

ed and venerable institutions, in a very short period: A vote is a moral and intellectual act. The object of election is to choose the best officers. This supposes that he who chooses, shall be able to see who is best, and good enough to follow the dictates of his conscience in choosing him. The qualifications, therefore, of a voter ought to be moral and intellectual. But these cannot be defined; and as a consequence, we can take only those which come nearest to it, or which in the course of events, will generally produce the best voters. Property should be one qualification. Ability to read and write, another—and that qualification is best, which would produce the best voters. Or, if the privilege has been given to all, as in this country, we must give them the qualifications.

UNITED STATES.

CONFESSIONS OF NAT TURNER

Mr. T. R. Grey's pamphlet of "The Confessions of Nat Turner, the leader of the late Insurrections in Southampton," has been published at Baltimore. It makes 22 pages. It professes to give, from the bandit's own lips, the circumstances which formed him a leader and a fanatic. It sketches the commencement, progress and termination, of an Insurrection, the bare recital of which makes the blood run cold. The description of the butchery of the whites is terrific. We cannot make copious extracts from it, because it is put under a copy right. But we may be permitted, without infringing on the author's privilege, to copy the following incidents.

"And by signs in the heavens that it would make known to me when I should commence the great work—and until the first sign appeared, I should conceal it from the knowledge of men. And on the appearance of the sign, (the eclipse of the sun last February,) I should arise and prepare myself, and slay my enemies with their own weapons. And immediately on the sign appearing in the heavens, the seal was removed from my lips, I communicated the great work laid out for me to do, to four in whom I had the greatest confidence, (Henry, Hark, Nelson, and Sam.) It was intended by us to have begun the work of death on the 4th July last. Many were the plans formed and rejected by us, and it affected my mind to such a degree, that I fell sick, and the time passed without our coming to any determination how to commence.—Still forming new schemes and rejecting them, when the sign appeared again, which determined me not to wait longer," (the strange appearance of the sun!)

"Hark got a ladder and set it against the chimney, on which I ascended, and hoisting a window, entered and came down stairs, unbarred the door, and removed the guns from their places. It was then observed that I must spill the first blood. On which, armed with a hatchet, and accompanied by Will, I entered my master's chamber: it being dark, I could not give a death blow; the hatchet glanced from his head, he sprang from his bed and called his wife; it was his last word. Will laid him dead, with a blow of his axe, and Mrs Travis shared the same fate as she lay in bed. The murder of this family, five in number, was the work of a moment, not one of them awoke; there was a little infant sleeping in a cradle, that was forgotten, until we had left the house and gone some distance, when Henry and Will returned and killed it! we got here, four guns that would shoot, and several old muskets, with a pound or two of powder."

From Mr Reese's we went to Mrs Turner's a mile distant, which we reached about sunrise, on Monday morning; Henry Austen and Sam, went to the still, where, finding Mr Peebles, Austen shot him, and the rest of us went to the house; as we approached, the family discovered us, and shut the door. Vain hope! Will, with one stroke of his axe, opened it, and we entered and found Mrs Turner and Mrs Newsome in the middle of a room, almost frightened to death. Will immediately killed Mrs Turner, with one blow of his axe. I took Mrs Newsome by the hand, and with the sword I had when I was apprehended, I struck her several blows over the head, but not being able to kill her, as the sword was dull. Will turning round and discovering it, despatched her

also. A general destruction of property and search for more money and ammunition, always succeeded the murders.'

"All the family were already murdered, but Mrs Whitehead and her daughter Margaret. As I came round to the door I saw Will pulling Mrs. Whitehead out of the house, and at the step he nearly severed her head from her body with his broad-axe.—Miss Margaret, when I discovered her, had concealed herself in the corner, formed by the projection of cellar-cap from the house; on my approach she fled, but was soon overtaken, and, after repeated blows with the sword, I killed her by a blow on the head, with a fence-rail"

What wretches! This monster Will, furnishes deeds that would suit the pencil of Salvator Rosa.

One confession of Nat Turner is important: He was asked "if he knew of any extensive or concerted plan?" His answer was, "I do not." When I questioned him as to the insurrection in North Carolina happening about the same time, he denied any knowledge of it; and when I looked him in the face, as though I would search his inmost thoughts, he replied, "I see, sir, you doubt my word; but can you not think the same ideas, and strange appearances about this time in the heavens might prompt others, as well as myself, to this undertaking?"

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

HALIFAX.—Dec. 26—Arrd.—Schooner Eliza, Munsey, Miramichi, 21 days. Capt. M. reports a barque on shore, with all sail set, between Picou and Tatamagouche—being a snow storm could not learn particulars. Cleared—ship Halifax, Liverpool. The Western Stage Driver, arrived on Friday evening, reports the loss of a barque from St. John, for Liverpool.

Extract of a Letter, dated Barrington, December 23, 1831. "I have to inform you of the melancholy loss of the brig Eclipse, wrecked on the west part of Cape Sable, on the night of the 21st ult., the vessel immediately went to pieces, and all on board have met with a watery grave. No bodies have yet been cast on shore, about 6 or 700 bbls. of Flour have been driven on shore. A person has just arrived from the wreck, and reports that a Newspaper has been found, dated New York, 14th Dec. As soon as I can obtain further information respecting the wreck I will write you the particulars.

DIGBY, Dec. 26.—I regret to state the loss of our very fine Packet Caroline, every soul on board perished, among whom were seven heads of families—this distressing news has this morning arrived. Also, a brig, and six of her crew have perished.

ST. JOHN.—Arrd. brig William, cork. cleared—ship Marchioness of Queensbury, Liverpool. brig Ambassador, Barbadoes.

The brig True Blue, from St. Andrews for Liverpool, lumber laden, has put into Toad's cove, loaky, with the loss of some of her sails and spars.

PR. ED. ISLAND, Dec. 13.—The Eliza, from Halifax, made the harbour this forenoon, but was prevented by the ice from getting in. Exertions, however, are making to cut a passage for her through the ice. The harbour of Three Rivers not being yet frozen, the brigantine George & Henry, for Barbadoes, has gone thither to finish her loading.

The barque Quebec Trailer having been run on the bank about ninety fathoms above the wharf, to have her bottom examined, was forced off the bank, early on the morning of Friday last, by the pressure of the drift ice, which broke her fastenings and carried her out of the harbour. She was brought to an anchor at Indian cove, where she at present lies in shoal water, and cannot be got back, owing to the quantity of ice in the harbour.

The brig British Tar, moore, from Cocagne, N. B. bound for Liverpool, with a cargo of Timber, came out of Cocagne on Sunday the 4th inst. and during the gale of the following day, ran for shelter under the land, at Graham's Head, near Bedeque, but her masts parting, she drove on shore and bilged. The cargo, it is expected, will be saved.

The schr Novelty, Higgins, from Quebec for Egmont Bay, is on shore at Stanhope, on the north side of this island. She is expected to be got off in the spring.

JOSEPH CUNARD & CO.

Have for sale, the following articles, at their Stores in Chatham and Newcastle, which they offer cheap for ash. or on approved credit,
1000 barrels Corn Meal,
400 do. Oat Meal,
1000 Quintals Codfish,
30 barrels Onions,
100 do. Apples,

Together with their usual stock of rum, Jamaica Spirits, molasses, brandy, gin, whiskey, wine, ports and ale in bottles, sugar, tea, cast-steel, Crawley Millington, and Blister Steel, iron, pots, ovens, cut and wrought nails, broad and narrow cast-steel and common axes, traces, DRY GOODS, Cutlery, and Hardware, Ploughs, Carts, Fanners Wheel-barrow, &c. &c. Miramichi, December 17.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post Office, Miramichi, December, 1831.

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| Betts Jarid | Muscole Peter Bay du Via |
| Brand John | Murphy Alex. care of P Dunn |
| Bullock Charles | Mulrooney Barney Newcastle |
| Bulger G | M'Leod William Tailor |
| Butler Mick | M'Elverny Robert care of J. Coy |
| Buteman Joseph Nelson | M'Namara Mathew |
| Blake Robert Chatham | M'Donald Alex. Point aux car |
| Bulger Dan care of P Dunn | M'Intosh James care of P Gray |
| Bulman Daniel Chatham | M'Eachern Archibald |
| Brown Ann do | M'Cane Daniel |
| Bergin Edward | M'Gee Charles North West |
| Brown Hannah Chatham | Malloney James N Moors |
| Crawford Thomas Newcastle | M'Kinnen Benjamin |
| Clouston Magnes | M'Leod Roderick |
| Caroline Patrick care of J Doran | Morrison Neil North West |
| Calahan Patrick | M'Donald James Black River |
| Cosgrove Catherine | M'Donald Donald West River |
| Currie Angus | M'Gee Thomas |
| Canry Mrs care of Mr Ryan | Murphy Timothy Chatham |
| Coulthard Charles Chatham | M'Killop Alex. Douglastown |
| Cox Michael Shoe Maker | M'Phee Duncan Shoe Maker |
| Cody James care of J Suttan | M'Kenzie Hugh Irish Town |
| Conway James Chatham | M'Cormack Francis |
| Clouston Mary | M'Dean Hugh Northesk |
| Carew Michael care of Rev Mr Dellard | Murchev James Inkeeper |
| Gampbell Alexander | M'Carty James |
| Carr H G | M'Pherson William |
| Clarke Amass | Moore James |
| Costy Keara Nelson | Murry Hugh |
| Chambers Joseph | Murrin Patt care of Duncan & Loch |
| Crowly Dennis | M'Grath Patrick |
| Crans Charles | M'Carty Margaret |
| Coulthard Charles care of D Murray | Mulhall Thomas |
| Carlyle Robert care of Robert Graham | M'Farlane Murdock |
| Cameron Duncan | Morrison John S. West |
| Campbell Michael | Mahoney Jeremiah Chatham |
| Diggins John | Mulroy Charles care of J. Gu-nard & co. |
| Danville James care of G Taylor | M'Kinnon John N West |
| Duncan George | M'Cormell Thomas Millwright |
| Dewolf Edward | M'Kay John |
| Danford Mrs Chatham | M'Lean John Black River |
| Doan Charles N West | M'Doga Id A. |
| Duckrey James | M'Knight James Ludlow |
| Dowling John | M'Donald Donald Reniwse river |
| Driscoll Timothy Tailor | Moors Nathaniel |
| Dalton Edward | Moon Donald |
| Day Edward | Mullons John Butcher |
| Ford John | O'Donovan Mary |
| Furlong James | O'Cormer Mr. Chatham |
| Farbell Edward | O'Leary Simon or Arthur |
| Firth William 2 | Pattain John |
| Fitzpatrick John | Perley Dudley 2 |
| Foster Preston | Pike Luke |
| Fraggan John | Peabody George |
| Foy do | Quirk John |
| Gordon William | Redmond Patrick |
| Grant Andrew | Russell Grace Miss |
| Gardner Sinclair | Rafter William |
| Girmen James Indian Town | Robbins Rufus |
| Glen John | Ramsay James Dnuglastown |
| Gill James care of P Mitchell | Redmond Caroline Miss |
| Grattan Michael | Ross Donald care of G Gunn |
| Grant John care of Frost & Rennie | Salus brig Wm. Sophie |
| Gebbins Catherine | Shiel Betty |
| Gray William Douglastown | Soule Stetson Chatham |
| Grattan Michael | Stuart Charles Nappan |
| Gebbins Catherine | Scott William Chatham |
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| Hanaway John | Sir Geo murry brig Callende & Smith Angus |
| Hogan Michael Chatham | Saddler David Napan |
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| Hamilton William | Scott James joiner |
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| Hanagau Dennis | Twhogh Patrick |
| Healy John | Timmens Thomas |
| Hickey do | Tingiey Samuel |
| Henderson James | Taylor Wm care of Thos Bois |
| Kehoe Patrick Newcastle | Vye Charles |
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| Kelly Peter care of IT Wilmiston | Whitney Elinger |
| Kerr Peter | Walsh John Tracaday |
| Keating James | Urquart Lewis |
| Keehan Lawrence | Urquart Wm Tabisinga |
| Keyse Thomas | Weed Robert |
| Kernohan Margaret | Walsh Luke |
| Little Thomas 2 Chatham | Wilson Robert |
| Lighton Isaac | Wells John Pilot |
| Love Wm near Custom-house | Walsh do Clarke's Cove |
| Lewis Andrew | Wilson Thomas Newcastle |
| Lauders Mr | Wallace Henry Chatham |
| Levingston Alexander | Walsh Patrick |
| Young Gabriel | Wood Joshua |
| | Ward Mathias |
| | Ward John |
| | Wood Wm Ship Carpenter |

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JAMES CAIE, POSTMASTER Miramichi, December 20, 1831.