

merce of London, already declining under the competition with Liverpool and other northern ports of England. If the common apprehension among merchants is to be any criterion on such a subject, the effects must ere long be extremely injurious."

COMMUNICATION.

MR EDITOR,—Fond of pleasant recreations, and such as are conducive to health and activity, I beg leave to propose, that a Meeting of such persons as may feel disposed to form a CRICKET CLUB, shall be held at the Hotel of Mr James White, Chatham, on Wednesday Evening next, the 2d May, at 8 o'clock.
AN AMATEUR OF THE CRICKET FIELD.
Chatham, April 30, 1832.

SCHEDIASMA.

NIRAMICHI.
TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 1, 1832.

By late arrivals at St. John and Halifax, we are enabled to furnish our readers with European extracts to the 26th March. The Reform Bill, we are most happy to perceive has at length passed the House of Commons by a majority of 116—353 voting for the Bill, and 239 against it. Lords Althorp and Russell were ordered to carry the Bill to the Lords, and request their concurrence. The question of "What will the Lords do?" has again been revived: we trust—and we see every prospect of its fulfilment—that this important measure will meet with a ready assent by their Lordships—and Ministers be saved the unpleasant and dangerous expedient of creating a batch of Peers.

CHOLERA.—A writer in the London MEDICAL & SURGICAL JOURNAL, insists that there is no Asiatic Cholera in Great-Britain, but the common epidemic disease, and that this disease is not contagious. The London Times states, "that there is not a man to be met with on the Exchange, who believes that the Cholera is in London." Our readers will find in a preceding column, a very humorous article upon the same subject from the AGE. The Editor thinks that the reports are got up and propagated by a number of the 'faculty,' in London, out of employment, who thus hope, by arousing the fears of the 'cocknies,' to have their services called into requisition.

By the following Proclamation, which we copy from the Fredericton Gazette Extraordinary, our readers will perceive that His Excellency Sir Archibald Campbell, has called a meeting of the Legislature of this Province, to be convened at Fredericton, on Thursday next. To rectify the unfortunate error which crept into the Revenue Bill, by which all COLONIAL PRODUCE imported into this Province, was subjected to the enormous tax of ten per cent, is, we believe, the cause of this measure; the promptitude of His Excellency to remove this important mistake, merits the highest praise. A good deal has been said of the expense which will thus be brought upon the Province by the claim members will have on the Treasury for their pay, in attending this extra call; but judging that body by its former actions, we are disposed to think they will feel too much pleasure in thus having an early opportunity of removing from their constituents so serious a grievance, caused by their inadvertency, to think of receiving any remuneration for correcting the same.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the First Monday in June next, and it is expedient, for special reasons, that a Meeting of the said General Assembly should be sooner held for the Despatch of Business; I have therefore thought fit to summon the said General Assembly, and the same day the 3d day of May next, for the Despatch of Business.

Given under my hand and seal, at Fredericton, the eighteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and in the second year of His Majesty's Reign.
By His Excellency's Command.

WM. F. ODELL.

In our number of last week, we redeemed our pledge to publish the New Regulations for the disposing of the Crown Lands; and we sincerely hope that they will confer advantage on the Crown, and give satisfaction to the people; at the same time, as public journalists, we feel it our duty to state, that so far as our information extends, the excitement of the public mind, on a subject so momentous to the most solid interests of the country, is in no degree allayed. On the contrary, the opinion pretty generally entertained here among people, possessed of more ample sources of information than process to enjoy, runs counter to any anticipations

of a pleasurable nature. In our present state of imperfect knowledge, we can only state, that the necessity of a journey to Fredericton, to obtain an allotment of Land, seems absolutely necessary, since no information which can be conveyed by letter, on a subject so all-important to the poor man as his future homestead, will be sufficient to enable any resident agent to transact his business. We will most cheerfully devote any portion of our columns to the diffusion of information on a subject so interesting to the well-being of the Province; and we call on any of our Correspondents possessed of the requisite knowledge, to confer on us the means of imparting it to their anxious countrymen.

COURT OF KING'S BENCH, Thursday, 26th Jan. 1832.
American Legal Decisions.—Lord Tenterden, in the course of the forenoon, addressed the Bar to the following effect:—"Mr Richard Peters, a Counsellor of Law and Reporter to the Supreme Court of the United States, has done me the honor to send me four volumes of the Legal Decisions in that Court, accompanied by a letter, desiring my acceptance of them, as the head of this Court, and I do not know a better mode of complying with the wishes and intentions of the donor, than by ordering the books to be placed among the books of this Court. Mr Peters states in his letter, that the decisions in the Supreme Court are strictly in accordance with our decisions; and although it cannot be supposed from the multiplicity of my avocations, that I can find time to pay any great attention to the perusal of the decisions in these books, I am bound to say, that as far as I have been able to look into them, they appear to me to be founded on strong, good, and sound sense, and upon a good and sound principle." His Lordship then handed the volumes to the Master of the Court.

We present our readers with an extract from a late London paper, conveying the Speech of the Lord Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench, on presenting a publication of the Reports of the Decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States; the perusal of which excited reflections in our own bosom which we entertain no doubt will be responded to by our readers. We have now been a separate Province for upwards of forty-years, exercising the highest privileges of an independent nation, by legislating for ourselves, and carrying into full execution all the established laws; Yet is there a Lawyer in this country, who can furnish an accurate account of the decisions of our Supreme Law Court? Is there a Lawyer who can by the analogy of previous decisions, state to his client any thing greater than a probability of the kind of JUDGMENT his case will receive? We know that a full attendance of the gentlemen of the long robe is generally given to the sittings of the Supreme Court, and consequently that no decisions on controverted points of law can be made but in their hearing; but, however careful those gentlemen may be in storing up such treasures of useful knowledge, and however acute they may be in marking distinctions, we are fully confident in receiving their concurrence to the assertion, that notwithstanding the utmost industry, care, and attention, it is utterly impossible to retain much, or even a small portion of a knowledge so essentially important to the best interests of the Profession of the Bar, as well as those of the country at large. We assert, without fear of contradiction, that if Legislative provision were made for a Reporter, and for the publication of the proceedings of the Supreme Courts of Law and Equity, no measure would be more generally beneficial, or experience more popularity throughout the whole Province.

The Legislative Branches of Prince Edward's Island are at loggerheads. To increase the revenue, the Lower House passed a Bill for Assessing all Lands, which the Council rejected. The Assembly has in consequence, passed several angry Resolutions, and petitioned His Majesty upon the subject.

We are informed that the Courier arrived last week at Richibucto with the English mail, at three o'clock on Monday morning, without having been detained longer on the road than the time limited for him; and notwithstanding the perilous state of the ice on Cocagne and Buctouche harbours, entirely unaccompanied, and in the night, he drove fearlessly over, without meeting with any accident. "None but the brave deserve the fair;" and if courage, activity, and enterprise merit success, the Couriers on our Post Route are highly deserving, although the regular conveyance of passengers, at a moderate rate, from Richibucto to Dorchester, is still a desideratum.

St. John's, N. F. March 27.—We feel much pleasure in announcing to our readers that His Majesty's Government has come to the determination of granting to this Colony a Local Legislature, similar to that of Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick,—and that His Excellency Sir Thomas Cochrane may be expected here

early in the summer, vested with full power to convene a Representative Assembly.

The Common Council of the City of St. John, have presented Lauchlan Donaldson, Esq. with the sum of £100, out of the City Funds, for the purchase of a piece of Plate, as a mark of approbation, on his retirement from the office of Mayor.

The Montreal Gazette says—we have been informed by letters from GASPE, that Mr Christie will be again elected without opposition. His friends are firm, and will persevere in maintaining that freedom of election which belongs to them as British subjects. As to the other member to which that County is now entitled, there are already in the field as candidates, John Le Boutilier, Esq. of Perce, who it is supposed will carry the votes of the County, and Henry O'Hara, Esq. of New Carlisle.

LACONIC, IF NOT COMPLIMENTARY.—The late Professor Stuart, of Marischal College, Aberdeen, was a strange compound of benevolence and eccentricity. With the best intentions he often used language the most insulting. On retiring from his public labours, the students attending his class, resolved on presenting him a piece of plate. A subscription was opened, and on the last day of the Session, the massy gift—after a neat speech by a gentleman selected for the purpose—was laid upon the table. The Professor returned thanks in the following pithy address:—"Gentlemen, I am much obliged to you for this mark of your esteem. I have now been thirty-four years Professor of Greek in Marischal College, and I must do you the justice to say, that, during the whole of that period, I never met such a set of CUT-THROAT RASCALS." The feelings of the donors may be imagined.

LITERARY.—Lieutenant Lister Maw, who acted as naval aid-de-camp to General Campbell, at Rangoon, is about to publish his memorandums of the campaign against the Burman empire. The Narrative of Major Snodgrass relates but to the operations by land; and this publication is expected to supply the deficiency, and correct some mistakes. The author followed the course of the Maranon, or Amazons, in South America, from its source to the sea, and printed an account of his journey;—notwithstanding some critical objections to the work, the soundings and measurements in that volume, are a treasure. London Anthracum.

Sunday and yesterday we had a pleasurable change in the weather, and should it continue a few days longer we would be gratified with the sight of a clear river. Yesterday we saw several horses and sleighs passing up on the ice, and this morning several persons have crossed on foot.

ERRATA. In Dr. Key's communication, published last week, were the following errors—2nd paragraph 8th line, for lazar, read lazars; 2nd column, 3d pa. last word, for Apaline, read Assalini; 9th pa. 12th line for Observationer, read Observaciones; 10th pa. last line in said column, for Samael, read Ismael; 3rd column 24th and 55th lines, for Medica Cherurgical, read Medico Chirurgical; 2nd pa. 10th line, for theirs, read this; 22d do. for Miasa, read Miasma; 3d column, 6th pa. 6th line, for contagious, under, read or under; 7th do. 4th line, for are to, read are near to; 10th do. last line, for Reporter, read Reports.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived: Monday, ship Pacific, Liverpool, via Eastport. Eleanor, Liverpool: Alchymist, Falmouth: Kirkilla, Hull: brig Anne, Penzance. Tuesday, brig Maria, Liverpool, via Campo Bello.

Cleared: New brig Cecelia, Liverpool.
Passenger in the Eleanor—Mr Alexander Wright, of Miramichi.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.

Arrived: Friday, brig Colonist, Liverpool; ship Pacific, Cork; brig Maria, Liverpool.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived: Thursday, brig Wellington, Cork—123 passengers. Friday, brig Clyde, Greenock—14 passengers. Saturday, bark Isabella, do.

Cleared, brig Mary-Ann, Liverpool.

The Aberdeenshire, Oswald, has arrived at Halifax from Aberdeen, in 52 days passage.

Captain Howard, of the United States Revenue Cutter Swiftsure, has succeeded in saving about \$900 worth of property, in rigging, sails, &c. from the wreck of the British brig Signal, at Moose Peck.

Up at Liverpool for Richibucto—ship Good Agreement. For Miramichi—ship Aleyone, and bark Harbinger.