

tho' the day to act officially, altho' he remained at home thro' the whole day, and had a horse saddled and ready to attend on the slightest notice? It is true, one of the 'Chatham minority' who had also rendered himself very officious at Newcastle, to wit—James Johnson, Esquire, nephew to the High Sheriff, had placed himself in a conspicuous situation, immediately under the High Sheriff, who occupied the Domine's Pulpit in the Schoolhouse in which the Poll was opened, and while there, in the capacity of Spy upon our voters, and for other purposes connected with the R. & S. interest in the contest, was told he had no business there in that capacity, and was ordered out of it—and upon his refusing, was helped out, and if I am correctly informed, had his coat torn.

It is also true, that after Mr Johnson was ejected Mr Caleb McCulley, another of the enemies of Chatham, took, not exactly Mr Johnson's vacated berth, but one which rendered his person yet more obnoxious—to wit—at the back of Messrs R. & S., and between them where they stood at the Hastings, acting as Spy upon our voters for both. Mr McCulley also got a hint, and would not at first take it, nor were Messrs R. & S. desirous that he should; however it became expedient after a few minutes that he should retire with his honors. Mr Rankin asked me to take him under my protection—I did so—Mr McCulley had not the slightest injury done to him.

It is also true, that Mr Willy Johnstone, who had attached himself to the other side interest, upon Mr McCulley's having vacated his stand, had contrived to find his way into the same place; but it having been reserved for persons of distinction in the community, together with the Candidates and Poll Clerks, and Mr Willy Johnstone not having been recognized as coming under such designation, was ordered to go out of a window at the back of the Hastings, and at which I believe he found his way in; he took the hint, and all was right.

It was said of my friend Alexander Goodfellow, Esquire, that he, on the Chatham day, while in Chatham, stated that was at the door of the House in which the Poll was opened, and offering no Freeholder to enter except whom I pleased. I endeavored immediately on its being reported to me, with the person in whose presence he made the statement, to hunt Mr G. up, that I may disabuse his mind upon that subject, but could not find him. I now rely Mr Goodfellow to get any Freeholder in the County of Northumberland to state that fact upon oath. With regard to my conduct in Chatham on that day, I have no hesitation in appealing to Messrs A. Fraser, jun., D. Johnson, & R. M'Leod, Esq. three of the other side parties—to J. Dean, Esquire, who has preserved neutrality throughout the Election, and to various others, as to my conduct having been pacific—and as to my having evinced a determination so far as in me lay, to preserve peace, and give the Sheriff an opportunity of proceeding with his work.

I had nearly forgotten that Mr Street's servant man, having occupied a very inconvenient position in front of the Hastings, was being a sturdy man, upon having refused to do so, was also helped out.

Will Mr Rankin or Mr Street deny, that at the close of the poll at Chatham on this day, I occupied the attention of the people assembled after the Sheriff had addressed them, while I particularly and earnestly endeavored them to respect the persons of the Candidates on their way from the Hastings? That I offered and extended unto Mr Rankin my protection from the Hastings until I saw him on the ice at Coulson's slip? That he, Mr Rankin, did not receive the slightest molestation, while in Chatham on that day? That Mr R. did not discover that he had forsaken his Great Coat until he had reached up near the late residence of Mr Richard Blacklock, and then sent a person back for it, to box underneath where the Sheriff stood in the Schoolhouse?

Will Mr Street deny that an Irish Roman Catholic extended his protection to him on that day after the close of the Poll, from the Hastings to the avenue of the residence of George Kerr, Esq.

These remarks have brought me to the close of the Poll at Chatham, and it being now this evening, I think I shall therewith close this letter, with the intention of glancing at the necessary preparations used on the Thursday night and Sunday for following the Poll to Cuppage's, on the North West, on the following Monday—and perhaps taking a peep at some doings at Chatham in my time.

I am, Sir,
Your Obed. Serv.

JOHN HEA
Friday, 9th February, 1843

This Coat story of Mr Rankin's, will be understood in another quarter.

CARD.—The Secretaries of the Highland Society of New Brunswick, beg to express their unfeigned admiration of the really 'homebody,' in your last paper, must have been accurate in calling public attention to a misapprehension committed by them, while preparing for publication a List of the Directors of that Society for the current year.

The Secretaries—while they sorrowfully confess, and deeply deplore the existence of said blunder, would flatter themselves, that forgiveness will be vouchsafed them by the many 'offended Mistresses' to which Somebody refers; and they humbly recommend—as, alas! the only alternative—that instead of 'Alexander M'Beath, Esq.' your Readers will be pleased to skip over the nasty word Esq. and read thus—Mr Alexander M'Beath or Captain M'Beath, or plain Alexander M'Beath, Auctioneer, just as they please.
Miramichi, February 14, 1843.

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:
TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 14, 1843.

ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL.

THE Courier with the Southern mail arrived on Friday evening, at 7 o'clock.

Legislative Proceedings.—We have the Journals of the Assembly and Council to the 7th inst.

A vast deal of talk had taken place in the Assembly about the necessity there exists for *Economy*. The large amount expended yearly for Postage, has been canvassed over—and a scale for each County adopted, by which a saving of 75 per cent. will be saved to the Province. Last session the Postage bill of the Legislature amounted to the enormous sum of £497. One of the two *Sleighs*, kept in requisition for the convenience of Members, has been dispensed with. A disposition has also been manifested, to *reduce the Pay* of Members. A Resolution has been unanimously adopted that a Petition be forwarded to Her Majesty, praying that she assent to the *reduction* of the amount charged upon the Province for the *support of the Civil Government*.

On the 1st instant, a petition was presented from the Commissioners for building a Bridge at Bathurst Basin, praying that a grant may pass to pay off the balance due. The House has refused to allow any compensation for *reporting and printing the Debates*. On motion of Mr Barberie, the house had resolved to take into consideration on the 16th the *Petition of J. A. Street, Esq., complaining of the undue election, and return of J. T. Williston, Esq.* Private letters state that a motion for a *further delay* until the 23rd had been carried, 6 members voting against the postponement.

On the 7th a Resolution to postpone the consideration of a *Bill for dividing the County of Westmorland* for 3 months, was carried—15 to 13. We copy the following Extracts from a *Despatch from Lord Stanley to His Excellency, sent to the Assembly on the 7th inst.*

The documents before me do not shew the purposes for which, nor the particular period at which this excess of expenditure has been incurred, nor does it appear how far any exigencies of the Colonial service may have rendered it unavoidable to contract it; but I must enjoin you to use every means in your power to keep the expenditure of the Province within the limits of the ways and means afforded by its Revenue, as well as to liquidate from the same source the debt which has been contracted.

It is my opinion it is desirable that a vigorous effort should be made by the Provincial Government to reduce the expenditure below the level of the income, to discharge all the existing liabilities, and to employ the annual surplus, which would be the effect of these measures, in prosecuting the most useful Public Works.

CIVIL APPOINTMENT.—The Royal Gazette of the 8th inst. contains the appointment of *Alexander Rankin, Esq.*, as a member of the Board of Commissioners for Indians, in the county of Northumberland.

To Correspondents.—A number of Letters came to hand yesterday. Such of them as we may approve of, shall be published next week.

New Works.—We refer our readers to the advertising columns for the prospectuses of a number of new works which are about to be issued from the press of the enterprising Proprietor of the New World—J. Winchester, of New York.

The Season.—We have had two or three seasonsable falls of snow, which have wonderfully improved our roads for winter travelling, which, we hear, is better than it has been during the season.

Northumberland County.

JANUARY TERM, 1843.

NEWCASTLE PARISH OFFICERS.
Overseers of Poor—Alexander Foster, John Porter and Christopher Wishart.

Assessors—Alexander Rankin, Alexander Goodfellow and Edward Williston.

Overseers of Highways—William Stothard, Walter Johnson, Richard Coltart, John Rust, John Millar, Alexander Russell, Andrew Hay, Michael Quigley, Patrick Doyle and William Russell.

Overseers of Fisheries—Andrew Hay, John James and John Milne.

Fence Viewers—John Millar, William Stothard and Andrew Hay.

Hogreeves—John Robinson, George S K Anderson, Samuel Adams, John Rennie, James James, Andrew Hay, jun., Robert Masson, Thomas Bateman and James Fish.

Commissioners of Highways—Alexander Goodfellow, David Johnson and James Russell.

Constables—Edward Farrell, Patrick Wheeler, Thomas Egan, Robert Johnson, William Room, Michael McCarthy and James Hay, jun.

Inspectors of Fish and Barrels—John McKenzie, James Herbert, Alexander Stewart, Andrew Hay, James Hay and Alexander Russell.

Pound Keepers—Edward Farrell, John Henderson and Andrew Hay.

Surveyors of Lumber—Alexander McKillop, Robert Falconer, Donald Morrison, Walter Johnson, David Thomson, Robert McCash, Patrick Gaffine, Andrew O'Neil, Hugh Waterston, Timothy Conolly, Terence O'Neil, James O'Donald, Donald McDonald, Ronald Davidson, Thomas B. Malby, Thomas Ledden, Thomas Wilson, Edmund O'Connor, William Ledden, William L Scott and Murdoch Gillies.

Trustees of Schools—Rev. James Souter, Christopher Wishart and Alexander Goodfellow.

Collectors of Taxes—Hugh Morrell, (Upper District) John Ferguson, (Middle District) and James Russell, (Lower District).

Weighter of Hay—Hugh Hamill.

Town Clerk—Hugh Morrell.

The above named Parish Officers are required to qualify themselves according to Law, within Fourteen Days from the date hereof.

HUGH MORELL, TOWN CLERK.
January 31, 1843.

AFRICAN CHAPELS.—The Sierra Leone Watchman says: 'Out of twenty six Wesleyan chapels in Sierra Leone, the roof timbers, the flooring and other wood work, of twenty are composed nearly exclusively of slave ships, which have been taken by her Majesty's men of war on the coast, and condemned by the mixed court.'

BRITISH TRADE.—An American Journal thus speaks of the prospects of Britain:

'It is truly gratifying to perceive by the English journals, how all things combine to spread cheerfulness and hope over the minds of the community; the universal peace,—for that may be considered the fact by our countrymen—the excellence of the crops, the cheapness of provisions, the prospects of increasing Trade, all join their influence to enliven the condition of the working classes, and give promise of happy times near at hand. Riots and violence have greatly subsided, Chartism and Corn Law leagues, though not come to a close, are managed peaceably and quietly; and the only matters which keep hot blood from stagnation are an occasional strike in a Scotch colliery, or so. There may be some exception to the general brilliancy of these prospects in the condition of Paisley, and a few other of the Scottish Manufacturing Towns. But even in these there is the consolation that the distressed bear their privations manfully, in the belief that faithful exertions are in progress in their behalf.'

FARE REDUCED.—The Bunker Hill Aurora says: 'We learn by a letter from Messrs McIvers, that the rate of passage in their Royal Main Steamships, from Boston to Liverpool, is to be reduced, commencing with the Caledonia, to one hundred and twenty dollars.'

SAILING OF THE STEAMER.—The Caledonia left Halifax for England on the

afternoon of Saturday week. Among the passengers we notice the names of Messrs Arthur Ritchie, Francis Ferguson, Robert Morrow and James Johnson. Also, Haalilio, a Sandwich Island Chief, and the Rev Mr Richardson, a Missionary to those Islands.

TOKEN OF RESPECT.—A Halifax paper contains the report of a Dinner which was given to FRANCIS FERGUSON, Esq. by his friends in Bathurst, on his leaving for England.

SHIPS.—The Boston Mercantile Journal, says: 'Freights at the South are looking up, agreeable information for shipowners! We have now but few vessels at our wharves, and the value of ships has increased within a few weeks. We trust that all kinds of business will increase in the spring.'

SCRAPS.

I did not like our minister's sermon last Sunday,' said a deacon who slept all sermon time, to a brother deacon. Did not like it, brother A. Why I saw yon Nodding Ass sent to every proposition of the parson.

'Why did Adam bite the apple?' asked a country schoolmaster of his pupil. 'Because he had no knife,' said the boy.

If the best man's faults were written on his forehead, he would pull his hat over his eyes.

'I don't like to see money under pa,' (par) as the boy said ven he took his father's pocket book from under his pillow.

'I have found out a new invention for keeping out the wet,' said a boy to another.

'What is it,' replied the other. 'Eat a salt herring for breakfast, and you will be dry all day.'

The Mail due this morning had not arrived when we went to press at three o'clock.

DEATHS.

At Campbellton, on Monday, 6th of February, Robert Ritchie, Esquire, of the firm of A. Ritchie & Co.

A meeting of the Board of Education for the County of Northumberland, will take place at the Office of the County Clerk, on Wednesday, the 1st of March, at Ten o'clock, A. M.

J. SOUTER, Secretary.

John Macdougall

Offers for Sale cheap for Cash only—
Canada FLOUR Boxes Congoo TEA
Rye do Cognac Brandy
Corn Meal Holland Gta
Oatmeal RUM
Pilot & Navy Bread Port & Sherry Wines
Labrador Herrings Raw Sugar
Soap and Candles Molasses, &c
Chatham, 14th February, 1843.

New Novel by James.

The Proprietors of the New World announce that they will publish, immediately upon receiving it from England, a new Novel entitled

FOREST LIFE.

By G. P. R. James, Esq.
Author of 'Morley Erstein,' 'Darnley,' &c.
It will be issued in a Double or Treble number of the New World, at 183 cents a single copy; 7 copies for \$1, \$12 per hundred.
NB—A few copies of Morley Erstein may still be obtained—8 copies for \$1.

EDWIN THE FAIR;

An Historical Drama.

BY HENRY TAYLOR, ESQ.

Author of 'Phillip Van Artevelde.'

This is one of the most beautiful Dramas of modern times. It is published entire in one Extra number of the New World, and will be sent to mail orders for 64 cents, 20 copies for \$1, or \$4 per hundred. The English copy contains 300 pages and costs 3\$—the American copy 64 cents.

The Provincial Reporter.

The Subscriber respectfully informs the Public, that he has furnished a Printing Establishment at Head Quarters, for the purpose of giving a synopsis of the proceedings of the HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. They will be transmitted to him Tri-Weekly, and given to Subscribers at the low price of

Five Shillings during the Session.

SUBSCRIPTIONS respectfully solicited and received by the Subscriber.

H. P. SANCTON.
Saint John, February 8, 1843

Wanted.

An active, intelligent PERSON as a DEPUTY SHERIFF for Northumberland. One acquainted with the localities of the county would be preferred. Security will be required, and residence at or in the vicinity of the Court House. Apply to

J. M. JOHNSON, Sheriff.
6th June, 1842.