

the subject.—We hesitate not to challenge the universe to produce any thing to equal the rapidity with which misery and destruction have been brought on the devoted heads of the once wealthy and happy inhabitants of this *Island of Experiment*. But a few years have passed away since the town of Port of Spain was insufficient to lodge its inhabitants with any degree of comfort; rents were fourfold, and in some instances tenfold what they are now. Is it not sufficient to damp the ardour of the highest spirit, when one sees those houses so recently the home of wealth and comfort, now tenants, and so many closed up as to give to the place the appearance of *desert* having been visited by the *plague*. Previously to the Order in Council of 1824, every independent Planter in the West-Indies turned his thoughts to Trinidad, and thither he would have proceeded, had that first instrument of our ruin been promulgated. Fortunately, however, for many, they became aware of their danger, and now return thanks to Providence for their escape. A few, it is true (unfortunately for themselves) were allured by the richness of the soil, and brought with them their slaves and such wealth as they could collect together—but their destruction has been as rapid as if they had carried their *all* to the gaming table. These unfortunates saw but our soil and our climate, they had yet to learn what our laws and our taxes were;—now, alas for them! they know them to their cost!! We have been told (but in so imperfect a manner, that we cannot make any certain statement respecting it at present) that *additional* taxes are to be *imposed*, and that our burdens are to be increased beyond present belief. Surely this cannot be true, as Ministers have desired that the most economical system should be pursued, and every possible relief granted to the Planter; we therefore think that no set of men would have the hardihood to increase our taxation beyond what the colony paid in its best days of prosperity—and at a moment too, when our produce is at its lowest ebb, and the slaves so wickedly disposed as to destroy every hope of making more than half a crop in future.

PORT-AU-PRINCE.—By the schooner *Specie*, we have received Port-au-Prince papers of the 8th and 15th July from which we learn that that place has been devastated by a most extensive conflagration, which commenced on the 8th. On that day the fire broke out in a house in ruins, situated opposite the barracks of the President's Guard, and extended to the sea shore consuming on its passage every thing it encountered—the wind was high, and blew from the east, northeast and north. The ravages made by the flames exceed those of the 16th August 1820, and 16th December 1820, together. The houses of 16 entire streets were on fire, those in 14 are wholly destroyed, and those in the two others are very nearly so. Notwithstanding it was Sunday, and the country people for ten miles round were generally in the town—notwithstanding the military corps of Port au Prince had just paraded before the fire commenced, all their efforts to stop it proved ineffectual, and it only ceased in consequence of having nothing more to consume. The waters in the fountains had been stopped for some unknown cause. More than a thousand people are without a shelter, and the place is said to have the appearance of a town taken by assault, in which the combatants disputed their prey and their booty in every street.—*New York Courier*.

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MIRAMICHI.

TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 28, 1832.

We have nothing later from Europe, to present our readers than our last week's Number contained. We have copied a variety of articles from our late British papers, which, although they furnish no news, will be found interesting.

On Friday evening last, we experienced a very severe squall of wind, which was accompanied with heavy rain, loud peals of thunder, and vivid flashes of lightning. A considerable quantity of hail fell, the stones were of an uncommon large size. The weather has since been rather cool for the season.

We have this week received the three first Numbers of the *BRITISH AMERICAN*, published by J. H. White. The paper is small, but neatly printed, and contains a large quantity of useful and entertaining matter. We wish the proprietor every success in his undertaking.

The Steamer *Royal William*, arrived at Quebec on the 7th inst. Private letters, we understand, state that she has been laid up.

Dr. Fotheringham's letter has been copied into the *Halifax Journal*.

MR EDITOR.

Sir—In perusing Pitcairn's Trials for Scotland in 1439, the following note, intitled 'From an addiceoun of Scottis Cornickles and Diedes,' struck me as something so analogous to Cholera Morbus, that I hope some of your numerous and highly gifted correspondents will render the note into English for the benefit of at least one that does not understand Scotland's orthography at that period.

A BRITON.

"The samyne tyme (anno 1439) thar war in Scotland a gret derthe, for the bolle of queheit was xls., and the bolle of ete meel xxxs., and veriley the derthe was so gret, that thar deit a passinge people for hungere. And als the land ill, wame ill was so violent that thar deit ma that zere than ever dett ouder in pestilenes or zet in ony other sicknesse in Scotlande. And that samyne zere the pestilenes into Scotlande, and began at Dumfrisei; and it was callit the pestilenes, but mercey, for thar tuik it nane that ever recoverit, but they deit withun xxxiiij houris."

Extract of a Letter from Brier Island, dated Aug. 16. —"Our weather for two months past has been very gloomy; we have been enveloped in fog. No person has yet commenced haying, and the potatoes here, and along through the township of Clare, have been much hurt by a heavy gust of wind, which we had last week, and which turned them black. The leaves of the trees have been similarly affected. On Sunday morning last, about half past seven, we had on Brier Island a very heavy shock of an Earthquake. It lasted the best part of a minute, and was so violent that I could not stand still on my feet in the bedroom, but had to seize the bed-post for support. Many rocks on the cliffs of the Island were shaken down."

[A similar gust of wind was felt at Pictou and Truro—it did not, so far as we could perceive, turn the vines black, but it blew many of the corn stocks to pieces in situations but little sheltered.]—Nov.

Liverpool, N. S. August 12.—On Sunday morning last, about 7 o'clock, many of our inhabitants felt a slight shock of an earthquake. I have since been informed that it was more severely felt at Shelburn, shaking down the plastering in some of their buildings.

Total admissions of Cholera patients into the Emigrant hospital at Quebec, up to the 8th inst. 975:—deaths 610.

The bark *Milo*, burthen per register 462 tons, was launched from the ship yard of Mr. Joseph Russell, in Chatham, this morning. She is a fine-looking vessel, and is stated by judges to be faithfully and substantially built. We understand Mr. Russell intends, immediately, to lay down the keel of another vessel.

We have it in contemplation to make some improvement in the mechanical department of THE GLEANER: such Subscribers, therefore, as are in arrears, will confer a favor on us by a speedy settlement, to enable us to carry the same into effect.

MARRIED—On Friday the 17th inst., by the venerable Archdeacon Coster, The Honourable THOMAS BAILLIE, His Majesty's Commissioner of Crown Lands and Forests, to ELIZA, second daughter of WILLIAM F. ODELL, Esq., Provincial Secretary.

DIED—At Montpellier, near Bristol, on the 21st June, the distinguished authoress, Miss ANN MARIA PORTER.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI

Entered, August 22—brig *Cessnock*, Thompson, Halifax, 12 days—J. Cunard & Co.

23d—ship *Marchioness of Queensbury*, Crawford, Liverpool, 28 days—Gilmour Rankin & Co: schrs. Mary, Fraser, Pictou, 5 days: Janus, M'Millan, do. 3 days.

24th—schr *Mary Bell*, Graham, Pictou, 2 days.

25th—brig *Douglstown*, Allan, Newfoundland, 12 days—Gilmour Rankin & Co: schr. *Unity*, Smith, Quebec, 11 days.

27th—brig *Elizabeth*, Lang, Exeter, 35 days—Joseph Copp, & Co.

Making a Total of 121 square-rigged vessels, Cleared, August 20—schr. *Scipio*, Webster, St. Johns N. F.: *Mary Ann*, Fraser, Pictou. 27th—schr. *Eliza*, Jolletee, P. E. Island.

The ship *George Wilkins*, sailed from Philadelphia, on the 8th inst. for this port.

PORT OF RICHIBUCTO.

Arrd. August 21—brig *Amity*, Liverpool, 42 days—J. Jardine. 24th—brig *Wortly*, Dublin, 41 days—J. Cunard & Co.

PORT OF RISTIGOUCHE.

Arrd. August 16—bark *Pitt*, Shields, Ayr, 25 days: passengers. Total square rigged vessels, 30.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrd. August 22—ship *Clifton*, New-York; brig *Fenwick Keating*, Liverpool: *Maria*, do.: *Catherine M'Donald*, do: *William*, Westport: *Heber*, Belfast.

Cld.—ships *Devereux*, Liverpool: *Nestor*, Falmouth: *Cassandra*, Glasgow.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrd. August 18—barks *Minstrel*, Cork: *Galatea*, Liverpool 19th—brigs *Naomi*, Aberystwirth: *Rival Packet*, Liverpool. 21st—brig *Flora*, Liverpool: *H M S Sparrowhawk*, Bermuda; transport bark *Orestes*, Quebec: sloop of War *Racehorse*, from the Gulph: schr. *Fox*, *Miramichi*, 20 days.

Cld.—brigs *Columbus*, Liverpool: *Commerce*, *Miramich*: schr. *Three Sisters*, *Richibucto*.

We regret to learn that the *Leonidas*, Transport, which sailed from hence on the 11th inst. with troops for Quebec, has been totally wrecked on *Scatari*—fortunately no lives were lost.

Capt. Morris, of the *Argo*, saw on the 4th inst. about ten miles East of Old Matabombe, a ship on shore, apparently an American, with 4 wrecks near her.

The brig *Element*, Card, of and for Windsor, from Boston, was totally lost, with cargo of flour, &c. on the 10th inst. near Grand Manan.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.

Arrd. August 14—brig *Ariel*, Port Glasgow; *Monarch*, Liverpool.

Cld.—brig *Elizabeth*, Jamaica: bark *Premier*, Bermuda; ship *Superb*, Cork.

PORT OF PICTOU.

Arrd. Aug. 18—brig *Mary*, Newcastle. 20th—brig *Huskisson*, Halifax.

The schr. *Plover*, Godfrey, of and from Halifax, for Kingston, Jam. went ashore, on the *Caucas* reef near T. Island—vessel and cargo lost, crew saved.

The brig *Raby Castle*, from Wales, bound to New York, with passengers, has put into Liverpool, N. S. in distress, having been on shore on the coast.

NOTICE.

The preference of the *Pewes* in *Saint John's Church*, Chatham, will be disposed of on Monday next, the 3rd day of September, at 12 o'clock, noon.

OATS

For Sale; Twelve Acres upon Middle Island, in Lots to suit purchasers. Apply to August 28. A. D. SHIRREFF.

NOTICE TO JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

The Commissioners for inquiring into the Judicial Institutions of the Province, request those Justices of the Peace in the several Counties, who have not yet replied to the respective Circular Letters of the Commissioners addressed to them, of the 20th March, 21st May; and 8th June last, to make their returns in conformity with the requisitions in such Circular Letters, without further delay, as it will be necessary for the Commissioners to specify in their Report those Justices from whom they may not receive the returns which they have required.

St John, August 17, 1832.

STRAYED.

From the Subscriber, an OX, seven years old, colour bright Red; size about 6 feet and 6 inches, with long sharp horns; W. cut with a knife upon his horn.

Whoever will take up and give information of the same, shall be rewarded.

WILLIAM ROBINSON.

August 28.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

To be sold by Public Auction, on the first Tuesday in March next (1833) at the Court House, in Newcastle, between the hours of 12 and 5 of the same day.

All the Real Estate of ALEXANDER DAVIDSON, in the County of Northumberland, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, taken from the said Alexander by several writs of Extent, viz:—the King against Alexander Davidson; the same against William Ledden and Alexander Davidson; the same against Alexander Davidson and Lewis Henry; the same against Charles Mills and Alexander Davidson.

Also—at the same time and place, and between the same hours; All the Right and Title of CHARLES MILLS; to a part of a Building Lot, situate in the town of Newcastle, known as Lot No. 20, with all the Buildings and Improvements thereon, taken from the said Charles Mills, by a Writ of Extent, at the suit of the King, against Charles Mills and Alexander Davidson.

R. S. CLARKE, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, 17th August, 1832.