

Osborn, with letters and dispatches from the army in Holland: the left the Texel on the 20th inst. and brought over as passengers, Captain —, Aid-de-Camp to Lord Chatham; Colonels Deane and Gare; Capt. Philips, Bais, Gray, Bracey; and Ensign Carter. It was reported before the Packet sailed, that one of our out-posts had deserted, and given the counter-sign to the enemy, in consequence of which there were frequently skirmishes between the out-posts from one on Thursday evening till five o'clock on Friday, in which we lost a few of our brave troops. The waters still continue between the armies, ours is stationed at the distance of 20 miles from the Helder.

Arrived two transports with sick and wounded, from Holland. The Packets still remain wind-bound.

Seven or eight sail of transports, with near 1000 wounded Russians on board, came into the roads on Sunday. They left the Helder on Friday, in company with another Squadron, which have the British wounded on board, for Harwick. All the men of war in our roads, large and small, about 20 sail are under sailing orders for the Texel; but the wind is contrary, and they cannot stir to sea.

FROM THE PARIS PAPERS.

A letter from Lucern of the 1st inst. states as follows:—

"Suwaroff arrived at Altdorf on the 26th ult. in the evening. He immediately went to the house of the Under Prefect, whom he embraced, not knowing who he was; he asked of him guides to go to Zurich. The Prefect seeing a little man without a coat and without a hat, dressed in a shirt and a small white vest, who was decorated with chains and with a cross like a pilgrim of St. James, asked his name. I am Suwaroff, and going with my army to Zurich. But the French were there yesterday. Suwaroff then began to complain of Korsakoff, and immediately disappeared. The Russians whom he brought with him were obliged to pass upon three beams the abyss near the Devil's bridge. They lost a great number of men by this very inconvenient method of passing the precipice. From this we may conclude that they could not bring with them much provision, but only a few oxen. Letters from St. Gall, and the neighbourhood, addressed to the Representatives of the Helvetic people, announce that the whole of Turavia, Rhintal, Toggebourg, and the country of Appenzel, are absolutely evacuated by the Austro-Russian. In all the defiles through which the Russians have directed their retreat, they have been killed and pillaged. There is reason to believe, that great part of them have perished in their retreat; for they have not only the French to combat, but the peasants all destroy them in great numbers.

"On the 13th of this month 30 carriages with wounded French arrived at Berne; they were carried to the hospital, which wants the most essential necessaries. The surgeons have not been paid for a long time. It is only by requisitions that the Directory can procure wine and medicines. Fortunately great part of the wounded soldiers in the hospitals are loaded with gold and silver, and watches, which they have taken from the Russians.

October 17.

A Jew of considerable property, a native of Leyden in Holland, who has long been in the habit of acting as a spy for the Orange party, has been taken in the French lines near Haarlem; He had personated a woman and sold butter; to carry on the deception he had been close shaved; but being compelled to stay three days longer than he expected, and having no opportunity to procure a razor, the sprouting of his beard led to a discovery. A great sum has been offered to save his life.

SURINAM.

[As the colony of Surinam has lately excited much of the public attention, we presume the following account of it will not prove unacceptable to our readers.] The capital of the Dutch territories in Guiana is called Surinam. Guiana, which was discovered by Columbus in 1498, divided between the Dutch, Spaniards, French and Portuguese, is situated between the 7th degree of north, and the 5th degree of south latitude, between the 3d and 6th of longitude. The Dutch territory is bounded by the Spanish settlements on the

west, and by the river Maroni on the east. Within these limits are the following large navigable rivers, discharging themselves into the Atlantic ocean, viz. Pomaroon, Essequibo, Demerary, Berbice, Surinam and Meirivins.

The land in Dutch Guiana, for the distance of near fifty miles from the sea, is every where flat, and so low, that during the rainy seasons, it is usually covered with water near two feet in height. This, however, has produced an effect similar to that of the prolific inundations of the Nile, and rendered the soil more fertile than that of any other part of the globe, inasmuch that the soil on the surface, for twelve inches in depth, is a stratum of perfect manure, and as such has been transported to the island of Barbadoes; but the wood ants, which are here very numerous, committed such ravages in the vessel, that a repetition of the project has not been attempted.

The soil in many parts has produced thirty crops of ratoon canes, successively without replanting; whereas in the West-India islands more than two are never expected. This redundant fertility being somewhat disadvantageous, the people are under the necessity of recurring to various expedients to diminish it; which is usually done by stocking it with plantain trees for two or three years, and afterwards planting it with canes; which, even after this precaution, are usually too robust and luxuriant to make sugar with advantage, and are therefore, during the first and second crops, converted into rum, which is sold to the Americans in exchange for their commodities, and sent to Africa for the purchase of slaves.

The timber with which the land adjacent to the sea is covered, is chiefly small and low, consisting mostly of manioles, which are a small species of palm. Treoli, which bears a leaf near 30 feet in length, serving for the thatch of houses; and these at the edge of current waters, are intermixed with large mangroves. The inland elevated part of the country is clothed with lofty and verdant forests, affording the most valuable species of timber, either for solidity, weight, duration or ornament. The heat is here less than in the island of Barbadoes, which is esteemed the most temperate of all the tropical islands. Here they are subject to no particular season for crops and harvests, to which the inhabitants of all the West-India islands are confined: every part of the year being proper both for planting and gathering, and in every part of the year blossoms, together with ripe and unripe fruit, appear on the same trees. Revolving years afford nothing but a perpetual uninterrupted summer.

New-Brunswick.

SAINT JOHN,
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

Last week the Hilary Term of the Supreme Court was held at Fredericton, at which we understand there were few causes agitated of any consequence excepting one upon an Habeas Corpus brought by a Negro Woman claimed as a slave by Captain Jones of Fredericton, in order to procure her liberation. The question of Slavery upon general principles was discussed at great length, by the Counsel on both sides, and we understand the Court were divided in their opinions, the Chief Justice and Judge Upham being of opinion that by the existing Law of this Province, Negroes may be held as Slaves here, and Judge Allen and Judge Saunders being of opinion, that the Law upon that subject is the same here as in England and therefore that Slavery is not recognized by the Laws of this Province.—The Court being thus divided, no judgment was entered.

FREDERICTON, (New-Brunswick)
9th December, 1799.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor herewith to transmit to your ROYAL HIGHNESS an Address from the Corporation of the City of SAINT JOHN, which they had lately indulged the hope of being honored with an opportunity of presenting personally to your ROYAL HIGHNESS, —but in consequence of the unforeseen impediment, which at that time prevented your intended visit to this Province, I have been requested, in their

behalf, to send forward their Address, which I hope may be graciously received by your ROYAL HIGHNESS.

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) THOS. CARLETON.
His ROYAL HIGHNESS the
DUKE of KENT, Com-
mander in Chief, &c. &c.
&c. &c.

To His ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE EDWARD, DUKE of KENT and STRATHERN, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter and of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, General and Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in British North-America, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your ROYAL HIGHNESS!

THE Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, beg leave, in an humble address, to approach your ROYAL HIGHNESS, with sentiments of loyalty, gratitude and respect, in the expression of which, language fails to give utterance to the fullness of their hearts.

WHEN we reflect that this City, and the Province of which it forms a part, both yet in their infancy, are the offspring of loyalty to the best of Sovereigns, and of attachment to a Constitution, the peculiar birth-right of British subjects, and the envy and admiration of surrounding nations, we feel these principles of our origin, indissolubly strengthened and confirmed, by His Majesty's most gracious favour, in appointing to the chief military command of his dominions in this part of the world, so illustrious a branch of his august house, and one in so eminent a degree inheriting his royal virtues.

THE pleasure with which our bosoms beat high, when your ROYAL HIGHNESS heretofore condescended to visit this Province, still vibrates in our breasts;—we then experienced a high and proud satisfaction from your residence in a part of the country so near to us; but when we find the safety, interests and welfare of this part of the Empire the distinguished and favoured object of your voluntary patronage and care, sensations of unbounded gratitude arise in quick succession, to our most gracious Sovereign for conferring, and to your ROYAL HIGHNESS for accepting, the high and important trust committed to your hands:—from these signal instances of royal benevolence and attention the most extensive public benefits are naturally anticipated, and the knowledge we have of the character, derived from the conduct, of your ROYAL HIGHNESS on past occasions, encourages an indulgence of the most sanguine hopes.

WHILE virtue, talents and exalted rank happily united, shall be respected among mankind; while high command, in all its great arrangements and minister operations, directed solely to the public safety and the public welfare, shall claim the esteem and applause of the virtuous and the good, the name of your ROYAL HIGHNESS will stand eminently conspicuous on the rolls of fame.

THAT your ROYAL HIGHNESS through a long life yet to come, may enjoy the satisfaction and happiness, and your country the benefits, resulting from the exercise of qualities so enviable and so great, will be our ardent and unceasing prayer.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL,
MAYOR.

Read and passed in Common-
Council, the 27th day of
November, 1799.

C. I. PETERS, c. c.

ANSWER.

Extract of a Letter from His ROYAL HIGHNESS the DUKE of KENT, to Lieut. General CARLETON, dated HEAD-QUARTERS, Halifax, January 12th, 1800.

"YOUR second letter being for the purpose of transmitting to me the very flattering Address from the Corporation of the City of Saint John, which they had proposed presenting me, had my intention of visiting New-Brunswick in November last taken place, I have to request that you will express to the Gentlemen who have favored me with it, how grateful I feel for the sentiments of Loyalty to His Majesty and of attachment to myself which it contains, and that you will assure them that my unceasing endeavors will be exerted to discharge the duties

of the Station in which the King has been graciously pleased to place me, with honor and credit to myself, as well as for the effectual protection of His Majesty's Colonies in North-America, and that I trust my conduct will convince them how much it is my ambition to prove myself not undeserving of the very flattering opinion they have been so good as to form of me."

FREDERICTON, 10th Feb. 1800.

GENERAL ORDERS.

His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR has been pleased to make the following appointments in the Militia of this Province.

Regiment of King's County.

WM. HUTCHINSON, Esq. to be Captain of the Exempt Company.

Mr. CALES HOWE to be Lieutenant in ditto.

Mr. JOHN PUGLEY to be Captain of an additional Troop of Horse.

Mr. JOHN FORD to be Lieutenant of ditto.

Mr. JAMES HUGHSON and Mr. ELIJAH BAXTER to be Cornets of ditto.

Mr. GEORGE SWEET to be Lieutenant, and Mr. JOSEPH BROWN to be Ensign.

The above Commissions dated 8th February, 1800.

H. W. HAILES, Adj. Gen.
Honorable Colonel LEONARD,
commanding King's County
Militia.

BRANDY.

A few Pipes of an excellent quality for sale by
JOHN BLACK, & Co.
18th Feb. 1800.

Wm. & Thos. Pagan,
AND CO.

HAVE FOR SALE,

SALMON and Herring twine, with several Seines completely fitted for the Herring Fishery—payable in Fish next Summer.

ALSO,

LOAF SUGAR in small loaves from 15d. to 18d. per lb. as in quality, with other Groceries and Dry Goods as usual.

17th Feb. 1800.

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NOTICES.

ALL persons having any demands against the Estate of the late CHARLES MARTIN, of Miramichi, in the Province of New-Brunswick, deceased, are requested to present their accounts duly attested within Eighteen Calendar months; And those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to

JAMES FRASER, or
GEO. WORTHINGTON,

Administrators.

MIRAMICHI, 25th December, 1799.

ALL persons having any demands against the Estate of GEORGE HOWARD, senr. late of the County of Sunbury, in the Province of New-Brunswick, deceased, are requested to present their accounts duly attested, within Eighteen Calendar months; And those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to

JOHN HOWARD,
GEORGE HOWARD, Junr.

Administrators.

County of SUNBURY, 14th Feb. 1800.

ALL persons having any claims or demands against the Estate of MOSSES MILLER, deceased, are requested to exhibit the same properly attested within Twelve months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to

TAMER MILLER, Adm.

QUEEN'S COUNTY, 7th Feb. 1800.

ALL Persons having any Demands against the Estate of ANGUS M'KAY, late of the City of St. John. Taylor, deceased, are requested to present the same within Twelve Months; and those indebted to the said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to

JANE M'KAY, } Admi-
JAMES GRIGOR, } nistrators.
DONALD M'KAY. }

St. John, September 10, 1799.