

stance of my having made the study of the law my profession, that I was induced by the solicitations of several of the Magistrates themselves, and of the individual who appointed me, to allow myself to be placed at the head of this Court, over several of those who have hitherto presided over the affairs of the County with so much benefit to its interests and so much credit to themselves; and more especially with reference to two of those Gentlemen, so far senior to myself—one of whom, now retired from the active scene of political exertion, will long be remembered by those who knew him, not only for his extensive information of the Commercial interests of the Province, but as the firm and zealous representative of the County for a period of twenty years; and the other, who still continues to receive that cordial and flattering support from your suffrages which affords the surest proof of the manner in which he is appreciated.

I can only add, that your kind expressions of good will, and the marked and flattering manner in which I have been received by my brother Justices on the present occasion, will afford me not only a source of lasting satisfaction, but a confident feeling of support in the discharge of my duty.

JOHN S. SAUNDERS.

DREADFUL FIRE AT SAINT JOHN!!

Extracts from private letters, with which we have been obligingly favoured:
9 o'clock, Monday morning, 16th Jan'y.

"Awful has been the last 36 hours, but the tremendous conflagration with which we have been visited is now nearly at an end. I have just time to give you an account of our disaster. The fire commenced in Robertson & Hutton's Store—they have lost every thing, books, papers and all, and no insurance. The fire spread with fearful rapidity. I had hardly time to pack up books and papers, and escape, before Sands' building was on fire. All Water street is gone on the west side, from Merritt's Warehouse to Tisdale's corner, and thence down the South Wharf to Kinneir's, is a heap of ruins yet blazing. On the east side of Water street, from Disbrow's back building inclusive, in rear of the Bank of New Brunswick, to Chadwick's corner, all gone; thence up the south side of the square to McGrade's corner, except Peter's brick building, which is unharmed. From McGrade's corner down the west side of Prince William street to Johnston's stairs all gone. Sands' buildings and Walker's stone store have lost some traces, but all else is gone. On the east side Prince William street, Donnelly's corner is burned—Mr. Boyd's and the City Bank had a narrow escape—thence northerly along east side Prince William street all burned, to Nichol's store inclusive—the south wall of Disbrow's brick building, occupied by Miss Farley, being fire proof, saved King-street and the rest of the City. Netherly's brick building stopped it from going up Cooper's Alley, but great exertions had to be made to stop it in rear of Nichol's brick building. The wind was N. N. W. pretty fresh, and sparks and brands flew brightly. No vessels burned, but many had their masts and rigging on fire, and were obliged to cut all away. The *Gazette* was got under way, and dragged the vessels out of the slips as fast as they floated, for it was near low water. Many of these hulks now lay off in the stream almost sinking. The destruction of property is awful—amount roughly estimated at £400,000, but as yet it is all conjecture."

"Saint John, 15th Jan'y. 1837.

"You will have heard ere this reaches you of our distressing visitation, and I doubt not many conflicting accounts will be carried to you; I think you may rely on my statement as being accurate. The fire raged with incessant fury until 8 this morning, having consumed about 80 buildings and destroyed property to an amount of which as yet we cannot form any calculation. You will be able to form some idea of the extent of the losses and suffering when I tell you, that not a single house is standing between Mrs. Boyd's and Miss Farley's in Prince William street, and that from the Bank of New Brunswick, every thing on the west side of the street is swept down to the market square, of which square the south side has only remaining the Attorney General's brick building; that from Disbrow's wharf northwardly, both sides of water street have been burnt to ashes, and on the south market wharf not a single store remains. All Ward street is swept off, and Peters' wharf, and Johnston's and Nichol's wharves have not a building preserved—the Bank of New Brunswick nobly withstood the flames, and saved Mrs. Boyd's, and consequently the whole of the lower part of Germain Street. The City Bank is preserved I know not how. Mr. Black's house is a heap of ashes; and standing at the Commissariat door, you may survey the whole scene of devastation, which presents to the eye only Peters' brick store remaining, and proving its fire proof capabilities. Excepting this store, the two banks, and Miss Farley's store, the stone and brick buildings seemed to burn as rapidly as the wooden ones—the fire-rac through Trenstowsky's store, Nichol's store, Sands' and Hatfield's buildings, with as much fierceness and rapidity as through any of the more combustible ones. The scene of horror on the south market wharf, and in Ward street, is beyond description—valuable goods to an immense amount either burned or destroyed by throwing over the wharves—thousands and thousands of barrels, puncheons and casks of all kinds piled up in the slips—the streets choked up with furniture and merchandise of all descriptions—men, women and children stalking about half-crazed; all tend to render our city lamentable indeed.

"Tilton had £15,000 worth of goods in store, more than half of which will be ut-

terly lost to him; the Kinneir's, Street & Ranney, and John Walker, must be amongst some of the heaviest losers. The New Brunswick Insurance Office is heavily in for it of course—the Central, it is said, some five or six thousand pounds—the West of Scotland £20,000! and all the American Companies something; poor Hatfield wholly uninsured—Mr. Black said to be insured; the Printing Offices, except Chubb's, all gone; Chubb had his press removed, and cannot get started again soon. Geo. Robinson and the Woodwards all absent, and their properties destroyed. Horrid, horrid devastation, we know not what will be the result of it all.

"This brief statement you may rely upon as accurate, and I hope it may relieve you from some of the doubts always attending reports of such matters."

"Sunday Evening, 15th January.

"I have just heard that Mrs. William Reynolds has died in consequence of the terror of last night's conflagration. It is also said that four men have been burned to death."

A Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the County of Northumberland, was held at Mr. Wyse's Hotel, in the town of Chatham, on Monday the 9th instant, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of petitioning the Legislature, to make some amendments in the Bill now before them, providing for the support of the Civil List of the Province.

J. T. WILLISTON, Esq. was unanimously called to the Chair; and

J. A. PIERCE was requested to act as Secretary. After the Chairman had explained the object of the meeting and pointed out many of the evils which would result from the passing of this Bill in its present shape, it was

1st. Resolved unanimously—As the opinion of this Meeting, that the prompt attention paid by His Majesty's Government to the representations of the Assembly of this Province, and the liberal spirit manifested to redress every grievance, and further the interest of the Province, call for the warmest thanks of the inhabitants, and ought to be received as a renewed mark of the solicitude of the parent state for the welfare and prosperity of this Colony.

2nd. Resolved unanimously—As the opinion of this Meeting, that, in surrendering the control of the Casual and Territorial Revenues to the Legislature of this Province, His Majesty's Government were desirous that the sources of that Revenue should be managed in such manner as would in the highest degree prove beneficial to the Country.

3rd. Resolved unanimously—As the opinion of this Meeting, that the Bill published in the Royal Gazette, for the support of the Civil Government of this Province, and intended to carry into effect the arrangements made by the Assembly with His Majesty's Government, contains provisions which will not only in a great measure lessen the advantages contemplated to result from the negotiation, but legalize a perpetuation of all the evils on the operative lumberer, so forcibly detailed in the 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th Resolutions of the House of Assembly, passed on the 7th day of March last. Another evil in the Bill is the system proposed by the 5th Section of exposing all Crown Lands to Sale by Public Auction, which, it passed into a law, will greatly retard the settlement of the wilderness lands of the country by persons desirous of settling, who will be unable to compete at such sales with capitalists and speculators, ruin many who are now located on or have improved Crown Lands, without title, from their inability to compete and pay for such lands; and will also deprive the Government of the power of granting relief under any circumstances of hardship that may be brought under their notice.

4th. Resolved unanimously, That while this Meeting approve of the principle of selling Crown Lands, not for actual and immediate settlement, at Public Auction, they are decidedly of opinion that a power should be vested in the Provincial Government of granting Lands for actual settlement to poor Emigrants and others in Lots not exceeding 200 acres, at a rate not exceeding the price per acre, demanded prior to the year 1833, as expressed in the 17th Resolution of the Assembly, passed on the 7th March; and this Meeting are also of opinion that the system of granting Licences to cut Timber and Lumber should be based upon the terms of the 16th Resolution, passed by the House on the same day.

5th. Resolved unanimously—As the opinion of this Meeting, that the Grant of the Crown should in all cases be sufficient evidence of title from the Crown to the Grantee, and that any Law which would require the production of intrinsic evidence to support the tenor of such Grant, would be attended with great expense, uncertainty, and inconvenience, hitherto unknown.

6th. Resolved unanimously—As the opinion of this meeting that the Assembly will best consult the interests of the Province by accepting of the surrender of the King's Revenues on the terms of the offer now before them, in perpetuity, instead of for a limited period, as a moderate Civil List must from time to time be provided for the support of the Government, and any benefits to be anticipated from the agitation of this question after a limited period, will be more than counterbalanced by the working of these Revenues on a system intended to be permanent.

7th. Resolved, That a Committee of five persons consisting of—W. Carman, J. P. Williston, G. Kerr, R. Blackstock, and M. Samuel—be appointed to prepare a Petition to the Legislature, praying that the Bill for the support of the Civil List, now before them, may be altered so as to obviate all the evils anticipated in the foregoing Resolutions.

8th. Resolved unanimously. That the Committee be authorized to circulate the Petitions for signature, and enclose a copy of the same to the County Members, to be by them presented to the House of Assembly, and hand another to the Hon. Joseph Cunard, to be by him presented to the Legislative Council.

JOHN T. WILLISTON, Chairman.

The Chairman having left the Chair, and Mr. MICHAEL SAMUEL being called there-to, it was unanimously Resolved—That the thanks of the persons present be tendered to J. T. Williston, Esq., for the able manner in which he discharged his duties while presiding at the Meeting.

Previous to the meeting breaking up, two Petitions to the Legislature, one praying that a sum of money be expended in procuring Seed to be distributed among the poorer class of Settlers, the ensuing spring; and another, that the Legislature would adopt such measures as would tend to develop the Mineralogical resources of this County, were submitted for consideration, and obtained the signature of all persons present.

JAMES A. PIERCE, Secretary.

A similar Meeting, we understand, has been held in Gloucester County, and Petitions are now circulating for signature. Kent, we understand, will also petition on the subject.—*Miramichi Gleaner*, Jan. 10.

Petitions have been received from the County of Northumberland, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and signed by upwards of six hundred persons, of which we subjoin a copy:—

To His Excellency Major General Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, Bart. G. C. B. Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

The Petition of the undersigned inhabitants of the County of Northumberland,

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHewETH, That Your Petitioners, in common with their fellow subjects throughout the Province, entertain a deep sense of gratitude to His Majesty's Government for the prompt attention paid to the representations of the Assembly, and the liberal spirit manifested to redress every grievance brought under their notice.

Your Petitioners feel satisfied that, in surrendering the control of the King's Revenue to the Assembly, it was the decided wish and intention of His Majesty's Government that the sources of those Revenues should be fostered and managed in such manner as would be most advantageous to all classes of His Majesty's subjects in this Province.

Your Petitioners regret to find that the Bill published in the Royal Gazette, providing for the Civil Government of the Province, and intended to carry into effect the arrangement made by the Assembly with His Majesty's Government, contains provisions which they fear will greatly lessen the advantages which it was contemplated would result from the successful arrangements effected by the Deputation of the Assembly with the Home Government.

The provisions to which your Petitioners particularly allude are contained in the fifth section of the Bill, which they conceive will practically prove highly injurious to this part of the Province, inasmuch as all the evils hitherto experienced by the operative lumberer, and so justly and forcibly detailed in 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th Resolutions of the Assembly, passed on the 7th of March last, will be legalized and continued, and the imperative provision which it contains for the disposal of all Crown Lands at Public Auction, will not only retard the settlement of the country by persons desirous of settling on wilderness lands, who will be unable to compete with the capitalist and speculator, but will ruin many who are located on and have improved Crown Lands, and who have cherished the hope that they would receive the favourable consideration of His Majesty's Government, and that the fruits of their toil and labour would eventually be secured to them; those persons must now be driven from their homes in beggary, and the Executive will be precluded the power of granting relief, however deserving the object, great the hardship, or just the claim.

While your Petitioners fully approve of the system of selling Crown Lands at Public Auction that are not intended for actual and immediate settlement, yet they consider it absolutely necessary that the power should be vested in the Executive of granting lands for actual settlement to poor Emigrants and others desirous of improving, in lots not exceeding two hundred acres, at a rate per acre not exceeding the price demanded prior to the year 1821, as expressed on the 7th day of March last, and that such power should extend to authorize the Provincial Government to grant relief to all settlers already located on Crown Lands, whose cases may deserve favourable consideration.

Your Petitioners are further of opinion, that the system of granting licences to cut timber and lumber should be based on the terms of the 16th Resolution of the Assembly, passed on the same day; the evils of the present system, which will be continued under the above section of the Bill, are so apparent that it is unnecessary for your Petitioners here to dwell on them.

Another evil which your Petitioners apprehend will arise out of the same section, is that of increasing the difficulty of establishing titles in Courts of Law, hitherto the production of the grant from the Crown to the grantee has been sufficient evidence of title in him, but under the present Bill your Petitioners are led to believe that extensive evidence will be required to support such grants, which will be attended with great expense, uncertainty, an inconvenience hitherto unknown.

Your Petitioners having called the attention of Your Excellency to the objections which they have to the provision of the

Bill, humbly conceive that all details may be modified so as to avoid all evil consequences which they have enumerated, without making any essential alteration in the substance thereof, or endangering its immediate sanction as a law.

Your Petitioners are of opinion, that Your Excellency will consult the best interests of the Province by accepting the surrender of the King's Revenues on the terms of the offer made by His Majesty's Government in perpetuity instead of for a limited period, as a moderate Civil List must from time to time be provided for the support of the Government, and any benefits to be anticipated from the renewed agitation, after a limited period, of this question, will be more than counterbalanced by the working of those Revenues as a system intended to be permanent.

Your Petitioners pray your Excellency to take the premises into consideration, and to adopt such measures as in your wisdom you may think best calculated to avert the evils above enumerated, and to pass the Bill for the support of the Civil Government of the Province with such provisions as will be likely permanently to prove advantageous to the Country. And your Petitioners will ever pray.

A similar Petition has also been received from the County of Kent, addressed to the different branches of the Legislature, and signed by upwards of fifty persons, and we understand that others are in progress in other parts of the Province.

At a meeting of the Corporation of Christ's Church, in the Parish of Woodstock, held on the 3d January instant, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:—

[Read an extract from the minutes of the proceedings at a recent meeting of the Clergy of the Archdeaconry of this Province, held at Fredericton in Sept. last; thereupon]

Resolved, That this Corporation, highly appreciate the objects of the proposed Society, and will readily co-operate in accomplishing the desirable ends proposed by that Institution; and will recommend the same to the early co-operation of the members of the Established Church in this mission, and will exert all their influence in promoting the same.

Extract from the minutes.
FREDERICK B. DIBBLEE,
Clerk Vestry.

BEWARE OF COUNTERFEITS.

\$5 bills of Wadsworth Bank, Belfast, Me. stereotype plate; \$3 bills of State Bank, Boston; \$15, 10, and 20, of Taunton Bank, N. E. Bank note Co. check plate on the Bank; \$5 Lincoln Bank, Bath, Me. Perkin's plate; \$5 Kentucky Bank, Bangor, Me. stereotype plate.

Beware of notes of the Bank of Norfolk, Roxbury, dated previous to the 16th August, 1834.—*Bangor Post*.

Married.

On Wednesday, the 4th inst., by the Rev. C. Wiggins, Mr. William Kilburn, of the Parish of Douglas, to Mary Jane, second daughter of Captain John Hagerman, of Queensbury.

In Wakefield, on the 29th December, by the Rev. Michael Pickles, Mr. Samuel Tracey, to Miss Sarah Ann Bridges.

On the same day, by the same, Mr. John Campbell, of Northampton, to Miss Louisa M. L. of Wakefield.

In the Parish of Woodstock, on the 3d inst. by the same, Mr. Robert Bean, to Miss Jane Crawford.

In the Parish of Wakefield, on the 7th inst. by the same, Mr. Elijah Briggs, to Miss Joanna Dunn.

Died.

At Halifax, N. S. on Monday the 9th inst. aged 56, Wm. Pepperall, Esq. Quarter Master, 34th Regiment, deeply regretted by all his brother Officers; having served his Majesty with zeal and assiduity for upwards of 42 years.

THE second annual meeting of the County of York General Temperance Society will be held at the Baptist Chapel in Kingsclear, on Wednesday evening next, the 25th instant, at 6 o'clock. Delegates from the different societies will meet at the same place, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Those Societies in the County which have not as yet united with the General Society, are again invited to become attached to the same at the annual meeting.

Jan. 18. JOHN T. SMITH, Sec'y.

LOST.

THE Person who took a dark blue camelot CLOAK, lined with green baze, and red plush collar, by mistake, from the Methodist Meeting House, on Monday evening, the 9th instant, will oblige the owner by leaving it at the Royal Gazette Office.

Fredericton, January 17, 1837.

FOR SALE OR TO LET,

and immediate possession given if required.

THE HOUSE and premises on which the Subscriber resides in George Street. The House is forty by twenty feet, with a back addition of sixteen by twelve feet. There is a cellar kitchen with different other useful apartments in that story. The other two stories are divided into six different apartments, two of which are eighteen by twenty feet, newly finished off. There is a good Barn and Stable on the premises, also an excellent well of water. The purchaser can be accommodated with from one quarter of an acre to one acre and three quarters of garden ground, for which there is a handsome site. The situation of the place as a handsome residence needs no commendation. Apply to

JOHN BAIRD.
Fredericton, January 17, 1837.

FOR SALE OR TO LET.

THE DWELLING HOUSE and premises at present occupied by Miss McIntosh, on the Alley leading from Mr. Spafford Barker's, between Queen and King Streets. Possession given the 1st May next. Enquire of MARK NEEDHAM.
Fredericton, January 17, 1837.

BREWERY YEAST.

THE Subscriber has constantly on hand, a good supply of the above named Yeast, which is offered for sale—by the gallon at 2s; in smaller quantities at 43d per pint.

J. GARDINER.
January 18, 1837.

CRACK'D OATS.

OATS that have been crack'd at the Albion Works, can be had at the Subscriber's. The saving effected by this method is well known to those who have given much attention to the feeding of horses.

N. B. 500 bushels of the fine full heavy OATS remaining unsold.

R. CHESTNUT.
Fredericton, January 17, 1837.

Woodstock and Fredericton STAGE COACH COMPANY.

THE Public are respectfully informed, that the above Company will continue to run a STAGE three times a week between Woodstock and Fredericton, leaving Woodstock on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and Fredericton on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at 6 o'clock, A. M. until further notice. Persons desirous of securing a passage can enter their names on Books kept at the Fredericton Hotel, (Segee's,) and H. Gould's Woodstock. Persons travelling to or from the United States will find immediate conveyance from Woodstock to Bangor, or from Fredericton to Saint John. Every attention will be given to the conveyance and comfort of Passengers. A reasonable portion of Baggage will be taken. Parcels and Baggage at the risk of the Owner. For further particulars, the public are referred to J. W. Thompson, Esquire, Bangor G. E. Ketchum, Esquire, Fredericton, or to the Subscriber, Woodstock.

CHARLES PERLEY, Agent.
January 9th, 1837.

RESTOOK MILL COMPANY.

PURSUANT to the provisions of the Act of Assembly, incorporating the said Company, I do hereby give notice that the first meeting of the Restook Mill Company, and of the members thereof, will be held at my office in Fredericton, on Monday the 29th day of February next, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon.

Dated this 3d day of January, 1837.

G. F. S. BERTON.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having demands against the Estate of Jedediah Slason, deceased, late of this place, Merchant, are requested to render the same, duly attested; and all those who are indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment.

JOSEPH GAYNOR, Sole Admrstr
Fredericton, 27th December, 1836.

NOTICE TO MILL-WRIGHTS

THE TOBIQUE MILL COMPANY wish to contract immediately for the erection of a good substantial dam across the river TOBIQUE, at the lower pitch of the Red Rapids; to be completed by the first of October next. Also for the erection of fifteen saw mills, at the same place; to be completed by the first day of April, 1838. Plans of the contemplated dam and mills can be seen by calling upon Jeremiah Connell, Esquire, Woodstock, New Brunswick; or E. H. Lombard, Esquire, Hallowell, Maine; who are authorized to contract for the above work. Persons wishing to contract should propose immediately.

December, 30, 1836.

N. B. James Taylor, and G. F. S. Berton, Esquires, of Fredericton, can give all necessary information to persons desirous of contracting.

FARM & MILL PRIVILEGE, FOR SALE.

THAT well known Farm in the Parish of Queensborough, at the lower end of Bear Island, known as the "Pennington Farm," and adjoining Mr. John Ingraham's, containing 200 acres, 60 acres of which are cleared. There is a quantity of Timber on the rear of the Farm, convenient to a saw mill.

Also—A situation for a Mill, on a never failing stream, near the river St. John.

The above will be sold separately or together, to suit purchasers; and if not sold before the 1st of March next, will then be disposed of by public auction, on the premises.

For terms &c. apply to David McRobert, Bear Island; J. L. March, Fredericton; or the Subscriber, Queensborough, Queens County.

WILLIAM E. PENNINGTON.
Fredericton, January 3d, 1837.

MAIL STAGE.

THE Subscriber, having fixed up a STAGE for the accommodation of Travellers between Fredericton and Woodstock, to leave the former place at 9 o'clock A. M., on Sunday, and the latter on Monday, from Mrs. Groves' Hotel, at 11 A. M. begins to intimate, that the rate of Fare will be reduced to fifteen shillings for each passenger; and, should sufficient encouragement be given, it will run twice a week at the same rate of fare.

JOHN BROWN.
Fredericton, 11th January, 1837.

FRESH FRUIT.

The Subscriber offers for Sale RAISINS, ALMONDS, &c.
Just received per Gulnare.

J. GARDINER.
January 10, 1837.

Blanks of various descriptions for sale at this Office.