

Mr Rankin, by leave, presented a Petition from John Wilson, of the Parish of Nelson, in the county of Northumberland, praying aid towards the maintaining a Team Ferry boat across the south west and north west branches of the River Miramichi, as also to remunerate him for transporting the mails over the same; which he read. Ordered, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

February 22. The engrossed address to His Excellency Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, Baronet, Governor General of Her Majesty's North American Colonies, being read, is as follows:— To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, one of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in chief in and over the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

May it please your Excellency, We, the Representatives of the People of New Brunswick, in Parliament assembled, deem it a duty we owe alike to Your Excellency, and the loyal constituency of this Province, to express our high admiration of the constitutional principles promulgated by your Excellency in the recent memorable conflict with your Excellency's late advisers.

If this had occurred in a colony unconnected with British North America, we might have abstained from a declaration of our sentiments; but considering ourselves as a portion of Your Excellency's Government, we cannot refrain from offering an assurance of our firm determination to uphold your Excellency in maintaining the Prerogatives of the crown, invaded as we conceived them to have been by the extraordinary claims of your late council.

We appreciate too highly the inestimable blessings we enjoy under our benign Government, where the rights and privileges of all are well known and defined, to disregard any attempt at infringement, whether it be aimed at the crown or the people and we therefore hesitate not to express our firm belief, that if the extravagant demands made upon your Excellency had been granted, Monarchical institutions on this continent must soon have ceased to exist.

We indulge the confident expectation, that the noble stand your Excellency has taken, will meet the approbation of our Most Gracious and Beloved Queen, and that the loyal people of British North America will be found ever ready to rally round Her Majesty's Representative, in maintaining principles so conducive to the happiness of the subject, and the safety, honor and dignity of the crown.

Resolved, that an humble address be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to transmit the said address to his Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. J A Street, by leave, presented petitions from Elizabeth Spratt, and John Mitchell praying to be remunerated for teaching Schools in the county of Northumberland, during the past year; which he read. Ordered, that the said petitions be received and referred to the committee on school petitions to report thereon.

Mr. J A Street, by leave, presented a petition from James Fairley, of the parish of Ludlow, in the county of Northumberland, praying that an act may pass to authorize the erection of gates across certain bye roads in that Parish; which he read. Ordered, that the said petition be received and lie on the Table.

February 23. Copies of two Despatches, relative to the substituting an Export Duty on Timber, in place of the Duty on the granting of Licences.

Fredericton, 29th December, 1843. My Lord.—Referring to my Despatch, No. 103, of the 27th October, I beg leave to report to your Lordship, that the Executive Council, at their late meeting, found it to be necessary to take measures for reducing the expenses incurred in protecting the Crown Timber in the Forests.

The charges incurred in employing a number of persons to prevent trespasses on the Crown Lands, to seize the Timber cut without License, and to keep charge of it until disposed of at the ports of Shipment, would nearly absorb any Revenue which would be derived from its sale; and from the great difficulty in discriminating between the Timber cut on the Lands of the Crown and of other Proprietors, as well as in distinguishing it from American Timber, the prospect of being able to realize the Revenues in the ensuing spring, will mainly depend upon the sanction of your Lordship being given to the passing of an act in the ensuing session, for imposing an Export Duty on all Timber, without exception, under the provisions of the act, No. 1432.

The practice adopted in the last season, by the American and other Lumberers, of floating their Timber down the Rivers, without making it up into rafts, has greatly increased the difficulties of inspection and control, and the council are extremely anxious that your Lordship's sanction to the passing of the act in question, should be received in time to admit of its going into operation in the ensuing spring, when the opening of the rivers will bring down large quantities of Timber, which has been cut during the winter, by parties who have speculated on the inability of the government, without incurring great expenses, at present, to protect the interests of the crown, and to collect the revenue.

I have, &c. W. M. G. COLEBROOKE. Right Honorable Lord Stanley, &c.

Downing Street, 30th January, 1843. Sir,—I have received your Despatches, Nos. 103 and 119, of the 27th October and 29th December last, in which you request permission to obtain the enactment, in the approaching session of the Legislature of New Brunswick, of an act, without a suspending clause, for the imposition of a duty on all timber exported from the province.

Her Majesty's Government are disposed to regard with great jealousy, any disposition in the colonies to levy new export duties upon articles which are the subjects of protective arrangements under the British Tariff, by which arrangements this country foregoes revenue for the advantage of the trade and industry of the British possessions abroad; and this jealousy would operate with greater force, if it were to be found that the inclination to improve or augment such duties was general.

In the present instance, however, the proposed export duty appears to be intended as a substitute for the tax on timber, now in operation under the designation of crown licenses, and the change is expected to yield an increase to the revenue, without enhancing the price of the article to the consumer. Under these circumstances, and advertent to the necessity of placing the finances of the province on a sound footing, you are at liberty to introduce into the Legislature a bill, without a suspending clause, similar to the one which was passed in its last session, excluding the clauses objected to by Her Majesty's legal advisers, and with modification of the section which relates to the employment of the customs officers in the enforcement of the tax. The fifth section of the act of last year expressly prohibited those officers from granting to any vessel laden with timber, &c., for exportation, a clearance to sail from any port in New Brunswick, until a certificate of payment of the export duty, from the treasurer or deputy treasurer, should be produced. This regulation would be in direct contravention of the provisions in the Imperial act of the 3d and 4th Will. the 4th, cap. 59, which requires the officers of customs, upon compliance with the regulations therein laid down, to issue the necessary certificate of clearance; and therefore, although Her Majesty's Government would be willing to direct those officers to afford every proper assistance for ensuring the due collection of the contemplated duty and the prevention of smuggling, their co-operation must be confined to services in strict conformity with the terms of the Imperial statute.

As it is doubtful what may be the real effect of the proposed change of system, I have to desire that you would inform me, after the new law shall have been six months in operation, whether any enhancement of the natural price of timber, which may be caused by the export duty, is estimated by competent judges as greater than that caused by the crown licenses.

I have, &c. STANLEY. Lieutenant Governor Sir William Colebrooke.

February 24th. The committee of Trade met this day; and proceeded to the consideration of the several matters referred to them, and beg leave to report:— That they have had under consideration the petition of John Miller, Deputy Treasurer at Bathurst, praying for an increase of allowance for discharging the duties of his office; and are of opinion that forty-five pounds should be added to the income of Mr. Miller for the past year, which would make his whole income equal to £64.

Also the petition of James Blackhall, acting sub-collector at Shippegan and Caraque, praying for an increase of salary.—This petition is not authenticated by the collector of Saint John, and the committee are therefore of opinion that it cannot be recommended, and for the further reason that there should be no increase to the expense of the custom house Establishment in the Province.

February 25th. The committee of Trade met this day; and proceeded to the consideration of the several matters referred to them, and beg leave to report:— That they have had under consideration the petition of John Miller, Deputy Treasurer at Bathurst, praying for an increase of allowance for discharging the duties of his office; and are of opinion that forty-five pounds should be added to the income of Mr. Miller for the past year, which would make his whole income equal to £64.

Miscellaneous.

Much attention has lately been directed to the Bank of England, in consequence of its charter being nearly expired—that it will be renewed by the government, is now the general belief, particularly since the allusion made to it in the Queen's speech at the opening of Parliament.

The anti-corn Law League continue their agitation with unabated zeal—indeed we may say with increased vigour. Since we issued our last paper, they have held meetings which have been very numerously attended in most of the leading towns, not only of England, but they have extended the field of their speculations to Scotland. The subscriptions toward the £100,000 now exceeds £80,000.

Greece.—The feeling against Russia was very strong; and the house of the Russian ambassador had been burnt down.

Turkey.—The Porte had reorganised its armies in Arabia and Anatolia.

India.—Some insurrections had been quelled by the British arms. The reported murder of Dost Mahomed is a fabrication. A fearful sickness prevailed amongst the Troops; out of 12,000 men, one third were in the hospital. The commercial news is very cheering.

Est aordiaary Case.—In Dublin a man named Maloney, an auctioneer, formerly residing in Bellurteel, has been sentenced to transportation for seven years, for forging a draft of about £139. After he committed the crime he went to America, and while there learned that he was the heir to £50,000 in dispute in Ireland. He returned and speedily made good his claim, but immediately after was arrested, tried at the present commission, and convicted. The treasure is, of course, confiscated to the crown. Baron Lefroy, in passing sentence, intimated

that, if an application were made to the crown, the property might be granted to the children.

Sir Francis Burdett died, at his town residence on the 23rd ultimo. The deceased commenced his political career as a reformer of the boldest and most uncompromising principles, and was for many years distinguished as "Westminster's Glory and England's Pride," an appellation which Cobbett diminished to plain "Old Glory." In 1812, Sir Francis was committed to the Tower for uttering unpalatable truths as to the constitution of Parliament; and, in 1819, was prosecuted for his manly denunciation of the Manchester massacre, convicted, and sentenced to pay a fine of 1000*l*, and be imprisoned. In consequence, it is supposed, of being passed over when the reform Minister came into power, Sir Francis went over to the Tories; and since that period his sayings and doings have not excited the slightest possible interest, either amongst his old political friends or his new ones.

A flight of Locusts passed over Bombay and its harbour, in November last, several hundred feet above the earth, like a dense cloud floating in the air.

Auctions.

To be sold by Public Auction, on Wednesday, the 10th day of April next, at noon, in front of Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland, for payment of the debts of the late Alexander P. Henderson, late of Chatham, in the said County of Northumberland. Merchaat, deceased, in consequence of a deficiency of the personal Estate of the said deceased, for that purpose, pursuant to a licence obtained from the surrogate court of the said County.

All the Right and Title of the said deceased, in and to the Piece of Land, lying in the Town of Chatham, fronting on the North side of Water Street, thirty feet, and extending back thirty feet, on which piece of Land there is a Dwelling House at present occupied by Mr William White. Also the Wharf and Blacksmith's Shop, situate at the upper side of the Public Landing in Chatham, and extending from thence Westward Forty feet, and from the Bank of the River upwards, with the privilege of the water in front.

Also, a Lot of Land, lying on the east side of Cain's river, granted by Government to the deceased, known as Lot No. 1, containing 200 acres. This Lot embraces the mouth of Salmon Brook, and the stream runs through to the rear, on which stream there is an excellent cote for a mill.

All that Valuable Property lying at French Fort Cove, in the Parish of Newcastle, consisting of the Farm, Dwelling House, Double Saw Mill and other Buildings thereon, formerly occupied by the deceased. The Lands are bounded above by the property occupied by Mr. Alexander Russel, and below by Lands owned by Mr. William Scott, and by the Estate of the said William Abrams, Esq. deceased, and extends from the River to the rear of the first Tier of Lots.

Also Seven Lots of LAND, each containing 110 acres, lying in rear of French Fort Cove, and fronting on the road running along the rear of the Front Lots, from Newcastle to Douglstown, and a Lot containing 200 acres, known as Lot number four, granted to James B. Lowe.

Terms at Sale. For further particulars apply to John M. Johnson, Esquire, one of the Executors, or at the office of George Kerr, Esquire, Chatham. By order of the Executors. JAMES JOHNSON.

To be sold by Public Auction, on Thursday, the seventh day of March next, at Twelve o'clock, noon, on the premises, in Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland, for payment of the debts of the late JOSEPH HOME, late of Newcastle, sforesaid, Esquire, deceased, in consequence of a deficiency of the personal Estate of the said deceased for that purpose, pursuant to a Licence obtained from the Surrogate Court of the said County, the LANDS and PREMISES following, that is to say— All that Lot or Piece of Land,

Situate in the said Parish of Newcastle, bounded on the lower or easterly side by lands belonging to the heirs of the late Honorable Richard Simonds, deceased, and on the upper or westerly side by lands owned and occupied by William Abrams, Esquire, and by Patrick Bunberry, in front by the River Miramichi, and extending in the rear the full extent of the original grants, being the premises on which the said Joseph Home resided.

By order of the Executor, JOHN FRASER, Auctioneer. Dated this first day of February, 1844.

Sale of Bankrupt Estate!

By Order of the Commissioner of the Estate and Effects of Bankrupts for the county of Northumberland, will be Sold, on MONDAY, the fifteenth day of July next, between the hours of eleven and one o'clock, at the office of the said commissioner, in Chatham:— All the Right, Title, and Interest, which Leonard Hawbolt, of Chatham, merchant, a Bankrupt, had on the twenty first day of January last, of, in and to, the Dwelling House, Barr, Out Houses, and premises, now occupied by him in the Town of Chatham; and of, in and to, the property at present in his occupation, fronting on the Napan road, and being part of the Lot of the Chatham Joint Stock company, consisting of eighteen acres, fifteen of which are cleared, fenced, and under cultivation, there is also a good new barn on the same.

Further particulars will be made known on application to M CRANNEY, Provisional Assignee. Chatham, 4 h March, 1844.

Sheriff's Sales.

On SATURDAY, 6th July next, in front of Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, P. M., will be sold at Public Auction:

A Lot, containing 100 acres of LAND, lying on both sides of the Brook which empties itself into Black River, called McBeath's Brook, granted to Donald McBeath.—Also, A Lot, containing 50 acres adjoining the above Grant, and lying on both sides of the same Brook, granted to John McBeath, both in the Parish of Glenelg and County of Northumberland.—also, all other Real Estate of Alexander McBeath, Donald McBeath, and John McBeath, in this County—the same being seized by me to satisfy Executions issued out of the Supreme Court against Alexander, Donald and John McBeath.

JOHN M. JOHNSON, Sheriff Sheriff's Office, North'd., 26th Dec., 1843

On the Third TUESDAY in May, 1844, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, P. M., in front of Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, will be sold at Public Auction:

All the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Claim and Demand, of THOMAS COUGHLAN, of the parish of Blackville, in and to

Lot No. 2, 80 rods front, on the north side of Bartholomew's River, containing about 210 acres, and granted to Peter Lancaster.

Lot No. 3, on the second tier of Lots, 80 rods front, situate on the north side of Bartholomew's River; containing 200 acres, and granted to John Reilly; and all other Real Estate of the said Thomas Coughlan; the same having been seized by me to satisfy executions issued out of the Supreme Court at the suit of Thomas W. Underhill and Phineas Williston, Esquires, against the said Thomas Coughlan.

JOHN M. JOHNSON, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, 8th November, 1843.

On the first Saturday in March, 1844, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, P. M., in front of Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, will be sold at Public Auction:

All the Real Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Claim and Demand—

Of JOHN CUPPAGE, Esquire, in and to certain LANDS, situate in the County of Northumberland, or as much thereof as may be necessary; the same having been seized by me to satisfy an Execution issued out of the Supreme Court at the suit of Alexander Rankin, Esquire, against the said John Cuppage.

J. M. JOHNSON, Sheriff of Northumberland. Sheriff's Office, 25th August, 1843

The sale of the above property is postponed until Wednesday, the 10th day of July next, then to take place at the time and place above mentioned.

J. M. JOHNSON, Sheriff. 1st March, 1844.

On Saturday, 27th July next, in front of Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, P. M., will be sold at Public Auction:

All the REAL ESTATE of Leonard Hawbolt in the county of Northumberland, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy an Execution issued of the Supreme court, against the said Leonard Hawbolt, at the suit of Johnston and Cate.

Also—all the Real Estate of John Archibald, in the county of Northumberland, the same having been seized by me to satisfy an Execution issued out of the Supreme court against the said John Archibald, at the suit of Phineas Williston, Esquire.

JOHN M. JOHNSON, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, North'd., January 22, 1844.

On Saturday, the 13th July next, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, P. M., in front of Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, will be sold at Public Auction:

All the Real Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Claim and Demand of Phineas Williston, William Williston and Alexander Williston, or either of them, in the County of Northumberland: the same having been seized by me to satisfy Executions issued out of the Supreme Court, and now in my hands against the said Phineas, William and Alexander Williston.

JOHN M. JOHNSON, Sheriff of Northumberland. Sheriff's Office, December 18, 1843.

On Saturday, 17th August next, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, P. M., in front of Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, will be sold at Public Auction:

All the REAL ESTATE of John Hea, in the county of Northumberland; the same being seized by me under several Executions issued out of the Supreme Court, against the said John Hea.

J. M. JOHNSON, Sheriff. Northumberland, 13th February, 1844.

The Assessors of Taxes for the Parish of Chatham, will meet for the purpose of making the Assessment for the present year, on the Ninth day of March next, until which day they will receive statements of Property, &c., from such persons as are disposed to furnish them.

James Johnson, James Cate, James Kerr, Assessors. Chatham, February 27, 1844.