

er joined the Liberal ranks. The writer had received intelligence from Lucerne, mentioning that the inhabitants were greatly exasperated against the Government, and that the moment the refugees entered the territory of the canton the Liberals were to make a demonstration in their favour.

The Overland Mail from India.—A half-monthly Overland Mail, which arrived in London on Friday, the 21st inst., brings intelligence from Calcutta to the 8th of February.

There is nothing new from Scinde, the Punjab, Kholapsre, or Sawunt Warree, Nepal, so lately the scene of revolt, seems tranquil; for Prince Waldemar was travelling through it, with an escort provided by its ruler.

According to reports received via Lahore, Afghanistan, which has recently suffered so much from plague, is now visited by famine. Dost Mahomed had been set upon, when out riding, by a band of conspirators, who wounded him severely, but did not succeed in their attempt on his life.—Akbur Khan is said to be busily occupied in repairing the fortifications of Jellalabad, and still keeps the Sikha in fear for Peshawur.

Belgium.—The oldest inhabitants in Brussels never remember so extraordinary a season as the present. All rivers, canals, and streams, are blocked up, the grain is in many places frozen to the ground, and whole acres of vegetation utterly destroyed. The poor are suffering prodigiously for want of work.

Holland.—Amsterdam, April 2.—Letters from Groningen, of the 31st ult, state that some of the dikes in that neighbourhood had been partly forced by inundations.

The schism among the Catholics in Prussia seems to be on the increase. Immense numbers have recently declared for what is called the new German Catholic Church, and the government has authorised collections in support of it.

Communications.

To the Editor of the Gleaner.

Sir,—A writer in your paper of the 18th inst., evinces the truth of the sentiment, that a wounded spirit is hard to bear. Irritated by the well-merited lash of Veritas, he dispenses his flaming furies with the jolly vulgarity of a Jack Falstaff; and to mitigate the pain and disgrace of his wounds, laughably exclaims, the "punishment is divine." Now, Mr Editor, if I am the "redoubtable descendant" to whom he so pathetically alludes, allow me to assure you that his "omniscience" must be derived from the inspirations of a certain convivial deity whose mysteries he has studied much more intently than the precepts of Lindley Murray.

Such a cause, indeed, accounts philosophically for his disturbed vision, since in his delirium tremens he sees many patriots where there is only one Veritas; in the composing or suggesting of whose communications I had no part, either directly or indirectly; inheriting by virtue of my divine descent the "invulnerable shield" of contempt for any such hireling scribbler as X. Should I be provoked, however, I may yet substantiate my divine origin by harping a celestial bore, which may happily, to the satisfaction of this community, reduce your vociferous and ponderous correspondent to his original and favourite predicament, "non est."

ROBERT HUTCHINSON,

Richibucto, April 15, 1845.

TO "Y"

Now, gallant Sexton, hold thine own,
No maid's arms are round thee thrown,
That deep-toned grasp, thy frame might feel
Through bars of brass and triple steel.

Sir,—Were not presumption and ignorance your prevailing characteristics, you would scarcely have dared wantonly to attack the reputation of any individual however vile. You seem to have quite forgotten that you possessed a character at all; and indeed, Sir, I have no doubt that past reminiscences convey anything but pleasing sensations to your troubled mind. It is possible you imagined a character so despicable as yours might be allowed to pass unnoticed; an honest man would have lasting disgrace attached to his name even by reference to it, and that such an object as you are would disgrace the dignity of revenge.

After the scurrilous invectives hurled from your gigantic brain (which will probably soon be delivered of a modern Minerva) on the native genius of this country, including even that poor despised race, pedagogues, (a term very much similar to pettifogger) and the offspring of the Ovelons, you are not entitled to any indulgence; as however a latent spark of shame may yet remain concealed within your ponderous bosom, which this perhaps may fan, I will not expose your numerous vices to the vulgar gaze of an outraged public. Your mighty omniscience has failed to trace Veritas in the precious patriots, the native geniuses; the elegant scape-goat, or at the well-known rendezvous. Cast your eyes, from the dignified station in society of the numerous circle, of acquaintance with which you seem to be so familiar, to a lower sphere, where, if individuals cannot boast of possessing the immense wealth of X, they certainly enjoy a pure, unalloyed fame, unscat-

thed by the wail of virgin innocence, insulted purity, or reckless debauchery. I have already bestowed more attention on this theme than bestows its permit me, now, to divest your formidable arguments of the flimsy support in which falsehood and folly have arrayed them. Acquainted with your disposition, I do not wonder at the effrontery with which you hold up the address, originating in such manner, containing the signatures of nearly all the town boys who could or could not write, and despatched 20 miles post haste, as a dernier resort to a gentleman who might, at least boast Esq to his name, and lo! shades of Chatham! the individual being his own master, refused to sacrifice a conscientious mind to the entreaties of a few precious patriots.

A person less sensitive than you would have shunned all mention of a public document not containing the signature of a public officer or distinguished merchant, and which disgraces the cause it had intended to adorn; and I question if the gentleman from whom the address originated, would not scruple to present it. Notwithstanding his extensive knowledge of men, he could not discover among the motley names of apprentices, shop boys, and ledger-influenced non-freeholders, one which would soothe the ruffled mind of his royal master, or carry in its face a voucher for the opinions of the people of the county of Kent. And why should it excite wonder, that a thinking community, who have enjoyed the glorious privileges inculcated by British Institutions, for which their ancestors have shed their precious blood would tamely submit to see those principles trampled upon, and the actions of a despotic Pacha or imperious Sultan substituted in their place. If this, Sir, be what you wish to defend, and the extensive support enjoyed by the address in this county, the means of substantiating it, you might well hesitate to reply. Your explanation of Mr Wilmo's meaning does honour to your enlightened understanding. The theory or axiom has been so well sustained by you, that it warrants the application to it of J. E. D. You have evidently proceeded beyond the fifth problem of Euclid, thepons asinariam. It has been clearly demonstrated (your humble opinion would have been sufficient) that men whose lives have been spent in the service of their country, and who enjoy the confidence of the people, must give way to the honored choice of a lady's love. I am dubious whether Lord Stanley's stupidity will allow him to see it in the same light. The hotch potch compilation containing an opinion of Veritas, being utterly inapplicable to me, would be equally unworthy of notice as its author, but for the rich vein of wit and elegance flowing profusely throughout it, and the unassuming modesty pervading its general tenor. Beware, Sir, lest the contempt which the slumbering talent of native genius conceive for your detestable production; be changed to the withering scorn of consuming indignation, for yourself; and not being able to find a scape-goat to bear your indignities, you undergo a parodying lustration, or be offered up a propitiatory sacrifice at the altars of insulted literature. If such, Sir, should be the case, neither pilgrimages to the seat of legislation, nor yet the distant wilds of Texas, nor even your every-dayilly and stupidity, shall screen you from the immortal infamy" to which self-conceit and ignorance tend to lure you.

I sincerely sympathize with the Governor and the province at large in the immense loss they have sustained in the exclusion of such a magnificent intellect and profound genius as is contained in your well-developed organum, from participating in the counsels of the august assembly of New Brunswick. In future, Sir, be not astonished if the importance which is so justly your due be conceded, and the members of the Legislature apply to your infallible judgment, omniscient wisdom, and prophetic divination, when perplexed about state affairs and the rights of the people. In conclusion, Sir, I ask your pardon for abusing the generous condescension which will induce you to read this epistle of a martyr to native genius, and thus occupy some moments of your highly valuable time, which should be devoted to so critical a period in procuring addresses, and vindicating the conduct of that injured and neglected individual, Mr Reade; and I also ask your grace for dimming the brightness of those celestial rays which beam effulgent radiance on your divine and immaculate effusion, by depriving it of the glare and tinsel of falsity, in which it had been burnished with all the polish which an accomplished and elegant mind could bestow.

I remain, yours truly,

VERITAS!

Kent, 17th April, 1845.

Colonial News.

New Brunswick.

Wesleyan Academy, Mount Allison, Sackville.—At a meeting of the Committee of Management of the Wesleyan Academy, held at the Academy, April 10, a present: Rev. Enoch Wood, Chairman of the New Brunswick District; Rev. Richard Knight, Chairman of the Nova Scotia District; Rev. Alexander W. McLeod, Halifax; Charles F. Allison, Esquire, Sackville; ALSO, Rev. H. Pickard, Principal; Rev. S. Busby, Point-de-Bute; Rev. William Webb, Amherst; Rev. Michael Pickles, Portland; Rev. A. McNutt, Sackville; and

Rev. S. D. Rice, Agent.

A Letter of the Rev. Principal, published in the Saint John Courier, respecting certain reports brought before the Legislative Council of New Brunswick, tending to the disadvantage of the Academy, having been read to the Meeting;

Thereupon it was unanimously Resolved, That the statements made in the said Letter meet the entire concurrence of the Committee and Ministers present, under the full persuasion, that the reports charging proselytizing efforts upon the Officers of the Institution are utterly groundless. The Members of this Meeting also take this opportunity of re-asserting the liberal principles on which this Institution, in regard to the children whose parents belong to other Religious denominations, is conducted; and whilst they rejoice in the manifest improvement in the morals and religious character of many of the Students, they expressly and publicly avow their utter abhorrence of a proselytizing spirit. In justice to the Reverend Principal and the Reverend Chaplain, and the other Officers of the Institution, they feel it a duty gratefully to record the high gratification which they feel in finding the Institution in so prosperous and satisfactory a state.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,
ALEX. W. McLEOD, Secy.

Canada:
London (C. W.), Times, April 13.

Another Awful Conflagration!—It is with feelings of intense sorrow we perform the painful task of publishing this Extra, to announce the most awful calamity that ever befel this town, and if we take all things into consideration, perhaps never equalled in Western Canada. Yesterday, (Sunday,) about a quarter past twelve, when most of the inhabitants were attending Divine Service in their respective places of worship, their devotions were interrupted by an alarm of fire being given, in the usual manner, of crying, ringing of bells, and all those demonstrations which are had recourse to as harbingers indicating approaching destruction by the devouring element. The various congregations immediately ran into the streets, when it was discovered that the Robinson Hall Hotel was on fire; which was soon consumed, together with a number of merchants' shops and warehouses on the opposite side of Dundas street, all of which, except the corner one, had been erected since the last fire. The wind blowing a stiff gale from the North West by North, and every thing as dry as tinder, it was at the same time raging with indescribable fury to leeward, sweeping in its progress to the South the width of one block, and making inroads into two others. It was found impossible to stay its progress until it had laid waste four blocks, and part of which was closely built, of nearly thirty acres of ground. It is, however, some consolation to know from all the information we can collect, no lives were lost on the occasion.—It adds much to public inconvenience in consequence of the disaster happening on the day before the Assizes, of which some idea may be formed when it is known, that the Chief Justice and Queen's Counsel, who were both here at the time, were driven out of the rooms they had engaged, both houses being destroyed almost in an instant—so rapid was its progress. Although from our limited information, it is at present impossible either to give a detailed account of the loss or to particularize cases of individual suffering, we conceive we have already learnt enough to make it imperative upon us, as journalists, however painful the task, not appeal to public sympathy on behalf of our fellow townsmen, many of whom have lost their all.

The Northumberland Agricultural Society,

Have for sale, a

General Assortment of Garden Seeds, Imported last autumn from the Seedsmen of the Highland Agricultural Society of Scotland, and by them highly recommended.

Also—Dutch Red Clover Seed, imported from Britain; 2 and 4 rowed Barley, Aberdeen Yellow, and purple top Swedish Turnip Seed; Spring Tares; Dutch sowing Flax Seed, and Bone Dust, in Barrels.

March 13, 1845.

The Society's Seeds for sale at the stores of Mr Daniel McLaughlan, Chatham, and of Mr Patrick Watt, Newcastle.

SEEDS! SEEDS!

EUROPEAN CLOVER, AMERICAN TIMOTHY, WHEAT, RYE, OATS, and BARLEY SEEDS, for Sale by GILMOUR RANKIN, & Co., Douglastown, 20th March, 1845.

Bankrupts' Sales!

In the matter of Leonard Hawbolt, a Bankrupt.

By Order of the Commissioner for the Estate and Effects of Bankrupts for the county of Northumberland, will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, the 30th day of April next, at noon, at the Office of the Provisional Assignee, in Chatham:—

ALL THE

Outstanding Debts

Due and owing to the above Bankrupt, Leonard Hawbolt; against whom a fiat in Bankruptcy has issued, and all the interest of the creditors therein.

M. CRANNEY, Assignee,
Dated Miramichi, the 14th April, 1845.

In the matter of THOMAS COUGH-

LAN, a Bankrupt.

By order of the Commissioner of the Estate and Effects of Bankrupts, for the County of Northumberland, will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, the thirtieth day of APRIL, instant, at noon, at the Office of the Provisional Assignee, in Chatham.

ALL THE

Outstanding Debts

Due and owing to the above Bankrupt, Thomas Coughlan, against whom a fiat in Bankruptcy has issued, and all the interest of the Creditors therein.

M. CRANNEY, Assignee.
Miramichi, 14th April, 1845.

In the matter of Alexander McBeath, Donald McBeath, & John McBeath, Bankrupts.

By order of the Commissioner for the estate and effects of Bankrupts for the County of Northumberland, will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, the 30th day of APRIL, instant, at noon, at the office of the Provisional Assignee, in Chatham.

ALL THE

Outstanding Debts

due and owing to the above Bankrupts, and all the interest of the Creditors therein.

M. CRANNEY, Assignee,
Chatham, 17th April, 1845.

SALE

To be Sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, on Thursday, the 1st May next, at noon, at the Subscriber's store, by Order of the Assignee of the late concern of JOHNSON & CAIT, of Chatham:—

ALL THE

Outstanding Debts

Of the said Concern; a list of which can be seen on application at the office of the subscriber. Terms as sale.

JAMES JOHNSON, Auctioneer.
Chatham, 14th April, 1845.

For Sale,

A TRACT OF LAND containing about 30 acres, situate on Bay du Vin Island, extending across and fronting the shore, on both sides of the Island. There is an excellent Salmon Fishery in front of the property, and it is well situated for carrying on the Deep Sea Fishery, having an excellent harbour. There is a building on the premises which will answer the purpose of a Store or Dwelling. A term of years will be given for payment of the purchase money, which will be received in Fish, Lumber, or country produce. Apply to

JOSEPH CUNARD & Co.

Chatham, 20th April, 1845.

WANTED.

A number of Apprentices, to the Ship Building business. Applicants will be taken on Trial; and when approved of, a rate of Wages will be paid in lieu of Board, Clothing & Tools. Apply at Bathurst and Chatham, to JOSEPH CUNARD & CO. ALSO—CREWS to take six fast-sailing Schooners of from 25 to 30 tons each, in ballast, from Chatham to Newfoundland, between the 15th and 25th May next. Two men and a boy will be necessary for each schooner. Apply as above.

Notice to Pilots.

WHEREAS JOHN HORAN has recently erected a BLOCK, with the intention of a Ballast Wharf; Now I forbid all Pilots from taking Vessels there to discharge Ballast, until properly built. Also—the lower end of the Wharf called Wilson's, until properly planked to my satisfaction. By order of the undersigned, JAMES McCULLAM, Harbour Master, Douglastown, 19th April, 1845.

TENDERS.

Will be received by the RECTOR and CHURCH WARDENS of Saint Paul's, until the first day of May next, for the ERECTION OF A FENCE round Saint Paul's Church. Specification may be seen, and further particulars made known, on application to the Rector.

SAMUEL BACON, Rector.
JOHN WRIGHT, Church.
HENRY CUNARD, Wardens,
April 14, 1845.

CAUTION!

The subscriber having obtained a lease of the property in Napan, formerly belonging to the late John Stewart, deceased, hereby cautions all persons from committing any trespass, on said lot, will be prosecuted, as the Law directs. JOHN GRAHAM.
Napan, April 23, 1845.