

article from a manuscript of one Wm. I. Layton (belonging to a distant part of the Province,) and had forwarded the Communication to the Colonist Office—the pleadings on the part of the Crown were summed up by His Majesty's Solicitor General, who repelled the reasonings of the Defendant, and by considerable length of argument maintained the law and equity of the grounds and mode of the prosecution.—His Honor the Judge, in charging the Jury, gave it as his opinion that the offensive publication was a Libel—that the mode of proceeding on the part of the Attorney General, was an ancient, legitimate, and unobjectionable mode—and that while he, himself, would be the last man to infringe the liberty of the press, to which the world at large had been so much indebted, he did not consider that general and unqualified abuse of whole bodies of public men, came within the proper bounds of that liberty, which he, at the same time, readily admitted did not proscribe free discussion, or fair argument regarding both men and measures.—The Jury retired at three o'clock, and after being enclosed until ten o'clock the next day.—(19 hours in all)—they could not agree as to their verdict, two of their number having stood out to their last against the sentiments of the ten, which went to find that while Mr. Hooper was the publisher of the article, he had given it publicity without any evil intent. Whereupon the Attorney General was pleased to suspend all the proceedings against the Publisher, but leaving himself at liberty to proceed as he shall see fit against the other parties implicated in the transaction, one of whom, namely, Gardiner, was by the same verdict found GUILTY.—We have thus endeavored to give a plain, unvarnished, and unbiassed statement of the facts of the case, so far as they have come to our knowledge, and whilst, as publishers of a newspaper and liable in an unguarded hour to fall in a similar error, we cannot refrain from expressing our entire satisfaction at the result, we would by no means extenuate the offence, or attempt to justify ourselves, should, in our hands, the LIBERTY of the press ever degenerate into LICENTIOUSNESS.

HALIFAX.—TEMPERANCE.—Another Society, under the designation of 'the Cornwallis Temperance Society, No. 3,' was formed in that Township on the 15th Nov. when the Rev. J. Moore Campbell accepted the office of President. A public meeting is to be held at the Exchange Coffee-House, on Saturday, the 29th inst. at six o'clock in the evening, for a similar purpose, which all friends of the cause are earnestly requested to attend.

ST. ANDREWS.—Exports to the United Kingdom from Liverpool, N. B. in the year 1830, in 98 vessels, measuring 22,334 tons, and employing 1043 men.—Timber, 32,000 tons. Deals, 557,250 sup. feet. Lathwood, 829 cords. Spars, 1078. Staves, 27,350. Oak rafters, 979. H'd. Spikes, 478. Firewood, 3 cords.

We have perused with attention the new Ministerial appointments. There is one which alarms us greatly viz. that of Mr. Poulett Thompson as Vice-President of the Board of Trade. Mr. T. is an extensive Baltic Merchant, and a strong advocate for the equalization of Duties on British American and Baltic Timber.—Herald.

We have had five or six days of cold seasonable weather, and there is plenty of snow in the interior for the usual business of the season, but in this vicinity wheel carriages are still necessary.

ST. JOHN.—We have heard considerable of late, respecting the formation of a Fire Insurance Company in this City, and that there is probability of its going into effect, provided a Charter be obtained from the Legislature, to whom we learn application will be made at the approaching Session.—The Shares, it is said, are intended to be small, perhaps £5 or £10 each. We doubt not that the Stock would pay a good percentage, as much property in this Province is insured in Foreign parts.

"The Iron Foundry and Smelting Furnace," says a writer in a late Novascotian, "are always considered the first steps, in a new country, to the permanent and profitable establishment of mechanism and science generally." Of such steps to improvement we may boast in no ordinary degree, for besides the Foundry which for some time past has been in vigorous and successful operation, in our immediate vicinity, another similar establishment is to be set on foot, in the very heart of our city, the ensuing season, by Messrs. Ross, Foulis, and Hagg, whose acquaintance with those arts and branches of Mechanism necessary for such an undertaking furnishes a guarantee for their advancement, is to be located on the ground belonging to T. Hanford, Esq. at the foot of Duke Street, such portion of which as will be requisite for the erection of suitable buildings having been leased for a term of years, at the rate of £50 per annum.

We have much pleasure in stating, that since the late snow has made the roads passable, our markets has been abundantly supplied, with Beef, Pork, &c. of very superior quality. This morning the abundance is greater than we recollect ever to have seen in one day, and the size and quality of the pork is such as would appear with credit to the growers, were they exhibited in any market in the world. Among these we particularly notice one hog, raised by Mr. George Hayward, of Sussex Vale, supposed to weigh about 600 pounds, and four others raised by a Mr. Smith of Little River, which together will weigh nearly a ton weight.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—On Monday night, about 10 o'clock, Charles King, Jun. aged 26, son of Mr. Charles King of this City, was unfortunately drowned, by falling between the wharf of N. Merritt, Esq. and the Brig George.—The manner in which the accident happened we learn to be, that in attempting to go on board the pilot boat Teazer, to which he belonged, and which lay outside of the George, he had first to get on board the brig, and the lying some distance from the wharf, he grasped the warp or spring, intending to throw his feet from the wharf to the side of the brig, which, however, he failed in doing; and after holding on to the warp but a short time, lost his

hold, fell into the water, and sunk almost immediately.—Two other young men in company, had got on board the boat, who were prompt in rendering assistance as soon as the danger was known, but to no purpose.—The body was found yesterday morning, and a Coroner's Inquest held thereon.—Verdict—Accidentally drowned, in attempting to get on board the Brig George.

On Sunday night last, Mr. Asaiah M'Leod of Sussex Vale, lost a valuable mare, in foal, worth £30 in crossing Hammond River. Several sleds being in company, one of them stopped in the road, and Mr. M'Leod, not apprehending any danger drove a few feet on one side of the road, in order to pass by, the ice cracked, the mare fell in, and although she was got in less than twenty minutes, she had expired. Had the Bridge so long talked of been built over Hammond river this loss would have been prevented. The want of a Bridge over that River, occasions serious inconvenience and actual loss, to a large section of the country, as well as to this city. A short time since, the Mail was delayed upwards of 12 hours, on account of the uncertain and dangerous state of the ice.

CITY OF LONDON.—It is said that a meeting will be immediately called in the city, for the purpose of again inviting their Majesties to dine at the Guildhall; on which occasion their Majesties are to be guarded only by the citizens, who will proceed to the Palace, in number it is said, from 20,000 to 30,000, in a particular costume, and conduct the Royal Family and the Ministers to the city. It is proposed that neither the military nor the constables are to attend, but that the loyal citizens are to take the whole cortège under their immediate protection, who will render themselves responsible for their safety.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

PORT OF ST. JOHN, N. B.
Cleared, Jan. 19.—Ships Newton, Yale, Hull; John Bently, Robertson, Liverpool. Brig Eliza, Everitt, Cork.
Ship Bay, Green, at Newport, from Gottenburgh, spoke on the 16th Dec. lat. 44, long. 46, ship Hope, 18 days from London, with passengers—the crew were reported to be in a state of mutiny.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.
Cleared, Jan. 19.—Brigs Hiram, Beckwith, Barbados; Colonist, M'Master, Liverpool. Schr. Water Witch, Munson, Jamaica.

PORT OF HALIFAX.
Arrived, Jan. 17.—Schr. James, Meredith, St. John's, N. F.
Cleared.—Brigs Elizabeth, Yates, Antigua; William Bertie, Brazil; Nancy, Smith, Demerara; Brisk, King, do.; Exchange, Dupree, New-York; schr. Castor, Selig, Demerara.
The White Ship Rose, was spoken on the coast of Peru, on the 7th of August, with 250 bls. of Oil.
Spoken July 22, brig Trusty, with 560 barrels of Oil, nearly half of which was Sperm.

MARRIAGES and DEATHS.

NOVA-SCOTIA.—Marriages—At Halifax, Thomas Jones to Miss Elizabeth Fitzsimonds; Michael Gairk to Margaret Finn; Thomas Walsh to Mrs. Mary Buggy. At River Philip, John Ripley to Miss Charlotte Taylor. DEATHS.—At Pictou, Mr George Johnston.
NEW-BRUNSWICK.—Marriages—At Gage Town, William Thorn to Miss M. Blezard. At Chamcook, Charles Stephenson to Miss Rebecca Sime. At St. John, Mr. Caldwell Fullerton, to Miss Mary Calhoun, both of Portland. DEATHS. At St. John, Mr. William Tenant At Hampton, Mrs. Jane Tweedale. At St. Andrews, Margaret, wife of Peter Stubbs, Esq.

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January 25.

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Nov. 9.

CARDS.

WE, the FIREWARDS, for ourselves, and on behalf of the Inhabitants of Chatham, beg to tender our warmest thanks to Mr. Loch, and those who followed his magnanimous example, in bringing the Newcastle Engine, five miles, on the night of the 19th inst. by hand, and for the handsome manner in which that Engine was placed under our controul, as well as for the zeal evinced by them and others from that place, after such exertion, to extinguish the remains of the fire. The prompt and generous assistance of Wm. Abrams, Esq. Mr. J. Harley, and those who accompanied them, and their energetic measures to save property from the flames, and to protect it afterwards, claims our most grateful acknowledgements.

The example of John Wright, Thomas H. Peters, Richard S. Clarke, W. Joplin, Esqrs. Mr. David Johnson, Mr. David Gitchell, and many persons from a distance who sought how, and were to be most useful, and who so zealously exerted themselves, excites our admiration.
To particularize those who appeared conspicuous by their exertions at the breaking out of the fire, might appear invidious, where a humane desire to do the utmost, seemed to pervade the whole; we cannot however omit noticing the very spirited conduct of some persons who at all hazard, risked themselves where they had nothing at stake, and could only in return, gain the approbation of their fellow men.

F. PEABODY,
J. CUNARD,
RICH. BLACKSTOCK,
WM. LETSON,
CHRIS. CLARKE,
J. T. WILLISTON.

Chatham, Jan. 25, 1831.

A CARD. JOSEPH CUNARD & Co. beg to tender their unfeigned acknowledgments to the Inhabitants of Chatham, Newcastle, Douglstown and vicinities, for their prompt attention and their spirited conduct manifested by them in extinguishing the fire on the night of the 19th inst. to whose exertions they attribute the escape of their premises from injury.

Chatham, 24th January, 1831.

A CARD. JOSEPH RUSSELL respectfully begs leave to tender his warmest thanks to the Firewards of Chatham—the Members of the Engine and Fire Companies, and the public in general for their strenuous and unprecedented, though almost fruitless and unavailing endeavors to preserve his Property from destruction on the evening of Wednesday last. Mr. R. is most desirous to manifest his appreciation of the kind and most assiduous exertions of the Inhabitants of Newcastle in conveying their Engine with such speed to Chatham, and beg to assure them that their kindness on the occasion merits—and shall ever have his warmest gratitude.

Chatham, Saturday 22nd January 1831.

A CARD. MESSRS. JOSEPH & SAMUEL beg leave to tender their most sincere thanks to the Inhabitants of Miramichi for their strenuous and unprecedented exertions in saving their property from destruction on the night of Wednesday last. And beg to assure them that their exertions merit—and shall ever have their warmest gratitude.

Chatham, 24th January, 1831.

A CARD. CHRISTOPHER CLARKE returns his sincere thanks to the Inhabitants of Miramichi for their very strenuous exertions in resewing his Property from the fire on the night of the 19th inst.

Chatham, 24th January 1831.

A CARD. JOSEPH SAMUEL tenders his warmest thanks to the Fire Wards—the members of the Chatham Fire and Engine Companies, the Inhabitants of Newcastle, Chatham, Douglstown, and Miramichi in General; for their strenuous exertions on the night of Wednesday last, in saving his property from destruction. He will cheerfully give a reward to any person who may give such information as may lead to the recovery of any of his property stolen on the night above mentioned.

Chatham, 24th January, 1831.

A CARD. MR VARNAL returns his sincere thanks to the Ladies and Gentlemen of Chatham, Newcastle, and its vicinity, for the patronage they have already bestowed on him, and begs leave to inform them that in consequence of the late fire the performance will be postponed for a few nights.

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THOMAS C. ALLAN.

Newcastle, January 21. 6w.