

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND HIS CONSTITUENTS.

Our paper of last week contained a copy of the Requisition from the Freeholders of this County to the Hon. John A. Street, calling upon him to resign his seat as one of their Representatives. It is signed by 1,155 persons, and gives in a manner not to be misunderstood, the opinion of this constituency upon that gentleman's conduct.

We doubt much if ever a movement was started in any County in the Province, which met with such universal approval as this one has. This County contains about 1,300 Freeholders, all told, and when it is remembered that at this season of the year, a large portion of our population are engaged in lumbering operations, at a remote distance, which precluded many of them from an opportunity of participating in the movement, we may set it down as conveying the almost unanimous opinion of the County.

It may be thought by some a work of supererogation to get up a second Requisition to a gentleman who has positively refused to resign in reply to one already presented to him; but in that reply he speaks of the "small number of the constituency who have signed it," while that portion of the Provincial Press which supports him, has made the grossest misrepresentations in reference to the object of the requisitionists.

The former movement emanated from Mr Street's chief supporters and friends, and was intended, not so much as an expression of the feelings of the County, as an intimation to that gentleman (well understood by him) that his acts were disapproved of. The paper was to be forwarded to him on the day after it was first set on foot, in the hope that it might influence his opinion; and though but 120 names were attached to it, Mr S. was well aware that without their assistance, he would never have been our representative.

The motives of the movers in the first requisition, were so misrepresented by Mr Street's supporters in other parts of the Province, and so misunderstood by the country generally, that the constituency of the County, feeling their character for independence and intelligence at stake, and annoyed that they had not an opportunity of signing the original document, got up the present one, and the result may now be seen.

Many of those who subscribed the former requisition, have not signed the present one, not because their opinion of the Attorney General's conduct is changed, but because they think that, having done it once, it is sufficient—that he has said he will not resign, and therefore it is useless; and that the best answer to his insinuation of the paucity of numbers, would be silent contempt. There are some, too, who, seeking Government patronage, deem it advisable to propitiate the powers that be, even while in private they condemn their acts. If to these we add about a score of persons, whom personal friendship for the man blinds them to the defects of the politician, together with those absent in the woods, and out of reach, we embrace the whole constituency.

We never recollect a matter in which the people of the County were so unanimous; and we believe the Hon. Attorney General would consult his own dignity, by complying with their wishes—cease to represent a constituency who have so unequivocally declared that they have no confidence in him—and make room for a person who will really represent their wishes and protect their interests. This is a test of character which will show the value of his former professions.

We would like to know whether the assertions of Messrs. Gray and Hayward are correct, when they state that Mr Rankin was at the Council Board when the Northern line was abandoned. If this be true, Mr R.'s conduct is altogether inexcusable in deserting our cause at such a moment. Both Mr Chandler and Mr Street say that the Toronto agreement, and Major Robinson's line, were adhered to until the 27th of December, when they were abandoned. Now, if the latter gentlemen tell the truth, the former must have stated what was untrue, for Mr Rankin left the Province (if our memory is correct) in October, for England, and has not since returned; and therefore it was impossible that he could have been present when the Government changed its policy. Many believe he was not, and if they are right, it says little for Mr Street, to listen in silence to mis-statements affecting the political character of Mr Rankin, coming, too, from a source which, without refutation, carries weight with it. If the statement is untrue, Mr S. should have denied it in his place in the Assembly; and while he showed a principle of manliness in defending an absent friend, he would have set the public right on an important point, and at the same time prevented his own few blind supporters from misrepresenting facts, and placing a portion of the

odium of his acts on the shoulders of the former gentleman.

It is currently reported here that Mr Rankin has resigned his seat at the Council Board. If this be true, and we hope it is, it shows that he has not approved of the conduct of the Government on the Railway question, or consented to the abandonment of the Northern route, as stated by Messrs. Hayward and Gray.

MIRAMICHI MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—At the Annual Meeting of this Society, held at the Hall of the Institute on Monday evening last, the following persons were unanimously elected Office Bearers for the ensuing year:

President—John M. Johnson, Esq.
Vice Presidents—James Caie, Esq., and Mr Benjamin Miller.
Treasurer—George Kerr, Esq.
Secretary—Robert L. Thomas.

DIRECTORS:
J. M. Johnson, Jun., Davis P. Howe,
James Patterson, John Ritchie,
John Macdougall, James Anderson,
Hugh Bain, James Firth,
James A. Pierce, John Firth,
William McRae, William McNaught.

The Librarian, Mr John Firth, will attend at the Hall, every Thursday evening, from 8 to 9 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving and delivering books.

R. L. THOMAS, Secretary.

APPOINTMENT.—We understand that J. E. Carmichael, Esq., has been appointed Landing Surveyor for the Port of Miramichi.

LIABILITIES OF THE PROVINCE.

We are indebted to the Freeman for the following information:

£1,800,000 currency pledged to build the Halifax and Quebec Railway,	£63,000
Pledged to pay the interest on one hundred thousand Pounds currency for the St. Andrews and Quebec line, at six per cent.,	6,000
Pledged to take £50,000 sterling stock in the Saint Andrews and Quebec Line,	3,000
Pledged to take £250,000 sterling in the European and North American Line,	18,000
Provincial Debt, say £120,000,	7,000

Annual Liability, £97,000	
Treasury warrants issued in 1851 on account of ordinary Revenue and charged to the respective accounts, as laid before the House of Assembly 17th Feb., 1852, viz:	
Education,	£16,793 16 0
Provincial Penitentiary,	1,700 0 0
Navigation,	325 0 0
Packets and Couriers,	610 0 0
Board of Health,	890 0 0
Military,	574 14 0
Pensions to old Soldiers,	1001 13 4
Bounties—bears and wolves, oat mills and fisheries,	1061 15 0
Agricultural Societies,	2508 4 0
Lunatic Asylum,	3011 1 9
Judicial,	1297 1 3
Revenue Protection,	3933 3 11
Miscellaneous,	1450 1 10
Clerk of the Pleas,	434 12 5
Civil List,	10,875 0 0
Legislature,	9550 7 11
Gratuities,	150 0 0
Indians,	285 0 0
Printing,	1623 0 0
Return Duties,	743 13 11
Public Buildings,	875 15 10
Roads and Bridges,	11,567 10 0
Railroad Exploration,	768 5 9
Bye Road Commissioners,	17,574 14 11
Provincial Contingencies, 1850	350 0 0

£187,665 11 10d. yearly will be required when our proposed public works are completed to keep up our Provincial establishment as at present we are accustomed.

BY TELEGRAPH

TO THE MIRAMICHI NEWS ROOM.

St. John, Friday, April 15, 12 noon. The steamer America, from Liverpool, with dates to the 3rd instant, arrived at Halifax at half-past 3 o'clock yesterday morning, bringing 65 passengers, 18 for Halifax.

Business at Manchester had responded to the dull feeling in Liverpool, Spinners and Manufacturers being anxious to renew engagements. Buyers had the advantage. Goods and Yarns were therefore lower. Cotton in Liverpool had declined one-eighth of a penny. Sales of the week 70,750 bales. The market for Breadstuffs was again much depressed. Brown, Shipley & Co.'s Circular says Flour had given way 6d. to 1s. per barrel, and Wheat 1d to 2d per 70 lbs. The Continental markets had declined materially, and prices of Wheat had receded in the chief Baltic ports. Money continued abundant as ever in London, and discounts easy, although rates were not reduced by the Bank of England returns of the 2nd instant, when the amount of bul-

lion in the Bank was £19,815,745, being an increase of £69,815.

In the House of Commons, Mr Secretary Walpole had introduced the new Militia Bill. Its provisions aim at raising a force of 80,000 strong: 50,000 the first year by voluntary enlistment; term of service five years, bounty £4 to £5, either in one payment or by monthly instalments; time of warning and discipline, 21 days in each year, but power given in case of emergency to increase it to seven weeks or reduce it to three days. Estimated expense £250,000.

Lord Palmerston supported the measure. Lord John Russell did not oppose, but found fault with some of its provisions.

Mr Hume protested against numerous armaments, when no war by no means needed.

Mr Cobden ridiculed the idea of an invasion, and complained of expenditure being increased to provide against an imaginary evil. The Bill was read a first time.

The Protectionist party held a great meeting at Liverpool, at which Mr Forbes McKenzie, one of the Lords of the Treasury, and Mr Charles Turner, the Tory candidate for Liverpool, attended, and gave an account of their political faith. Mr McKenzie's speech was remarkable for the fact that it contained the announcement that Lord Derby's Government would not undertake to revise the commercial policy of Sir Robert Peel, but merely to modify and amend, so as to afford relief to the agricultural and shipping interests, which the repeal of the Corn and Navigation Laws had generally depressed.

The French Chambers were opened on the 29th ult., by the President in person, attended by a brilliant staff of Generals, Colonels of regiments, Councillors of State, &c.

The progress of the rebels in China was decided.

The Governor General of Canton Province had been besieged in one of his own towers, and the remnant of the Imperial forces had been signally defeated.

FROM LAST MONDAY'S EDITION.

REQUISITION TO MR STREET.

The following is a copy of the second Requisition which was forwarded to this Gentleman by this morning's mail. The reason he gave for not complying with the former Requisition was the small number of names attached to it, and we have no doubt the formidable array of signatures (one thousand one hundred and fifty five) appended to this one, will also be a source of complaint. The late hour at which it was received precludes the possibility of saying more on the subject, but in all likelihood we shall have some comments to make next week.

This movement, it will be recollected, originated at a Public Meeting, held in the Temperance Hall, in Chatham, on the 27th March.

MIRAMICHI, 27th March, 1852.

HON. JOHN A. STREET,

SIR,—We, the undersigned, disapproving of the course pursued by you, and believing your feelings to be adverse, and your acts most prejudicial, to the interests of this County, request that you will, in accordance with your pledge to that effect, at once resign the trust we reposed in you, as a Representative of this County.

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| Alexander Fraser, | Edmund Adams, |
| Malachy Dwyre, | John Nelson, |
| John Wakem, | James Tozer, |
| Wm. McLean, | William Byron, |
| John Forest, | Thomas Dunphy, |
| Alexander Loggie, | John McAllister, |
| Daniel Bulman, | Moses Pond, |
| Robert Biske, | John H. Campbell, |
| Peter Gray, | Charles Mitchell, |
| Peter Loggie, | Hiram Freeze, |
| Henry Wyse, | Robert K. Doak, |
| Benjamin Millar, | Thomas B. Maltby, |
| John Parker, | John Norman, |
| Michael Searle, | John Arbo, |
| Daniel Baldwin, | Patrick Bergen, |
| John Russell, | James McLaggan, |
| Finlay Morrison, | William Dunn, |
| James Russell, | Hugh Ferguson, |
| Isaac McLeod, | John T. Astle, |
| Wm. Russell, | M. Monahan, Senr., |
| M. McNaughton, | John Feron, |
| Mark Welsh, | Thomas C. Cliff, |
| Alex. McDougall, | Edward R. Whitney, |
| John Williston, | Lewis Mitchell, |
| Wm. Preston, Senr., | Lewis Robicheaux, |
| Daniel Elkin, | Peter Allen, |
| Alex. Dick, | Hugh Murray, |
| Finlay McDiarmid, | Alexander Loggie, |
| James Dixon, | John Alexander Jr., |
| James McKnight, | John Urquhart, |
| James Kerr, | John Rennie, |
| Michael Conway, | John Ellis, |
| G. Johnston, Napan, | Walter Lowrie, |
| John McLean, | Justus Adams, |
| Wm. O'Brien, | John Scott, |
| Cornelius Donovan, | Wm. Taylor, |
| Thomas Barret, | Robert Tweedie, |
| Morice Power, | Edward Rogers, |
| Thomas Beston, | Wm. Brown, |
| Peter Clyde, | Charles Stewart, |

Together with one thousand and seventy-five others.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—Newcastle Division, No. 45. The following persons have been elected office bearers for the present quarter:—

Daniel McGruar, W. P.; William J. Miller, W. A.; Charles Sergeant, R. S.; Richard Hill, A. R. S.; Wm. Falconer, F. S.; Thomas Vanstone, T.; David Purinton, C.; John Bourne, A. C.; Thos. Maltby, I. S.; Wm. Dalton, O. S. Robert Gremley takes the Chair of the P. W. P.

THE SEASON.—The weather still continues cold, gloomy, and stormy, with no indications of spring.

THE FREDERICTON MAIL.

By this mail (which arrived at 7 o'clock this evening, Saturday) we received the following reply of the Hon. Attorney General to the second requisition from this County, calling upon him to resign his seat as a representative for Northumberland. Had such a document emanated from any one but a gentleman bearing his name, we would call it "extraordinary" as well in tone as in diction.

We have not time to make any further remarks this week, than simply to say that what he calls a "numerously signed" requisition, bears the names of 1,155 Freeholders, when the number of votes in the County, as was shown by the poll books of the last general election, is 1,332, and that his reply is a direct insult upon five-sixths of the constituency which he has declared himself proud to represent; and that had no more undue means been used to obtain votes for Mr S., than have been employed to get signatures to this requisition, he would not have it in his power thus to insult Northumberland.

We shall probably refer to this subject more at length next week, and call upon Mr Street to show in what respect the Requisition is an "extraordinary and unjustifiable document."

MIRAMICHI, April 10, 1852.

Sir,—We, the undersigned, having been appointed a Committee to get up and forward to you a Requisition expressing the opinion of your Constituents on your conduct as their Representative, beg to inclose the same herewith.

We are, Sir, your most obedient servants,

J. M. JOHNSON,
ALEX. LOUDOUN,
JOHN MACKIE,
ANDREW MASON,
Committee.

Hon John A. Street, &c., &c., Fredericton.

MR. STREET'S REPLY TO THE SECOND REQUISITION.

To John M. Johnson, Alexander Loudoun, John Mackie and Andrew Mason, Esquires, the Committee appointed at a Meeting held in Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, to get up and procure signatures to a Requisition to Mr Street, to resign his seat in the Legislature of New Brunswick,

Gentlemen,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., accompanied by a Requisition, numerously signed, "disapproving of the course pursued by me, and requiring me to resign my seat in the Legislature, from believing" (as the Requisition expresses it), "my feelings to be adverse, and my acts most prejudicial, to the interests of the county, in accordance" (as is therein most incorrigibly alledged), with my pledges to that effect.

Now as no specific acts of ground are set forth in this Document, upon which "your disapproval" and expressed "belief" are founded, I can only presume, especially from observing that it is signed by many, if not most of those, who signed the former requisition, that it has reference to the same grounds, viz., to my vote and conduct on the Railway question. I have therefore only to say, it is to be regretted that you should have put yourselves to so much trouble and expense in getting up this second requisition inasmuch as I have but to refer you to my reply to the former requisition, published in the Gleaner under date of 22nd ult., in the Head Quarters of the 17th ult., and in sundry other Newspapers in the Province, as my answer to the present most extraordinary and unjustifiable document, got up by a Committee, appointed at a meeting in Chatham for the express purpose, and of procuring signatures thereto, how and by what means you best know.

I address my reply to you as the Committee appointed to get this requisition up and through whom I received it.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your very obedient Servant,

J. A. STREET.

Fredericton, 14th April, 1851.

Marriages.

At the Manse, Chatham, on Thursday instant, by the Rev. Wm. Stewart, ROBERT RUSSELL, of Glenelg, JANE MCKINNON, of Hardwicke of Northumberland.