

whom may be reckoned Mr Partelow, affirming the contrary. One thing however is certain; few appropriations have been made which the general wants of the country did not urgently demand; and the grants to individuals were for the most part well canvassed.

"After the committee of supply rose, the House went into committee in consideration of His Excellency's Messages, and had quite a lively discussion for the remainder of the day. The following is the ground work of this new excitement in the house:—On the 17th of March in the last session, Mr Partelow applied by resolution to the head of the Government requesting information on the subject of the disposal of the surplus civil list fund, and whether any despatches had been received on that subject. In answer to this His Excellency informed the house that he had no information which he could communicate, and the affair was dropped. During the present session another address was moved to His Excellency on the same subject; to which he answered by communicating the copy of a despatch from Lord Stanley, which directs him to disburse upwards of £2,200 of this fund in payment of services performed by certain persons in carrying out the 4th article of the treaty of Washington—an object which the house never for a moment contemplated this fund would be applied to, as it is totally at variance with the terms upon which the province assumed the payment of the civil list fund at the time of the surrender of the casual and territorial Revenue. The ground of complaint assumed against His Excellency is, that at the time of the first application, he was in possession of the despatch referred to, or that having it, and that by withholding it, he prevented the action which the House would have taken—namely, an address of remonstrance to the Imperial Government. On this ground a resolution was moved by Mr Wilmot, and supported by Mr J. A. Street, highly condemnatory of His Excellency; but this was again opposed by one part of the house assuming that His Excellency might not have had the despatch at the time referred to, or that having it, he might not be at liberty at that time to make it public;—and by another party because the resolution aimed exclusively at the head of the government, whereas his Council at that period were equally to blame with His Excellency for any wrong which might have been done. Here Mr Partelow introduced a set of resolutions, milder in their tone than that of Mr Wilmot, at the same time that gentleman advised that progress should be reported, and that if possible the house might acquire some further information. This course was adopted by the house, and at a late hour progress was reported. Thus the case stood on Wednesday evening.

"The discussion was resumed yesterday, and Mr. Bazen explained, as a member of the present Executive, that His Excellency had the Despatch at the time, and had also consulted his executive; but they had not felt it their duty to make it public. He also urged that the measure which had originated with Lord Stanley could not be prevented by His Excellency, and that the province had not suffered by the delay. There was no doubt the National Government would refund. Colonel McLeod followed, stating that the Executive did not feel authorized to make the affair any more public than rumour had made it previously; and that he thought the present agitation was designed only for some political capital for the ensuing election. Mr Partelow here moved his resolutions, of regret that His Excellency in Council, &c. &c. &c.

Mr End followed, speaking in extenuation of the Government; and giving his opinion that nothing had been done to warrant a resolution of censure. He was followed by Dr Earle, who maintained that His Excellency had, as he said in his answer, "no information which he felt himself authorized to give."

"Mr J. A. Street took the other side,—and was followed by Mr Jordan on the same side, and then by Mr Wilnot, who expressed himself ready to vote for Mr Partelow's resolutions. Mr Brown expressed himself pleased that the house had delayed its decision from last evening, as they were now more temperate—and that the doctrine of Responsible Government was now acknowledged in the speeches of hon. members who a few years ago could not bide them; as they now seemed to think it imperative on the government to furnish them with information, which the old notions of the prerogative would never have tolerated. He thought Mr Street the very last man who would enquire into the nature of a despatch, or censure a government because they did not communicate what they might not have thought proper! Col. Allan spoke in favor of the Executive, and then Mr Barberie followed with rather a pacific speech, approving of the resolutions. Mr Fisher made another of the same character; and was followed by the Speaker—deprecating the conduct of the Executive in withholding the despatch, which he said was the only question at issue. Here his honor moved two resolutions in amendment, similar to those of Mr Partelow. Mr Fisher then brought an amendment throwing the responsibility on the Council not the Governor, as he supposed that he had acted either under the direction of Lord Stanley, or according to the action of his local council, and was not therefore to blame. Mr Fisher's amendment was afterwards withdrawn, and the question being taken on the Speaker's amendment, the division showed 20—2, Col. McLeod and Mr Thomson being the minority."

It will be seen by our extracts, that the Assembly have refused to grant any sum for the future maintenance of the establishment on Sheldrake Island. What is

to be done with the poor unfortunate creatures in the lazaretto? Are they to be thrown on the charity of their relatives and friends, covered as they are, with putrid sores, and labouring under a frightful disease, which is hurrying them to a wretched death? If so, we have no hesitation in saying, that the Assembly have acted in a very inhumane manner, and little in unison with that spirit of christian charity, which teaches mankind to act kindly, and feelingly toward the poor, the sick, and the afflicted. We question, so fearful are the inhabitants, of the contagious nature of the disease, that any door will be open for their reception.

THE SEASON.—The weather still continues fine, and highly favourable for all the out-door operations of the husbandman. The schooner Mary, Fiddler, sailed for Quebec on Wednesday last. The schooner Fairplay arrived from Shippegan yesterday forenoon.

COUNTY OF KENT.—A correspondent at Richibucto, under date of the 13th April, writes to us as follows:—

"I noticed in a late number of your valuable paper, the account of a gentleman farmer residing at Napan, in your county, beginning his ploughing on the 31st ult., which was an event of no ordinary occurrence in this cold country, at this season of the year. Since reading that account, I have ascertained that ploughing had been commenced in many parts of the Counties of Kent and Westmoreland at that period; and Mr Holderness, of Richibucto, had a field ploughed up on the 25th ult. The weather has been extremely pleasant and warm for the last three weeks; and should it continue so, I think we may safely say good-bye to winter—there is not a particle of ice in our river, and none outside the harbour, so far as the eye can see. It is admitted by every one, that this is the earliest spring they have ever witnessed here—and I trust that the present favourable symptoms may yield the Farmer a corresponding amount of benefit."

HALIFAX AND QUEBEC RAILWAY.—The Halifax Times of Tuesday last, furnishes the following gratifying piece of news regarding the above-named project.

"We understand that after the close of the Colonial Secretary's conference with the general deputation from Colonial Railways, the gentlemen representing the Halifax and Quebec Line, were favoured with a special audience, when the Minister not only expressed himself most favourably disposed towards the project, but also assured them that the memorial to the Queen in Council, recently transmitted by the promoters, should receive the earliest consideration of himself and colleagues."

TO PILOTS.—In consequence of the prevalence of Small Pox, and other contagious diseases, in the United States, we perceive that the authorities in Saint John and Halifax, have given orders for enforcing the Quarantine Regulations in their ports, on all vessels arriving from any place in that country. We hope, therefore, our Pilots will adhere strictly to our Quarantine Regulations, and not allow any vessel arriving from the United States to proceed further up the River than specified by the law, until such vessel be duly inspected and examined by the Health Officer of the Port.

MILITIA APPOINTMENT.—1st Battalion, Northumberland.—Charles Stuart, to be Lieutenant; Commission to be dated 30th May, 1843. Omitted in copying from the Royal Gazette of March 4.

Fredericton Royal Gazette, April 8.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.

J. W. Holderness and Wm. Fitzgerald, to be Commissioners to examine and report on a site for a Bridge across the Richibucto River, at or near the establishment of Messrs. J. W. Holderness and Chilton.

James Brown, Junior, Esquire, to be a Commissioner to examine and report upon the proposed sites for a Bridge across the South-west branch of the Miramichi.

By His Excellency's Command.

JOHN S. SAUNDERS.

Secretary's Office, 7th April, 1846.

Deaths.

At his residence in Douglasfield, in the Parish of Chatham, on the 8th inst., Mr JOHN NOBLE, at the advanced age of 89 years. He

was a native of Virginia, U. S.; served His Majesty during the Revolutionary War, and at its close, rather than yield his allegiance to the British Crown, emigrated to Miramichi, since which period it has been his permanent residence. His illness and severe sufferings were protracted, and borne with true christian fortitude. He has left a large progeny, who deeply lament the death of their revered Father and elder relative.

At Tabusintac, on the 7th inst., JAMES, son of James Hierlihy, Esq., aged 7 years and 6 months.

Communications.

Newcastle, April 14, 1846.

Mr Pierce,

Sir,—In your paper of the 4th instant, I perceive a communication signed "Argus" addressed to the Harbour Master of the port of Miramichi, and as I am the only individual in the port that holds the responsible situation, I deem it my duty, in justice to myself, to set Argus right in the matter he has brought under the consideration of the public. The performance of the duties devolving upon me has been always of paramount consideration, and I am bold to assert those duties have been cheerfully performed in all seasons and on all occasions to the best of my humble abilities for the true interests of the port, without the interference of Argus or any other anonymous vilifier to the contrary; and in which I feel assured will be borne by every respectable merchant on the river. My duties are defined by the act of Assembly now in force in this province, relating to Harbour Masters. And were the offences referred to in his communication perfectly true, still the law does not impose upon me the burthen of correcting them; and I should hold myself contemptible were I to step beyond my duty to hunt after nuisances of any description to the annoyance of any man; as I have always held it quite sufficient for any individual clothed with authority to exercise his power within its legitimate scope. But had I such power as Argus has stated, and were the statements he has made correct, I should have been occupied for some time nearer my place of residence than the mill of Messrs. Gilmore Rankin and Co. in compelling Argus to remove the rubbish he had himself deposited on the ice opposite the wharf of the late Francis Peabody, in Chatham, to the grievous annoyance of some, and in all probability to the injury of the port. I do not mean to justify the depositing of rubbish on the ice, but I mean to inform Argus that the responsibility of preventing it rests on other hands than the Harbour Master. I shall now refer Argus to an act of the Assembly, passed in the 4th year of the reign of her present Majesty, Chapter 19, made expressly to meet an offence similar to the one he complains of, whereby the party guilty of every such offence shall pay a fine not exceeding £20 nor less than £10, to be recovered, with costs of suit, before any two justices of the county at the suit of the treasurer, or any person that shall prosecute for the same. Now if Argus is sincere in his strictures, he has an opportunity of bringing up the offenders and they will know the person they have to meet, stripped of his disguise, and his charges will require corroborative proof of one or more credible witness or witnesses to the point, and by so doing, will enable me to meet him face to face, and the public to judge of the purity of his motives.

Had Argus, instead of assuming so much vision, and exercising so small a quantity on me and my duties, turned the whole he possesses towards the investigation of the subject, and the mode of redressing the grievances he complains of, he would not at the present moment, appear so truly ridiculous in charging an officer with a dereliction of duty, which, as Harbour Master, is beyond his power or controul to correct.

I am, yours truly,

JAMES McCULLAM,

Harbour Master.

The Fredericton Mail.

The Courier with this mail did not arrive until 11 o'clock last night. The Fredericton papers inform us that the Legislature of this province was prorogued on Tuesday last, after a session of seventy six days. We copy an extract from His Excellency's speech on the occasion.

"Confiding in the loyalty of the People and assuring them in return, of the most effective support from Her Majesty's Government in any exigency which may arise, I may nevertheless be permitted to indulge the hope that the public tranquility will not be interrupted, and that they may continue in the peaceful pursuit of that career of improvement which has opened to them, and which by developing the great resources of these Provinces, may be expected to render them amongst the most prosperous and prominent dependencies of the Empire."

"In returning to your several Counties, I rely on you to foster and promote those loyal dispositions by which the people have hitherto testified their sense of the blessings secured to them as British subjects, and of which, I devotedly hope, under Providence, they may long remain in the undisturbed possession."

After the business of the session was brought to a close, Mr Wilmot informed the House that he intended to retire from public life.

Surrogate Court.

County of Northumberland, Province of New Brunswick.

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

Whereas WILLIAM KELLY, Administrator on the Estate of JAMES M. KELLY, late of the parish of Newcastle, in the said County, Courier, 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 FRIDAY, the first day of May 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 fifth day of February, 1846.

T. H. PETERS, Surrogate.

GEORGE KERR, Register of Probates for said county.

Wednesday, the 11th day of March, A. D. 1846.

By His Honor the Master of the Rolls.

On reading the Petition of GEORGE TAYLOR, of Chatham, in the county of Northumberland, in the Province of New Brunswick, Trader, setting forth a statement of his affairs, as therein particularly detailed, and declaring that he is insolvent, and praying that an Order may be made for calling a meeting of his creditors, pursuant to the act of the General Assembly, entitled "an act to afford relief to persons unfortunate in business in certain cases." It is hereby Ordered, that the Clerk of the Peace for the said County of Northumberland, to call a Public Meeting of the Creditors of the said petitioner, to be held at the Court House in Newcastle, in the said county of Northumberland, on FRIDAY, the eighth day of May next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of enabling the said petitioner to offer a composition to, or make terms with, his creditors, and to render an exposition of his affairs.

[Signed] N. PARKER, M. R.

I hereby give notice, that in pursuance of the foregoing Order of His Honor the Master of the Rolls, a Public Meeting of the creditors of the said George Taylor, will be held at the Court House, in Newcastle aforesaid, at the time and for the purposes in the said Order mentioned.

Dated the thirteenth day of March, A. D. 1846.

THOMAS H. PETERS,

Clerk of the Peace for the county of Northumberland.

New Brunswick.

County of Northumberland.

To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, or any Constable of the said County, Greeting:

Whereas JAMES FITZPATRICK, late of the Parish of Ludlow, in the said County, Yeoman, lately died Intestate (as it is said), leaving Goods and Chattels in the said County to be administered, and whereas WILLIAM SALTER, of the Parish of Newcastle, in the County aforesaid, hath prayed that Administration may be granted to him on the said Estate. You are therefore required to cite the next of kin of the said deceased, and all other persons interested in the said Estate, to appear before me at a Court of Probate to be held at my Office in Chatham, in the said County, on FRIDAY, the First day of May next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, to shew cause why Administration on the said Estate should not be granted to the said Applicant.

Given under my hand, and the Seal of the said Court, this sixteenth day of February, 1846.

THOS. H. PETERS, Surrogate.

GEORGE KERR, Register of Probates for said County.

Chatham, April 3, 1846.

Land for Sale.

The subscriber offers for sale a LOT OF LAND, containing 190 acres, situate on the Pokemouche river, being Lot No. 10. It fronts on the river, and terminates on the main road. There are about 2 acres cleared, fit for the plough, and 12 acres cut down, yielding about three tons of English hay. There is a small Marsh on the front of the Lot, which could be easily cleared, and would yield 5 or 6 tons of hay. It is about three quarters of a mile from a grist mill. The above will be sold cheap for cash, or Bills of Exchange on England or Ireland. Further particulars will be given by the proprietor on the premises. The wood growing on the lot is a mixture of hard and soft.

PATRICK BUSHER.

Pokemouche, March 30, 1846.

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Douglasstown, 25th March, 1846.