

Great Britain, &c.

From Papers received by the Great Western, arrived at New York.

THE BUDGET.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer in the annual budget, shows a great falling off of revenue. The amount of income for the year 1836-7 was £48,340,000, and for 1837-8 was £45,808,000, showing a difference between the two years of £2,532,000. Among the additional expenses of the year, are included £750,000 to provide for the interest of the West India Loan. The Canada item is also a large one. The Bills drawn, he said, and which would be due in the months of January, February, March, April, May and June, in consequence of the nature of the circumstances which had occurred in the two provinces, amounted to £467,546. There were further bills to the extent of £73,000. In addition to these there was a sum to be repaid to the commissariat, amounting to £100,000, and there had been dollars remitted to Canada from Vera Cruz to the value of £108,000, making a total of £680,000 to be provided for Canada. The expenditure for the year preceding had been £205,000.

In the course of the discussion, Mr. Spring Rice admitted the deficit of the revenue would be from £200,000 to £500,000. The House made an estimate, which inferred from Mr. Rice's statements, that the Canada expenses would be a MILLION STERLING.

In the House of Commons, Mr. O'Connell has given notice of a motion for leave to bring in a Bill for the immediate abolition of female apprenticeship in the West India Colonies.

The London Gazette contains the following:—"Notice is hereby given, it is the particular desire of the Queen, that all ladies attending her Majesty's Drawing-rooms should appear in dresses of British manufacture."

The merchants, bankers, and ship owners of London, connected with the North American Colonies, had invited Sir F. B. Head to dinner on the 6th of June, at Freemason's Hall, "to be given in honor of the noble conduct of our Canadian brethren in preserving the Colony to Great Britain."

PRINCE TALLEYRAND.—This veteran diplomatist died at Paris on the 17th May, aged 87 years.

The blockade of the port of Buenos Ayres by a French squadron, continued up the 14th April.

STEAMER WIND.—The Sirius, Steam Ship, sailed from the Cove of Cork on the 4th of April, and the George Washington, packet-ship, from Liverpool on the 26th of March, for New York. The ship reached that city on the 22d and the steamer on the 23d April; a difference (striking off two days for the distance between Liverpool and Cork) of 7 days only in favor of steam. The packet-ship South America, which sailed from Liverpool on the 3d of April, and was passed by the Great Western on the 9th, reached New York on the 2d of May; the Sirius coasting her (after deducting the allowance of 2 days) by nine and the Great Western by thirteen days. The packet-ship United States sailed from Liverpool on the 8th of April and reached New York on the 6th of May; giving a somewhat similar advantage to steam over wind in transatlantic navigation.

The packet-ships North American and Sildons, which sailed in company with the Sirius, reached Liverpool on Thursday morning, in 23 days from New York. The steamer, it will be recollected, arrived at Falmouth on Saturday evening, and it would have taken her another day to reach this port. So that the advantage of steam against wind amounted, in the case of the Sirius, to only 4 days; in the case of the Great Western, however, which sailed six days afterwards, it amounted to seven, or one-third of the average time of the passage of sailing vessels to the eastward.

The average passages of the packet-ships to the westward have occupied about 31, to the eastward, 21 days, the Great Western did both passages in 30. So that, by means of steam, three clear weeks will be gained in the voyage to and from New York; an important gain, which may reasonably be expected prodigiously to increase the number of travellers between the old and the new world.—Liverpool Advertiser.

The new steam ship British Queen was launched on the 24th May, the birthday of Queen Victoria, and was afterwards visited by immense multitudes. She is to be commanded by Lieut. Roberts, late of the Sirius.—The building of another ship, called the President, has been contracted for by the Company.

The Company have also invited contracts for building three vessels of greater size and capacity than the British Queen—one for the London and two for the Liverpool trade. Those for the Liverpool trade are intended to carry from fifteen hundred to two thousand bales of cotton.

The Liverpool people have also their projects of navigating the Atlantic by steam. Sir John Tobin's steamer, the Liverpool, is expected to be ready by the first of October; and in the mean time, some of the vessels of the Dublin and St. George's Companies are to be chartered and dispatched across the Atlantic.

Dimensions of the British Queen.—Extreme length from figure head to transom, 275 feet; length on upper deck, 245 feet; length of keel, 223 feet; breadth within paddle boxes, 40 ft. 6 ins.; breadth, including paddle boxes, 64 ft.; depth, 27 feet; tonnage, 1862 tons; power of engines, 500 horse; diameter of cylinders, 77 1/2 inches; length of stroke, 7 feet; diameter of paddle wheels, 30 feet; estimated weight of engines, boilers and water, 500 tons; ditto of coals for 20 days' consumption, 600 tons; ditto of cargo, 500 tons; draft of water with the above weight and store, 16 feet.

ARRIVAL OF THE GREAT WESTERN.—During her voyage home she encountered head winds nine days out of the fifteen, and on one occasion a severe gale, yet she accomplished seven and a half knots during its greatest severity, with the wind directly in her teeth, and completed her voyage to King-road in 14 days and 7 1/2 hours, her engine averaging from 17 to 19 strokes a minute, and with a consumption of less than a ton of coal per hour.—British paper.

FATAL RIOT NEAR CANTERBURY. TEN LIVES LOST AND SEVERAL PERSONS DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED.

The following particulars are derived from various sources; there are several repetitions in the details, and some trifling contradictions, but we give the whole that has reached us of this melancholy affair up to the time of our going to press.

It will be recollected that a person representing himself as Sir William Courtenay was tried at Maidstone Assizes some years since for perjury. He was found guilty, and sentenced to seven years transportation; but some doubts having afterwards arisen as to his sanity, the sentence was commuted to confinement in the lunatic asylum at Barming Heath, where he remained about three years.

Subsequently it was thought that he might with safety be liberated, since when he has been living with Mr. Francis at Boughton, until within a week ago, when he left that gentleman's residence, and for the last few days has been living amongst the peasantry, gaining subsistence at several houses, in return for which he made long and inflammatory speeches to the mob of the neighbourhood, and promised them that if they would follow his advice they should have good living and large estates, as he had great influence at Court, and was to sit on her Majesty's right hand on the day of the coronation. These harangues rendered him very popular and he summoned a large assembly to meet him on Wednesday, at Bleanwood, about four miles from Canterbury. This came to the ears of the local magistrates, and yesterday morning the Rev. Dr. Poore, of Sittingbourne, and Gen. Goslin, of Ospringe, sent three constables to notice the proceedings and if necessary to arrest Courtenay. On their arrival they found an assemblage of about 100 people under great excitement, when one of the constables, named Myers, went up with the intention of arresting Courtenay, but the latter immediately fired a pistol at him, the ball of which entered the back of the unfortunate man, and immediately after stabbed his victim with a dagger, which caused immediate death.

The two other constables, seeing that it would be madness for them to interfere against so large a gang, immediately rode back to the magistrates and mentioned the facts when a despatch was forwarded to Mr. Halford and Mr. Haddock, of Pettam, requesting them to send a detachment of the 45th regiment (then stationed in the town) to Bleanwood. The request was immediately complied with, and two companies were despatched in carriages and vehicles of various descriptions. On their arrival at the scene of bloodshed the magistrates entreated the people to disperse, and on their positive refusal the Riot Act was read. Lieut. Bennett, by order of the commanding officer, went to where Courtenay was, in order to arrest him, when the latter fired a pistol, and the officer in a moment lay dead at his feet. The soldiers, on seeing their officer fall, immediately attacked Courtenay with their bayonets, and killed him on the spot. This caused a general affray with the mob, who assaulted the military with sticks, &c. and the result was, that 11 of the ringleaders were killed, and many were severely wounded, amongst whom we regret to say there were some Canterbury people who were attracted to the spot by curiosity. Several of the rioters were arrested, and when our informant left Canterbury the greatest excitement prevailed in the town.

It affords us much satisfaction to be enabled to state, that the long account of the wreck of a transport, which we copied on Saturday from a Sunderland paper, is utterly destitute of truth. Some "Penny-a-liner" probably, whose imaginative powers exceed his feelings of probity, earned a few miserable shillings by the fabrication. The London Morning Herald of the 24th ultimo, on this subject, says:—"It is with great satisfaction we are enabled to announce that the statement which has appeared in a Sunderland paper relative to the loss of a transport, under the head of 'awful shipwreck,' is entirely destitute of truth, as, in inquiry we have found that there is no such vessel as the Margaret of Newry, employed in the transport service, and furthermore, we understand there is none of that name on Lloyd's Books."

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"The number of Students has remained nearly the same; and, although some have not given all their instructors the degree of attention which could be regarded as satisfactory, in certain departments all may be said to have done well. I would trust that in general real improvement has been made, which may be expected to advance with accelerated progress in future Terms."

The Students in recent attendance at the College have been:—Bachelors of Arts, keeping Term for higher degrees, four; Undergraduates, seventeen. The names of the Undergraduates entitled to the highest distinction for Classical proficiency were:—in the first class, G. M. Robinson; in the second W. B. Chandler; in the third, H. N. DeVeber, and E. J. Jacob. For proficiency in the corresponding three classes of the Mathematical department, G. M. Robinson, W. B. Chandler, and J. R. Jacob; and for excellence in written exercises, E. Wilmot. In Chemistry, for general proficiency, G. M. Robinson; and, for the most correct notes of the Chemical Lectures, W. Shore. The same names which obtained distinction in the Classical and Mathematical departments, with the addition of E. W. Harvey, appeared to have best deserved creditable mention from the Professor of Divinity, and Metaphysics.

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