

SCHEDIASMA.

MIRAMICHI. TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 2, 1840.

ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL.

The Courier with the Southern Mail arrived on Saturday forenoon, at 7 o'clock.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

The steamer Britannia, with the February mail, arrived at Halifax on Saturday morning, 20th ult., after a passage of fifteen and a half days. This is the longest passage of any of the Cunard's Packets. She experienced very boisterous and squally weather, and never accomplished, with the exception of three days, so much as 200 miles per day.

By the arrival of this vessel we have obtained our regular files of London Journals to the 31st January, and Liverpool to the 4th ult. The intelligence they furnish is not important. Parliament was opened by the Queen in person, on the 29th January; the speech, which contains little of interest, we have copied. There is no further news from China. The weather had been unusually cold in Britain, and much snow had fallen. The Eastern question had been finally settled. Mehmet Ali had restored the Turkish fleet to the Sultan, and that Sovereign consented to allow him the hereditary Pachalic of Egypt.

We have made numerous extracts, which are principally of a miscellaneous nature.

The Steamer President, was to leave Liverpool, for New York, on the 10th ult.

LOCK UP HOUSE IN CHATHAM.

LAST week we had the gratification of stating, that the Assembly had performed an act of justice to the inhabitants of Chatham by assenting to the Bill for the erection of a Lock up House in this town, on the terms prayed for—namely, that the expense of erection should be defrayed by the County. Our exultation however, was short-lived, for the next courier from head quarters brought us intelligence that Mr Rankin had moved on a subsequent day, that the House reconsider the question, which they did; and with a fickleness, ill becoming a Legislative body, reversed their former decision, and passed the bill, limiting the assessment for erection, &c. to the town.

The following is the history of this strange transaction, as reported in the Journal of the 19th ult:

On motion of Mr Rankin, Resolved, That the House do now go into committee of the whole, upon the reconsideration of a bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland to erect a Lock up House in the Town of Chatham, in the said County. Upon the question the House divided—Yeas 12, Nays 6. And so it was carried in the affirmative. Whereupon the House again went into committee of the whole on the said bill. Mr H. T. Partelow in the chair of the committee. Mr Speaker resumed the chair. The chairman reported, that the committee having the bill again before them, and the first section thereof being under consideration, which enacts—That the assessment for the erection of the said Lock up House shall be made upon the inhabitants of the said County of Northumberland. When an amendment was moved thereto, limiting the said assessment to a certain part of the Parish of Chatham. And upon the question for adopting the amendment, the committee divided—Yeas 20, Nays 5. Whereupon it was carried in the affirmative. The committee then went through the Bill, and after making several amendments thereto, agreed to the same. Ordered, That the Report be accepted, and the bill engrossed as amended.

It will be remembered by a number of our readers, that a short time previous to the meeting of the Legislature last year, a public meeting of the inhabitants of Chatham, was convened, to discuss the propriety of gain petitioning the Legislature on this important measure, which meeting both Members of the County attended, by request.

After a lengthy discussion, a Resolution, was unanimously passed, that such a building was required in the town, and that the expense of erection should be defrayed by the County; and in accordance with this resolution a bill was framed. It was also distinctly stated, that notwithstanding the unanimous feeling of the propriety and necessity of such an establishment, so impressed were they that the burden should be borne by the County, that they would not accept it on any other terms. The members, as we stated before, were present, and heard the discussion, yet, in defiance of all this, used their most strenuous exertions to get the Bill passed in that shape, which they knew was opposed to the

wishes of the people. Is this consistent? Is this action in accordance with the new mode of Legislation—of which we hear so much, and in accordance with its principles, the leading men of our Assembly boast they are guided in their conduct; namely—that the wishes of their constituents are to be consulted, and acted upon, on all occasions? We think not.

Several of the Magistrates in Chatham, we learn, have forwarded a Petition to the Council, praying that body to withhold their assent to the Bill. Their promptitude, on this occasion, entitles them to the thanks of the inhabitants.

NEW GOVERNOR OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

We are indebted to the Halifax Royal Gazette for the following piece of news: "Major General Sir John Harvey is, we understand, shortly to be succeeded by Sir W. G. COLEBROOKE, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Royal Artillery, and at present the Governor of the Leeward Islands."

NOVA-SHOTIA.

THE Halifax papers state, that the British Parliament has voted £40,000 for the erection of a new Barrack in that town, and for placing the Citadel in an efficient state of defence.

Hugh Bell, Esq., formerly Representative for Halifax, has been appointed by Lord Falkland, provisionally, a member of the Legislative Council, and has taken his seat.

REPORTING THE DEBATES.

OUR Assembly has been discussing the subject of providing for a competent Reporter, and Resolved, that any sum granted for that individual in future, must be voted in supply, and not placed, as formerly, in the Contingent Bill.

The Assembly of Nova-Scotia, have made provision for two Reporters, who shall be accountable to the House, for the accuracy of their Reports; and temporary desks are to be erected for their accommodation, near the Speaker's chair.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CHARLOTTE TOWN AND MIRAMICHI.

A Correspondent under the signature of 'A Friend to Steam,' in the Charlotte Town Colonial Herald, thus points out the very great advantages which have resulted to that Island, from their intercourse with Miramichi by Steam. Read it, Farmers of Northumberland. What is the reason we are thus compelled to send such large sums to our neighbours, for necessaries, while you are complaining of a want of encouragement?

"A steam communication with Pictou would be of little advantage to this place; but a communication with Miramichi is of vast importance to the Island in general. Take into consideration the hundreds—yes, thousands—of pounds in cash brought into this Island from Miramichi, in payment for our produce, horses, cattle, sheep, &c. Are we indebted to Pictou for any of this? No. Should we be so unfortunate as to be without a Steamer between this place and Miramichi next summer, it will be a serious loss to the country. Ask the farmer what enhances the value of his produce—or the butcher why he gets such a high price for his meat—or even the person who has only a few dozen of eggs for sale, why they are so much higher than formerly—and they will all tell you it is in consequence of a steam communication with Miramichi! Surely this must be of great benefit to the Island; and if the opinion of all the inhabitants could be known on this subject, nine tenths would say, that the public money could not be better appropriated than to support steam communication with Miramichi. It may be said, we had better have the little Pocahontas than none at all. The enterprising owners of the steamer Cape Breton have sent her to Scotland to undergo a thorough repair, and no doubt her power will be much increased. I am informed that this vessel is expected out on the opening of the navigation; and although she has not cleared herself for the last two years, yet I am inclined to think, that the proprietors would be induced to risk it again, were a sufficient sum granted for that purpose, anticipating as they naturally would, a greater number of passengers, in consequence of such frequent communication with the mother country. I lately noticed an extract from an English paper, saying that the Steamer—meaning Mr Cunard—is now in London, negotiating with the Government to transmit the mails weekly to Halifax, and that he had ordered two more Steamers to be built immediately. Should Mr Cunard's design be carried into effect, it will, no doubt, operate as another inducement for him to enter into a contract with the government here, to put the Cape Breton on the former route; and I hope that a majority of our House of Assembly are aware of the great importance to this Island of a steam communication with Miramichi, and that they will take the necessary steps to carry this object into effect.

1st BATTALION NORTHUMBERLAND MILITIA.

THE following Resolutions, passed at a meeting of the officers of the 1st Battalion Northumberland Militia, held at Mr Hay's,

on the 12th January last, on the subject of Brock's monument, have been sent to us for insertion.

1st Resolution—coinciding in full with the people of Upper Canada.

2nd. Resolved—That the officers of this Battalion do contribute a sum equal to one day's pay of their respective ranks, and that officers in command of companies, communicate to their respective companies the proceeds of this meeting, and that they also be requested to receive from the non-commissioned officers and men such sums as they may be disposed to contribute.

3rd. Resolved—That Lieutenant James Davidson, the Quarter Master of this Battalion, be requested to act as Treasurer in receiving and paying out the monies received for the erection of the monument.

4th. Resolved—That all officers pay over to the Treasurer, their own subscriptions, together with such sums as they may receive from others, and hand in therewith lists of subscribers on or before the 1st March next.

5th. Resolved—That the names of contributors be transmitted to the Adjutant General on or before the 15th day of March next, and that the amount of the several contributions be deposited in the Bank.

6th. Resolved—That the Treasurer hand over to the commanding officer the deposit receipt and all Lists of Subscriptions, to be by him forwarded to the Adjutant General of this Province, with the proceedings of this meeting.

ARRIVAL OF THE BRITANNIA.

THIS vessel brought out 80 passengers, 75 of whom were for Boston, and 8 for Halifax. She arrived at 6 o'clock, on the morning of the 20th, and left for Boston at one, and took on board 18 additional passengers. We understand her voyage was a very rough one, and that she received a good deal of damage. Among the passengers, was William Stevens, Esq. of Bathurst.

THIS MORNING'S MAIL.

The papers received by this morning's mail, do not furnish any news of the slightest importance.

ARRIVALS AT HEA'S HOTEL.

Feb. 23.—Theophilus Desbrisay Esq., from St. John; Mr James Deacon, Bathurst; Mr John Dunn, do.; Mr William Butcher, do. 25th—W. Stevens Esq., of Bathurst, from England; Mr W. H. Liddle, Bathurst; Mr S. Hetherington, Richibucto; Mr Robert Graham, do.; Rev. H. Pickard, of do. from South West, Mr William Davidson, Richibucto; Mr Phillip Brymer, St. John River. 26th—Mr Thomas A. Temple, from St. John; Mr Thomas Green, from do; Mr Cyrus Black, from Sackville, Mr Hussey, from Bathurst.

MARRIED.

At Ludlow, on the 8th January, by the Rev. James Tozer, Mr THOMAS WILSON, to Miss BARBARA M'NABB. At Belfast, Ireland, by the Rev. Dr. Cook, Mr SAMUEL HOGSTON, Merchant, to Miss MARGARET, eldest daughter of the late Surgeon Lynn, of H. M. Service.

LIVERPOOL, TIMBER MARKETS, Feb. 1. —Planks, B A pine 2 1/2 d a 2 1/2 pr foot, 2 in thick; Lathwood, B A m £5 a £5 10; Staves, Quebec, 1 1/2 in thick and 5 1/2 ft long, £40 a £55 per 1200; Do. Ponceion £12 a £19; Timber, per cubic foot, Pine, B A com. 1s 5d, red 1s 7d a 1s 10d; yellow 1s 5d a 1s 9d.

ENGLISH ITEMS.

Rumoured Dreadful Accident!—Upwards of 100 Lives lost!—Rumours have been prevalent in this neighbourhood that on Wednesday last a most serious calamity happened on Whittlesey Mere—the ice breaking, and, it is said, upwards of a hundred lives being lost. From enquiries we have made, we have reason to fear this rumour is not without foundation, though various reports still continue.—Cambridge Advertiser.

Destructive Fire in Finsbury-Place, Moorfields.—About half-past ten o'clock, on Tuesday morning, 2d February one of the most destructive fires which has occurred in the metropolis for some years past broke out in the premises formerly belonging to the celebrated Mr Lacking on, bookseller, in Finsbury-place North, Finsbury-square, but since that period occupied by Messrs. Painter, extensive cabinet makers. The extent of damage is supposed to be not less than £25,000.

The Earl of Cardigan.—We understand that the Attorney-General will conduct the prosecution at the bar of the House of Lords, and that Sir W. Follett, Mr Kelly, Mr Watson, and another learned gentleman have been retained by the noble defendant.

A procession of the Irish teetotallers in Glasgow took place on the 4th. The number of Irish who have taken the pledge in that city is stated to be 10,000.

The Nile now wears the aspect of an European river. It is to be seen constantly traversed by four steamboats conveying mails and passengers.

NEW-BRUNSWICK, SS.

To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, or any Constable within the said County:

Whereas JARED TOZER, Administrator on the Estate of EDUND CLARKE, late of Northesk, in the County aforesaid, deceased, hath filed an account of his Administration on the said Estate, and hath prayed that the same may be passed and allowed.

You are therefore required to cite the Creditors and next of kin of the deceased, and all others interested in the said Estate, to appear before me, at a Court of Probate, to be held at my Office, in the Parish of Chatham, within the said County, on Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of March next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, to attend the passing and allowance of the said Account of Administration on the said Estate.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the said Court, this eighteenth day of February, 1841.

(Signed) THOS. H. PETERS, Surrogate. GEORGE KERR, Register of Probates.

NOTICE TO Bridge Builders.

The Subscriber will attend at Mr. Wm. M'Kay's, Boiestown, at 8 o'clock, A. M., on Friday, the 5th March next, for the purpose of taking a Contract by Public Auction, for the Erection of a New Bridge,

on Abutments, across Barn Land Brook.

And on the following day, at 12 o'clock, noon, he will attend at Wm. O'Brien's, Renou's River, for the purpose of taking a Contract for the Erection of a

New Bridge across the said Renou's River, about 3/4 of a mile above the present Bridge.

The Contractor in the former case, will be required to enter into a Bond, with two good and sufficient Sureties, for the due fulfilment of the contract. And in the latter, to be bound to build and uphold the same against ice and freshet for a period of Five Years from the completion of the same.

A Specification of the former can be seen at the house of Wm. M'Kay, Boiestown, and a Plan and Specification of the latter, at the house of the Subscriber, at any time previous to the Sale, and on the day of Sale at the different places. It is expected that persons intending to offer for either of the above Bridges, will come prepared with a letter addressed to the Subscriber, signed by two persons of known respectability, offering to become bound with such person in double the amount of the Contract, also stating what contract they are to be bound in. Payment will be made in Cash on the completion and approval of the work.

ALEX GOODFELLOW, Supervisor. Newcastle, Northum'd, 18th Feb., 1841.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, or any Constable within the said County—Greeting:

Whereas CONNOR SHEEHAN, late of Newcastle, in the said County, Laborer, lately died Intestate (as it is said), leaving Goods and Chattels in the said County, to be administered, and John Reilly, of Newcastle, aforesaid, Farmer, one of the Creditors of the said deceased, hath prayed that Administration may be granted to him on the said Estate:

You are therefore required to cite the next of kin, and all other persons having prior right to Administration on the said Estate, to appear before me at a Court of Probate, to be held at my Office, in Chatham, in the said County, on Wednesday, the Third day of March next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to which cause why Administration on the said Estate should not be granted to the said applicant.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the said Court, this third day of January 1841.

(Signed) THOS. H. PETERS, Surrogate. GEORGE KERR, Register of Probates.

Steam Grist Mill, Brewery, &c.

The subscriber tenders his sincere thanks to the Public for the liberal support he has received since he commenced his Steam Mill and Brewery business in 1832; but more particularly to his many philanthropic friends for their liberality since the destruction of his late premises by fire,—and begs to acquaint them, that he has erected a superior GRIST MILL, &c., which are now in full operation, to grind FLOUR and OATMEAL. He will endeavor to keep on hand a supply of Oatmeal, which he will exchange for Oats to accommodate customers from a distance.

GAVIN RAINNIE. Chatham, 1st Feb., 1841.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE RIVER ST. JOHN.

With its Tributary Rivers and Lakes. By Edmund Ward. With a Map of the Province.

The object of this work is to make the British public and the inhabitants of the neighboring Province of Nova Scotia, acquainted with the superior fertility of that of New Brunswick, particularly the portion of it to which the above Work refers, it is therefore offered at a price, that will merely defray the expense of printing and binding.

To be had at Mr Beverly's Book store, Fredericton, and at the Stationary Stores of Mr D. McMillan St. John, and of Messrs McKimlay, Halifax, and at the Sentinel Office.