

Communications.

To The Editor of the Gleaner,

Sir,—Among others honored with a volley of abuse on the day of nomination from that would-be wit, and cant'-be gentleman—Solicitor General that was, and Attorney General that is to be, &c., &c., we perceive Freeholder comes in for quite a large share—to be abused by this Political Adventurer we consider quite a compliment, to be spoken of by him in terms of commendation would be the reverse.—Whenever we have heard this gentleman open his mouth in public, we have been forcibly reminded of the story of a certain animal in a Lion's skin, and on reading over his speech, the political mountebank is fully developed, some of the most disgusting portions relating to Mr Lawrence have been wisely omitted, but enough is left to convince any one that he has mistaken his vocation; instead of aspiring to the office of Attorney General, that of Jester to a travelling company would be more in character with his recent exhibitions. He very ingeniously admits that he had spoken with a view to amusement, and that there was something beyond and more important in the present Election than this and the other local matter—we believe that to him there is—the £600 per annum which is gradually developing itself to his enraptured view, is no doubt the something beyond, and far more important than any local matter, and for which he is ready to vilify any man who dares to arrest his progress towards that much coveted treasure.

This gentleman declares he has never written a line for the Col. Times—we are not aware of ever charging him with writing for that paper, although it is generally believed that if he does not write, he dictates to his scribes who write for him whether this is, or is not, a cowardly subterfuge the public can judge.

He further states—That the pretended report by Freeholder of the meeting at the Temperance Hall, Chatham, is false—a misrepresentation from beginning to end. There are many gentlemen in Chatham who declare that the report given by Freeholder is correct; to decide the matter, we request the gentleman's attention to the following questions, to which we require categorical answers.

1st. Is it or is not true that there was some difficulty in getting a Chairman at the above meeting.

2nd. Is it or is it not true that the chair was taken in the manner we have described.

3rd. Did Mr Johnson or did he not make a savage onslaught on the Editor of the Head Quarters and another gentleman who was not named.

4th. Did he or did he not go very deeply into a justification of the opposition on their motion of Want of Confidence.

5th. Did he or did he not attack the Government on the Election Law, Railway Bills, &c.

6th. Did he or did he not declare he might have had office while in Fredericton.

7th. Did he or did he not say that if he had behaved badly while in Fredericton, he would (if sent back) behave still worse.

8th. Was there or was there not any resolutions passed at that meeting.

9th. Did Mr Johnson or did he not express his regret that some of the opposite party were not present.

The above is the sum and substance of our remarks (contained in the Gleaner of the 18th ult.) in reference to Mr Johnson's conduct at the Meeting, in the Sons of Temperance Hall; and if Mr Johnson can prove that these statements are false, then I will be willing to admit that I am a cowardly Liar; failing to do so, he will excuse me if I hurl the Lie back into his teeth.

In regard to the Poetry which he quoted (with quite a melo-dramatic air) for our edification, the perusal of it so forcibly presented him to our view, that we shall re-quote for his edification, and would advise him to have it framed, and hung up in some conspicuous position in his chamber, that he may always be enabled to peruse it? Why do the lines apply with more truth to me than to himself?

"Felon unwhipped—than whom in yonder cells,

Full many a groaning wretch less guilty dwells;

Blush—if of honest blood, one drop remains,

To steal its lonely way along thy veins;

Blush—if the bronze, long hardened on the cheek,

Has left one spot, where that one drop can speak—

Blush—to be branded with the slanderers name,

And though you dread not sin—at least, dread shame."

In commenting upon the political conduct of Mr Johnson, we carefully abstained from all remarks of a personal nature, and we are exceedingly sorry that he has forced us to notice his vile, and personal attack upon us, in a place where it was impossible for us to reply—and the public, who heard his speech at the hustings, and read it in the Gleaner, will, we are assured, fully justify us in defending ourselves.

Note.—The following paragraph occurs in our last communication to the Gleaner. "The present Government are pledged to carry out the Railway policy initiated by their predecessors, no matter what Mr Harding or any other gentleman, may attempt to prove, by exhibiting letters which he says he received from the Provincial Secretary."

Having been informed that some persons imagined that Mr Mitchell is the gentleman alluded to, as having received confidential letters from the Provincial Secretary, we feel bound (in justice to Mr Mitchell) to state that our remarks applied to Mr Harding alone.

A FREEHOLDER.

Chatham, 7th May, 1857.

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

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WEEKLY CALENDAR.

Moon Last Qr. 16th 6A 47m P. M. HIGH WATER.

Date	6A	47m	P. M.
10 S. 4th Sunday after Easter	6A34	6A51	
11 M	7 7	7 20	
12 T. Earl Strafford beheaded 1641	7 37	7 53	
13 W	8 11	8 26	
14 Th	8 46	9 5	
15 F. Cuvier died 1832,	9 26	9 46	
16 S.	10 18	10 45	

The above Tides having been calculated with regard to the moon's horizontal parallax and angular distance from the sun, will be found to be correct, due allowance being made at times for high winds and freshets. For Richibucto, subtract, 2A30m—Bathurst, 2A45m—Dalhousie, 2A50m from the above.

OUR ELECTION.

YESTERDAY week was the day set apart for the nomination of the Candidates, and we delayed the publication of our Journal to enable us to lay before our readers a synopsis of the Speeches delivered by them on that occasion. This we have done we believe satisfactorily to the gentlemen and their friends.

We have our predilections and political bias, but have endeavoured to deal fairly and honorably with all parties; and if we have erred, we think all men of thought and consideration will admit, that our errors were those of judgment, and not committed from a desire wilfully to pervert or to perform an act of injustice.

We have for years fearlessly, and to our detriment, advocated Liberal measures and principles, and we defy any man to put his finger on one line, or one word we have ever written, which can be construed into a desertion of the principles we have enunciated in our Political Creed which we published a few weeks ago.

Much has been said and circulated of late to damage our fair character as public journalists, and although we do not set ourselves up as paragons of perfection (for like all other men, we have our weaknesses and failings,) but we simply ask for even-handed justice, and when the excitement of the day has passed away, we feel satisfied it will be awarded to us, as it has been done on several similar occasions.

Among various other reports circulated to injure us, were the following:—that we were the author of the Letters signed "Freeholder" and another, that we assisted that writer. We unhesitatingly deny the charges. We never PENNED or DICTATED a line or word of those letters or threw out a suggestion, to our knowledge, for the instruction or guidance of the author—

The person or persons who manufactured these tales in reference to us, and first set them afloat, had no foundation to build such a report upon; and we wish we could entertain a different opinion, but we cannot, that when he or they retailed the slanders, they knew they were retailing base and contemptible falsehoods.

Tuesday was the polling day, and it was one of the most inauspicious that could be imagined. The wind prevailed from the Eastward, and the rain descended in torrents with but slight intervals, the whole day, and the streets were covered with mud. We have no doubt many voters were detained at home from the inclemency of the weather. We have not heard that any disturbance took place at any of the polling stations, but we regret to learn that there was a too lavish expenditure of liquor. We can only speak personally, in reference to Chatham, and here it was dealt out in profusion, more particularly among the younger portion of the community, boys and youths, who had no votes. We had the satisfaction in speaking of the two previous elections, to report that there was scarcely an intoxicated person to be seen on the streets of our town—why the course pursued on those occasions were departed from, we leave to be explained by those that furnished it. It was not necessary, and caused much anxiety to be felt for the peace of the community, as well as regret on the part of all lovers of decorum and sobriety.

Yesterday was the declaration day, and we give below an account of the votes polled at the different stations, as reported by the High Sheriff, Mr Mitchell. The conduct of this gentleman throughout the different contests which have occurred during the brief period he has been in office, has been straight-forward and honourable, and has received the commendation of all parties. We should have liked to have seen a resolution expressing this opinion passed at the hustings yesterday, for it was well deserved.

The contest was a sharp and closely contested one, as will be seen by the returns, and Mr Street is the losing candidate, but the number of electors he polled, shows that he has many fast and true friends in the County, who will regret his defeat. We have been politically opposed to this gentleman for years, and therefore cannot have any regret at the result of the contest; but we respect him as a man, and on retiring to private life—as we have no doubt he will as far as Northumberland is concerned—we trust he may long live to adorn the profession of which he is an able member, and that Providence will bestow on him a continuance of health and happiness. In these sentiments we feel persuaded we express the feelings of the inhabitants of the County generally.

We were too much indisposed to be at Newcastle yesterday, but we have through the attention of the High Sheriff, been favoured with the return of the poll at the different stations, which we publish below. The friends of the winning parties, elevated at their success, had a bonfire lit in Chatham last evening. All passed over quietly as we anticipated. A correspondent has furnished us this morning with a synopsis of Mr Street's speech, and we shall be happy to publish the remarks of any of the successful candidates, if handed to us previous to Friday next.

Having published our Journal as well as a Supplement, on the afternoon of Monday last, we have been much pressed for time during the week to enable us to issue our sheet at the usual hour to-day. This, as well as our indisposition, will be an ample apology for any omissions or errors.

STATE OF THE POLL AT CLOSE.

	Sutton.	Mitchell	Kerr.	Street.	Johnson.
Chatham	290	232	505	131	284
Newcastle	134	162	145	167	114
Glenelg	173	133	155	55	165
Goodfellow's	84	58	92	76	68
Hutchison's	41	59	48	43	40
Lower Nelson	74	71	36	23	70
Upper Nelson	62	61	31	44	69
Blackville	103	86	43	65	77
Cuppige's	47	54	37	44	48
Hardwick	66	64	69	73	69
Blissfield	35	37	10	15	33
Alnwick	85	83	166	172	81
Ludlow	12	12	41	48	6
Total	1206	1103	1183	947	1092

NOVA SCOTIA.

THE Legislature of this Province was prorogued on the 1st May, after an unusually long session. The Speech of his Excellency contains nothing of special importance.

COUNTY CHARLOTTE.

THE Election in this County, as reported by Telegraph, has resulted in the return of Messrs. Gilmour, McAdam, Brown, and Chandler. All Liberals, we believe.

BRITAIN.

THE following characteristic Song, respecting Lord Palmerston, appears in a late English paper:

THE PILOT THAT WEATHERED THE STORM.
Come listen my hearties,
Ye Jacks of all parties,
To a yarn I've to tell, of a tough heart of oak;
Old Albion her name is,—
You know what her fame is,—
Which got a foul berth,—though it ended in smoke.
In the trough of the sea,
With the land on the lee,
She wriggled, and twisted, and bent like a worm;
The gale was a killer,
When PAM took the tiller,
And like a staunch pilot, he weathered the storm;

The weather was foggy,
The Master was groggy,
His charts were all false, and his reck'ning was bad;
He wanted the pluck, boys;
His pumps wouldn't suck, boys;
His tackle was old; no spare canvas he had.
Of the crew some were sneakers—
When a-head were the breakers,
They shirked the hard duties a tar should perform;
But, amidst all the rumpus,
PAM stuck to the compass,
And he was the pilot to weather the storm.

By his strong arm, so ready,
The ship was kept steady;
The swabs sunk below, and the deck was left free;
The weather grew brighter,
The gale became lighter,
And Old Albion came out of the trough of the sea.
Then the lubbers all chaff'd,
And jawed fore and aft,
And bullied old PAM till he got summat warm;
But all that he did, boys,
Was to take a fresh quid, boys,
And at it again, till he weathered the storm.

Then huzza for the tight one!
Huzza for the right one!
For him 'wot can do it' when danger is near;
Who, when the ship's yawing,
Don't waste time in jawing,
But lend you a hand, boys, to reef or to steer.
Huzza for the old one!
Huzza for the bold one!
Who, when clouds get together a tempest to form,
Don't get in a funk, boys,
But show you some spunk, boys,
Huzza for the pilot that weathered the storm!

ST. JOHN FREEMAN.

The following are the remarks of the Editor of this paper, in answer to a correspondent under the signature of 'Bathurst,' which appeared in the Gleaner a fortnight ago.

"Some person writing from Gloucester to the Miramichi 'Gleaner,' accuses the editor of the Freeman of having abused Mr McNaughton, and then, after reading us a lecture on propriety, lauds Mr McNaughton, and abuses us in no measured terms.

"He denies too, our right to interfere in the concerns of the people of Gloucester. Now our idea is, that as some of the people of Gloucester subscribe to the Freeman, it is our duty at a time like this, to tell them plainly what we know of public affairs and public men. Any of our subscribers who think that we exceed the just limits our duty prescribes has the remedy in his own hands. He need not read the paper nor continue his subscription; but while he reads it he must expect on all fitting occasions to hear the truth.

"What we write now can have no influence on the elections, and whether Mr Macnaughton is elected or rejected, we have no wish to repeat unnecessarily what it is as unpleasant to write as it is to read; but convinced from personal observation and actual knowledge of his conduct as a representative of Gloucester, that the people of that County could reasonably expect neither honour, respect, or any advantage from re-electing him, we said so. If 'Bathurst,' as the writer styles himself, knows Mr Macnaughton as well as he pretends, he knows this is the simple truth, and his attack on us, and not our editorials, is 'humbug.' If he does not know him, then whatever else he knows, he was not qualified to give the people of Gloucester any advice.

"We did not canvass the people of Gloucester for any man or any party, and we never accused them of any ignorance, except ignorance of the true character of the man they had chosen as their representative. To the editor of the FREEMAN, personally, it is not of the slightest moment who is elected for Gloucester. When he has told the truth, he has done his duty."