

The Fredericton Telegraph.

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"WE STRIVE TO PAINT THE MANNERS AND THE MIND."

[Wednesday, Aug. 13.]

TO THE PUBLIC.

"On vent'rous wing in quest of praise I go,
And leave the gazing multitude below."

THE EDITOR tenders his grateful acknowledgments to the Patrons of the TELEGRAPH, for the encouragement already received, and assures them, that nothing shall be wanting on his part to render this *Work* useful and interesting to its readers; in order therefore, that he may not fail in his laudable intentions, he humbly solicits assistance from those amateurs of taste, who might devote some of their leisure hours to the decoration of its columns, and the instruction of its readers, that by enriching its pages it may not only prove a fertile source for amusement, but in the end it may not be ashamed of its origin, nor yet be denied a place on the list of Papers which *shine in British America*.—Aware, however, of the advantages which may result to society, from a well conducted periodical paper, he has determined to devote his whole talents to the promotion of its utility and the task of rendering it, in time, not unworthy the public approbation.

The talents of poets, orators, and historians have been employed, to celebrate and record the actions of those who have moved in a distinguished sphere, while, perhaps, the biography of such characters as have shone in the humbler career of private life, might be attended with more important advantage to the generality of readers.—Hence, the lives of persons who have shed lustre on the human character, by the practice of every social virtue, would form a useful and not uninteresting part of the TELEGRAPH—and every communication of this tendency will be cordially received and impartially inserted.

Many persons are disposed to improve their minds, but not having a judicious instructor, to point out those works which might be perused with advantage, they read promiscuously whatever comes in their way, and thus, rather collect a quantity of indigestible matter, than enlarge their minds with useful knowledge.—The Editor however, will be careful in selecting those things which are best adapted to promote general improvement, and prove effectual in aiding the growing taste of this community.

As the editorial part of this paper is deputed to one, who is actuated by the most ardent desire of advancing general improvement, he once more solicits those, whose talents would enable them to give this work distinction, and who are so patriotic as to desire the amelioration of manners, the cultivation of taste, and the diffusion of information amongst their fellow-subjects, to lend their united assistance to the TELEGRAPH; that whilst dress and luxury make such rapid progress among us, we may not be found deficient in that, which might blend with our more sterling merits, the softer graces of polish'd life.

CONDITIONS OF THE TELEGRAPH.

THIS Paper is published every Wednesday.—The price will be *Eleven Shillings and three pence* a year, payable at the end of every Six Months.—Printers who wish to exchange, are requested to forward their papers without delay.

To accommodate Subscribers, living at a distance, as well as for the convenience of the Editor, it is suggested to them, that they form into associations, appointing some general agent, who will be answerable for the whole subscription.

Prompt Payments only are now necessary to make this establishment permanent; and as the Editor is young in life as well as in business, and therefore not possessed of the funds and advantages which other papers possess, he confidently hopes his friends will comply with this request.

It is expected that all postage on Letters will be paid by the writer.

Advertisements of common size, will be inserted at the rate of *One Dollar* for the first, and *Eighteen pence* for each succeeding insertion.

PARTICULAR NOTICE.

THOSE Gentlemen in several Counties, with whom Bills of arrears due for the ROYAL GAZETTE have been deposited, are respectfully requested to forward the sums collected by the first of September next.

TO DELINQUENT SUBSCRIBERS.

Those Persons who have received the ROYAL GAZETTE for several years, without paying a farthing, we hope, will not be surprised, if they are called upon "in the name of George the Third, by the Grace of God," &c. at the end of one month.

The Editor of the *Telegraph* at Fredericton, is authorized to receipt for any payments that may be offered.

JOHN RYAN.

Printing-Office, St. John, (N. B.) 20th July, 1806.

BLANKS of various kinds may had at this Printing Office.

P. FRASER,

HAS JUST RECEIVED,

A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF Spring Goods,

Suitable for the Season:—all of which are of the best quality, and will be sold on the lowest terms for Cash:—

—VIZ.—

SUPERFINE and Coarse Cloths,
Cassimeres and Serges,
Flannels and Blankets,
Irish Linens, Sheetings, Dowls,
Brown Holland and Cotton Shirting,
Linen and Cotton Cambricks,
An elegant assortment of Fancy Mullins, Chintzes,
Calicoes and silk Handkerchiefs.
Cotton Dimities,
Checks and Bed Ticks,
Ladies fine split Straw and Dunstable fashionable Bonnets,
Beaver Hats, Morocco Slippers,
White and coloured Threads,
Edgings, Sewing Silks,
Twist, Ribbons,
Modes and Sarcenets, Shawls,
Cotton and Linen Handkerchiefs,
Mens and Youths fine Hats,

Cotton and linen Table Cloths,
Stuffs of various kinds,
Hosiery,
A very handsome assortment of fashionable Vest patterns.
Paints and Oil, Window glass,
Nails, Hinges,
Large Iron Shovels,
Long and short Scythes, made purposely for this Province,
Knives and Forks,
Penknives, Scissors,
Pound and paper Pins,
Gunpowder and Shot,
Cordage, Swedes Iron,
Glass and Earthen Ware
ALSO
Teas, Raisins, Currants,
Mustard, Soap, Candles,
Starch, Pepper, Allspice,
Indigo and Tobacco.

OLD high proof Jamaica Spirits—Do. Cogniac Brandy, Do. Gin—Molasses and Brown Sugar, White Wine Vinegar, Rock and fine Salt.

P. F. begs leave to inform his friends and the public in general, that he will sell off the remaining Stock in TRADE, of the late Partnership of LEWIS FRASER & ROBINSON (by the original Invoices) for Cash, at cost and Charges, comprising the following articles—VIZ:—

A VARIETY of Books, Plays, &c.
Paper Hangings, Cassimeres,
Striped Swan-down and Toilette Vest patterns,
Checks, Corduroys,
Silk and Cotton Shawls,
Umbrellas and Parasols,
Ribbons, fancy Feathers,
Silver Watches, watch Glasses,
Seals and Chains,
Razors of a superior quality,
Knives and Forks,
Mortice, Chest and Stook Locks,
Centre Bits,
Copper Coffee Pots,
Copper and brass Kettles,
Iron Pots with covers,

Brass Wire,
Mill Saws, eight feet long,
Hand Saws, pewter Milk dishes,
Roasting Jacks,
Plated Candlesticks,
Sheet Lead,
Britannia Metal pint Mugs,
Ink and Crewet Stands,
Cream pails and Salts,
Mens fine and coarse Shoes,
Womens ditto,
Boot legs and Vamps,
English upper and foal Leather,
double and single sets Harness,
Back-gammon Tables,
A safe Confectionary,
Hard and soft Pomatum,
Clover Seed, &c. &c.

FREDERICTON, AUGUST 6, 1806.

THE Subscribed takes this opportunity of returning thanks, to the Ladies and Gentlemen of Fredericton, and the County of York, for the favours conferr'd on him in the line of his business, and hopes, by his unwearied attention, to merit their future commands. He takes this method of informing them, that he has just received, for the better accommodation of his customers, a large and elegant assortment of Leather.

—VIZ.—

Calf skin, Boot legs and Vamps,

LONG and short CORDOVAN and HESSIAN, with tops, and necessary trimmings;—English SOLES;—Black and yellow Morocco SKINS, suitable for Ladies and Gentlemen's Slippers.

HE earnestly request those Gentlemen who have so liberally employed him and have not settled for the same, up to the 24th Dec. last, to make immediate payment, that he may be enabled to answer the demands against him;—otherwise, he shall without discrimination, put their accounts into the hands of an Attorney to collect.

Ezekiel Slood.

FREDERICTON, AUGUST 6th, 1806.

MR. COSTIN returns his sincere thanks to the inhabitants of FREDERICTON for the liberal encouragement he met with during his residence here—particularly to those gentlemen, who so kindly favoured him with their letters of recommendation; and assures them that nothing shall ever efface from his memory, the high opinion he has of his friends in this quarter.

AUGUST 6th, 1806.

THE HISTORY OF MRS. MOURDANT.

[WRITTEN BY HERSELF.]

(Continued from our last.)

THE first instant I could retire, I retreated to my chamber, my mind embarrassed with the cruellest sensations: grief and astonishment at his mean situation. I wished, yet durst not go to the garden unconscious of art, I feared I might betray unguardedly the too fond sentiments of my soul. The next day my maid brought me a beautiful bouquet; she said the gardener had culled it from the choicest of his flowers—a sigh heaved my bosom at this present—I dismissed her—A paper was rolled round, a presentiment struck me it might contain something interesting—I hastily tore it from the flowers, and read the following lines:

"Will the loveliest of her sex pardon the presumption of an unfortunate man, the early victim of calamity?—will she deign to peruse a relation of those woes which reduced him to the disgraceful station he now fills—an irresistible impulse prompts this request; if 'tis granted, write a line and drop it in the garden in expectation of such a favour, I will keep in sight, and then by the first opportunity transmit my narrative to you."

Tears gushed from me on perusing this note, heavens! what anguish rent my breast at my inability to succour him. Without the smallest hesitation, I complied with his request, and instantly wrote the note he desired. The next day, concealed in a basket of fruit which he sent me, I found the ardently desired packet, containing the history of his life.

Prompted by an inclination not to be suppressed I sit down to relate a tale full of woe to her whose gentle heart will yield the soft tribute of sensibility.

Early in life fortune loured on my parents, and their misfortunes are I fear, entailed upon their wretched offspring. My father's name was Harland, he was descended from a noble family, whose possessions though large, could keep no pace with unbounded prodigality; the fortune was so dissipated, that but a residue remained sufficient to purchase him a commission. Courage glowed in his breast, and he distinguished himself by many a gallant action in a tedious war which England undertook against France. At the expiration of it he married a woman, rich only in rectitude and beauty, and retired from a profession which had but ill rewarded his activity. For some time they struggled against adversity—the fell adversary at length overcame. Two children of whom I was the eldest, aggravated the horrors of their condition; he could scarcely support them, as his half-pay afforded but a few of even the necessaries of life. In this situation he was discovered by a friend, possessed of affluence, who was single; as he had always expressed an aversion to matrimony, he inherited pride enough however to wish his name might be continued. Actuated by this wish, he made a proposal to my parents which they gladly embraced—it was adopting me for his heir. I was then five years old, he shortly brought me to his estate, for he had only made an occasional visit to the shire where my father resided; his understanding was rather weak, his chief foible a credulous susceptibility to flattery; he treated me however, with tenderness, and I was considered by every one as his future heir. At a proper age, he sent me to Oxford to complete my studies; I made a proficiency there that pleased him, and he declared I should be indulged in choosing a profession. Every vacation I spent with him. In one, ere I was an hour arrived, he mentioned with peculiar pleasure an acquisition his neighbourhood had lately received from a most agreeable family settling in it. Mr. and Mrs. Wilford with their two sons, he affirmed, I should like; but he was mistaken, a servility ran thro' the family highly disgusting to a liberal mind; I found them all replete with flattery and meanness. A domestic who had ever evinced the strongest partiality for me, cautioned me against them; he said he was acquainted with their arts, and bid me beware, as they were almost continually with his master, wheedling and indulging his favourite foible.—Unskilled in the treachery of man, I neglected this caution, I judged of them by myself, I imagined them all as free from guile. Fatal experience however, that school of wisdom, undeceived me. I thought also it was impossible any person could be so perfidious, as after promising protection, to withdraw it without cause. Mr. T— convinced me such perfidy existed. By the next vacation my studies were completed, and I returned full of pleasing expectations, that my adopted father would now indulge me in choosing a profession, which of all others I admired a military life, for like Douglas, I longed to follow to the field some warlike lord.

"Mr. T—'s reception surprised me, it was cold and reserved; whenever his eyes met mine, a guilty confusion covered his face. Base worthless man! no wonder. Two days after my arrival, he sent for me to his library, for some moments he was silent, then in hesitating accents began a long preamble of his generosity to my father, in so long supporting me, and giving me an education suitable to the first man in the kingdom, of which he supposed I must be sensible; an assenting bow was my only reply: and he continued: his relations, he said, began with justice to murmur, at the intention he had conceived of bequeathing me his fortune, to whom no tie connected him, and that he had discarded the idle idea of adopting me, and added, my education was such as to inspire me with hopes of a speedy establishment; to forward which, he would give two hundred pounds, and on every occasion I might depend upon his friendly interest. He stoop; amazement barrowed my soul, and indignation tied