

The Philadelphia Gazette of the 1st inst. makes the following very appropriate remarks for the season:—

The opening Day of Winter. They belie old Hyem, who call him sad. There is purity in the breath which whistles across his icy crown,—and with his reign of clouds, and sleet, and snow, HEALTH, for the most part, holds communion. There is just enough snow, to-day, to give the season its characteristic semblance, and to bring to the minds of those who spent a portion of their early years in the country, a memory of skating pastimes on rural lakes, and sleigh-rides, over the mountains. We perceive one of our New York brethren has just indulged in a wailing philippic against November.—Here, it was bland and temperate; and retired with little blustering. Those who are able to feel the luxury of doing good and charitable deeds, will not complain that winter opens a field of labor for the benevolent. They who love to turn over the page of the historian, the novelist, the philosopher or the poet, by the evening fire, and astral lamp, will hail December and its succeeding months, with real pleasure. It brings to the young and sanguine, Christmas holidays, assemblies and festalities; to the enervated vigor, and to the poor, we trust, the adequate relief of copious benefactions.

AN AGITATOR'S ADDRESS.

People of England, you are well aware that the house of lords have hitherto had the house of commons (that which should be your house of commons) in their pockets. For example, the Marquis of Hertford has, we believe, had seven members of the house in his pocket; he could carry them about with him, he could stake them at a gaming-table, if he frequented such places. Other peers, and even other commoners, could do the same. They have your house in their pockets. Do you wish for a people's house of commons, or a pocket house of commons? Your enemies say, you wish still for a pocket house of commons, and not for a people's house of commons. Meet, like the Livery of London, and tell them which you wish for, and which you are determined to have, cost what it may. Notwithstanding their never was an house of commons (chosen, as it has necessarily been, under the trammels just described) which so nearly represented your will and wishes as the present house of commons, and notwithstanding this house has transmitted the bill for a reform in Parliament to the other house by a vast majority, that other house, it is said will soon doubt of your inclination (we know not why) unless you meet yourselves, and inform it, by petition, that you will no longer have a pocket house of commons. Meet, then, we say, meet and tell the house of Lords, as it wishes for information on the subject, that you will henceforth choose your own representative yourselves, according to the tenor of that bill which is now represented at their Lordships' bar. It is not often that we attempt to move you; and never when we have made the attempt have you frustrated our wishes, or failed of your public duty. But now you must meet, or you are treacherous—you betray your faithful and laborious adherents in parliament. The bill has passed the commons. Do you mean to desert it? Ask yourselves the question. No: let it float into the House of Lords, borne by the breath and acclamations of millions—or it may sink—the Lords may reject it. They may say it is not your bill, you wish for the continuance of a pocket House of Commons; and in that case a pocket House of Commons is all that you deserve.—London Times.

COLONIAL.

ST. JOHN.—The late severe weather has been a subject of very general complaint throughout this Province and the neighbouring States. In this city, during the week, the Thermometer had been down to 7 below Zero.—Several vessels which sailed hence for the out ports in Charlotte county, have, we understand, been unable to complete their loading in consequence of the navigation in the rivers being impeded by ice. The change of wind which took place yesterday, and the mild weather which has succeeded; will, we hope, obviate this difficulty.

Two or three coasting vessels are reported to have been lost in the Bay of Fundy, and the crew of one of them is said to have perished. We have not been able to obtain any particulars.

MONTREAL. BEAUTIFUL CELESTIAL PHENOMENON.—Yesterday evening a lunar occultation of the Planet Jupiter took place. The immersion commenced on the southern limb of the moon's disc twenty-five minutes past six. Owing to the cloudy state of the atmosphere we could not observe the emersion of the Planet.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

HALIFAX.—The brig Sir P. Maitland, of this port, Lewis Johnston, Master, belonging to Mess. E. Collins & Co., on entering the harbour on Saturday evening last, during a heavy gale, unfortunately went ashore on the southern side of Thrump Cap Shoal. The cargo and part of the materials are saved, but the vessel, it is feared, will be lost, as she now lies in a dangerous situation. She had no cargo of consequence on board.

The schooner Penrith, from this port bound to Miramichi, was driven on shore at Plaster Cove on the 5th inst. crew and cargo saved.

The schooner Susannah Maria, Glawson, from Miramichi and Richibucto for this Port, was driven on shore near Margaree, C. B. on the 5th inst. Mrs. Gleeson and four children, passengers, were drowned in the cabin.

Capt Clarke, who returned on Friday from Marie Joseph, reports:—Dec. 9, at noon, landed on the western White Island, upon which he saw different parts of a wreck (name unknown) which from appearance, he supposed to be a ship. Also, about 100 pieces of timber, marked P. V. R., and from 4 to 5000 pieces of red oak pipe, hhd. and barrel staves.

PICOU.—The brig Maria, of Greenock, M'Leod, from Quebec laden with Timber and Ashes, was lost on the night of the 13th inst. on Brion Island, they succeeded in saving the boats, &c.—The next morning the ship was not to be seen. The captain & crew together with Mr. M'Leod and the owner, arrived near this place on the 21st inst. in two boats, and proceeded to Arichat in a vessel.

There has also been a large vessel driven on shore near Cape North, laden with timber, with sails and materials all on board; particulars unknown.

Also the loss of the schooner Relief, capt. Ellison, from Halifax, bound to Quebec, with a cargo consisting of Rum, Brandy and pickled fish, a few miles to the westward of this place; crew and materials saved, vessel totally lost.

To the Independent Electors of the County of Gaspe.

GENTLEMEN.—You will learn probably without surprise that you are again excluded from your just share in the representation of the Province; and that you will shortly have once more to pronounce your sense of the measure. I did not reach Quebec in time to claim my seat at the opening of the Legislature, which, both in pursuance to your injunctions, and my own sense of duty, I would if in time, punctually have done, at the first sitting of the House.

On my arrival here, the third day of the Session, I learnt the little value placed on your franchises and that your suffrages had been set aside by a majority of Fourteen, a measure tantamount to a declaration that you are not to be represented in the Assembly unless upon terms rendering your exclusion preferable to a participation in it, that is to say, of giving up your own opinions, and your rights in the choice of your Representative, and submitting to its dictates as if unable to judge for yourselves.

In accordance with my declaration to you previous to the last Election, I repeat that I have no wish for a seat in the Assembly, and that your decision whether I am again to return to it, or retire, will be alike satisfactory to me. But to shrink from re-appearing before you, would be to acquiesce in measures deeply intrenching upon your constitutional rights, and an admission of the misconduct undeservingly imputed to me as the cause of them.

I have never, as it is pretended, put in question the freedom of debate in the Assembly, nor controlled it. If anything in the shape of proof is to be found in the Journals of the Assembly that can bear such an interpretation, let it be remembered that it was received in a private manner, without any participation on my part by a Special Committee of the Assembly, from witnesses, whom, although petitioning for it as a matter of right, I was refused the privilege of examining in explanation, openly and publicly at the Bar of the Assembly before the whole House and the Public.—The value of such a proof and the conclusions drawn from it, you have already appreciated. It, as well as my petition, for a hearing and a public examination of the witnesses at the Bar of the House, are on the Journals and speak for themselves.

Under these circumstances and after all that has occurred, I cannot without betraying my duty to you, and avowing myself unworthy of your past confidence, refrain from submitting myself anew to your judgment. It is for you Gentlemen, as my constituents, to pronounce upon my conduct, and upon the pretensions of those who without bearing—without allowing themselves to hear any thing in explanation, have nevertheless judged of it; and I must, whatever offence it may give, address you on the subject, with the freedom which in the discussion of our rights belongs to it. It remains with you to decide whether you will be put down by force, or persevere in defending your elective franchises and constitutional rights with a determination equal to that which is evinced to deprive you of them. You are to reconsider the course you have taken, and if wrong, frankly condemn it by retracing your steps,—but if convinced that the position you have taken is constitutional—a necessary stand against arbitrary and overbearing measures, you have no need of advice for persevering in the line by which the County of Gaspe is now advantageously known, and will not readily relinquish, nor my assurance, that nothing I can do shall be wanting to obtain the final success of a cause in which every friend of rational freedom and of our Constitution—every man unworped by prejudice must go with us.

ROBERT CHRISTIE.

Quebec, 21st Nov. 1831.

PICKED UP,

In the Parish of Chatham, Four SHEEP. The owner may have the same by proving property, and paying expenses. Enquire at this Office. December 27, 1831.

AMATEUR THEATRE—CHATHAM.

On Thursday, the 5th January next, will be performed Colman's much admired Comedy, in 5 acts, of THE POOR GENTLEMAN.

After which the Farce of THE WEATHERCOCK. December 26, 1831.

To be sold by Public Auction, at Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, on Tuesday the Third day of July next, between the hours of 12 and 5 of the clock in the afternoon.

ALL the right, title, interest claim & demand of the late JOSEPH COULSON, deceased, of in and to all that Lot or Tract of LAND, situate at Williams-Town, in the parish of Nelson, in the County of Northumberland; bounded westerly by the Lot granted to John M Lean and easterly by the Lot granted to John Collier, containing in the whole Two Hundred Acres, which Lot of Land was granted to the said Joseph Coulson, in the grant to Thomas Collier and eight others, bearing date the 22nd August, 1831. The same having been seized by me by virtue of a writ of Test Fi Fa, issued out of the Supreme Court of this Province, at the suit of Francis Peabody, Esq. against the said Joseph Coulson.

R. S. CLARKE, SHERIFF. Sheriff's Office, 27th December, 1831.

CAUTION.

To whoever it may concern. I will not pay any Debt or Debts that may be contracted by any of the Crew of the Thompson Packet, now lying below Middle Island, in the ice.

GEORGE SHERER, Master. Miramichi, 27th December, 1831.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post Office, Miramichi, December, 1831.

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| Archer Thomas                        | Dowling John                      |             |
| Average Charles                      | Driscoll Timothy                  | Tailor      |
| Appleby Benjamin                     | Dalton Edward                     |             |
| Astridge Arthur                      | Day Edward                        |             |
| Betts Jarid                          | Ford John                         |             |
| Brand John                           | Furlong James                     |             |
| Bullock Charles                      | Farbell Edward                    |             |
| Bulger G                             | Firth William 2                   |             |
| Butler Mick                          | Fitzpatrick John                  |             |
| Bateman Joseph Nelson                | Foster Preston                    |             |
| Blake Robert Chatham                 | Fraggan John                      |             |
| Bulger Dan care of P Dunn            | Foy do                            |             |
| Bulman Daniel Chatham                | Gordon William                    |             |
| Brown Ann do                         | Grant Andrew                      |             |
| Bergin Edward                        | Gardner Sinclair                  |             |
| Brown Hannah Chatham                 | Girmen James Indian Town          |             |
| Crawford Thomas Newcastle            | Glen John                         |             |
| Clouston Magnes                      | Gill James care of P Mitchell     |             |
| Caroline Patrick care of J Doran     | Grattan Michael                   |             |
| Calahan Patrick                      | Grant John care of Frost & Rennie |             |
| Cosgrough Catherine                  | Gebbins Catherine                 |             |
| Currie Angus                         | Gray William                      | Douglastown |
| Canry Mrs care of Mr Ryan            | Grattan Michael                   |             |
| Coulthard Charles Chatham            | Gebbins Catherine                 | Tweedy      |
| Cox Michael Shoe Maker               | Hangney James                     |             |
| Cody James care of J Suttan          | Hanaway John                      |             |
| Conway James Chatham                 | Hogan Michael                     | Chatham     |
| Clouston Mary                        | Hanes M Attorney at Law           |             |
| Carew Michael care of Rev Mr Dollard | Hamilton William                  |             |
| Gampbell Alexander                   | Hambrook Mark                     |             |
| Carr H G                             | Hine Peter                        |             |
| Clarke Amass                         | Hannagan Dennis                   |             |
| Costy Kearn Nelson                   | Healy John                        |             |
| Chambers Joseph                      | Hickey do                         |             |
| Crowly Dennis                        | Henderson James                   |             |
| Crans Charles                        | Keboe Patrick                     | Newcastle   |
| Coulthard Charles care of D Murray   | Kearney William                   |             |
| Carlyle Robert care of Robert Graham | Kelly Peter care of J T Wilkiston |             |
| Cameron Duncan                       | Kerr Peter                        |             |
| Campbell Michael                     | Keating James                     |             |
| Diggins John                         | Keegan Lawrence                   |             |
| Danville James care of G Taylor      | Keyse Thomas                      |             |
| Duncan George                        | Kernohan Margaret                 |             |
| Dewolf Edward                        | Little Thomas 2 Chatham           |             |
| Danford Mrs Chatham                  | Lighton Isaac                     |             |
| Doan Charles N West                  | Love Wm near Custom-house         |             |
| Duckrey James                        | Lewis Andrew                      |             |
|                                      | Landers Mr                        |             |
|                                      | Levingston Alexander              |             |

To be concluded.

All LETTERS not called for within three months from the date hereof, will be sent to the General Post Office as Dead Letters.

JAMES CAIE, POSTMASTER.

Miramichi, December 20, 1831.

BLANKS

Of various kinds for Sale at this Office.