

TY MEN, who conspired against Julius Caesar, not one, with the exception of Brutus, was influenced by the splendor of the deed, but were actuated solely by interested and selfish motives.

The revolutions in France let loose a host of the most diabolical villains that ever disgraced a political theatre; yet these men were cheered by the public as Patriots, and extolled as the safe-guards of their liberties. Having such facts before us, with others near at home, what conclusion must any reasonable man form of the bustle and contention at present among us upon political subjects; it is "not how the government shall be administered, but who shall administer it." Experience has proved, that the patriotism of those who oppose the government, has no other object but to tease the Sovereign—thwart the measures of his Ministers—traverse their best concerted projects—solely that themselves may have a share in the Government; when they obtain their object, they endeavour to follow precisely the tracks of their predecessors, and become in their turn the objects of envy and clamour to those they dispossessed, who again become the patriots and favourites of the public. A fickle and restless people will always believe those to be their true friends, who are the enemies of the persons in power—not a jot the wiser by experience—and are ensnared and taken by the same popular arts practised upon them in an eternal succession.

Patriotism in the present day is used to designate an ambitious man who wishes to succeed the ministers he despises—a factious turbulent man, whose only aim is to restore a shattered fortune at the expence of the public,\* a dram-shop luminary—a mob-mistifier—whose existence depends upon the disaffection he creates. I do not mean to say that the word is a nullity—I know that there have been, and are men worthy of the appellation of Patriots, but they have been and are so rare, that the original acceptation is obsolete, but for the sake of departed worth, let us have a substitute—and do not degrade the names of a Brutus, a Wallace, or a Tell—

"Men whose stately tread

Brought from the dust the sound of Liberty," by bringing them to a level with a species of reptiles, whose rapacity the fruit of the earth cannot satisfy, and who emit an intoxicating filth that drives the people to madness and ruin.

January 8, 1832.

\* Verified in the late selection of members for the British Parliament.

MR. EDITOR,

OBSERVING in your paper of the 6th December, a communication signed Interrogator, in which he asks some very pertinent questions regarding the Steam vessel, I commenced reading the Gleaner of the 13th with the expectation of seeing them answered; but was agreeably surprised to find that that paragon of English critics, and grammarians, Mr Amicus, had instead of answering them, commenced an attack on the language in which they were written, not caring one farthing about the general mismanagement of the boat; but merely wishing to raise a controversy, wherein he may have an opportunity of exercising his wonderful powers of composition and eloquence, and cut poor Interrogator up, root and branch.

It is certainly wonderful that the "Universal Genius," Mr Amicus, could not understand Interrogator's Communication; I can attribute it to nothing but his "being a man not possessed of EXTRAORDINARY natural powers of perception," and perhaps his acquired ones are a little warped, so he looks obliquely on an object set directly before him. Though he displays in his writings, "an Eagle flight of eloquence," his organs of perception belong rather to the owl species. A pair of green glass spectacles would assist him wonderfully. When Amicus has supplied himself with them, I hope he will continue to amuse the public with his wit and learning; and when he has driven all competitors from the field, that he will condescend to give satisfactory answers to the questions put by Interrogator, as I have no doubt (judging from the specimens of his talents given in his useful and excellent criticisms) that he is very capable of the task. I hope he will also interlard them with some of "a propos" Latin quotations, which I dare say are very edifying to himself, as well as all who understand them, but as every person in the community is not possessed of Mr Amicus's talent, and good fortune in the knowledge of the Latin language, I shall feel obliged if he will accompany them with original translations. He need not put himself to the trouble of endeavouring to write "common sense," his "uncommon sense" being so amusing; I shall not desire him to do impossibilities.

A SUBSCRIBER.

December 28, 1831,

MR. EDITOR,

I attended the Amateur Theatre on Thursday evening last, during the performance of the "Poor Gentleman," and must say that I was highly gratified by the manner in which it was acted. The parts on the whole were well filled.

I have seen many companies of Amateurs perform, (far exceeding the Miramichi Company in number and having great advantages over them, such as a large House, Stage, &c.) but none who excelled, or even equalled them.

I admire the performance of Plays by a number of young persons, it being the medium of conveying not only amusement, but instruction also.

The House was well filled, and the evening's entertainment went off with the greatest eclat.

A LOVER OF DECENCY.

January 6, 1832.

## SCHEDIASMA.

MIRAMICHI:

TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 10, 1832

We have nothing later from England to present our readers this week.

The mails for the southward, in future, will be forwarded, every Tuesday at 6, P. M. instead of 10, A. M. and will arrive on Saturday at 4 P. M. instead of Sunday at 10 A. M. By this judicious arrangement, the inhabitants of Bathurst will be enabled to answer their letters, and have them forwarded in sufficient time to be despatched by the return Courier on Tuesday. The Mail for the Baie de Chaleur will be despatched on Saturday, immediately after the arrival of the Courier from the southward.

At an Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the Fredericton Saving's Bank, held on the 2nd inst. it appears that since its commencement in 1825 the sum of £11,137 8 0 1-2 has been deposited. We wish to call the attention of the public in general, as well as the Philanthropist, to the above statement, as we consider it of the highest importance, and we are convinced that such an institution is not only wanted in Miramichi but that it would lead to the most beneficial results, to the middle order of society.

By a Postscript in the St. John Observer, we are sorry to perceive that the Light House recently erected on Partridge Island, was destroyed by fire on the night of Tuesday last.

We wish to draw the attention of the Shareholders of the Royal William, Steamer, to the following paragraph:

LOWER CANADA. House of Assembly, December 16. —Mr Leslie, from the Standing Committee of Trade, presented the third report of the said Committee; recommending that such amendments should be made to the Act relating to the Quebec and Halifax Steam Navigation Company, as will leave it optional with the Company to send their Steam Vessel to Halifax or only to Pictou, but could not recommend the purchase of any portion of the Stock of the Company.

A very numerous, and highly respectable meeting of the Inhabitants of Halifax, was held in the Exchange Coffee-House, on the 31st ult. for the purpose of establishing a PUBLIC BANK in that town, and the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the experience of all countries has proved the extensive benefits derived by the community from Banking Institutions, when properly conducted, and that it is the opinion of this meeting, such an establishment at Halifax, will be highly advantageous to the Trade, Commerce, Industry, and resources of this Province, and otherwise promote its general interests.

Resolved, That the benefits resulting from such an Establishment, will be much extended by opening it to general subscription, and admitting the public at large to partake in its profits and emoluments.

Resolved, That for the attainment of these desirable objects, an application be made to the Legislature, at its ensuing Session, to pass an Act for the incorporation of the Subscribers to the said Bank, by the name of "The President, Directors, and Company of the Bank of Nova-Scotia."

Resolved, That Mathew B. Almon, Lewis Bliss, James W. Johnston, John Brown, and Alex. Murison, Esquires, be a Committee to draw up and prepare an Act for this purpose, and that William Lawson, Esq, one of the Representatives for the County of Halifax, be requested to bring into the House of Assembly the said Bill, and that the other Members for the County

and those for the Town of Halifax, be requested to give their support to the passing of the said Bill.

Resolved; That the said Committee, do also prepare Petitions to His Majesty's Council, and to the House of Assembly, praying them to pass the said Bill; and that the said Petitions be left at some convenient place for signatures.

Resolved, That in order to afford an opportunity for all persons within the Province to join the Institution, no subscription shall be made thereto, until the first day of February next, and that a subscription book for shares to the said Bank be opened on that day, under the charge of the Committee already nominated; and that the several printers in Halifax, Pictou, and Yarmouth, be requested to insert Notice to this effect, in the Newspapers published by them.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Meeting be tendered to our worthy County Member, William Lawson, Esq. for the consideration shown by him to the wishes of a respectable portion of his Constituents, in attending this meeting, and for his able services in the chair this day, and also to W. B. Bliss, Esq. for his able and laborious services in preparing the arrangements necessary for carrying into effect the objects of the meeting, and which by so greatly facilitating the business in view, have enabled this meeting to make its present progress toward the attainment of its object.

The principles of the proposed Act of Incorporation were also stated to the meeting, considered, and settled when it was Resolved, that an Act should be framed conformably thereto.

A new Wesleyan Methodist Chapel is to be opened at Fredericton on Sunday next.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We have taken the liberty to expunge the concluding paragraph in the communication signed "A Lover of Decency." The improprieties of which he complains, we are satisfied, would never have taken place, had the individuals to whom he alludes, imagined that they would in any way annoy the audience.

"N." must excuse us for refusing to publish his favor. If he has a TASTE for Poetry, and will take the trouble to peruse his article carefully over—more especially his fourth stanza, he will not be astonished at its rejection.

AMATEUR THEATRE. The Amateurs opened their Theatrical campaign on Thursday evening last, with the Poor Gentleman, and the Weathercock; their debut was highly creditable to the Company—and their exertions were repaid by an overflowing House.

MARRIED.—At Mr. Alexander McBeath's, by the Rev. W. G. Johnstone, of St. Andrew's, Chatham, Mr. DUNCAN MCGRAW, to Miss ISABELLA M'DOUGAL, both of the parish of Glenelg.

DIED.—At Caraquet, on the 25th December; Mr. PIERRE ALBERT, aged 83 years. One of the first settlers in that part of the Province. He has left a numerous offspring and a large circle of acquaintances to regret his loss.

NOTICE.—The Members of the CHATHAM TEMPERANCE SOCIETY, are requested to meet at Mr. George Johnston's, on Thursday evening next, at 7 o'clock.

### NOTICE.

The Meeting of the Committee of the MIRAMICHI LADIES AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY, is necessarily postponed beyond the usual time, till the third WEDNESDAY of this month; when it will be held in the Douglastown School House, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

C. THOMSON, SECRETARY.

January 10, 1832.

The SUBSCRIBERS have received on Consignment 200 barrels INDIAN MEAL, which they will sell low for Cash.

JOSEPH & SAMUEL

Chatham, 14th November, 1831.

### THE SUBSCRIBER

Mos respectfully begs leave to announce that he has opened a House for the accommodation of the Public in the Town of Liverpool, being that which was formerly denominated the WELLINGTON HOTEL; and under the sign of THE KING'S ARMS,

he humbly hopes for a liberal share of the public patronage. He also takes the present opportunity of returning his deepest acknowledgments and profoundest gratitude for the extensive share of favour hitherto bestowed, and he pledges himself to devote his utmost energies to give signal satisfaction for the future.

P. DONNELLY.

at Liverpool, Kent, 15th Nov. 1831.