hope, to be allowed, briefly, to lay before your readers, the opinions of Messrs. Potter, Poulter, Roebuck, Gisborne, Evans, Phillips, O'Connell, Lord Morpeth, Sir E. L. Bulwer, Sir R. Ferguson, Sir M. W. Rieley and others in the House of Commons, and perhaps those of Martin Luther, Paley, Blair and some other eminent Divines. The truism, that "nothing is gained by concealment," is as applicable to this, as to any other Legislative question. Every matter publicly brought forward, for the purpose of being made part and parcel of the Law of the land, to which all the people are bound to yield obedience, is not only entitled to free discussion in the Halls of Legislation, but also to a full and fair investigation in the public journals of the country.

I agree with the Rev. Mr. Birkmyre, that a common secular Newspaper is not a proper place wherein to carry on a theological discussion; but surely that Rev. Gentleman's objection ought not to apply to the merits of any Bill, publicly brought forward as a Legislative enactment; nor ought it to be refused the courtesy of a reply to his communication, the more especially as I never engaged with him as an opponent, and in consideration also of his views, couched in the most eloquent and energetic language, being already so fully before the country.

I hope therefore, Mr. Ward, that you will not refuse this hurried note a place in your paper; and that you will, after all, allow me to continue the discussion.

Your's &c.
JUSTIN.

May 1st, 1840.

THE SENTINEL.

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1840.

We have made copious extracts from London papers by the Great Western, which are to the 15th April. It will be seen that the attempt to pass another resolution expressive of want of confidence in Her Majesty's present advisers, had been lost; the majority, including the absentees on both sides, being 21.

The Bill recently passed for disposing of the clergy reserves in Upper Canada, will not, it is probable, receive the royal assent, the Colonial Legislature having exceeded its powers. This must be a cause of regret, to those who hoped that the measure would be productive of the settlement of a vexatious question. But as no such effect would probably have resulted, the expectation may now be indulged, that a decision will ultimately be arrived at, more consonant with the enlightened spirit of the age, and the wishes of a vast majority of the inhabitants of these Provinces.

OROMOTO.—We were at the mouth of the Oromoto River during the present week; and are glad to find the bridge across that stream is rapidly advancing towards completion, the last pile having been driven on Tuesday. It is proposed to extend a causeway across the interval on this side the river, tenders for which are advertised in this day's Sentinel.

The scenery about the mouth of the Oromoto is of the most delightful kind; and it has long been a source of regret that there has not been a comfortable house of entertainment, for travellers or persons desirous of partaking of a day's recreation;—the distance from Fredericton being only twelve miles.

We are much gratified therefore in being able to state, that in addition to an hotel which will probably be erected, the public can be entertained at the house of Mr. George Nevers, in the most comfortable manner. Those who may be disposed to avail themselves of a little rural enjoyment, can either drive down in their carriages, or take the morning's steam boat, which will land them at the Oromoto at half-past eight, in time for breakfast; they may take an early dinner, and leave there at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and be home by half-past six;—in time for tea.

We are authorised to state, that Mrs. Nevers is well furnished, the grounds about it and the views are delightful; and we trust she will meet with sufficient public patronage, to induce her to continue her exertions in their behalf.

LIBERTY OF THE PRESS.—There seems to be no subject, about which greater misapprehension prevails, than the above; and some publishers of papers in this and the neighboring Province seem very generally to imagine, that it embraces the right of attacking private character, and assailing individuals of whatever standing, with the grossest misrepresentation and personal scurrility.

In the discharge of that duty, which every Journalist owes the public, we some time since cautioned them against a person, who was then passing thro' these Provinces, deceiving and swindling their inhabitants; who in return inserted a false and malignant libel against us, in the Acadian Recorder, published at Halifax; the Printers of which Journal, have recently been cast in an action, which we brought against them in consequence of that publication; and a Special Jury have given a verdict of £40,—which with costs of suit, will inflict upon them a penalty of probably One Hundred Pounds.

In bringing that action, our object was not

the obtaining any pecuniary advantage; and at a very early stage of the proceeding, we requested the gentleman who acted as our counsel, to meet any tender of accommodation with a proposal, that the publishers of the Recorder should publicly apologise for their conduct, and pay about the same amount which the Jury have since assessed, to the charitable institutions of the place. This however was not done, the action proceeded, and the court and jury have performed their duty.

We shall publish the trial in our next, as it will have appeared in the Nova Scotian of Thursday; and should have felt it unnecessary to make any remark, were it not that the printers of the Recorder and others of similar principle, are endeavoring to create an impression, that the liberty and proper freedom of the Press has been assailed; which is not the case.

Since the proceedings of the Legislature in the case of the Chronicle libel was commenced, we have heard a deal of wincing and whining upon that score; and cannot wonder if the parties implicated, do not feel quite so secure as before, now that a Jury in Nova Scotia have faithfully performed their duty. It were time that some measures were adopted to check a vulgar and growing evil; and we know of no better plan than appealing to the laws of the country, whenever public or private character is wantonly or vindictively assailed.

In our advertising columns will be found the notice of a course of Lectures, which will be delivered in this town during this and the evenings of Monday and Tuesday next. We understand they are well worthy of public attention, and will afford an evening's entertainment of a superior and intellectual description. The transparent Paintings in elucidation of the Lectures, will be varied on the different evenings; and must doubtless add much to the interest of a Lecture, which is in itself highly interesting.

The first steamer, which is to ply between Pictou and Quebec was to leave England yesterday, in which the Hon. S. CUNARD will be passenger. The steam packets that are to ply between England and Nova Scotia are to commence running on the 15th June, and Mr. CUNARD anticipates that they will make the passage in 10 days, and in 26 hours from Boston to Halifax.

Bangor, May 11.

The Augusta Age of last week stated that it learnt from "correct sources" that the "U. S. troops, heretofore understood to have been ordered to Houlton, are in fact ordered to the Disputed Territory," and added that "this movement was just to Maine."

Can the Age inform us whether the order is to be carried into execution, or whether it has been countermanded? And if countermanded whether "such a movement" is just to Maine?

The brewers of Albany commenced a suit several years since against E. C. Delavan for several articles published in the Temperance Recorder, which stated that the ingredients used in the manufacture of beer were so offensive, that the article was not a fit drink for any decent being. The trial took place at Albany last week. The cause turned on the truth of an article published by the defendant in February 1835, charging the plaintiff and others with the use, for several years, of filthy and impure water in malting. And the jury returned a verdict for the defendant with costs.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

AMICUS has been received, and will appear next week.

We have inserted the communication of JUSTIN. When we stated that it was our design not to insert any further communications upon the subject under consideration, we supposed that he had no intention of continuing the controversy. It is far from our wish to prevent free discussion, particularly where a question is connected with the proceedings of the Legislature; altho' in the present instance we can see no good purpose that will be answered by continuing it.

We have to request that those of our subscribers in Fredericton and its vicinity, who are in arrears for the Sentinel, make payment without further delay; and those in more distant places by any opportunity that offers. We shall call upon those between this and New Castle personally between the 18th and 30th of this month, and trust they will be prepared to meet our demands May 9.

BRIDGE WORK

THE SUBSCRIBERS will attend at Timothy Kehoe's Tavern, at the mouth of the Oromoto, on Tuesday the 2nd of June, at 3 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of selling by Auction the

APPROACHES

to the Bridge, now in course of erection over the Oromoto. The work to be completed by the first day of April, 1841.

Good Security required for the performance of the Work. Plan and Specification of the whole to be seen, and information may be had, on application at the Store of Scoullar & Partelow.

HARRY PETERS, WM. SCOULLAR, Commissioners.

Fredericton, May 13, 1840.

CAUTION.

ALL Persons are hereby forbid purchasing a note of hand drawn by the subscriber in favour of S. WOOD for £21, dated 8th May 1840. The same having been lost or mislaid.

THEO. R. ESTEY.

Fredericton 15th May, 1840.

GARDEN SEEDS.

THE Subscriber has just received an assortment of FRESH GARDEN and FLOWER SEEDS; also a few of the

ROHAN POTATOES,

which he offers for sale.

HENRY JACKSON.

Steamboat Wharf, Fredericton.

N. B. The above POTATOES are celebrated for producing abundant crops, nearly two hundred for one,—Price 6d. each, or 2 dollars per peck.

May 16.

FOR SALE.

THE HOUSE belonging to the subscriber in Queen Street nearly opposite the CENTRAL BANK, or the UPPER PART will be let for a term of years at a moderate rate.

A respectable TENANT is wanted for a FARM on the river St. John, about 25 miles above Fredericton, on which there is about 50 acres under cultivation,

JAMES WILLOX.

Fredericton, May, 1840.

Oranges, Lemons, &c.

GRAPES, Raisins, Nuts, Licorice, Almonds, &c. &c.—the balance of the cargo of Brig "Notion," from Messina and Gibraltar for Sale cheap by

JAS. MALCOLM.

St. John, April 25, 1840.

The Rev. Mr. Munger

RESPECTFULLY informs the Inhabitants of FREDERICTON and vicinity, that he will on the evenings of SATURDAY, MONDAY and TUESDAY the 16th, 18th and 19th inst. deliver a COURSE of LECTURES at the hall in Messrs. BECKWITH'S NEW STORE, on the History of

ANCIENT JERUSALEM,

and JEWISH ANTIQUITIES; illustrated with more than Fifty splendid TRANSPARENT PAINTINGS; Representing various VIEWS and SCENES, connected with the history of this once interesting and Magnificent City. Among which will be found PLANS, and VIEWS, of the Ancient and Modern Cities—of Solomon's and Herod's Temples, and the TABERNACLE in the WILDERNESS, with their Significant and costly Furniture—and many of the deeply interesting Scenes in the History of Christ; and lastly, a VIEW of the

DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM,

by TITUS and the Roman Army; the City and Temple on Fire, and the JEWS carried away captives by their Conquerors.

Lectures to commence at 8 o'clock.

Tickets for the COURSE four shillings, Single Lecture 1s. 9d. children half price. To be had at Mr. BEEK'S Book Store, and at the Stores of Mr. HENRY FISHER, and Mr. HALE.

Fredericton, May 16.

Tuscan Straw Bonnets.

THE Subscriber has received a large supply of Ladies' and children's Tuscan, Rutland, and Straw BONNETS, of various qualities, and patterns, which will be found worthy of attention by purchasers.

HENRY FISHER, Jr.

Fredericton, May 16.

FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

At a Meeting of the above Society held the 22d day of April 1840. It was Resolved that the following Premiums be offered for the present Year.

- For the earliest Cucumber, not less than 4oz weight 5s.
the earliest Peas, not less than a peck 5s.
the earliest and best Cauliflower 5s.
the heaviest and best do during the season 5s.
the best Melon 5s.
the best crop of Onions, not less than half bushel 10s.
the best six heads Savoy Cabbage 10s.
the best Strawberries, not less than one pint 5s.
the best Gooseberries, not less than one quart 10s.
the best crop Potatoes on a square rod 10s.
the largest Beets, not less than twenty-four 5s.
the largest Carrots do do 5s.
the heaviest head of Cabbage 10s.
the best show of Tulips 10s.
the best variety of Hyacinths, not less than ten 10s.
the best variety of Garden Roses 5s.
the best variety of Carnations 5s.
the best Seedling Carnation to be a new variety 5s.
the best variety of Dahlias 5s.
the best Seedling Dahlia of this years growth to be a new variety 10s.
the best variety of Annuals 10s.
the best show of double Balsams 10s.
the best collection of Native Flowers 10s.
the best Seedling Geranium, to be a new variety 5s.
the best collection of Flowering Shrubs 10s.
the best Bouquet at each exhibition second best do do 10s.
third best do do 10s.
the best remedy for preserving Rose bushes from the ravages of the green worm 20s.
the best conducted private Garden 20s.
the second best do 10s.
the best collection and botanical classification of National Flowers and Shrubs, A Gold Medal, value a Sovereign
The exhibitors of Vegetables, Fruits and Flowers to describe the mode of cultivation in every instance.
GEORGE LEE, Jnr. Secretary & Treasurer.

POTS, CAMP-OVENS, &c.

The Subscriber is now landing ex Barque Clutha, from Glasgow:

- 600 POTS, assorted, from one-half to 25 gallons;
270 OVENS and COVERS, from 10 to 17 in.;
210 Steak Pans, with handles, from 10 to 16 in.;
6 BOILERS, from 30 to 40 gallons;
100 TEA-KETTLES, from 0 to 4;
40 Half-Register GRATES, from 24 to 36 in.;
20 Whole do do, from 32 to 40 in.;
20 do do, do. Bronzed, from 32 to 40 inches.

WILLIAM CARVILL.

St John, April 25.

LANDING.

EX "BRITISH QUEEN" FROM LONDON.

- 4 Puns, 26 Hhds. best old Cognac BRANDY
12 Hhds. best P A L E G E N E V A,
4 Pipes, hhd. and gr. CASKS Tenerife,
3 Pipes, Marsella WINE of superior quality;
Hhds. C L A R E T,
15 Hhds. Brown Stout, Porter, and P A L E A L E,
8 Cases CHIDDER CHEESE,
3 Boxes S P E R M C A N D L E S,
25 Do. Mould do,
50 Do. Dip do. 8's, 10's, & 's,
56 Do. best LONDON S O A P.

AND ON CONSIGNMENT.

- 8 Pipes,
15 Hhds. } MARSELLA WINE,
25 Qr. Casks, }
200 doz. D. B. Stout, } In Casks of 4 doz.
200 do. London Porter, } each.
200 do. Liverpool Ale, }
500 Kegs Painters' Colors.

For sale low from the Wharf, by

W. H. STREET.

St. John, April, 29, 1840.

PAINTS.

ON CONSIGNMENT, 60 KEGS London WHITE LEAD, 10 do. do. BLACK PAINT, 10 do. do. GREEN do, 10 do. do. RED do, 2 Puns. Extra Strong S P R I T S.

JUST RECEIVED.

- 25 Boxes London Mould, Sperm and Dipt C A N D L E S,
20 Boxes London and Liverpool S O A P, Lard and Raw SUGAR, RICE, COFFEE, "Clifton's" Hyson, Souchong, and Congo T E A S,
Bbls. and Bags Fresh Hickory N U T S, and Soft Shell A L M O N D S,
Drama F I G S, P I C K L E S, M U S T A R D, &c.

ON HAND.

- 15 Puns. Jamaica, Demarara, and Grenada R U M,
3 Hhds. W H I S K E Y, &c. &c.

W. H. STREET.

Fredericton, May 1, 1840.

GARDEN SEEDS.

THE SUBSCRIBER has just received his Supply of GARDEN SEEDS, consisting of every variety commonly used in a Kitchen Garden, (Warranted Fresh), which will be sold low for Cash.

N. W. SMITH.

P. S. An assortment of Flower Seeds expected in a few days.

OATS! OATS!!

On Consignment and for sale low by the Subscribers.

250 BUSHELS of Prince Edward Island SEED OATS, of an excellent quality.

Also,—40 Barrels No. 1 HERRING. CURRIER & TREDWELL.

Fredericton, May 5, 1840. 3w.

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS having any Legal Demands against the Estate of the late THOMAS TURNEY, Senior, of Burton, in the County of Sunbury, deceased, are requested to present the same, duly attested, within three months from the date hereof; and all persons indebted to the said Estate, are requested to make immediate payment to

THOMAS TURNEY, Jr. Sole Executor.

Burton, May 1, 1840.

COFFEE! COFFEE!!

JUST received and for sale in bond or duty paid— 100 bags Cuba COFFEE. 20 do. old Java do. 10 do. St. Domingo do.

JAS. MALCOLM.

St. John, April 23.

REMOVAL.

THE SUBSCRIBER begs to inform his friends and the public, that he has removed to the Store on the bank, opposite the Store of Thomas Pickard, (well known as an old cash Store,) where he is prepared to furnish customers with a general assortment of

MERCHANDISE,

Such as are usually required for Town and country.

Just received New American FLOUR and eal, a Superior Lot of N. B. HAMS. Daily expected from New York, a shipment of Wheat and Rye FLOUR, Northern Corn, Rice, Tobacco, Snuff, Clover Seed, &c. &c.

A. T. COBURN.

Flour, Meal, Bread, Coffee, The Subscriber offers for Sale now Landing at his Wharf, ex Brig Wm. Pitt, Baker, Master, from Philadelphia.

50 Bbls. Superfine, Fine, and Rye FLOUR, and Corn Meal, fresh ground. 84 Packages of 'Kibby' CRACKERS, Soda BISCUIT, Tea and Sugar BISCUIT, (Fresh Baked).

Ex Schrs. Margaret Traynor, Eldridge, Master, from Boston. 10 Puncheons of Thick Yellow MOLASSES, 18 Tierces of White RICE, 15 Bags of Green COFFEE.

The above will be sold at low rates for prompt payment, &c. &c.

B. TILTON.

St. John, March 11, 1840.

THE SUBSCRIBER

RETURNS his grateful thanks to his friends and the public generally, for the very liberal support he has hitherto received; and trusts that by attention to business, and moderate prices, to still obtain a desirable share of their patronage. And offers now for sale a General Assortment of DRY GOODS suited to the market, HARD, TIN and EARTHENWARE. Sugars, Molasses, Treacle, Tea, with other Groceries. Flour, Rye do, Corn Meal, Corn, Oats, Breads, Meats, Fish, Paints, Oil, Spirits Turpentine, Putty, Glass, Lead, Nails, Spike, Iron, Pitch, Tar, Oakum, Grindstones, &c.

His business being what is termed a Cash Business, he will expect interest on accounts. THOMAS PICKARD. Fredericton, April 25, 1840.

P. S. Persons indebted either directly to himself or the late firm of Pickard & Coburn, will do well to settle their respective dues immediately. T. P.

RUM! RUM!! RUM!!!

FOR Sale at FREDERICTON, 20 Puncheons good retailing Demerara Rum. Terms and necessary information given, by applying at Mr. OLIVER SMITH'S COUNTING ROOM.

WILLIAM HAMMOND.

St. John, March 8, 1840. 6w.

ON CONSIGNMENT

Just received per Sovereign, from Hull, to be sold from the vessel: 1800 K EGGS WHITE LEAD; 25 do. Spanish Brown PAINT,

- 25 ditto Imperial Green ditto, 14 lbs. each,
25 ditto Yellow Paint,
25 ditto Venetian Red do,
20 Hhds. Putty, in Bladders,
30 Hhds. and half hhd. Boiled Linseed Oil,
30 Hhds. and half hhd. Raw ditto,
11 Casks Paris White,
7 Casks PIPE CLAY, in squares, With a quantity of Vegetable SOAP, Patent Palm do; patent Palm Candles, &c. Also—130 tons STEAM COAL. MACKAY, BROTHERS & CO. St. John, April 18, 1840.

IRON, ANCHORS, &c.

The Subscriber is now landing ex Barque Brothers from Liverpool, the following Goods, which will be sold low for good payment:—

- 3300 BARS Common IRON, assorted, from 1 inch to 4 inches by 1-4, 1-1-4, to 4-1-2 by 3-8, 1-1-4 to 4 by 1-2, 2-1-2 to 4 by 5-8, 2-1-2 to 4 by 3-4, 2-1-2 to 4 by 1, 1-2 to 5 square, 5-8 to 3 round, 3000 bars Refined IRON, well assorted; 200 bundles Round do, from 1-4 to 1-2 inch; 40 do. Plough Plate Iron, 40 do. SHEET IRON, No. 22 to 24; 50 boxes TIN PLATE, assorted, 25000 Bangor "Lady" SLATES; 300 bags Spike NAILS, from 4 to 10 inches; 50 kegs Wrought Nails, 6d'y to 30d'y; 600 boxes SOAP, 56 lb. each, 200 gross Tobacco PIPES, 25 ANCHORS, assorted, 3-4 to 12 cwt. each, 12 CHAINS, 1-2, 5-8, 3-4, 7-8, and 1 inch, 3 dozen Frying Pans, 1 to 7, 13 ANVILS, assorted, from 3-4 to 2-1-4 cwt. 12 Smiths' VICES, assorted, 2 cases Sewing Thread, 50 brls. IRISH PORK; 20 Casks LARD, 40 boxes BACON, very fat, 30 boxes CANDLES, dipped, 12s. 20 do. White SOAP, (Bellast,) 56 lb. each, 100 coils CORDAGE, assorted, 4 cases Cast STEEL, as'ed, flat & square 1 do. German do; 3 do. L Blister do; 6 bales CANVAS, 1 to 7, 40 bundles Iron Wire, 1 to 12, 120 do. OAKUM, 60 tons best Orrel COALS.

ON HAND: 15 puns. IRISH WHISKY, 50 tons FIG IRON, 20 dozen Farmers' Spades; 120 do. Shovels, 10 do. Ballast do; 10 pairs Forge Bellows.

WILLIAM CARVILL.

St. John, April 18.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any Legal Demands against the Estate of HANNAH CRUMWELL, late of Burton, deceased, are required to hand in their claims forthwith for adjustment, and all Persons indebted to said Estate, are requested to make immediate payment to

J. B. SMITH.

Administrator

Burton, March 12, 1840.

J. and A. SMITH

Grateful for the support received during the past year, beg to inform their friends and the public generally, that they intend to keep during the season, a General Assortment of

MERCHANDISE,

Suitable for the Market, and hope by a close attention to Business, and moderate charges, to secure a continuation of public patronage.

They have now on hand a supply of FLOUR, Biscuit, PORK, a few Bbls. No. 1 HERRING, Dry FISH, SUGAR, Molasses, Black and Green TEAS, RICE, TOBACCO, with a variety of other GROCERIES, DRY GOODS, HARD, EARTHEN & TIN WARE.

A few Casks imported TIMOTHY SEED. do. the growth of this Province.

Fredericton, May 9, 1840.

P. S. As J. & A. S. intend selling at the lowest rates for cash or other satisfactory payment, they will require all Transient charges to be paid at the close of accounts. Interest will be charged on every month extended beyond those periods.

Fredericton, May 9, 1840.

NOTICE.

ALL BUTCHERS or VICTUALERS of the Town of Fredericton, and all Persons coming from the Country to Market, are publicly invited to the

MARKET HOUSE,

To dispose of their Articles; which Building they will find ready for their accommodation. And as the MARKET WHARF is now finished, Boats and Canoes will find a good landing place.

C. BRANNEN,

Clerk of the Market.

Fredericton, May 5, 1840.

NEW AND RICH

PAPER HANGINGS.