

also said a few words on the same side, but a so recommending that the proposed Bill should be so constructed as to include all classes of dissenters, who were of course, equally entitled with the Wesleyan Missionaries; and moreover, it being but common fairness that this privilege should be extended to all, as the Roman Catholics and Quakers had long enjoyed it.

Mr. Allen did not oppose the measure, but anticipated some inconvenience to Magistrates, and others now authorized to marry. If the Bill were drawn up it might perhaps be found expedient to alter the law authorizing lay persons to marry. Marriages so solemnized were only looked upon as civil contracts.

Mr. Simonds said, that if he were instructed with the preparing the Bill, he should have no objection to include all Christian sects. He regretted, however, that no other denominations had joined in the application. Still there could be no objection to extend the right to them—Petition received and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. S. Humbert, the House resolved that an humble address be presented to His Honor the President, praying that His Honor will be pleased to direct to be laid before the House, a detailed Account, shewing particulars of the income and expenditure of the College before and since the granting of the Royal Charter; such account to state particularly the extent of lands belonging to the said College, the income derived therefrom, and the nature of the securities taken for such debts; and also an Account of the income of the said College, derived from the sale of Timber, Wood, and every other source whatsoever.

This motion called forth a few observations from Messrs Simonds, S. Humbert, Allen, Slason, Chandler, Taylor, Dow and Wyer, respecting the necessity of the house knowing how the college funds had been applied; which observations were very similar to those uttered on the consideration of the petition from Mr. Cross, the builder of the college.

See Supplement.

#### ORIGINAL.

MR. PIERCE,  
Has a Post-Master any right to keep a letter in his office a week after the day on which it should be forwarded? And merely because he suspects it contains a communication to your paper complaining of his bad public conduct? An answer will oblige the writer, as he intends to proceed farther in the matter than this delinquent Post-Master may have reason at present (from a long silence) to believe.

EXPOSER.

#### SCHEDIASMA.

MIRAMICHI:

TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 1, 1831.

The Courier left Richibucto on Saturday morning and arrived here on Sunday morning about 4 o'clock.

As the papers by the mail furnish nothing later from Europe than we were previously in possession of, we have devoted a large portion of our sheet to day, to the Debates of our Legislature, which, on perusal, will be found to contain a good deal of interesting matter. The St John Observer furnishes the debates down to the 16th ult but owing to their great length, notwithstanding we have curtailed them considerably, and confined ourselves to those upon such subjects as more immediately relates to this section of the Province, or of a general nature, we have only been enabled to bring them down to the 15th ult. We shall publish the remainder in a Supplement to-morrow.

COMMUNICATED.—A Petition addressed to the Colonial Secretary, complaining of the contemplated measure of His Majesty's Ministers, in proposing a reduction of the duties now levied on Baltic timber, was forwarded from Richibucto on Wednesday the 23d ult. A County meeting was convened by the High

Sheriff, on the Saturday previous, at the Court House, when Messrs. Wheton, P. Jardine, J. Jardine, Samuel M'Kean, Alexander M'Kean, M'Leod, Platt, M'Kay, Haddow, Stubs, Sutherland, and W. Bawser, were elected a Committee to draft and sign the petition on behalf of the County. It was enclosed to John Bambridge, and Henry Bliss, Esquires, Provincial Agents, accompanied with a request that they would exercise their judgment in deciding upon the propriety of withholding or presenting the same to Lord Goderich.

The Canadian Courant of the 12th February, concludes a long article upon the subject of the expulsion of Mr. Christie, for the third time, from the House of Assembly of Lower Canada, with the following remarks:

'If the people of Gaspé cannot obtain a place for the men of their choice in the Legislature of Lower Canada, we think they should take into consideration the propriety of petitioning the Imperial Parliament to be united to New-Brunswick. That Province is by geographical position more convenient, and has always legislated more liberally respecting the fisheries than Lower Canada. It is true, this Province would lose a valuable portion of its territory, and cut off from becoming maritime; but the people of Gaspé should be supported, and an opening made for them, by which they can have access to the benefits of the British Constitution.'

QUEBEC.—THE REVENUE.—The accounts have been laid before the Legislature, and we have made the following outline of their contents:—

The whole Revenue of the Province for the year 1830,	£201,422 19 7 1-2
Outstanding Bonds,	£25,375 3 3
Salaries, Drawback, &c.	12,305 10 6 1-2
	37,970 13 9 1-2

Actual payments in the Chest,	164,542 5 10
Proportion to Upper-Canada,	£37,400, 11 0
Further expenses of collection due,	3,048 15 0
	40,449 6 0

Net available income of the Province, including the amount of outstanding bonds above, £149,453 3 0 14  
Increase over last year. 22,634 18 7 3-4  
Of this Increase £19,910 are under the Acts 1-Geo. III; 35 Geo. III; 53 and 55 Geo. III.

ACCIDENT BY FIRE.—On the 29th ulto. at Petite Nation, Papineau Seignior, the house of M. Benj. Ladouceur was destroyed by fire, with two children; one aged 3 years, the other 18 months. In the absence of Mr. Ladouceur, his wife had gone out, leaving her children both asleep, and upon returning found the interior part of the house already in flames. She used every exertion to save her children from the devouring element, but having failed in her attempts, she sunk down in a state of insensibility, and the little innocents perished.—*Montreal Paper.*

We are requested to state that the Missionary Meetings advertised in our last, are unavoidably postponed. The Meeting at Chatham will be held on Monday evening next, and at Newcastle on Tuesday. Preparatory Sermons will be preached at both places on the Sunday previous; the services to commence at the hours before mentioned.

TO CORRESPONDENTS. The question put to us by Exposer, is easily answered. A Postmaster wilfully detaining any letter in his office, is certainly guilty of a dereliction of duty; and we have no doubt, if our Correspondent would represent the matter, in a proper manner, to the Gentleman at the head of the Department, it would meet with due attention.

We have received a Communication signed—'A Hater of Duplicité;' but decline publishing it. We think it unnecessary to state the reasons, as we feel convinced the author, upon a reconsideration of the subject, will approve of our conduct.

We must apologise to our advertising friends for the omission of several favors this week.

#### MARRIAGES and DEATHS.

NEW-BRUNSWICK. Marriages—At St. John, Mr. John Booth, to Miss Catharine Maguire; Parish of Sussex, Mr. Elliot Sproul, to Miss Ellen Cripps; Belding Sproul, to Miss Deidama Sproul.

NOVA-SCOTIA. Marriages—At Halifax, Robert Graham, to Miss Sarah Cummins; Wm. Carson, to Miss Elizabeth Haverstock, Wm. Higgins, to Mrs. Rhulves; Thomas Ready, to Miss Margaret Brophy. Deaths—At Halifax, John Douglas, Esq. Master At. H. M. Naval Dockyard; Mrs. Jane Norris; at Liverpool, Mrs. E. Davidson; Mrs. Rebecca Ann Freeman, Mrs. Nan; at Pictou, Mr. Daniel Miner.

#### AMATEUR THEATRE.—CHATHAM.

On Thursday evening, 10th inst, Will be performed Dr. Goldsmith's much admired Comedy in 5 acts, entitled, SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER.

The Evening's Entertainment to conclude with the laughable Farce of RAISING THE WIND.

Doors to be open at six, and the performance to commence precisely at 7 o'clock. Tickets to be had at the Post Office, Chatham, and at Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle. PRICE—Boxes, 5s Pit, 3s. Children half price. No money taken at the Doors. March 1.

#### NOTICE.

A NOTE OF HAND being drawn in Dalhousie, January 26th, 1831, in favor of William Downs, of £3 Currency. All persons are forbidden to purchase the said Note, as no value has been received; the Note being payable the 1st July.

Chatham, 22d Feb. 1831.

JAMES M'PERSON.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE.

The Public are hereby cautioned against purchasing a PROMISSORY NOTE, drawn by the Subscriber, on or about the 18th October, 1828, for £20 Currency, in favor of Colin M'Lennan, which Note has long since been paid, and deposited by the said Colin M'Lennan, into the hands of a third person to be given up to the Subscriber when called for, but since the decease of the said Colin M'Lennan, the said Note has been illegally obtained from the hands of the person in whose charge it was so left.

Bethurst, Feb. 25.

WILLIAM DUNBAR.

#### NOTICE.

THE Business carried on in MIRAMICHI, by the Subscribers under the style and firm of WILLIAM ABRAMS & CO. was dissolved on the 17th day of March last, by mutual consent. All persons having claims against the said Firm, will render their accounts without delay, to WM. ABRAMS, for adjustment, and all persons indebted to the said concern, are hereby required forthwith to settle the same, with the said Wm. Abrams, who is duly authorized to close the affairs of the said Firm.

WM. ABRAMS.

JOHN DENNISTON,

JAMES MUIR,

ANDREW MUIR,

JOHN KER

ROBERT DOW KER,

By

WILLIAM

ABRAMS,

their

Attorney.

The Business in future will be carried on by the Subscriber. WILLIAM ABRAMS.

MIRAMICHI, 14th Feb. 1831.

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#### WANTED.

Good and approved BILLS ON BRITAIN, or Drafts on Quebec, to the amount of £400. This sum is required to remit the funds of Shareholders in the Quebec and Halifax Steam Boat.

JOSEPH CUNARD,

THOS. C. ALLAN.

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Chatham, 8th Nov. 183.

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