

MISCELLANEOUS EUROPEAN ITEMS.

SCOTLAND.—Cholera at Renfrewshire.—During the last eight or ten days the Cholera has been pretty prevalent in various places in the upper ward of Renfrewshire. At this time the disease seems to be even more fatal than when it first made its appearance in 1832. The recoveries in proportion to the number of seized, are even fewer than they were on that occasion, and in some of the villages the mortality has already been greater than it was on that occasion.

The British Navy is composed of 557 ships and vessels, of all rates, of which number 171 are in Commission.

We have learned from a source on which we place implicit reliance, that the revenue for 1833, exceeds the expenditure by nearly a million and a half sterling.

It is now ascertained that in the late awful famine in the Cape de Verd Islands, not less than 18,000 persons perished.

Admiral Lord Viscount Keith died lately at his seat in Scotland.

Lord Granville died last night (10th Jan.) at his seat, Dropmore, he was in his seventy-fifth year.

MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.—The King comes to town on the 4th of February to open the session. He will remain in London four days, then return to Brighton, where the Court will continue till February 20.

The barometer, during the last three weeks, has not stood at any one point during twelve successive hours.

The present season has been a very unfortunate one to the Merchants of Poole, as a great number of vessels have been prevented by the heavy gales of wind from accomplishing their voyages to Newfoundland. The brig Hero, Bell, master, meeting with heavy gales of wind, was obliged to put back.

Scarlet fever in its malignant state has been raging in Manchester to a great extent; in November last, 580 children were buried in the new burial ground, Rusholme road victims to this epidemic.

One hundred police, intended for the preservation of the peace and the protection of the inhabitants of Cork, are about to be raised under the authority and direct management of the Government.

Should the winter pass off as it has progressed hitherto the confectioners and fishmongers will be compelled to procure a supply of ice from the North Sea.

The only surviving son of the Viscountess Gunning, will come of age on the 15th instant.

The Bank of Ireland is to advance the million required by government to make up the deficiency of Irish tithes, and is to receive exchequer bills bearing interest at 3 per cent, which are not to be put in circulation for 3 years.—*Irish Paper.*

The Liverpool Times says, that there has probably been no quarter of the year in the memory of man, in which the loss of shipping has been so great as in the one just past. Long continued and devastating storms, have been experienced along the British coasts, and their vicinity. On Christmas, and following two or three days, from 300 to 400 sail took their departure, including five of the American Packet ships. These departures were principally induced, it appears, by favourable indications of the Barometer. The gale subsequently resumed its sway, and much fears were entertained for those which had not made a good offing. Several wrecks are reported.

DREADFUL HURRICANE.—Yesterday the metropolis was visited by a dreadful storm of wind and rain, which, though of short duration, was most violent. It blew very fresh all the morning from the south-west, about half-past twelve o'clock the atmosphere suddenly became darkened; immediately afterwards the rain fell in torrents, accompanied by a tremendous gust of wind. For a few minutes the leading thoroughfares of the city, always crowded with passengers at this period of the day, were completely deserted. On the river numerous tiers of shipping in the upper and lower Pools broke from their moorings; numerous collisions took place, and extensive damage has been done particularly among the colliers. Every thing floating on the Thames became perfectly unmanagable, and the people on the decks and seats of the barges, lighters, and wherries were compelled to throw themselves on the bottoms of the vessels to save themselves from being blown into the river. The spray rose so high that it dashed over the ships at anchor, and in many cases washed various articles off the decks. The sails of

various ships which had not been furled were either carried away or torn to ribbonds. The ensign on the top of Greenwich Hospital met with this fate; it was torn piece-meal from the flag staff, and when the storm abated, the only remains of it left were a few rags, and the union jack was made to supply its place by a few veterans, after the storm abated. About the same time two ballast lighters, heavily laden, went down off Deptford, and the ballast-men only saved themselves by jumping into their boats and cutting the painters. During the hurricane a large open barge, the property of the Messrs. Todd, of Red Lion wharf, Thames street, laden with a cargo of provisions in barrels, was driven against new London Bridge, and the side was stove in; she soon filled, and went down off Billingsgate. The barge drifted as far as New Crane, Shadwell, but the cargo, which is valued at £1000, is lost. The watermen have suffered much by the loss of their boats, not less than one hundred have been blown over or broken to pieces, while the storm was at its height. A skiff containing three persons, one apparently a boy, who were lying crouched in the bottom was lifted out of the water, turned over and instantly disappeared under the water. This accident occurred in Limehouse reach, but it was impossible for any one during such a storm to put off to the assistance of the unfortunate creatures and they all perished. It is reported that others have been lost in a similar manner. It continued to blow severely all the afternoon, but with nothing like the same violence. At four o'clock a laden coal barge, belonging to Mr. Pugh, of Salisbury wharf, went down off Barkside, in consequence of the water dashing over it. In Blackwall reach the vessels were driven from their moorings, and several barges sunk, amongst which was one with £200 of goods on board, the property S. Turner & Co. Three men who were in the barge escaped.

Lloyd's book records many more sad losses at sea. Three East India vessels have suffered most considerably during the past gales, and their cargoes have received much damage. Amongst other losses the Columbus, bound from New York to Bremen, was wrecked on the Texel, having on board six English pilots; crew and all perished, the vessel a total wreck.

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MIRAMICHI:
TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 11, 1834.

The arrival at Halifax of the January Packet has put us in possession of European dates as late as the 19th of that month. Although they do not furnish any thing of consequence, we have devoted a large space to-day to extracts, as the intercourse this season has been so interrupted, we feel assured our readers are anxious to be informed of what is passing on the other side of the Atlantic.

The Debates of the Assembly in the St. John papers are as late as the 28th ult., but as they are on subjects of little moment, we have postponed their insertion to make room for the intelligence obtained by the British mail. Our Journals by the post are to the 26th; extracts from which will be found under the Provincial head up to that date.

AGREEABLY to the notice of the High Sheriff, a Meeting of the Inhabitants was held in the County Court House, at Newcastle, on Thursday last, for the purpose of taking into consideration the necessity of Petitioning the Imperial Parliament, on the subject of the Equalization of the Timber Duties. As this is a question of the most vital importance to the Colonies, and one in which their present as well as their future prosperity is involved,—there was but one opinion on the propriety of such a measure. A series of Resolutions were then passed, the draft of a petition read, and two Committees appointed; one to engross the same, and another, consisting of fifteen persons, to sign it on behalf of the inhabitants.

AN Inquest was held yesterday, before J. M. Johnson, Esq. Coroner, on the body of Andrew Jardine, a Gardener, in Napan, who was discovered that morning suspended by a rope, from one of the beams in his barn. Nothing was elicited on the Inquest that gave the slightest clue to the cause which led to this melancholy circumstance. Verdict—*felo de se.*

The mercantile community in the different towns of the United States, have suffered much of late from depression in trade, and more especially in the money market. By the last post the intelligence is of a more cheerful nature. In New York it is admitted that business prospects look more encouraging than they have done for some months past, and a Boston paper states, that the pressure on the money market appears to have reached its crisis, and that the Banks have agreed to discount more freely than they have done for the last three or four months.

We perceive by a Circular, from the Postmaster General at Washington, that instructions have been received by the Postmaster at St. Andrews, from the Head of the Department in London, that he is in future to account to the American Government for all United States postages on Letters, Pamphlets, and Newspapers, passing through his office for the British Provinces, thereby rendering it unnecessary, as was required by a late order from the latter Government, that the postages on Newspapers and Pamphlets should be paid in advance.

SHIPWRECKS.—The English papers furnish melancholy accounts of numerous wrecks on the British and French coast. A notice posted up at Lloyd's, dated the 21st Dec. states, that the past month has been most disastrous to shipowners, who have suffered considerably of late.

THE PACKETS.—The Packet Lord Melville, Lieut. James, arrived at Halifax on the 27th ult., after a passage of 38 days. The Halifax Royal Gazette states, that she was forced to return thrice into port, in consequence of adverse winds and boisterous weather. The December Packet bark Thais, Lieut. Church, put back, the same paper states, also three times, and sailed the last time four weeks previous to the 20th January.

THE RISING VILLAGE.—The Halifax papers contain a Prospectus of a Poem by Oliver Goldsmith, Esq. Dep. Asst. Commissary General, a native of Nova Scotia, bearing the above title.

TEMPERANCE MAGAZINE.—Mr. E. Ward, Proprietor of the Halifax Free Press, intends publishing a Monthly Magazine in that town, under the title of 'The Temperance Recorder.' Price 5s. per annum. The different Postmasters throughout the Provinces are requested to act as Agents.

SHIP NEWS.

ARRIVALS IN THE MOTHER COUNTRY.

Greenock, Dec. 30, Byron, Miramichi; Hope, do. Carnarvon, Liverpool, Dec. 8, Minerva, Miramichi; 14th, Walcott, St. John; Heroine, St. Andrews; Partisan, Miramichi; 17, Garland, Miramichi; 23, Amazon, St. John; 27, Cyrus, Miramichi; 30, Hannah, St. John; Dorothy, do. Jan. 1, Mary, Richibucto; Shannon, do; 7, Wakefield, St. John; Studwell Roads, Charles Langdon, do; 9, John Porter, Halifax; London, James, do. Bideford, Jan. 8, Bacchus, St. John.

The Dunlop, from Miramichi, for Liverpool, at Belfast. The Elizabeth Clarke, Alder, from St. John, at Swansea, lost both masts, anchors, cables, &c. and two of the crew.

Youghall, Dec. 6.—The Minerva, from Miramichi, for Liverpool, was brought into this harbour this day, after discharging part of her cargo.

The ship Colchester, of Halifax, from Tatmagouche, has been totally lost off Froombay—crew saved.

The Margaret, Sumpton, from Quebec, for Liverpool, is lost on Carnarvon Bar; crew and passengers saved.

The Betty, Mairs, from St. John, N B at Sligo. On the 31st ult. in lat. 51, long. 13, was thrown on her beam ends during a gale, had three feet water in her hold, and lost topsails.

BOOM TO LET.

To Let, from the 1st May next, the BOOM, in Chatham, near the premises occupied by Messrs. Gilmour, Rankin & Co. and now in the possession of Hawbolt & Letson. For particulars enquire of

GILMOUR, RANKIN & CO.

March 11, 1834.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

A Quarterly Meeting of The Temperance Society will be held in Wesley Chapel, Chatham, on TUESDAY Evening next, 18th March, at 7 o'clock.

N. B. The COMMITTEE are requested to meet at half-past five. March 11, 1834.

TENDERS will be received at the Office of Messrs. JOSEPH CUNARD & Co., on MONDAY next, for the ERECTION of a FENCE round the New Burial Ground, on Charters's Hill, in connexion with St. John Church and Wesley Chapel. A Plan of the same can be seen by applying to Mr Robert Morrow, or to Mr John Porter. Miramichi, March 11, 1834.