

COMMUNICATIONS.

MR EDITOR,

If Miramichi has one fault more visible than another in the constitution of her small society, it is in the vast number of *Hypercritics* with which her villages abound; they swarm in the streets, swarm in private assemblies, swarm in taverns, in fact swarm everywhere. The store-keeper's clerk seizes his quill—obliterates one sentence, erases a second, blots out a third; like the poor author's play after inspection and revision by Dean Swift;—a pamphlet (copied from another) or an original newspaper article—are both a mass of blots. The copied pamphlet is derided, abused, vilified, as a rascally production, (ten to one at the same time if it is not principally borrowed from authors of deserved celebrity.) The original article in the newspaper, like all writings of its class—probably in some respects justly censurable, in others more praiseworthy, is declared vastly above the vile pamphlet, in style and thought. So says a trite critic, armed with a pencil, intersecting with his deadly weapon, every sentence of the paper. Ah! what numerous interpolations—all is trash, trash, trash, vile trash. Yes, sapient Sir, has not Scott written trash; is none found in Blackwood's clever pages. O! no, impossible. Whence arises this silly wish to satirize what is often excellent. Scott and Blackwood are the Gods of the Hypercritics, before whose purity, all other idols must be debased. Bow down ye self-conceited, half lettered disingenuous coxcombs, prostrate yourselves in self-derision at the shrine of honour, of common decency; in Heaven's name loathe your own trickeries, practice self-exaltation, abolish bitterness of thought, tear the miscreant from the pinnacle of power he has obtained over your weak brains; deem your gods formed in fancy, men can be men once more, then criticise no more; retire to some lonely shore, where nought reminds in gloomy air, save the cheerless notes of the owl, hooting, as night soothes your green and yellow minds, into stupid sleep; declaim no more on the faults of the wise, or the follies of the feeble; no, rather leave those whose happiness you envy, whose joys you desire to crush; bind bays and cypress round thy misshapen brows; cool thy heavy brows with Lethen draughts, to slacken thine abominable thirst for despoiling others merits; say all is unavailing. I prescribe for thee in kindness, a draught of poppies, then thou wilt sleep to wake no more.

Miramichi, Sept. 29.

*We made a most whimsical typographical error in this word in our notes to correspondents in our last week's paper.

MR EDITOR,

By a communication published last week in your paper, it would really appear that a respectable correspondent takes very ill an anonymous and illegible scribble which was distributed in Chatham, in answer—as the witting author imagined—to your *hit* at the critics. The total silence you maintained, I applaud, and I trust that you will not consider it worthy of a reply.

I am, Sir, yours,

A. B. C.

MR EDITOR,

Observing a communication in your paper of the 25th inst. signed one of the Commissioners appointed to expend the money given from the House of Assembly through the settlement in the rear of Mr Peters, which plainly shows that the blame of not expending the above mentioned money does not rest with them, and consequently most lie with the Parish Commissioners. When these gentlemen went to extend the road, about the 1st July last, in place of keeping on a direct course with the line that divides the back lots from the front, they run direct for Napan bridge. Finding themselves bewildered, they came to Kelley's clearance, and parted for their respective homes. About the middle of the same month, they sent in Mr Hunter, the Surveyor, with orders to commence at the end of the road leading in at the Revd. Samuel Bacon's, and run a course to strike the above mentioned line, but when he came to the old road, he had a round turn in it, like a dog's elbow. This dog's elbow, as I may call it, is the great obstacle to the opening of the road. There was a commissioner there to mend the matter, and that it stood. The distance from the road leading in at the Revd. S. Bacon's to the settlement, is but the length of two lots or 150 rods, of a good hardwood ridge.

A SETTLER.

Chatham, 30th September, 1832.

WANTED,

As an APPRENTICE, a boy of about 12 or 14 years of age, who can read and write. Enquire at this Office.

SCHEDIASMA.

MIRAMICHI.

TUESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 9, 1832.

Several vessels from Europe arrived during the week—but they furnish nothing later from Europe than our last week's paper contained.

In our last No we inserted the Resolutions of a General meeting of the inhabitants of the Ristigouche, within the limits of this Province, and we hail the spirit which animated the sympathising bosoms of those respectable and industrious settlers. They are next-door neighbours, and eye-witnesses of the manner in which the people of Gaspe have been used, and they know full well that the complaints which have been made, are not ill-founded. They not only bear witness to the injustice done to their friends on the opposite side of this noble river and majestic bay, but they also shew that the injury is even extended to their own doors. All past experience has manifested that river boundaries, however fair in theory, and pretty on paper, are not at all adapted to the situation of a new country. In this Province waters which are thoroughfares, are not chosen to bound inter-colonial jurisdictions, having been universally found inconvenient and inadequate; but between neighbouring states and colonies, we have not been left to legislate for ourselves in regard to the boundaries, and we have consequently been exposed to unceasing litigation and to unvarying confusion. We see no objection whatever, should the annexation prayed for, happily for Gloucester and Gaspe take effect, that the Ristigouche should be in the centre of a county to be called Dalhousie; and we entertain the fullest confidence that the best interests of the people in the whole of that part of the two Provinces, are intimately bound together with fraternal ties, and involved in the success of this important object.

QUIT RENTS.—The St. John *British Colonist* of the 21st ult. contains some very severe remarks upon this subject, and lashes, in unmeasured terms, all the individuals appointed to collect this odious tax. We most heartily concur with the Editor, as far as he censures the *measure*, but must dissent from him as regards the *individuals*. If Government is determined to enforce the payment of the Quit Rents, it matters little on whom the profitable and lucrative duty of collecting the same may devolve, it may as well be enjoyed by the Receiver General as any other individual; but we object to the *principle* of levying this tax, as, being a measure calculated to retard the improvement of the country, and bearing hard upon the poor and industrious settler, by wringing from him a large portion of his small and dearly earned pittance, for no other purpose than to swell the already too large salaries of official persons in this Province. We have already freely given our opinion on this subject, and shall again advert to it in our next.

An incident happened one day last week, on board the *Richard and Ann*, lying at Newcastle, which fully develops the character of a British Sailor. The Carpenter and one of the seamen having had some words, the affair ended, as is usual in such cases, with a set-to, when the former received a severe drubbing. A few hours after the victor unfortunately fell overboard, and would certainly have met with an untimely death, had not his antagonist, with a generosity so characteristic of the class to which he belongs, immediately jumped overboard, and at the risk of his own life, succeeded in saving that of his shipmate.

Sunday last being the anniversary of the Fire of 1825, appropriate sermons were preached in the several places of worship throughout the river.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Our correspondent A. B. C. need entertain no alarm for any compromise of our Editorial dignity. When we feel disposed to notice an attack made on us, it must be a *clever* thing. An anagram may be made by any school boy who chooses to impress words into his service to suit his purpose, without any regard to the *sense*;—to compose it in such a manner as to admit of the regular reading, and at the same time to manifest an *occult* or *hidden* sense, is altogether another thing. Our correspondent must be informed that our course of policy consists in treating the critics with utter contempt. Were we to deign to notice the animal, 'we could a tail unfold' which would make him look rather *sheepish*.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI

ENTERED, October 4—bark Indus, Hunter, Liverpool, 42 days; Duncan & Loch: brigs Britannia, Halliday, Carlisle, 42 days; Master: Dykes, Brown, Mary-

port, 85 days; Richard Blackstock: bark Aid, Tickle, Dublin, 85 days; J. T. Williston: brigs Ann, Ross, Quebec, 8 days; Crane & Allison: Estate, Wright, Cork, 37 days; J. T. Williston.

5th—brig Panmure, Gray, Air, 37 days; Gilmour Rankin & Co.

8th—brig William Pitt, Chamber, Wexford, 80 days; J. F. Williston; brigs Symmetry, Cowell, Belfast, 37 days; J. Cunard & Co: Bacchus, Howes, Bideford, 35 days; do.

Making a total of—181 square rigged vessels.

CLEARED, October 2—brig Aspacio, Burdes, Sunderland: schr. Beaver, Attridge, Bathurst. 3rd—bark George, Foggo, Liverpool. 4th—ship Isabella Simpson, Bell, Leith; schrs. Jane, Rafter, Bathurst; Mary-Ann, Fraser, Pictou. 5th—bark Margaret Bogle, Smith, Leith. 6th—brigs Maria, Magher, St Johns N. F. White, White, Sunderland: bark George Canning, M. Clelland, Liverpool; schrs. Weasil, Arthur, Gaspe; Roseau, Reardon, Halifax. 8th—bark Intrinsic, Smith, Port Glasgow; brig Richard & Ann, Smith, Newcastle.

PORT OF RICHIEUCO.

Arrd. Sept. 26—brig British Tar, Barker, Beaumaris, 52 days—Samuel M'Kean: schr. Maria, Murrie, Pictou, 4 days—Hugh M'Kay.

Old. Sept. 25—brig Amity, Suttie, Liverpool. 26th—brig Cumberland, Tickle, Cork. 27th—schr. Maria, Murrie, Bay Chaleur.

PORT OF BATHURST.

Arrd. Sept. 24—Schrs. Glasgow, Graham, Pictou; Butterfly, M'Donald, P. E. Island. 27th—schr. Elizabeth, Verge, Canada. 29th—brig Britannia, Roxby, Tralee, 32 days—Joseph Cunard & Co.

Old. Sept. 27—schr. Glasgow, Graham, Pictou. 29th—schr. Butterfly, M'Donald, P. E. Island. Oct. 1—schr. Elizabeth, Verge, Halifax.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrd. Sept. 26—brigs Comet, Belfast: Charity, Kinsale; Nelson, Norfolk. 27th—brig Caroline, Treen. 30th—ship Woodman, Liverpool.

Cleared—ships General Wolfe, Plymouth: Latonia, Liverpool: Jane, do: Meteor, Hull. Brigs Active, Falmouth: William, Lancaster: Neptune, Newry.

Brig Hannah V. Holmes, of this port, from Jamaica, bound to Quebec, with a cargo of rum, &c, was destroyed by fire, at sea, on the 13th August. The crew we understand, escaped, and have arrived at New-Provident.

Brig James & Margaret, Molm, of Aberdeen, from New York, for Sidney, was the vessel ashore on White Head, as reported last week.—Vessel lost—crew saved.

Ship Hyndham, from Liverpool, for St. Andrews, was totally lost on Friday night the 21st inst. near Little River. The cook was the only person lost. The ship was in ballast, and has sunk in several fathoms of water.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.

Arrd. Sept. 26th—ship Kingston, Liverpool: bark Gratitude, do: brig Lord Gambier, Boston: ship Campo Bello, Liverpool: bark Osprey, Grenada.

Cleared—brigs Holderness, Topsham: Malta, Wexford: Hannah, Lancaster: barks Osprey, Eastport: Brothers, Liverpool.

PRINCE ED. ISLAND.—The Mary Jane, Pile, arrived here on Saturday, from Newport, Wales, in 45 days;—brought a clean Bill of Health. On the passage, lost her mate, George Langdon, overboard.

The Two Sisters, Webster, from St. Pierre, Newfoundland, brought eight seamen belonging to the brig George and Thomas, from Barbadoes bound to Quebec, wrecked on the Island of Langley on the 13th August.

HALIFAX.—Captain Burrows, of the brig Standard, at this Port, reports that off Great Heneaugas, he was boarded by a boat from the shore, which stated that the brig Carnation, of Whitehaven, James Carr, Master, from Cape Haytien, St. Domingo, bound for Cowes, Isle of Wight, was stranded on the night of the 12th September, 5 miles east of the south-west point of said Island. About 40 tons coffee, 70 bales cotton, and some materials saved—crew all well.

The bark Flora, hence for Padstow, is ashore on Anticosti, about six miles to the northward of the light house—efforts are making to get her off. The Flora had on board two widowers, two widows, and nineteen orphan children from this port. We believe that there were no lives lost.

The Francis, Griffiths, at New York, from Greenock, saw on the 11th August, lat. 55, long. 16, 14, the wreck of a brig water-logged, timber loaded, and abandoned, foremast and bowsprit standing, and no rigging on them.

The brigantine Tweed, King, spoke on the 27th inst. the brigantine Caroline, Scott, from this port, bound to Quebec, which vessel suffered much on the night of the 26th inst. in a gale of wind, and lost an anchor, jib boom, royal masts, bulwarks, &c.