

We have nothing more to add to this brief but tragic tale, save that the Coroner's Jury have found Alexander Johnstone, Captain; Richard Hughes, first mate; Ninian Crawford, second mate of the *Londonderry*, guilty of manslaughter, and have expressed, in the strongest terms, their abhorrence of the inhuman conduct of the other seamen on board, throughout this unhappy transaction. We will not anticipate any defence these persons may advance at their trial. But upon such an occasion as this, we must remind the public, that their lives are confided every day to the ignorance and indifference of persons of Captain Johnstone's class. Suppose a storm had come on in good earnest, and a question had arisen of saving even the chief cabin passengers, or of the crew making good their escape, which course would Captain Johnstone and his men have adopted? Even if we cannot secure proper persons in command, at any rate, for the future, let some proportion be observed between the passengers and the accommodation and shelter the vessel can afford.—*Times*.

A public meeting, convened by His Worship the Mayor, was held in the Corporation Hall, Derry, to take the case of the surviving passengers of the *Londonderry* steamer into consideration. In the absence of the Mayor, who was prevented from attending, Mr. Dysart was called to the Chair, and stated the objects of the meeting.

Mr. Gilmour said, he held in his hand a letter addressed to the Mayor; but as he was not now present, he would submit the letter to the Chairman, for the information of the meeting. It was as follows:—

"8th December, 1848.

"MY DEAR SIR,—With reference to the town meeting, to be held this day, on behalf of the survivors from the disaster on board the "*Londonderry*" steamer, I think it right to state, on the part of the Glasgow and Londonderry Steam Packet Company, that they feel the deepest sympathy for the sufferers and the bereaved friends of the deceased, and that they are ready to do all in their power to alleviate the distresses of the survivors; and, for this purpose, I beg to say, the Company will place in your hands a sum of money, to provide any clothing that may be required by the survivors, and to meet all expenses incurred in their maintenance here, and in forwarding them to their respective destinations. The Company are most anxious to render every assistance in their power, and to discharge any other expenses you may think necessary and right.

P. GILMOUR.

The Mayor of Londonderry."

Mr. Gilmour continued—He had signed that letter; and he might remark, if any further benevolence was thought necessary on the part of the citizens he would, individually, be glad to contribute; but it struck him, from the conduct of the Company, that it would not be requisite for the citizens to interfere.

Mr. Colhoun said the Company were certainly very liberal; and he thought there should be some expression of opinion as to the letter just read.

Mr. Murray remarked, as the Company did not limit the amount of their benevolence, consequently the citizens were not called upon to interfere.

Mr. Gilmour was sure the Mayor would not be restrained in the expenditure of their funds; while, on the other hand, he was confident they would not be squandered.

Mr. Colhoun thought a Committee should be appointed to assist the Mayor in the discharge of the arduous duties he would have entrusted to him.

Rev. Henry Wallace said, it became that meeting to record their deep sense of the humanity of the Company, and their anxiety to alleviate the distress which had occurred. He felt happy in proposing the following resolution:—Resolved—"That the meeting record their sense of the humane promptitude with which the Glasgow and Londonderry Steam-Packet Company have come forward to take upon them the sole charge of meeting all the necessary expenses incurred by the losses sustained by the surviving passengers of the *Londonderry*, and supplying all the charges required for their maintenance here, and forwarding them to their respective destinations, thus superseding the necessity of an appeal to the benevolence of the public."

Mr. Murray seconded the motion, which was put from the chair, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Dysart was then moved from the Chair, and Mr. Nicholson called thereto, when, on the motion of Mr. Gilmour, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the thanks of the meeting were voted to Mr. Dysart, and the assembly dispersed.—*Derry Sentinel*.

THE CHOLERA AT NEW ORLEANS.—The Cholera has made its appearance at New Orleans, and appears to be spreading very rapidly.

A despatch from New Orleans, dated December 22nd, says 79 new cases of cholera have occurred at the Charity Hospital since the — inst., and new ones hourly brought in. Three merchants have died in the city. The community has been greatly excited, in consequence of the Board of Health having proclaimed the disease epidemic. Weather much cooler.

There have been three cases at Lafayette.

The *Mobile Register* of the 19th says, we have conversed with a number of gentlemen who left New Orleans within the last two days, and they express no doubt as to the prevalence and type of the cholera there. The utmost alarm prevails, and hundreds of citizens are flying before the pestilence.

A despatch dated Richmond, December 26th, says there had been one case of cholera, and one death at Mobile.

The Steamer *Unicorn*, owned by Mr. James Whitney, of this City, and which has been employed for several years past in carrying the Mails between Halifax and Newfoundland, has been purchased by the Hon. S. Cunard, of Halifax, for £10,000.—*Courier*.

We are happy to inform the members of St. Andrew's Church in this City, that the Committee of the General Assembly, to whom was entrusted the choice of a Minister to fill the place of the Rev. Mr. HALKET, have appointed Mr. WILLIAM DONALD, of Huntly, to the charge; and that he may be expected shortly to assume his duties. Mr. Donald will come accompanied with the highest recommendations.—*Watchman*.

#### Married,

In Saint Paul's Church, Halifax, on Thursday morning, the 28th ult., by the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, Thomas J. D. Bourke, Capt. 34th Regt., and Assistant Military Secretary to His Excellency Sir John Harvey, son of the late Hon. and Rev. George Bourke, and nephew of the Earl of Mayo, to Mary, second daughter of the Rev. Robert Willis, D. D., Rector of Saint Paul's, and Archdeacon of Nova Scotia.

#### Died,

On Wednesday evening, 3d instant, after a short illness, Charles J. Peters, aged eleven months, infant son of Professor Jack, of King's College, Fredericton.

At Portland, on Friday morning, 29th ult., after a lingering illness, and in the 78th year of his age, Mr. Robert Chapman, leaving behind him three daughters to feel and deplore the loss of a beloved and affectionate father. The deceased was a native of Camelford, in Cornwall, England, and emigrated to this City in the year 1819.

At the residence of Eliphalet Hanson, Bocabec, Charlotte County, Mrs. Rachel Turner, aged about 95 years. She was born at Wiscasset, in the garrison erected for the preservation of the inhabitants against the invasions of the French and Indians; and, with her husband, was among the first who set foot on these shores. Her living progeny at her decease amounted to the extraordinary number of 312—9 children, 100 grand children, 200 great grand, and 3 great great grand children—one of the three last she held upon her knee.

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By Order of the Committee.

C. SPURDEN, Secetary.