

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

OUR Provincial Legislature, after a protracted Session, brought its labors to a close, yesterday week. We copy below the Speech of his Excellency on the occasion:

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

The great importance of the business which has engaged your attention has protracted your labours to a later period than usual, and in bringing the Session to a close, I cannot omit to express to you my congratulations on the successful accomplishment of several measures, the value of which will be generally appreciated.

The amelioration of the Criminal Laws, the improvement of the Provincial Prison and its Regulations, and the Act for the protection of Commercial Credit in case of Bankruptcy, are evidence of the spirit by which you have desired to assimilate the Laws and Institutions of the Province to those of England, and I cannot too emphatically express to you my own conviction that in pursuing this course and securing to the people the full benefits of the British Constitution, you will afford the most effectual guarantee for their freedom and happiness.

I lament that the Commercial difficulties to which I had occasion to allude at the beginning of the Session, have not yet subsided, and that the sufferings of the labouring classes in Saint John, from want of employment, continue, although alleviated by the considerable aid you have afforded them.

I have to assure you of the deep sympathy of her Majesty in the trials which her Loyal Subjects have thus been exposed, and which I earnestly hope will be of short duration.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,
I thank you for the supplies which have been granted, and which, so far as may be practicable, will be applied in such a manner as to secure the interests of the Province in the objects for which they have been provided.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

The postponement of much business till the next Session, will afford to you an opportunity of ascertaining the sentiments of the people, in regard to several measures of great importance to their future welfare; and if circumstances should require that I should call you together at an earlier period than usual, I shall rely on your support in sustaining the credit of the Province, and in seconding the exertions of an enterprising people, in developing its resources.

In such pursuits their success, under Providence, cannot be doubtful, while they seek to raise their prosperity on the basis of Christian morals, which as an inseparable part of the common Law of England will be an unerring guide to them in all the relations of life.

We take the following paragraph from the Fredericton correspondent of the New Brunswick, under date of the 1st inst:

"A very extraordinary proceeding of the Chief Justice, in addressing a letter to Lord Stanley, giving his reasons for voting against the government measures, and also his opinion of the present administration, has been the subject of remark among the well informed for some days past. This letter went by the last English mail, and all parties join in condemning this step of the Chief Justice, which is justly viewed with indignation and alarm. To day, the matter has been publicly bruited, and some very sarcastic remarks were made by Mr. Wilnot, just before the house rose, on Lord Stanley's new correspondent in this colony. Truly, this would seem a new era in this colony, as a question may arise, whether New Brunswick is to be ruled by the administrator of the Government, or his honor the Chief Justice. One thing is quite certain—that the impropriety of permitting the Chief Justice to take part in the politics of the province is now made clearly manifest, and a reform in that particular may be the consequence."

We are sorry to learn, that owing to some misunderstanding between the Council and House, the Act restraining the operations of the obnoxious Fifth Section of the Civil List Bill, which enacts that all Lands, Timber, &c., must be sold at Public Auction, has been lost.

BYE POST OFFICERS.

We have the pleasure to announce that in obedience to the desire of the Deputy Post Master General, Bye Post Offices at proper distances have been established along the Road between Fredericton and this place, via the Nashwaak. The persons selected for these offices are—1st. Mr John McGee, South West. 2nd—Mr John Been, (of the firm of McLaggan and Been). 3rd—Mr John DeCantline. 4th—R. Doak, Esq. 5th—Mr Wm. McKay, Boiestown, and — Campbell, Nashwaak. Leather Bags, having each a Lock and two Keys, have been provided

for the several offices. Judging from the respectability of the gentlemen chosen as Bye Post Masters, and the facilities thus afforded them, we have no doubt but that the grievances so long and justly complained of by us and by others, will be entirely removed, and a system of regularity and accommodation substituted.

The inhabitants of the South West and the Nashwaak will do well to cause their Letters and Newspapers to be directed to the care of the nearest Post-master, that they may be properly mailed.

PUBLIC MEETING.

We call the attention of the Public to the following Requisition, and notice of the Sheriff, calling a Public Meeting to morrow.—The measure is a laudable one, and we trust the meeting will be numerously attended.

To JOHN M. JOHNSON, Esquire,
High Sheriff of the County of North'd.
SIR,—We request that you will call a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of this County, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of April, inst., at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of voting and forwarding an Address to our late highly respected Lieut. Governor, Lieut General SIR HOWARD DOUGLAS, Bart., congratulating him on his Election as one of the Representatives for Liverpool, in the British Parliament:
Wm. Carman, Jun. Alex. Rankin,
Joseph Conrad, J. A. Street,
Alex. Goodfellow, George Kerr,
Phineas Williston, John Wright,
James Cais, James A. Pierce,
George Johnson, J. T. Williston,
Michael Samuel, Roderick McLeod,
Thomas C. Allan, William Letson,
William Loch, John Nesmith,
John Fraser, H. B. Allison,

In pursuance of the above Requisition, I hereby call a PUBLIC MEETING of the Inhabitants of this County, to be held at the Court House, Newcastle, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of April, inst: at Eleven o'clock, forenoon, for the purpose therein mentioned.
JOHN M. JOHNSON, Sheriff of North'd.
Miramichi, 8th April, 1842.

THIS MORNING'S MAIL.

WE insert below a few articles from the papers obtained by the mail this morning.

UNITED STATES.—A correspondent of the National Intelligencer thus speaks of the Public Creditors.

"Members of Congress cannot be aware of the intensity of suffering caused by their failure to pass the usual appropriation bills. He says that it is well known that persons in Washington to whom the Government is indebted, are paying eight per cent. per month for money to support their families. In addition to the delay of the appropriation bills, a further cause of embarrassment is the vacancy of the office of Comptroller of the Treasury, as no warrant can be paid without his signature. The President has no power, during the session of Congress, to make a temporary appointment. It seems from these statements that the government is not only destitute of funds, but has not the power to pay out even what it has in the treasury.

The people at New Orleans are expecting a great flood of the waters. The river was very high on the 18th ult. and accounts from the upper country speak of the different rivers as banks fall and rising. From every direction, the waters of the Ohio, the Missouri, the Arkansas, &c. were coming in fearful quantities. In the vicinity of Vicksburg, the damage has already been great. Several plantations are overflowed, and the river is advancing steadily. Dr. Nutt's plantation was completely under water, his family having been taken off in a boat.

A Virginia Abstraction.—There is not money enough in the Virginia Treasury just now to pay the mileage of the Members; and in the Legislature is now pending a Bill to borrow of the Banks or otherwise \$300,000 at 7 per cent. The state too is under protest for \$160,000 borrowed in January.

MEXICO AND TEXAS.—The Boston Courier thus notices the War between the above named countries.

"The last advices from Galveston are by the way of New Orleans, to the 20th of March. The accounts we received a week ago seem to have been greatly exaggerated, and the invasion by the Mexicans will probably serve only as an excuse for President Houston to stir up the people of Texas to march upon Mexico, for the purpose of plunder. The Mexicans who crossed the border, instead of being 14,000 in number, were only about 800. Calad was re taken by about fifty Texans only, and the Mexicans were returning to their own country, at the last account, as rapid as possible. A private letter from President

Houston states that he means to carry the war into the enemies camp; and we have little doubt that he will. He has now a fine excuse for murder and robbery in every shape.

COLONIAL.

The St. John Courier states that the Steamer North America will start on her first trip to Boston for the season, to morrow. We wish the enterprising proprietor, Mr Witney, every success in his enterprise.

Halifax A cadian Recorder, April 9.

The Treasury of the United States is bankrupt. Its notes are selling at a discount of 3 to 6 per cent.

Several of our contemporaries this week notice that Sir Charles Bagot has dismissed his Secretary Mr. Murdoch. By accounts from Kingston to the 26th ult. we learn that such a statement is altogether unfounded. From the same authority we learn that it is highly probable the Governor General will shortly pay this city a visit.

St. Andrews Standard, April 8.

The Brig Elgin, McMaster, of this Port, lumber laden, for Jamaica, took fire in her cabin when four days out; every exertion was made to extinguish the fire, but without effect. The only alternative then left was to knock out the bow ports, which was done, and the vessels filled in a few minutes. After four days severe suffering the captain and crew succeeded in bringing her into Little River, Great credit is due to the officers and crew in preserving the vessel under these trying circumstances.

SHIP NEWS.

New York, March 31, Adv.—Br. brig Chilian, Miller, for Miramichi.

Halifax, April 4, sld.—steamship Columbia, Juddins, with the mail, for Liverpool.

The brig Albion, Leslie, was to leave Aberdeen, for Halifax & Miramichi, on the 21st ult.

Liverpool, March 3, Adv.—ship California, for Halifax: barque Acapulco, Quebec.

London, March 1, adv.—barque Lady Colebrook, Halifax.

MARRIED.

At Bathurst, on the 7th inst., by the Rev. George McDonald, Mr Anthony Rainey, of Bathurst, to Miss Mary Little, of the same place.

DIED.

On Sunday, the 10th instant, at the residence of her husband, in Newcastle, Miramichi, Margaret, wife of John Fraser, Esquire, in the 49th year of her age; leaving a disconsolate husband and three interesting children to lament her loss. Mrs F. was a native of Montreal, Canada, and came to this Province to reside with her brother in 1824, and married in 1825. She was deservedly esteemed a valuable member of society, a good christian, and a devoted and affectionate wife and mother. She was much respected by a large circle of friends and acquaintances both here and in Canada, by whom her loss will be sincerely deplored.

The funeral of Mrs F. will take place on Thursday next, at 1 o'clock, P. M. at St. James' Church, Newcastle. The procession will commence from the residence of Mr Fraser; all who feel disposed to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased, will please be in attendance at the time and place aforesaid.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A Meeting of the Board of the Northumberland Agricultural Society, will take place at Wetherall's Hotel, Newcastle, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M.

J. SOUTER, Secretary.

MIRAMICHI

St. George's Society.

The ANNUAL MEETING of this Society will take place at the Chatham Band Room on TUESDAY EVENING, (April 12) at 8 O'CLOCK; when the Accounts will be audited and Officers elected for the coming year.

J. M. JOHNSON, Jan., Secretary.

Dated 4th April, 1842.

To Let.

The new HOUSE in Chatham owned and occupied by the subscriber. For particulars enquire of SAMUEL BURDICK. Chatham, March 29, 1842.

T A R.

For Sale by the Subscriber
20 barrels of T A R.
H. C. D. CARMAN.
Chatham, April 5, 1842.

The Editor of the Gleaner having lent several FILES of that paper, requests those persons who have them in their possession, to return them to his office

MRS. REEVES

Begs to inform the inhabitants of Newcastle, and the Public in general, that she will commence her SCHOOL for the Education of YOUNG LADIES, on Monday, the 18th of April, at the late residence of C. A. Harding, Esq., Newcastle.

Terms for Boarders £25 per annum, including Board, with instruction in Reading, Spelling, Grammar, Geography, & History, Writing and Arithmetic; also Washing.

Day Scholars £5 per annum, including the above branches—an allowance made for those too young to learn Writing. Bills to be paid quarterly. Boarders by the week who leave on Saturday mornings, and return on the Monday £18 per annum.

Drawing, £2 per annum.

French, Music and Dancing, extra charges.

Not any vacation this year until December. Mrs. R. would receive any Lady wishing to enter a Family for a short time, as a ParLOUR Boarder, on the same Terms, but not including Washing.

Newcastle, April 12, 1842.

SESSION NOTICE.

At a General Sessions of the Peace, of our Lady the Queen, held at the Court House at Newcastle, in and for the County of Northumberland, on Tuesday, the 11th January, 1842:

Ordered—That no BULL or BULLS be allowed to run at large in any part of the Parishes of Chatham or Newcastle at any season of the year, under the penalty of FIVE SHILLINGS for each Bull so found running or going at large.

And further Ordered—That it be the duty of the Hogreaves in the respective Parishes to take up and impound any and every Bull so found running or going at large in violation of this Regulation. And that such hogreaves be entitled to receive the sum of Five Shillings for each and every Bull taken up and impounded by them, to be paid together with the charge of the Pound Keeper, before the same shall be delivered from pound.

And it is further Ordered—That a fine of Five Shillings be levied on the owner or owners of each Bull so found running or going at large contrary to, or in violation of, the foregoing Regulation, to be paid to the Overseers of the Poor, for the use of the Poor of the Parish wherein the said offence or violation of the said Regulation shall be committed. And that the Keeper of the Pound or Pounds in the said Parishes are hereby authorized to collect and pay the same, pursuant to the act of the General Assembly in such case made and provided.

Extract from the Minutes,
T. H. PETERS, CLERK.

TEACHER WANTED.

The Trustees of Schools of the Parish of Weldford are desirous of engaging with a Teacher of good moral habits, and proper qualifications for a Parish School, situated on the Richibucto River, opposite Oak Point.

Apply to SAMUEL ROBERTSON, Bass River, or to JOHN GRAHAM, Oak Point—Trustees.

Richibucto, April 11, 1842.

NEW AND FASHIONABLE HAT STORE.

The Subscriber respectfully informs the inhabitants of Chatham, and its vicinity, that he has opened a New and Fashionable HAT STORE in High Street, a few doors above Mr. Layton's Hotel; where he will keep constantly on hand an assortment of Warranted WATERPROOF HATS, of various shapes and qualities, and which he offers for Sale on the most reasonable Terms for Cash.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN.

Chatham, April 12, 1842.

N: B. HATS repaired and altered to fashionable shapes, and coloured. Hats made to order, of the latest patterns, on the shortest notice.

BUOYS.

TENDERS will be received at the Store of the Subscriber, until Friday, the 15th April next, for LAYING DOWN the BUOYS, in their proper places, in the River Miramichi, on the departure of the ice.

LEONARD HAWBOLT,

Commissioner.

Chatham, March 28, 1842.

TO LET.

For one or more years, as may be agreed on, the FARM, now in the occupation of Mr William Fiddes, in the parish of Newcastle, containing 300 Acres, together with the DWELLING HOUSES, BARN, STORES, BREWERY, &c. Possession given immediately; apply to

GILMOUR, RANKIN & CO.

Douglasville, 28th March, 1842.

TO LET.

The HOUSES in Queen Street lately occupied by Mrs. Thomson, and Mr Blanchard, These will accommodate either two or three families, and will be Let to suit applicants, at a reduced rent.—If immediate application be made to

WM. CARMAN, JUNIOR.