

the least bound to assist or uphold either party or ministry. A revolution had taken place also in Nepal. The Rajah had promised to abdicate in favor of his son.—When the time came he refused, on which the son, assisted by some chiefs, deposed him. The new Rajah is only 17 years old, and an idiot. The government would be compelled to interfere. The war, however, was expected to be one of diplomacy rather than of arms.

The news from Scinde is still unfavorable. The Highlanders at Sukkur were still dying off. Upwards of 200 men, women, and children had perished since their arrival. They were to be removed immediately.

There had been rather a serious disturbance at Hong Kong in consequence of a registration decree issued by government, which was resisted by the Europeans, who, in an address to Council styled it as "iniquitous, arbitrary, unconstitutional, and despotic." Three thousand Chinese left the island, and at last the government deemed it fit "to amend and modify" the registration ordinance. There were still, however, some articles in the "modified" decree which were objectionable; for instance, that of obliging all Chinese vessels to report themselves immediately, and to register their passengers within twenty-four hours. The consequence of this is, that while Macao is full of junks, few or none come to Hong Kong. Most of the Chinese who left the Island had, however, returned. The report that the Emperor had abdicated in favor of a near relation is totally without confirmation.

The non-arrival of the ships Runnymede and Briton, the former from London with recruits, and the latter from Sydney with a detachment of her Majesty's 80th regiment, and nine officers, together with the mess plate, is causing great uneasiness, and great fears are entertained for their safety. The company's steamer Enterprise had been sent in search of them.—Some of the ex-Ameers of Scinde are on their way to Europe.

The Precursor steam-ship, from London arrived at Calcutta on 25th Dec. Her average speed throughout the voyage from Southampton was 81.2 knots an hour.

The English at Aden had been threatened with invasion from the Imam of Sanan, and another avowed enemy the Sheriff of Mocha, had collected 15,000 to 20,000 well armed Arabs, and was at Taiz, about 50 miles from Aden, preparing to attack that place. He calls upon every true believer to aid him in expelling the infidels, and the latter apprehend he may give them some trouble, but do not fear the result.

The plague had broken out at Cabul, and had taken off 6000 persons in some three weeks.

In the Bombay Times of the 1st January, is a rumour of the death of the Emperor of China. Such an event might be important as regards the commercial interests of China.

House of Lords—Tuesday, Feb. 4.

This day Her Majesty opened the session of Parliament in person. The attendance of peers was not so numerous as usual, there not being more than about 20 present. On no former occasion, however, was there such a large attendance of ladies; indeed so little room did they leave for other parties, that but a slight stretch of the imagination was necessary to imagine the scene to be that of a female senate. The corps diplomatique was also in large force. Her Majesty's faithful commons, headed by the speaker, having made their appearance in the bar, her Majesty rose, and with clear and effective enunciation for which she is so remarkable, read the following gracious speech, which was listened to with profound attention and interest.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

"My Lords and Gentlemen,
I rejoice that I am enabled, on again meeting you in parliament, to congratulate you on the improved condition of the country.

"Increased activity pervades almost every branch of manufacture. Trade and commerce have been extended at home and abroad; and among all classes of my people there is generally prevalent a spirit of loyalty and cheerful obedience to the law."

"I continue to receive from all Foreign Powers and States assurances of their friendly disposition.

"I have had much satisfaction in reviewing at my Court the Sovereigns who, in the course of the last year, visited the country."

"The journey of the Emperor of Russia, undertaken at a great sacrifice of private convenience, was a proof of the deep interest which his Imperial Majesty most graciously manifested in the friendship of his people."

"The opportunity of personal intercourse thus afforded to me may, I hope, be the means of still further improving those amicable relations which have long existed between Great Britain and Russia."

"The visit of the King of France was rendered especially welcome to me, inasmuch as it had been preceded by discussions which might have impaired the good understanding established between the two countries."

"I regard the maintenance of this good understanding as essential to the best interests of both, and I rejoice to witness that the sentiments so cordially expressed by all classes of my subjects on the occasion of his Majesty's visit, were entirely in unison with my own."

"Gentlemen of the House of Commons,
The estimates for the ensuing year have been prepared, and will be forthwith laid before you."

"The progress of steam navigation, and the demands for protection to the extended commerce of the country, will occasion an increase in the estimates connected with the naval service."

"My Lords and Gentlemen,
I have observed with sincere satisfaction that the improvement which is manifest in other parts of the country has extended to Ireland."

"The political agitation and excitement which I have had heretofore occasion to lament, appear to have gradually abated; and, as a natural result, private capital has been more freely applied to useful public enterprises undertaken through the friendly co-operation of individuals interested in the welfare of Ireland."

"I have carried into effect, in the spirit in which it was conceived, the Act for the more effectual application of Charitable Donations and Bequests."

"I recommended to your favourable consideration the policy of improving and extending the opportunities for academic education in Ireland."

"The Report of the Commission appointed to enquire into the law and practice in respect to the occupation of land is nearly prepared, and shall be communicated to you immediately after its presentation."

"The state of the law in regard to the privileges of the Bank of Ireland, and to other banking establishments in that country and in Scotland, will no doubt occupy your attention."

"The health of the inhabitants of large towns and populous districts in this part of the United Kingdom has been the subject of recent inquiry before a commission, the report of which shall be immediately laid before you."

"It will be highly gratifying to me, if the information and suggestions contained in that report shall enable you to devise the means of promoting the health and comfort of the poorer classes of my subjects."

"I congratulate you on the success of the measures which three years since were adopted by parliament, for the purpose of applying the deficiency in the public revenue, and arresting the accumulation of debt in the time of peace."

"The act which was passed at that time for imposing a tax upon income will shortly expire."

"It will be for you in your wisdom to determine whether it may not be expedient to continue its operation for a further period, and thus to obtain the means of adequately providing for the public service, and at the same time of making a reduction in other taxation."

"Whatever may be the result of your deliberations in this respect, I feel assured that it will be your determination to maintain an amount of revenue amply sufficient to meet the necessary expenditure of the country, and firmly to uphold that public credit which is indispensable to the national welfare."

"The prospect of continued peace, and the general state of domestic prosperity and tranquility, afford a favourable opportunity for the consideration of the important matters to which I have directed your attention; and I commit them to your deliberation with the earnest prayer that you may be enabled, under the superintending care and protection of Divine Providence, to strengthen the feelings of mutual confidence and good will between different classes of my subjects, and to improve the condition of my people."

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness having been escorted to their carriage by the officers of state, the House adjourned, and resumed at a quarter to five o'clock.

The Rubric.—This subject was introduced to the House of Lords by Lord Portescue upon the occasion of several petitions from the diocese of Exeter praying for a revision of the Rubric, and for the authoritative interposition of parliament to allay the general irritation of feeling now prevalent in Devonshire, resulting from the innovation in the Church service encouraged by the bishop of the diocese. The noble lord was answered by the Bishop of Exeter, who vindicated the supremacy of the Church, and the positive right of the bishop to enforce the observance of the Rubric. He admitted that it might be a question of expediency, but the bishop was the only judge of that expediency, and the legislature itself could not interfere in matters of positive duty and conscience. The Bishop of London repeated the same proposition and argument, and the debate concluded. We can add nothing to our former opinions upon dissensions which every one must lament, but which are now so nearly terminated by the prudent concession of the bishops that we should be sorry to see the public press take a part in reviving them.—Bell's Messenger.

Death of the Reverend Sydney Smith.—This Reverend gentleman died on Saturday evening, in his 74th year.—A canonry in St. Paul's has thus become vacant.

The Earl of Mornington, brother to the Duke of Wellington and Lord Cowley, expired at his house in London on the 22nd ult. aged 81.

Commercial.—The business transactions of the last fortnight are favourable for the extension of trade—foreign and domestic. The Cotton Market, in Liverpool, is buoyant, and every one prognosticates the happiest results from the abolition of the import duty on the raw material. The sales on Saturday were 11,500 bags, yesterday 12,000, and this large demand has advanced the price of some descriptions about an eighth but the improvement is not general. The remission of the duty will take place when the bill passes.

The accounts from the manufacturing districts are encouraging. Goods, at steady rates, are in request at Manchester; and although the last advice from India were less flattering by the last Overland Mail, the market has been but little influenced by them. In the neighbouring districts of Yorkshire, the Woollen Markets are steady and improving. Indeed, throughout the manufacturing parts of this and the adjoining county, the prospect of trade continues as bright as the most ardent man of business can desire.

Few things have given more satisfaction in commercial circles than the intelligence which came to hand by the last packet, that the State of Pennsylvania has paid the interest of its debt for the current six months. It is devoutly to be wished, for the credit of America in Europe, that the payments for the time to come may be punctual. There is one regret to mar the satisfaction—poor Sydney Smith is dead. Pity that he was not permitted to see the restoration of American credit and character, which, it is thought, he was not a little instrumental in bringing about! The remittances on the dividends have already come to hand.

ASSESSORS NOTICE.

The subscribers having been appointed, and duly sworn to the Office of Assessors of the Parish of Chatham, Public Notice is hereby given, that they are ready to receive any, or such information as persons liable to assessment may think fit to give, relative to their Income, Property, and value thereof, previous to FRIDAY, the 11th April next.

WM. CARMAN,
JAMES CAIE,
JAMES KERR,
Chatham, 11th March, 1845.

Caution

I hereby Caution all persons from purchasing A NOTE OF HAND, drawn by the Subscriber, in favour of WILLIAM IDEAR, or order, for FIVE POUNDS, dated the 10th April, 1844; no Value having been received by me for said Note. GEORGE KNIGHT.
Nelson, 5th March, 1845

Oats, Oats.

JOHN FRASER & Co. have on consignment a quantity of
Superior Mixed Oats,
Weighing 38 lbs to the bushel; which will be sold at 2s per bushel, if applied for immediately.
Chatham, 24th February, 1845.

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 18, 1845.

Sheriff's Sales:

On SATURDAY, 16th 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 Right, Title, Interest, Property, Claim and Demand, of WILLIAM WALSH, in and to a Lot of Land, on which he lately resided, situate on the North West Branch of Miramichi, and in the Parish of North Esk—also All other the Real Estate, of the said WILLIAM WALSH, situate in the County of Northumberland.—The same having been seized by me, by Virtue of an Execution issued out of the Supreme Court, at the suit of Nathaniel Spalding, against the said William Walsh and another.

JOHN M. JOHNSON, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, 30th January, 1845.

On the 4th Saturday in MAY next, in front of Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, P. M., will be sold by Public Auction:—

All that certain Lot or Tract of LAND, situate on the south side of the south west branch of Miramichi River, in the Parish of Nelson, known and distinguished as LOT No. 4; granted to William Clarke, bounded easterly by Lot No. 3, and westerly by Lands occupied by Thomas Doyle.

Also—all other the Real Estate of William McMaster, situate in the county of Northumberland: the same having been seized by me, under and by virtue of an Execution issued out of the Supreme Court, against the said William McMaster, at the suit of Alexander Rankin.

JOHN M. JOHNSON, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Northumberland,
19th November, 1844.

On the 4th Saturday in MAY next, in front of Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, between the hours 12 and 5 o'clock, P. M., will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION:—

All that certain Tract, Piece or Parcel of LAND, situate, lying and being on the northerly side of the south west Branch of the Miramichi river, in the parish of Blissfield, bounded on the lower side by lands lately in the occupation of Nathaniel Moore, and on the upper side by lands granted to William Mitchell, being the lands on which Daniel Small lately resided.

Also—all that other Lot or Tract of LAND, situated on the south side of the said River, in the parish of Blissfield, known and distinguished in the original grant thereof, to William Green, as Lot No. 11, bounded westerly by Lot No. 12, granted to William Green, easterly by Lot No. 10, granted to Andrew Green and in front by the river. Also—all other the Real Estate of the said Daniel Small, situate within the county of Northumberland—the same having been seized by virtue of Executions issued out of the Supreme Court against the said Daniel Small.

JOHN M. JOHNSON, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Northumberland,
18th November, 1844.

Lands for Sale.

A LOT OF LAND, fronting on the South side of Black River, next above the Farm of Mr Robert Weeds, containing 100 acres, 12 of which are cleared, and fit for cultivation; on the front of the Lot there are several acres of Intervale.

A MEADOW LOT, containing 100 acres, lying above the Richibucto Road, and near to Black River.

A LOT on the East side of the Richibucto Road, near Quin's containing 200 acres, most of which is covered with hardwood.

For Terms, and other particulars, apply at the office of

GEORGE KERR.

Chatham, 4th March 1845.

To Let.

THE RETAIL STORE adjoining the Office of the subscriber; for one or more years from the 1st of May next. Apply at the Office of

GEORGE KERR.

Chatham, 14th March, 1845.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY,

By the Subscriber, TWO JOURNEMEN TAILORS; to whom good wages, and constant employment will be given

JOHN CRUISE.

Bathurst, 10th March, 1845.

Notice!

The Co partnership heretofore existing between the Subscribers, under the firm of URQUHART & HAYS, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to the said firm, are requested to make payment to John Urquhart, who is hereby authorized to collect the same, and grant discharges therefor; and all who have accounts against the said firm will render them to the said John Urquhart for payment.

John Urquhart,

Patrick Hays.

Miramichi, March 1, 1845.

The subscriber, grateful for the share of encouragement heretofore extended to him and his partner, Mr Hays, begs to inform the public that he intends to carry on the business of LUMBERING, at the old Kila at Douglastown, and trusts by unremitting attention to the wants of his customers, to merit a continuance of their support.

John Urquhart.