

for years past towards the relief of the unfortunate sufferers by Leprosy, and continued such aid so long as a hope remained that the Disorder might be subdued without assistance from public or provincial funds, and when that hope was finally extinguished, the inhabitants of this county took the pains to collect such a statement of facts for representation to the Government, as at once arrested the attention, and secured the financial aid of the Legislature; it is reasonable then that the appointment of persons altogether residing in a neighbouring county, should occasion feelings of surprise and chagrin in Gloucester.

Moved by T. DesBrisay, Esq., and seconded by William Napier, Esq., and unanimously

Resolved,—That the design in the present instance of securing the Lepers at Tracadie, will in the opinion of this meeting be very unsuccessful, for we have strong reason to believe that the terror and alarm of being separated from their home and friends, and carried to Sheldrake Island, in the county of Northumberland, has caused those unfortunate persons to flee for refuge to the Acadian settlements on both sides of Bathurst, endangering the health of the whole county, while no resident individual is empowered to notice or arrest the evil.

Moved by Wm. Napier, Esq., and seconded by Mr Thomas H. Carman, and unanimously

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this meeting, that the Board of Health as at present constituted, cannot effectually carry into effect in this county, the object of the Legislature regarding the disease prevailing at Tracadie and its vicinity, inasmuch as all the members thereof, with the exception of the Rev Mr Lafrance, reside in the county of Northumberland.

Moved by Francis Ferguson, Esq., and seconded by Mr John T. Carter, and unanimously

Resolved,—That in making the appointments alluded to, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor appears to have been ill advised, and His Excellency, in the opinion of this meeting, cannot be aware that all the persons so appointed, except the Rev Mr Lafrance, reside in the county of Northumberland, and sixty miles distant from the district where the disease prevails, which is principally, if not altogether, in the county of Gloucester.

Moved by Benjamin Dawson, Esq., and seconded by F. Ferguson, Esq.,

Resolved,—That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Gleaner, Newspaper; and also that a copy of the same, signed by the Chairman, be forwarded to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

JOSEPH READ, Chairman.

Resolved,—That the Chairman leave the chair, and that Francis Ferguson, Esquire, do take the same.

Resolved unanimously,—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the High Sheriff for his promptitude in convening the meeting; and to Joseph Read, Esquire, for his able and impartial conduct in the chair.

T. DE BRISAY, Secretary.

Bathurst, 2nd May, 1844

LAUNCHES.—On Saturday last, from the building yard of Mr Joseph Russell, the Ship Defiance, of 495 tons, old measurement.

On the same day, from the yard of the late William Abrams, Esq., the Ship Sir Henry Pottinger, of 545 tons, old measurement.

STEAMER ST. GEORGE.—This steamer is to leave Charlottetown for this port, on Friday next, immediately after her arrival at that place from Pictou. She will leave here on Monday next, on her return.

Shipping Intelligence.

Port of Miramichi.

Entered, May 29—schr Zoline, LeBlanc, P. E. Island—J. Cunard & Co; schr Gentleman, Babin, do—do.

30—brig Evenwood, Proctor, Bordeaux—J. Cunard & Co.; Amethyst, Carter, Dartmouth—do; brig J. O., Morrison, Liverpool—J. Cunard.

31—brig Dauntless, Brodrick, Rochefort—Gilmour, Rankin & Co; barque Endymion, Cordagly, Hull—do; brig Hazelrigg, Angus, London—J. Cunard & Co; brig Herring, Taylor, Bordeaux—Crane & Allison; brig Themis, Stewart, Whitby—do.

June 1—Nimble, Carruthers, P. E. Island—master.

4—brig Tugus, Turmouth, Torquay—Duncan & Loch; brig British Queen, Dodds, Bordeaux—J. Cunard & Co.; brig Lord Althorp, Brack, Newcastle—do; brig Albion, Leslie, Halifax—Sundries.

Total number of square-rigged vessels arrived at this port—44.

Captain Hall, of the brig Voyage, hence from Brest, reports—that on the 29th of last month, in lat. 45, 25, long. 57, 23, he discovered the bark Lady Colebrook, with foremast and bowsprit gone, waterlogged and abandoned.

Port of Richibucto.

Entered, May 27—schr Britannia, Callahan, Archat. 28—schr Catherine and Elizabeth, Benois, do; schr Margaret, Sprague, P. E. Island. 30—brig Sarah Barry, Corrigan, Plymouth, 51 days—John Jardine, junior. June 1

—brig Ratchford, Flavin, St John's, N. F., 7 days—James McPhelan.

Cleared, May 28—schr Margaret, Sprague, Pictou. 29—schr Pique, Landry, St. John's, N. F. June 1—schr Esperance, Mercier, Gaspe. Bark Prudence, from Liverpool, outside the Bar.

Port of Shippegan.

Arrived—May 22, ship Deedalus, Nicholson, Liverpool, 42 days—Joseph Cunard & Co; brig Voluna, Easthope, Padstow, 42 days—do.

May 24, brig Lady Mary, Bowen, Bordeaux, 40 days—to do. 25th, brig British Queen, Wood, Sunderland, 60 days—to do. Spring Flower, Rickard, Ilfracomb, 40 days—to do; 27th, brig Gem, Grozier, Brest, 45 days—to do; brig Beaver, Shield, Bordeaux, 35 days—to do. 22nd, brigantine Crappo, Alexander, Jersey, 42 days—Wm. Fruing & Co.

Halifax Morning Post, May 28.

The city was startled on Saturday last, by the report of a wreck having been discovered in the neighbourhood of Country Harbour, under very singular circumstances. We have been at some pains to ascertain the full and correct particulars of this exciting affair, so far as they have yet transpired. The information we furnish, corrects some misstatements which have gone abroad; and every line of it may be relied upon for faithfulness.

Captain Cunningham, of the schr. Billow, who arrived here on Saturday, from the eastward, informs us, that while lying at anchor in harbour contiguous to Country Harbour, on Tuesday morning last, he was informed by some of the shore people, that a large barque was on shore at the back of one of the islands in the Bay. Captain C. lost no time in manning his boat, and proceeded to the place described, and it was not without considerable difficulty that he was enabled to reach the scene of disaster, so strong was the wind. On arriving within hail, Captain C. learned to his utter astonishment, that the ship on shore was the *Saladin*, of Newcastle, from Valparaiso bound to London, with the remnant of her crew—six men—the remainder, including the Captain and all the Officers, having either been drowned or died at sea, some time previous. Captain C. at the earnest request of the *Saladin*'s people, and at the risk of his life, was hauled on board through the surf by a rope, which they had thrown, and which he had fastened round his waist. One man in particular begged him to come on board and take the command, stating that too much grog had been drunk. On arriving on board, Captain C. discovered her to be a beautiful ship of about 550 tons, with a cargo consisting principally of guano, but having also 70 tons copper, 13 bars silver, each of about 150 lbs. weight, and a large quantity of specie, \$9,000. The ship had apparently been making for the harbour when she struck, and when Capt. C. got on board she had all sails set, even to the royals—the ship rolling violently, and the sea some times making a breach over her poop. Fearing the wind might veer round, Captain C. got to work, and with some assistance from the men, the sheets and halyards were let go, and the light sails clewed up; this was done to prevent the ship from backing off into deep water, where she would have inevitably sunk.

Captain C. now began to examine more closely these modern Robinson Crusoes. To a man they were all comparatively well-dressed, including fine linen, and had to all appearance been "faring sumptuously every day." They stated that the captain had died some seven or eight weeks previous—the first officer three days after, and subsequently the second officer, and others had fallen from aloft and been drowned or killed. On going into the cabin, (a splendid one, finished with mahogany and other valuable woods) it presented a singular appearance. Every description of valuable property was lying about, huddled together in the most admired disorder. Here every description of men's wearing apparel—there the nautical instruments, including sextants, quadrants, chronometers, &c. One of the latter, a very valuable one, had been taken to pieces, to gratify, it was supposed, the curiosity of some inquisitive sailor. In another place were the ship's papers, letters, bills of exchange, and indentures; while in the after cabin stood a chest of drawers, full to the brim. These, the men said, had originally been stowed in the lazaretto, but had been removed to be handy in case of wreck. Last, not least! an array of bottles were strewed about in every direction;—for be it understood, that this jolly crew had forsaken the fore-castle, and all its furniture, and established themselves in the cabin, having equipt and privileges—and never were the halcyon days of equality better exemplified—never, probably, since admiral Noah left the Ark, had sailors lived in such luxury and magnificence. A profusion of provisions, liquors, and the richest wines were dealt out, without reference to the morrow, with no sparing hand; and it is quite probable that had not the ship run foul of Nova-Scotia, (which by the way, not one on board had ever heard of before, consequently they had not the most remote idea what part of the globe they had visited,) every man would have been as round as an elderman. Jack had also appropriated the most comfortable clothing; and

as they informed captain C. that the topsails had been reefed once during the last six weeks there can be but little doubt that every man scorned to go aloft in long coat, beaver hat, and Wellington boots.

On reference to the log, captain C. observed that the ship had sailed from Valparaiso on the 8th February, and the log had ceased on the 14th April. He also observed that the apprentices had run from the ship in Valparaiso.

Captain C. remained on board 35 hours, and during this time despatched a letter to the nearest magistrate, cut the sails off the yards, hoisted out the launch, got all the valuable together, took an inventory of them, and finally gave the whole in charge to Charles Archibald, Esq. J. P. He also succeeded in keeping the people tolerably sober while on board—judiciously taking charge of the liquor himself, and encouraging them to persevere in saving as much as possible from the wreck. When captain C. left the *Saladin*, she had fallen over on her starboard side, and was bilged in several places, the guano washing out in every heave of the sea, and all of that portion of the cargo will probably be lost.

The above is a simple statement of the occurrence, as far as it is known. That there are suspicious circumstances connected with it, would be idle to deny. That there is evidently a greater degree of mystery than usually accompanies shipwrecks, and which time will doubtless unravel, we are prepared to admit; but it were certainly neither wise nor just to set all sorts of idle stories afloat to the prejudice of these men. Captain C. represents the portrait in a locket he found as that of a married lady, from the fact of its being painted with a cap; but he found no female wearing apparel, or indeed any thing that would lead him to suppose there had been a lady passenger on board. He observed some boy's clothing, apparently suitable for a boy of seven to nine years of age. From the above statement there is nothing to induce a supposition of anything wrong. Mr Archibald considered the men's story all right; but it certainly is a suspicious circumstance, that the same handwriting that continued the log-book for three days after the date on which the sailors say the captain died, should have made no minute of that event in the log; because it is customary to do so on board ship, whenever a death occurs.

The minutiae of a journal at sea has so little to remark on, that such an occurrence, more particularly when the captain is the object, may justly be looked on with some suspicion when not logged; and, therefore, it would be doing nothing more than justice to the men (even if innocent of every particular) to take them into custody.

The schooner Fair Rosamond proceeded to sea on Sunday morning, at daylight. The Hon. Michael Tobin, Agent for Lloyd's, and captain C. proceeded in her; but on getting an offing, it was found that the strong southeasterly heavy head sea, and the rapid current setting to the westward, would make the passage too tedious, and the Fair Rosamond returned to the anchorage about eleven o'clock.

Halifax Morning Herald, May 29.

The steamer North America left on Monday evening, for the purpose of going down to the wreck of the barque *Saladin*, now lying near Country Harbour, but returned again early yesterday morning—the fog being so thick along the shore, that it was thought unsafe to proceed.

Halifax Morning Post, May 31.

Nothing further has been heard from the barque *Saladin*, since Monday evening, at which time the cargo and materials were mostly landed. The water being nearly up to her lower deck beams, the principal part of the Guano was washed out. The Fair Rosamond left Halifax for the wreck on Tuesday morning at seven o'clock, but owing to head winds and fog, was obliged to anchor at Maugher's Beach where she remained till Wednesday morning at nine o'clock. Captain O'Brien of the schooner Mary, reports having seen her on the afternoon of that day, off Jedore; and it was thought she would have reached Country Harbour yesterday morning.

Deaths.

On Prince Edward Island, on the 1st March last, Mrs. HAY, advanced in years, a native of Scotland, wife of Mr. Duncan Hay, who resided several years in Caraquet, Bay de Chaleur, and was much esteemed there among her acquaintance for her many good qualities as an affectionate wife, a good christian, charitable and kind, and humane among her poor neighbours, and her loss is generally regretted by all who knew her.

In Bankruptcy.

MEETINGS OF CREDITORS BEFORE WILLIAM CARMAN, ESQ., COMMISSIONER.
Andrew Irvine, 6—certificate
A. McIntosh, 7—claims
John Firth, 8—
P. Sutherland, 11—

All persons having just claims against the Estate of JOHN COCKERHAM, late of Glenelg, in the County of Northumberland, Farmer, deceased, are requested to render the same, duly attested, at the office of GEORGE KERR, Esquire, Chatham, within three months from this date, and all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment at the same place.

MARY COCKERHAM, Administratrix.
April 5, 1844.

EDUCATION.

Mrs. MAITLAND begs to inform the inhabitants of Chatham, its vicinity, and Miramichi generally, that she intends opening an Academy, on Tuesday, the 11th instant, in the house lately occupied by Mr Angus McLeod's family, where she will give instruction, in the following branches of literature, viz.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR, HISTORY, NATURAL PHILOSOPHY, POETRY, GEOGRAPHY, and the Use of the Globes, FRENCH, WRITING and ARITHMETIC. Also, NEEDLE WORK, PLAIN and ORNAMENTAL, EMBROIDERY, &c. &c.

Mrs. M. hopes that from her experience as a Teacher, having taught a Boarding and Day-School in the town of her nativity for 14 years, and since that period in the city of Toronto, her claims upon the community to whom she now offers her services, for apportion of their patronage, will receive some consideration.

A commodious school-room, attached to the dwelling-house, will be immediately fitted up, and in the mean time, from fifteen to twenty Pupils can be comfortably accommodated, in a room in the Dwelling-house.

TERMS will be moderate, and may be known by applying to Mrs. Maitland.

Chatham, June 5, 1844.

H. C. D. Carman,

Has received by the Constance from London, Ant, from Liverpool, and Oxford from Glasgow—

His usual Supply of New and Fashionable

GOODS!

Also—HARDWARE, CUTLERY and IRONMONGERY, GLASS and EARTHENWARE.

Paints, Oils, Putty, Soap, Candles, Indigo, &c. &c. &c.

The above will be ready for inspection in a few days.

—By the Hector from Halifax—

Hds. Molasses, Sugar, Brandy, Geneva, Kegs Tobacco, chests Tea, &c.

On hand, a general assortment of GROCERIES.

May 29.

SURROGATE COURT.

County of Northumberland, Province of New Brunswick.

[L. S.] To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, or any Constable within said County, Greeting:

Whereas EDWARD WILLISTON, Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credit which were of JAMES HOSFORD, late of Nelson, in the County aforesaid, Farmer, deceased, hath filed an account of his administration on the Estate of the said deceased, 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 Monday, the eighth day of July next, at Eleven of the Clock, in the forenoon, to attend the passing and allowing of the said account of administration on the said Estate.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the said Court, this twenty ninth day of May, 1844.

THOMAS H. PETERS, Surrogate.

GEORGE KERR, Register of Probates for said County.

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Orders received at the Gleaner Office.

NOTICE.—All persons having just claims against the Estate of William Abrams, late of Newcastle, in the county of Northumberland, merchant, deceased, are requested to render the same within three months from this date, and all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to Geo. KERR, one of the Executors, at his office in Chatham.

HENRY B. ALLISON, } Executors.
GEORGE KERR, }
JOHN THOMSON, }
Miramichi, 2nd March, 1844.