

ROYAL GAZETTE.

Reduction of Duties.—Washington letters say, that in consequence of the surplus revenue, the Committee of Ways and Means will propose to Congress a reduction of the duties on *Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Wines, and Salt*; many of which articles, owing to the new system of Colonial trade lately adopted by Great-Britain, will probably be smuggled into the United States, if the present rates of duties are continued.

Upwards of fifty mercantile failures are said to have taken place recently in New-York; and a very extensive House in Philadelphia; which have been productive of great doubt and uneasiness. The report of the failure of the great American Shipping House Finsbury-square, London, had reached the United States.—*Halifax W. Chron.*

Extensive Seizure.—The New-York papers contain official Notices of the seizure there of Eleven Hundred and Thirty-Six chests, and 56 half chests, of Hyson and Hyson Skin Teas, imported in certain vessels in Philadelphia, and found in New-York, on which the duties have not been paid, nor secured, and as forfeited to the United States. The trials are to take place on Tuesday next. A Philadelphia paper states, that a certain China Merchant of that City had taken from the Custom House Stores there, Seventeen hundred and eighty packages, without giving the security therefor required by law! It is probable the above teas are a part of them.

LARGE FIRE IN BRUNSWICK, MAINE.

On Tuesday morning last, a fire took place in a Cotton Factory in Brunswick, Maine, which in the course of three hours destroyed two Cotton Factories, a Fulling-Mill, a double Saw-Mill, a Factory Store, and about ten Dwelling-Houses and other buildings.

FREDERICTON, (N. B.)

TUESDAY, 3rd January, 1826.

Alms-House and Work-House.

COMMISSIONER FOR THE WEEK,
WM. F. ODELL, ESQ.

SAVINGS BANK.

TRUSTEES NEXT WEEK,
HENRY G. CLOPPER, ESQ.

JAMES TAYLOR, ESQ.

GEORGE MINCHIN, ESQ.

Amount deposited Yesterday, £80 14 6½

A General account current of the Funds of the Fredericton Savings Bank.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
July 1, 1825 Amt due to depositors...	793 12 2½
Dec. 31. Deposited from July 1, to this date,....	1256 18 9½
Interest on Notes from 31st Dec. till they become due, Interest made....	11 16 7½
	87 1 5½
£2099 14 1	
Dec. 31, 1825 Amt withdrawn from 1st July to this date, Amount of Notes of hand. Cash on hand,	254 11 1627 0 6 218 2 7
	£2099 14 1

JOHN F. TAYLOR, Cashier.
Fredericton, N. B. 31st Dec. 1825.

(P. S. to the Gazette.)

(By Authority.)

WHEREAS in pursuance of the Provisions of two Acts of Parliament passed in the sixth year of the reign of His present Majesty, cap. 73, and cap. 114. The Collector and Controller of His Majesty's Customs at the Port of Saint John, have appointed a Warehouse belonging to Mr. Nehemiah Merritt, situate in Saint John-Street, in the City of Saint John in this Province, for the purpose of the said Acts, and have declared that the Goods in the same Acts enumerated may be there Warehoused on the first entry without Payment of duty, from and after the fifth day of January next. PUBLIC NOTICE thereof is hereby given by Order of His Excellency The Lieutenant Governor for the Information of all concerned.

Dated the Twenty-ninth day of December 1825.

"Copy of a Letter from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to Beverly Robinson, Esq. of New-York, acknowledging the very liberal Subscriptions in that City, for the relief of the Sufferers in this Province by the late conflagration, published by order of the Central Committee."

Fredericton, Nov. 29, 1825.

(COPY.)

SIR,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 2d instant, acquainting me that Subscriptions to the amount of five thousand dollars, have been made in the City of New-York, and placed at my disposal, in the hands of Morris Robinson, Esq. for the relief of the Sufferers in the late calamitous fires in New-Brunswick; and I have also to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, acquainting me that a further sum of one thousand nine hundred and ninety four dollars, had since been subscribed and deposited to my credit in the Branch Bank of the United States.

I beg to express to you, and the Gentlemen of the Committee, and through it to Mr. Boggs, chairman of the Public Meeting, and to the Subscribers, my warmest acknowledgements and those of the community here for the benevolence and lively sympathy evinced by the Citizens and British Residents in New York, towards the sufferers in the late calamitous conflagrations, and to assure you, Sir, that those marks of kindness and liberality that have been manifested, are highly estimated, and will ever be remembered by the Government and Inhabitants of this Province, who, sincerely desirous of cultivating and maintaining those terms which happily exist between the respective Countries, receive with the highest degree of satisfaction, a proof of good feeling which cannot but tend to improve and draw closer our friendly relations with each other.

I have drawn on Mr. Morris Robinson, for the sum thus placed at my disposal, in favour of the Hon. John Robinson, of St. John, and whilst I present my acknowledgements for the handsome terms in which the vote places these funds at my sole disposal, I beg to say, that so soon as the Committee which has been formed here to act for the Province at large, shall have prepared a

statement of the losses sustained, and the succours received and distributed, I shall proceed, in consultation with those Gentlemen, to make an equitable distribution of the funds which have been or may be placed at my disposal, and in doing so, shall have due regard to the poorer classes of sufferers.

Sec. Sec. Sec.

(Signed) HOWARD DOUGLAS.

Beverly Robinson, Esq.
Esq. Esq. Esq.
New-York.

We request the Subscribers to this Gazette to content themselves for a short period with its present form; we unfortunately did not receive our expected supply of paper by water, consequently will have to continue the publication in its present shape until the ice is sufficiently strong to enable us to get it from the City, when we will have the satisfaction of making some compensation by furnishing them with a paper of much larger size than the Gazette has heretofore been printed upon. Many of our Subscribers have said, when we have had occasion to make a shift for the want of paper of a proper size, that we have done so because we find it much cheaper; we have done it to suit our own convenience! We assure them they form a very erroneous opinion, for it is very painful to our feelings to be compelled to make the alteration, and we can further assure them that this present paper costs more, and requires double the labour of any Newspaper we have yet printed. Hoping that this may have a tendency to suppress such ideas, should the like again occur—We conclude by wishing you all a HAPPY NEW-YEAR.

From the Newfoundland Royal Gazette, of Tuesday Nov. 1.

In the first page of this day's Gazette, our Readers will find a particular detail of a CONFLAGRATION, with which the Inhabitants of Miramichi, and its vicinity, have been visited—the most awful and solemn that has occurred within our recollection. This awakening dispensation of Divine Providence has cast a general gloom throughout that afflicted country; and we are sure, from what we have already witnessed since the melancholy tidings have reached St. John's, that no community can more sincerely sympathise with their distressed neighbours on this occasion, than the Inhabitants of Newfoundland: who, though scarcely recovered from a similar calamity, simultaneously came forward, (at this critical season of the year, to the extent of their abilities) in the most laudable manner to aid the cause of humanity.

At a numerous and respectable Meeting of the Inhabitants of this Town, held at the Court-House on Friday last, pursuant to a notice published by the High Sheriff early in the morning, in consequence of a requisition to him, signed by several Merchants and others the preceding evening, immediately after the receipt of the Halifax Papers, giving the most melancholy and distressing account of the dreadful calamity which has befallen our neighbours in the colony of New-Brunswick—The High Sheriff was called to the Chair; and having read the requisition, and also the Account of the Fire and its consequences, as published in the Halifax papers—after which no appeal to the feelings was necessary—the following resolutions were passed unanimously; and all present appeared to vie with each other in their endeavours to carry them into effect:—

RESOLVED 1.—That we have received the distressing account of the sufferings of the Inhabitants in our sister colony of New-Brunswick, occasioned by the dreadful Fire and Storm which took place on the 7th October, with the deepest sorrow; and that we sincerely sympathise with them in their present calamitous situation.

2.—That in order to alleviate, as far as our humble means will allow, those sufferings with which the near approach of Winter threatens them, we do enter into a Subscription, for the purpose of procuring clothes and provisions; and that a vessel be immediately dispatched to the proper authorities at Miramichi, who shall be requested