

MISCELLANEOUS.

TRADITION OF THE RED SEA.—The superstition of the neighbourhood (a point in the Red Sea which is remarkable for the furious gusts to which it is almost continually subject) ascribes it to a supernatural, and not to any physical cause; for this being, according to the received tradition, the spot where the chosen people under Moses passed over, the ignorant imagine, that, since it was also here that the host of Pharaoh was swallowed up, their restless spirits still remain at the bottom of the deep, and are continually busied in drawing down mariners to their destruction; a notion so received among all the sea-faring people along that coast that it would be quiet in vain to argue against it.—Adventures of Giovanni F. nati.

LOCUSTS.—The twelfth day from our embarkation brought us to Thebes, where we anchored for ten days, the ophthalmia depriving Mr. Bankes totally of sight during that time. Afterwards, as we approached the cataract, we sailed through the most remarkable cloud of Locusts that I have ever seen. They were passing over from the westward, and seemed rather to fall through the air, like a driven snow storm, than to fly with any guidance of their own, lighting indiscriminately upon land or water, as it happened. Our vessels and clothes were covered with them; and the poor natives of Elephantina and Assouan were standing in their fields and gardens, upon piles of earth and stones, endeavouring to keep them off with the same shrill cries and slinging of pebbles which they usually employ against the birds in harvest time.—Adventures of Giovanni F. nati.

SUTTEES.—The immolation of widows upon the funeral piles of their deceased husbands is also an event of not unfrequent occurrence in the neighbourhood of Benares, the European magistrates unfortunately being restricted to the exercise of persuasion alone in their efforts to abolish these barbarous exhibitions. It appears that, with few exceptions, these sacrifices are voluntary, as far as relates to actual and forcible compulsion. But the suttee has only a choice of evils: she must instantly descend from the rank which she held in society, and sink into the lowest and most degraded class. A Hindoo widow cannot inherit any portion of her deceased husband's property: she is forbidden to wear ornaments, a disgrace which an Asiatic can alone appreciate. The widow is also required to perform menial and servile offices: than which nothing can be more revolting to a woman of high caste, she is restricted both in the quality and quantity of her food, compelled to sleep upon the bare earth, and subjected to every indignity which the contempt of her relations can inflict. The extent of suffering produced by these privations and mortifications can only be estimated by persons who have some acquaintance with eastern manners and customs. A life of luxury and ease, splendid attire, command in the Zenana, and seclusion from the public eye, constitute feminine happiness in India: and she who, from her infancy, has been accustomed to sloth and magnificence, considers death less appalling than the abject state of servitude to which, in widowhood, she must submit. The motives, unconnected with worldly considerations, which influence the suttee seem to vary. Some have declared their perfect conviction, that, by the act of cremation, they not only redeem the souls of all their relations, but ascend themselves directly to heaven; while others prophesy the number of transigrations which they must undergo previous to the attainment of a final beatitude.—Miss Roberts: Forget Me Not

CONUNDRUM.—Mr. Parke, in his *Musical Memoirs* speaking of a Sunday evening musical party, says the amusement of the evening was conundrums. "At length Mr. Sheridan, in his turn, gave the following:—'Why is a pig looking out of a garret-window like a dish of green peas?' This, coming from Sheridan, excited great attention, every one setting their wits to work to discover the similitude, when, having racked their brains to no purpose for some time, they at length unanimously gave it up. 'What?' said Sheridan. 'can't any of you tell why a pig looking out of a garret-window is like a dish of green peas?' 'No, no!' being the reply, he, enjoying the perplexity he had thrown them into, good-humouredly rejoined, 'Faith nor I neither!'

The day after the representation of *The School for Scandal*, a noble friend of Sheridan's called at his house to congratulate him on his success, and, during the conversation, observed, that the whole phalanx of authors had been present, at the head of whom was Cumberland. "Pray," said Sheridan, "did Cumberland laugh at my comedy?" "O no!" replied his friend, "he was one amongst grave." "That's very engrateful on his part," rejoined Sheridan, "for I laughed all through his tragedy."

EUROPEAN ARMIES.—Prussia, for every 80 inhabitants, has always one man under arms; Austria has one soldier for 118 inhabitants; France one for 142; England one for 229. In Russia, for every 57 inhabitants one carries arms, and every Russian must be a soldier at 24 years of age.

SINGULAR COINCIDENCE.—In 1463, during the civil war in France, William Armand Viscount Polignac raised the standard of rebellion, but was soon afterwards arrested. It was a General Lafayette whom the King sent against him, and who took possession of his chateau. Is it not strange that now, after three centuries and a half, a Lafayette should again have overthrown a Polignac.

His present Majesty has been graciously pleased to order, that the College which is now building in the Isle of Man, shall be called "King William's College."

CAUTION.

WHEREAS ANDREW FORD of Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, Tavern Keeper, has for the purpose of evading the payment of his just debts, and protecting his property from his Creditors, fraudulently conveyed and made over all his REAL ESTATE in the said County (consisting of the House and premises in Chatham, at present occupied by him, and Thirty acres of LAND, in the rear of the Land at present owned by Robert Dick, in Napan) to his Brother-in-law, Thomas Hardy, of Chatham aforesaid, Blockmaker, without any real consideration being paid or received for the same. And Whereas the Subscriber obtained a Judgment in the Supreme Court of this Province in last Hilary Term against the said Andrew Ford for the sum of £114 10s 2d and under an Execution issued upon the said Judgment the said Real Estate has been levied upon and is now advertised for sale by the Sheriff of the said County.

The subscriber therefore hereby Cautions all and every person and persons whatsoever at their peril from purchasing the said Land and Premises or any part thereof from the said Thomas Hardy or of or from any other person or persons whatsoever claiming title thereto.

JOSEPH RUSSELL.

Chatham, 14th Feb. 1831.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

To be sold on the 1st Tuesday in September next, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock of the same day, in front of the Post Office in Chatham,

ALL the REAL ESTATE of Andrew Ford, situate in the County of Northumberland, being the House and premises situate in Chatham, and now occupied by him. Also part of Lot No. 16, on the North side of Napan River, containing Thirty acres more or less, the same having been taken by me by virtue of an Execution issued out of the Supreme Court of this Province against the said Andrew Ford, at the suit of Joseph Russell.

R. S. CLARKE, SHERIFF.

Sheriff's Office, Chatham, 12th Feb. 1831.

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.

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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With the necessary instructions on Prayer; Mass; Confession; Confirmation and Communion; &c.

Price—per dozen; 7s. 6d. single 9d.

NOTICE.

All persons having any just demands against the Estate of ANDREW STRAHORN, late of Bathurst in the County of Gloucester, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested, within three months from the date hereof, and all persons indebted to the said Estate are called on to make immediate payment to.

JANE STRAHORN, Adm.

JOSEPH READ, Adm.

Bathurst, December 2.

WANTED.

Good and approved BILLS OF LADING, 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,

Agents

Chatham, 8th Nov. 1830.

ALMANACHES.

New-Branswick Almanacks for the Year 1831, for sale at the Post Office.

January 25.

HISTORY OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

A few Copies for sale at this Office.

Nov. 5.

AUCTION.

REAL ESTATE OF JOSEPH SAUNDERS ESQ., DECEASED.

To be Sold by Public Auction on TUESDAY the 1st day of MARCH next 1831, at noon, at Hamill's Hotel, New-castle, by virtue of a Licence from His Honor the President and his Maesys Council. The following Tracts, Pieces, and Parcels of LAND, being part of the Real Estate of the late JOSEPH SAUNDERS, Esq. deceased, late of the Parish of Nelson, viz.

1 Lot of Land on the Peninsular, in the North West Branch of the Miramichi, A Lot of Land situated on Blake's Cove, in the parish of Northesk.

2 Lots of Land, deeded by Alexander Anderson to the Deceased, situated on the South West Branch, in the Parish of Blackville, and now in the occupation of said Alexander Anderson.

The Land, House, Grist Mill, &c. &c. situated on Barnaby's River, Parish of Nelson, in the occupation of Alexander Saunders, and formerly the residence of the Deceased.

Two Lots of Land adjoining the preceding on the upper side and fronting the South West. A Lot of Wood Land in the second Tier of Lots in the Parish of Nelson, in the rear of George Flitt's property.

A back Meadow Lot in the 3rd Division of Lots, also in the Parish of Nelson. A Lot of Land presently in the occupation of Richard Lee and Sons in the South West Branch, parish of Nelson aforesaid. A Lot of Land situated on the South West, in the said parish of Nelson, deeded by Jared Betts to the said deceased.

Also all such other Real Estate, situate in the Parish of Northesk, not specified as above, a belonged to the said Joseph Saunders at the time of his decease, the particulars of which will be made known at the time of Sale.

The above properties will be sold together or in such Lots as will suit purchasers. For further particulars apply to Messrs Robert Leslie, Alexander Saunders, or William Saunders in Nelson, or to the Subscriber in Chatham.

By order of the Administrators to the deceased's Estate Terms at Sale.

J. M. JOHNSON, AUCTIONEER.

REMOVAL.

CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, begs to inform the Public in general, that he has removed to the STONE STORE lately owned by Captain Charters, and adjoining the Store of Mr. George Taylor.

Where he offers for sale on his usual liberal terms and rather reduced prices, his very general and well assorted stock of British DRY GOODS, and HABERDASHERY, Blankets, Flannels and Hosiery, HARDWARE, Cutlery & Ironmongery, Chrystal, Glass Earthen and Brown Ware, Madeira, Teneiffe and Port WINES, and Dublin PORTER, Cognac, Geneva, Rum, Shrub and Peppermint; Hyson, Soucheong and Congou TEAS, Refined and Raw SUGARS, MOLASSES, Sperin and Tallow CANDLES, White and Yellow Soap, warranted two years old—Dried FRUIT—Almonds, Wall and Spanish Nuts, Spices, and a very general assortment of other Groceries, with about Two Hundred and Fifty Bushels OATS Also, on Consignment—Cordage of all sizes, from half to four inches, Canvas, Salmon Twine, Cod and Mackerel Lines.

Chatham, 7th February, 1831.

NOTICE.

All persons having any just demands against the Estate of Archibald Campbell, late of Glenelg, in the County of Northumberland, Farmer, deceased, are requested to present the same forthwith, and all persons indebted to the said Estate, are hereby required to make immediate payment to Mrs. Jane Campbell.

JANE CAMPBELL, Executrix.

JOSEPH CUNARD, } Executors.

DUDLEY PERLEY, }

Miramichi, 27th Jan. 1831.

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