

and a few incidental expenses, showed a balance on hand of £2 5 1/2.

The above resolutions were ably sustained; great harmony and apparent delight pervaded the meeting, and none seemed to regret having spent a portion of the first day of the New Year, in advocating the cause of the Bible, notwithstanding the unusual severity of the weather, and the inconvenience, particularly to females, of giving their attendance.

On motion of the Secretary, seconded by the Rev. Mr Souter, George Kerr, Esq. was requested to take the Chair, and the thanks of the Meeting were presented to Mr Morrow, for the attentive, impartial, and able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair.

The proceedings of the Meeting were then closed with prayer, by the Rev. Mr McNutt.

JOHN McCURDY, Secretary.

THE WEATHER.

Since the year 1842 has set in, there has been a very great change in the weather. Saturday was as cold a day as we ever witnessed, the frost being very intense, with a strong wind from the northward. Sunday and yesterday were also very cold days, particularly the latter—Some snow fell on Friday night, which materially improved the sleighing.

THE NOVASCOTIAN.—The Hon. Joseph Howe, has disposed of his interest in the Novascotian, to Mr Nugent, and retires from the concern. The Editorial department will be filled by Mr Thompson, a gentleman long connected with the establishment, and well qualified for the situation.

A friend has just sent us a description of the beautiful Church of St. John the Evangelist, at Baies des Vents, with a short notice of the Re-opening of the same. We regret that the late period at which the communication was handed to us, precludes the probability of its being inserted in this day's No. of our journal.

Extent of the British Dominions.—The Liverpool Times, in announcing the birth of the Duke of Cornwall, thus sums up the vast extent of the empire which it is to be hoped he will at some future and distant day preside over: Salutes in honour of his birth will be fired—in America, on the shores of Hudson's bay, along the whole line of the Canadian lakes, in New Brunswick, Nova-Scotia, Newfoundland, in the Bermudas, at a hundred points in the West Indies, in the forests of Guiana, and in the distant Falkland Islands, near Cape Horn; in Europe, in the British islands, from the rock of Gibraltar, from the impregnable fortifications of Malta, and in the Ionian Islands; in Africa, on the Guinea coast, at St. Helena and Ascensions, from the Cape to the Orange River, and at the Mauritius; in Asia, from the fortress of Aden, in Arabia, at Kurrack, in the Persian Gulf, by the British army in Afghanistan, along the Himalayan range of mountains, the banks of the Indus and the Ganges, to the southern point of India, in the island of Ceylon, beyond the Ganges in Assam and Aracan, at Prince of Wales Island and Singapore, and on the shores of China, at Hongkong and Chusan; and in Australia, at the settlements formed on every side of the Australian continent and island, and in the strait which separates the islands of the New Zealanders. No prince has ever been born either in this or any country, in ancient or modern times, whose birth would be hailed with rejoicing at so many different and distant points in every quarter of the world.

THIS MORNING'S MAIL.

The papers by the Mail this morning, contain but little intelligence. We copy from them the following paragraphs:—

Boston Mercantile Journal.

Motiny of Slaves and Murder.—We learn from the New Orleans Evening Post, that the brig Creola, Capt. Enzor, from Richmond, Va. bound to New Orleans, laden with tobacco and 135 slaves, was taken on her passage by the slaves—one of the owners of the slaves, Mr Hewell, murdered, and the captain, mate and 2 passengers wounded. The crew and passengers were taken wholly unawares, and their lives were saved by the slaves on condition that they would carry the brig into one of the British Islands, which was done on the 9th November, by arriving at Nassau, New Providence.

The Slaves, during the passage, had been put under no more restraint than is usual for domestic slaves to be while passing from one

point of the country to another. They rose so suddenly, and did their business so effectually, that it is supposed the plot must have been laid at Richmond before the brig left. Mr Hewell, the owner of the principal part of the slaves, was killed by a bowie knife. The captain is convalescent, and though dangerously wounded, will likely recover, as well as the mate and the two wounded passengers.

On arrival at the island nineteen of the slaves were sworn to as having taken part in the motiny—and these were, on the demand of the American Consul, committed to prison; but the Governor of the Island refused to send the remainder of the 135 Slaves to the United States, alleging that they were passengers, and had a right to go where they choose.

The late revolt of the slaves on board the Creole, and the proceedings of the Government at New Providence in liberating those blacks who reached the shore, present a question, which will doubtless cause great excitement, and perhaps trouble. The papers at the South already exhibit much feeling and indignation on the subject, and call upon the Federal Government to interfere at once, and demand the slaves from the British Government, or to declare a war against that nation.

Fire in St. Louis.—We learn by the Commercial Bulletin, that a Fire broke out in the city of St. Louis, on Saturday, 4th December, which destroyed the store of Mr. James M. Rodgers, with five others. The sufferers are Messrs. Sterns & Springer, whose loss is estimated at \$3000; James M. Rodgers, loss \$5000; J. M. Howe, loss \$5000; Wood, loss \$7000; and Josiah Newman, loss \$6000—all of whom were not insured; T. Labarne & Co. \$10,000 covered by insurance. The buildings were owned by John Mullanphy, and were insured for \$15,000.

St John Morning News, Dec. 31.

Ship Yards.—Our ship yards now present a dull monotonous aspect, business there is nearly altogether suspended, and upwards of 600 ship carpenters, we understand, are either walking about the streets idle, or have taken up with other occupations, until a revival takes place in their own.—In prosperous times, the number of new vessels on the stocks in Portland, the back shore, and Carleton, average between 25 and 30; while at this present moment there are not more than ten, or a dozen; and even some of these, perhaps half of them, should not be taken into account, as they were commenced long before the panic, and nothing has been doing to them for some time back.

ARRIVALS AT HEA'S HOTEL.

December 1, Mr Z. Phinney, Richibucto. 6, Mr R. Malby, Carleton. 7, Mr James Fraser, do. 15, Mrs. Read, Bay du Vin. 16, Mr Z. Phinney, Richibucto. 17, Wm. Chandler, Esq. do. 18, Wm. Stevens, Esq. Bathurst. 27, Mr Z. Phinney, Richibucto. 28, Mr J. L. Bent, Fort Lawrence; Mr H. Manderson, Redigouche. 30, R F Patten, Esq., and Miss Patten, Carleton; Mr Wm. Robinson, do. 31, Mr James Morrison, do; Mr Adam Morrison, do; Mr Wm. Dixon, Buctouche; Mr W E Blanchard, Bathurst; Mrs. McNutt, Carleton.

* * The Visiting Missionary for the Miramichi River has just requested us to say, that as the collection made on Sunday last in Baies des Vents, has fallen far short of the sum required to meet the debt, (viz £153) due by the Church; and as the storm in the morning may have prevented many persons from visiting the church at its re-opening, that he will be happy to see the absentees on Sunday, the 9th instant, on which day another collection will be made, which will be appropriated as announced on a former occasion.

The Missionary has named the 9th instant for this Collection as the duties which he owes to other settlements on the River, will not permit of his visiting Baies des Vents after this Day, for some time to come.

The Missionary has also been advised to add that for the accommodation of the liberally disposed members and friends of the Church, who may be unable to contribute money at the present season, that Promissory Notes, Payable on the 1st June next, will be very acceptable to him; it is not expected that any persons to whom the Missionary is indebted for materials &c. provided for the use of the Church, will pay money in the Collector's Plates.

Morning Prayers will commence at half past 11 o'clock.

DEATHS.

At Chatham, this morning, Ann, infant daughter of Mr John Moirhead, aged 5 weeks. The Funeral will take place to-morrow, at 2 o'clock, when the friends of the family are invited to attend.

SHIP NEWS.

QUEBEC, Dec 22—Extract of a Letter from John D. McConnell, Esquire, Agent for Lloyd's, at Gaspe, to Mr D. Fraser, Quebec, Dated Dec. 4, 1841:—

'I have just received a letter from Captain McKenzie, of the ship Banffshire, of Dundee, acquainting me that his ship was stranded at Grand Valle, about eighteen leagues up the river St. Lawrence, on the 18th ult.—the crew (except four men) saved; the master was endeavouring to save as much materials and stores as possible, and has requested me to send some conveyance for himself and crew to bring them here,—the ship's rudder was broke off, and her forefoot gone; she had sprung a leak on the 16th ultimo, and was nearly water logged before she went ashore.

The barque Miramichi was driven ashore about the same time, 2 miles lower down, and is a total wreck: the master and crew went out in a boat next day, and succeeded in getting on board a brig bound down.—I have sent a messenger overland to Captain McKenzie, and expect to hear further particulars in a day or two.'

The barque Miramichi, Captain Scott, was cleared at the Custom House here, on the 28th October last, for Liverpool, by Messrs. Allan Gilmour & Co., and the Banffshire, McKenzie, also for Liverpool, on the 9th November, by Messrs. Frost & Waters.

WEYMOUTH, November 30.—During the night we had a violent gale from the South, and about half past eight this morning, the Amyntas, Hallet, of Exeter, from Richibucto for Topsham, came ashore on Portland Beach, opposite the village of Wyke, when the master and Henry Sandford, and John Hare, seamen, were unfortunately drowned.

TO SUBSCRIBERS. Such of our readers as are in the practice of supplying us with WOOD and PRODUCE, will oblige us by an early call.

St. George's Society.

A QUARTERLY MEETING will be held at the BAND ROOM, CHATHAM, on TUESDAY EVENING NEXT, (4th January,) at 8 o'clock.

J. M. JOHNSON, Jun. Secretary.

Dated 27th December, 1841.

NOTICE.

The ANNUAL MEETING, of the "HIGHLAND NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY," will take place at Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, on THURSDAY, the 13th day of this Month.

By order of the President, NIEL McLEAN, Secretaries. JAMES CAIE, Miramichi, December 1, 1842.

MR. JAS. F. McNAMARA,

Begs to acquaint the Inhabitants of Chatham, that he purposes exhibiting to the Public some Specimens of

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Which will be selected from the first-rate authors of the Drama, both Tragic and Comic. The performance to take place at McBeath's Hotel, TO-MORROW Evening, at 8 o'clock.

Terms of Admission—1s. 6d. each, to be paid at the entrance. Chatham, 4th January, 1841.

NOTICE.

Whereas THOMAS LITTLE, by Indenture of Assignment, bearing date the Eighteenth day of September, instant, and made between the said Thomas Little, of the one part, and the Undersigned, of the other part, for divers good causes and considerations—him, the said Thomas Little, hereunto moving, has assigned, and made over unto the undersigned all his, the said Thomas Little's DEBTS, NOTES, BOOKS OF ACCOUNT, and all other Writings touching or concerning all the Debts and Sums of Money then due and owing unto the said Thomas Little, or that might thereafter be due and owing unto the said Thomas Little, for anything already contracted. Notice of such Assignment is therefore hereby given unto all persons concerned, and all the Debtors of the said Thomas Little are hereby requested to make payment unto the undersigned, at his Counting House, in Newcastle. And all persons are hereby forbidden from making payment, or in any way arranging the Accounts and Debts due with the said Thomas Little, the Subscriber being the only person now authorized to receive payment of the said debts and demands.

ALEXANDER RANKIN.

Newcastle, September 19, 1841.

NOTICE.

Whereas Alexander Rankin, of Newcastle, has given notice of an Indenture of Assignment, made between the undersigned of the one part, and the said Alexander Rankin of the other part; and whereas the said Alexander Rankin has not complied with the terms of the said Indenture, and other Agreements appended thereto—Notice is therefore hereby given to all persons concerned, that the said Alexander Rankin is not authorised to receive payment of any debts due and owing unto the undersigned. And all persons are hereby forbidden from making payment unto, or in any way arranging with the said Alexander Rankin, the accounts and debts due to the undersigned.

THOMAS LITTLE.

Newcastle, October 11, 1841.

THIS INDENTURE, made the Eighteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty One, Between Thomas Little, of Newcastle, in the county of Northumberland, in the Province of New Brunswick, merchant, of the one part; and Alexander Rankin, of the same place, merchant, of the other part: Whereas the said Thomas Little is at present indebted to the said Alexander Rankin and his copartners in trade, under the style and firm of Gilmour, Rankin & company, in a large sum of money which he is unable to pay, but hath offered to assign and make over to the said Alexander Rankin in satisfaction thereof, all the personal property and debts of every description now owned by or due to the said Thomas Little (excepting all Household Furniture of every description which is excluded hereout) in discharge of the said debt and in consideration of the said Alexander Rankin paying the said Thomas Little one hundred and forty pounds currency, to enable him to pay off all the small debts he now owes,—to which terms the said Alexander Rankin, on behalf of himself and his said copartners, hath agreed, Now THIS INDENTURE Witnesseth that in pursuance of the above agreement, and in consideration of Five Shillings to the said Thomas Little paid by the said Alexander Rankin at or before the sealing and delivering hereof, the said Thomas Little hath granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said Alexander Rankin, his executors, administrators and assigns, all the Goods and Merchandize, Timber, Logs, Planks, Knees, Treensils, Footicks, and other description of Ship Timbers, all copper, iron, blacksmith, ship carpenter's and other description of Tools, and all other moveable property now owned by the said Thomas Little situate in the county of Northumberland, including all horses, cattle and harness (but excepting and excluding only, all Household Furniture of the said Thomas Little wherever situate) also all debts, notes, Books of Account and other Writings, touching and concerning all the debts and sums of money now due and owing unto the said Thomas Little, or hereafter to become due for anything already contracted. To have, hold, receive and enjoy all and singular the Goods, Merchandize, chattels, cattle, debts and effects hereby assigned and made over (except as before expected) or intended so to be, with all bonds, bills, judgements, notes and papers, touching or concerning the same, unto the said Alexander Rankin, his executors, administrators and assigns, as his and their own proper goods, chattels, debts and monies, henceforth for ever. And the better to enable the said Alexander Rankin, his executors, administrators and assigns, to recover, receive, and get in the said goods, chattels, debts and sums of money, the said Thomas Little hath made, and appointed, and by these presents doth make, constitute and appoint the said Alexander Rankin, his executors, administrators and assigns, his true and lawful Attorney and Attorneys, irrevocable in the name of the said Thomas Little or of his executors or administrators, but to and for the use and benefit of the said Alexander Rankin, his executors, administrators and assigns, to ask, demand, sue for, recover and receive all and singular the goods, chattels, debts and sums of money hereby assigned, and upon receipt thereof, to give good and sufficient receipts and discharges for the same, and also, to make any end, composition or agreement, of or for the same or any part thereof by arbitration or otherwise, and to settle and adjust all unsettled accounts, and generally for the purpose aforesaid, to do, perform, and execute all such acts, matters and things, as the said Thomas Little his executors or administrators, might or could do if personally present, and these presents do not been made. And the said Thomas Little for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, doth hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with the said Alexander Rankin, his executors and administrators, by these presents in manner following,—that he the said Thomas Little hath not at any time theretofore assigned, encumbered, received, released or discharged all or any part of the said hereby assigned goods, chattels, debts or premises, and that he, his executors or administrators shall not or will at any time or times hereafter assign, encumber, receive, release or discharge the same or any part thereof; nor revoke the authority hereby given, or disown, release or discontinue any action or suit to be brought or commenced in pursuance of these presents, or to do or suffer any act, matter or thing whereby or by reason whereof the said Alexander Rankin, his executors or administrators shall or may be hindered, obstructed or prevented from recovering, receiving and enjoying the debts, goods, wares, chattels and effects hereby assigned, or any part thereof, or such other satisfaction as can or may be had or obtained for the same. IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals on the day and year first within written.

(Signed) THOMAS LITTLE, (Signed) ALEX. RANKIN.

for self and partners. Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us,

(Signed) RICHARD HUTCHISON. (Signed) GEORGE KERR.

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