

et. Is this wise or christian? is it according to the dictates of truth, and love of morality and religion? or is it a bursting out of political spleen, and of persecuting spirit, which professes to do God service while it indulges old hate and long torpid revenge. On Nov. 26 it appears that the Rector again came to the attack; but we have not seen extracts from the latter discourse neither have we seen a Colonist of a date subsequent to the first attack; so that we are unacquainted with the Editor's line of defence against the parson. We merely take this opportunity of stating the occurrence, and deprecating such warfare; we have the sincerest and highest respect for the ornaments of the clerical profession, but think; that their province, though wide, is limited, and that they can by no means step beyond it, without injuring their own character and the interests of the Public.

**FREDERICTON GAZETTE** The examination of the College took place on Saturday last, and that of the Collegiate School yesterday. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had the goodness to preside on both occasions; and, after minute and unwearied attention, expressed the great satisfaction, which he felt in common with the members of the College Council, at the proficiency of the Students and Scholars in their respective studies. Sir Howard Douglas having munificently founded an annual prize of a Gold Medal, to be given for the best composition on subjects to be proposed by the Chancellor of the University, His Excellency has proposed to the Under-graduates, as the subject of an English Essay for the present Academic year, The Benefits of a Collegiate Education.

**HALIFAX ROYAL GAZETTE.** The Gale, on Monday night and Tuesday morning was the severest which has been known here for several years. It blew from the E. S. E. and for many hours with extreme violence. Two small vessels were sunk at the wharves, and many others injured. We have not heard of any lives being lost.

**ST. JOHN OBSERVER.** Gale.—Last evening, about 10 o'clock, a gale sprung up from the S. E. accompanied with hail, rain, &c. which continued with great violence until near daylight, since which it has abated, and now entirely subsided.—A ship which was signaled last evening, failing in her attempt to enter the harbour, was, by the violence of the storm, driven ashore on Mahogany Island. She proves to be the Prudence, Coppin, from St. Domingo, with a load of mahogany, &c.

**P. S.**—The steamer Henrietta, with the necessary warps, anchors, &c. has gone down to the assistance of the ship, and it is fully expected that the united efforts of the Steamer, and ship's crew, will prove successful in getting her off and bringing her into port.

**Wednesday Morning.**—The Prudence has just come into port with but little damage, except loss of anchors and cables.

**HALIFAX FREE PRESS.** Affairs in Lower Canada reached a crisis, and the dominant faction will soon be taught a lesson that may prove of inestimable benefit to that colony. The decided feeling manifested by the Assembly, against every person favourable to Government, and the desire which it has long manifested to possess itself of powers and attributes that belong to the King alone, have at length attracted the attention of Ministers; and two dispatches have been sent out relative to Mr Christie's repeated expulsion, and the proceedings of the House with reference to one of the Judges; which were treated with marked disrespect. The probable issue of affairs will be, the annexing of the district of Gaspé to New Brunswick, and the county of Montreal to Upper Canada. Lower Canada will thus be materially reduced in extent, and were the English language, customs, and laws gradually but universally introduced, an end would be put to those cabals and distinctions, which at present distract that country.

**QUEBEC.**—Copy of a Despatch from Lord Goderich to his Excellency Lord Almer;

*Downing Street, 26th January, 1832.*

My Lord,—I have received from Mr Robert Christie, a letter dated 10th of October last, enclosing copies of resolutions passed by the Inhabitants of the County of Gaspé, at public meetings convoked for the purpose of taking into consideration certain grievances under which they conceive themselves to labour, by the ex-

clusion of Mr Christie from the seat in the House of Assembly of Lower Canada, to which he has been on five successive occasions elected.

I am unwilling to assume that the House of Assembly have adopted so strong a measure as the expulsion of one of its members without sufficient grounds. As guardians of the constitutional rights of all classes of the King's subjects within the Province of Lower Canada, that House must be supposed to be peculiarly jealous of those rights which they are thus accused of having infringed: Least of all can I consider it probable, that after the well known conflict between the Electors of Middlesex, and the House of Commons, and the vote of the 3d of May, 1782, by which that great Constitutional question was finally decided, the House of Assembly would maintain that any person could become ineligible as a member of that body by the mere voice of a former vote of expulsion; or in consequence of any breach of privilege upon which any such preceding vote may have been founded. It is alleged in these resolutions that the supposed disqualification of Mr Christie arises from an offence imputed to that gentleman against the privileges, not of the present, but of a former Assembly, a statement which still further enhances the improbability of the representation. Under such circumstances his Majesty's opinion upon the subject is unavoidably suspended; His Majesty however, acknowledges the right of Mr Christie, in common with all his subjects, to such assistance as His Majesty can afford for the redress of any grievances under which he may labor.—Your Lordship will, therefore call on that gentleman for a copy of his letter to myself, of the 10th of October last, and of the Resolutions enclosed in it. You will communicate to the House of Assembly copies of those documents and of my present despatch, and you will signify to the House his Majesty's earnest desire, that they would take into their early consideration the complaints of the County of Gaspé. His Majesty will not permit himself to doubt, that if the facts be really such as are stated in these resolutions, the House will rescind the vote, by which Mr Christie is said to have been excluded from his seat.

The efforts which His Majesty has made to promote to the utmost of his power, the welfare of his faithful subjects in Lower Canada, and to place on the most secure foundation the rights of the House of Assembly of that Province, at once encourage and entitle him to expect, that the House will receive with due attention a suggestion which is prompted by his anxiety that every class of the people of Lower Canada should enjoy a full participation in the privileges of its free constitution.

I have the honor to be, &c.

Signed, **GODERICH.**

(A true copy.)

Signed, **H. CRAIG, C. S.**

**AYLMER,** Governor-in-Chief.

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

The House in Committee on the Message of H. E. the Governor in Chief, relating to the expulsion from this House of Robert Christie, Esq. being read:—

Mr Neilson moved, in amendment to Mr Morin's motion of the 21st inst. the following Resolutions, which were carried.

1st.—Resolved as the opinion of this Committee, that this House duly appreciates His Majesty's acknowledgment of the right of all his subjects to such assistance as he can afford, for the redress of any grievances under which they may labor—but that they have seen with regret, that His Majesty has been advised to act upon his gracious intentions in this respect, in a case where the privileges of this House are concerned.

2nd.—Resolved as the opinion of this Committee, that this House in expelling Mr Christie, exercised a privilege frequently exercised by the House of Commons, and by the Representative bodies in the Colonies and which is necessary for the freedom of its votes and proceedings.

3rd.—Resolved as the opinion of this Committee, that this House is the sole judge of the cases wherein it ought to exercise this privilege, and its decision therein, cannot of right, be questioned by any other authority.

4th.—Resolved as the opinion of this Committee, that the Resolution transmitted with his Excellency's

Message of the 21st instant, purporting to the Resolutions passed at various meetings of the Freeholders and Electors of the County of Gaspé, are false, scandalous, and malicious libels on this House and the Government of the Province, and form no grounds for the consideration of the expulsion of Mr Robert Christie for a high contempt of this House.

5th.—Resolved as the opinion of the Committee, that the letter of the said R. Christie, and the Resolutions, stated to have been adopted by certain Electors of the County of Gaspé, transmitted as before mentioned, be expanded from the journals of this House.

The said Resolutions were carried in the affirmative—Yeas—Messrs. Amiot, Archambault, E. Bedard, Derthelet, Bertrand, Blanchard Bouffard, La Bourdages R. S. Bourdages, Cazeau, Clouet, Cuvillier, De Bleury, Deschamps, De Witt, Drolet, Duval, Fortin, Gaillet, Huot, Knowlton, Lafontaine, Larue, Leslie, Masson, Mousseau, Neilson, Peck, Poulin, Quesnel, Raymond, Rousseau, Revard, Rodier, Scott, Semon, Thibaudeau, Srudel, le Tonnacour, Turgeon, Valois, Valson, Wartele, and Young, [44.]

Nays—Messrs Baker, Caldwell, Casgrin, Heriet, Hoyle, Power, Solicitor General, Stuart, Taylor, and Wright, [10.]

The Report was agreed to by the House.

**December 5.**—Mr Thibaudeau introduced a Bill for the better regulation of the Fisheries in the District of Gaspé, and to repeal two Acts therein mentioned—second reading Monday next.

**QUEBEC GAZETTE.**—It has been rumoured in town that difficulties have occurred in issuing a new Writ for the County of Montreal. We believe that no Writ is yet issued for the vacancy for the West Ward of Montreal.—Dec. 7.

**ST. ANDREWS COURANT.** The two valuable double Saw Mills, nearly new, situate on the Union Dam, near the foot of the Sluce, at St Stephen—the one belonging to Messrs Clarke and Hunter, and the other to Mr Robert Watson and Messrs Hills were burnt down on Wednesday night; the shore double Mill belonging to Mr Robert Hitchings was with the greatest difficulty preserved from a similar fate.

We regret to learn that the Saw Mill near the head of Letang River, belonging to Mr George Thomson, Merchant, St. John, was burnt on the night of Tuesday the 20th ult.; about twenty thousand feet of Deals were also consumed.

**MONTREAL, Dec. 6.**—We learn that the ice has formed between the Cascades and Isle Perrot, and is now crossed by winter carriages. A friend who arrived from Quebec last evening, states that the roads are excellent, except on this Island, which is nearly bare of snow from Bout de l'Isle.

**SIR WALTER SCOTT.**—It gives us great pleasure to learn that the prospects of the family of Sir Walter are much better than has been stated. We are assured that there are funds sufficient to cover all his debts, without touching Abbotsford. In the biography of Allen Cunningham, it was stated that there would only be a balance due to his creditors of £21,000. But Mr Cadell, the bookseller, has undertaken to pay £20,000 for the publication of the remainder of his works, on the plan which has been so far proceeded in. This will clear off all the claims. A near relative of Lady Scott left £60,000 to the children of Sir Walter, to which, of course they are entitled; and the eldest son received a large fortune with his wife. The public, therefore, are spared the pain of knowing that the family of one to whom they are so largely indebted are not left in a state of destitution.—*Morning Chronicle.*

A full and deeply interesting biography of Sir Walter Scott is expected from Mr Lockhart, his son in law, an author of reputation and at present editor of the London Quarterly Review.

**ANCHORS.**—The cost of Anchors for the British Navy is immense; to supply it once only requires a sum above £500,000. Each first rate anchor employs twenty men forty days, forty per cent metal is wasted in the forging, and the cost of such an anchor is £400.

Letters from Vienna to the 10th of October, state, that the Austrian Government are intent on the means of bringing about an armistice in Portugal.