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PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

Bank of British North America.
FREDERICTON BRANCH.

GEORGE TAYLOR, Esq.—MANAGER.

DISCOUNT DAYS, *Wednesday and Saturday.*

Bills intended for Discount must be left at the Office on Tuesdays and Fridays.

N. B.—The NOTES of this Branch are redeemed *at par*, at all the Branches and Agencies of the *Bank of British North America* in CANADA.

Central Bank of New Brunswick.

W. J. BEDELL, - - - *President.*
SAM. W. BABBIT, - - *Cashier.*

DISCOUNT DAYS, *Tuesdays and Fridays.*

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☞ The NOTES of this Bank are redeemed at the CITY BANK, Quebec, at par.

Central Fire Insurance Company of N. Brunswick
MONTHLY COMMITTEES.

DIRCTORS FOR FEBRUARY 1846:—*John S. Coy, and Thomas Stewart.*

Protection Insurance Company,
HARTFORD, CONNETICUT.

F. W. HATHEWAY, AGENT, *Fredericton*

CLOTHS, &c.,

The Subscribers intend to keep a good Stock of Cloths, and other Merchandise on hand, for Sale, and now offer to the Public:

WOOL and piece dyed black, Invisible Green, Oxford Mixed, Mulberry, Steel mixed, Olive, Green, Scarlet, Blue and Brown Superfine BROAD CLOTHS;
One piece 7-4 drab Devonshire KERSEY;
Diamond, figured, Invisible Green, Olive Beaverled CLOTHS;
Grey mixed, brown, blue, drab, and Rifle green Beaver Cloths;
Blue and drab Pilot Cloths, from 3s. to 12s. 6d. per yard, blue and drab Flushings;
Wool and piece black, blue, drab, grey, oxford mixed, and plaided Cassimeres;
Drab, blue, black, green, brown, and oxford mixed Kerseys;
Black, fancy striped and corded Doeskins;
Mixed and all wool Tweeds;
Satinetts and Cassinetts;
15 pieces all wool and mixed Cloakings;
Red, white, yellow, Saxony and Salisbury Flannels;
Red, white and green Serges; Coburgh Cloths;
Cashmeres; Orleans; Alpacas;
Merinoes, Satin, Paisley Cashmere, Thibet and woolen Shawls;
Scotch, Kidderminster, and Stair Carpetings;
Fancy printed Druggets; crumb Cloths;
Baizes; Blankets; Hearth Rugs;
Ready made WINTER CLOTHING;
Gentlemens' fine Satin and Fur Hats; Fur Caps;
MUFFS and BOAS; with an extensive variety of

COTTON AND LINEN GOODS,

Large assortments of Hardware and Earthenware,

American Live Geese Feathers,

American Superfine Genesee and Scratch FLOUR, (from new Wheat;) Corn Meal; Rye Flour; American Pork; Shad and Herrings; Teas, Sugars, and other *Groceries.*

Paints, Oil, Spirits Turpentine, Varnish, Lamp Oils; Glass, Putty; Pine Tar, Pitch, Rosin. About 300 pieces best quality Grindstone, &c., &c.

GAYNOR & THOMPSON

Fredericton, Nov. 1, 1845.

MORE WINTER GOODS.

JUST received per Ships "*Marshal Bennet,*" from London, and "*Caledonia*" from Liverpool, an additional supply of

Gents' Superfine black & blue Frock COATS,
do. Pilot Cloth, Chesterfield Coats,
do. strong Pea Coats,
do. do. Extra Monkeys,
do. do. Pantaloons, (assorted qualities,)
do. black Cloth do. do. do. do.,
do. do. Vests, double & single breasted,
Boys' Coats, Pants, and Vests, in variety,
do. blue Cloth Jackets, in do.,

ALSO,—A lot of Gents' Cloth Over Shoes,
do. Ladies' Carpet Slippers,
do. do. Seal Ties and Slips,
do. Childrens' Seal Ancle Ties,
do. do. coloured do.,
do. Womens' Webb Slippers.

ON HAND,—A good lot of Blankets, Counterpanes, &c.,
do. Canada Close Stoves,
do. Stovepipes, 5, 6, & 7 inches,
Sheet Iron, for making Stovepipes, with rivets;
Tin Plates, DX, DC, IX, IC; Iron Wire;
Horse Clothing, and Horse Blankets,
Carpeting, Drugget and Crumb Cloth,
Scarlet and green Baize, hearth Ruggs,
A good lot of red and white Flannel,
Scarlet, blue, & crimson Moreen, & Fringe to match;
A good lot of white and grey Cotton,
Woolen Scarfs, Shawls, and Handkerchiefs,
do. Cloaking, and Union ditto,
Coburg Cloths, Orleans, and Galls Plaids,
Plain and figured Satins, all colours.
Pure Satin—black, claret, crimson, and purple;
Silks—black, white, and coloured;
Silk Velvets—black, green, claret, blue, and plaid;
Satin and Lutestring Ribbons, in variety;
Plain and figured Persians, all colours;
Scarlet and black Silk Serges,
Gimps, Fringes, Gloves, and Hosiery,
Black, white, and green Crape,
Black, green and blue Braze,
Ladies' sewed Muslin Caps, Collars, and Habit Shirts,
Infants' sewed fancy Caps
Blonds, Quillings, Cap Lace and Borderings.

HARDWARE.

An extensive assortment of wrought and cut Nails, Spikes, Brads and Tacks, Cast Steel, Blistered Steel, and Iron, assorted; Pots, Bake Kettles, Tea Kettles and Saucepans, assorted; Knives, Forks, Scissors, Carvers, Steels; Locks, Latches, Hinges and Screws, all sizes; Carpenters' Tools, Shoemakers' Tools.

A good assortment of Brass Ware;
do. do. Glass do.;
do. do. Earthenware.

Loaf and crushed Sugar, Teas, Coffee, and other Groceries; Pickled Herrings, Codfish, Rye Flour, and a number of other articles, all offered for Sale at the lowest prices by

ROBERT CHESTNUT.

Fredericton, Dec. 16, 1845.

HEALTH & COMFORT.

THE Subscriber has just received a superior lot of Ladies' and Gents' over Boots and Shoes, which are warranted to keep the feet dry and warm in the Winter season.

ALSO, Ladies' fine Cloth Boots, Carpet Slips.; Kidd and Satin Opera Slips.; House Slips.; &c.

Girls' Cloth Boots, and over Boots, with a first rate assortment of Shoes and Slippers;

Boys' Boots, Bootees, Buskins, Pumps, and Slippers;

Gents' Fancy Dress Boots and Shoes of every description, with a first rate assortment of every article in the trade.

S. K. FOSTER.

Fredericton, Dec. 17, 1845.

FREDERICTON BOOK STORE.

Just Received per SHIP ROBERTSON, *a large assortment of* STATIONERY, *which is the remaining part of the Subscriber's fall stock, among which are the following articles:—*

PAPER.

Medium, Demy, Foolscap, Post, Pot and Note, ruled; Plain, Gilt Edged, Black, Blue, Pink, Border, Copying Post; Letter Paper, ruled three sides, Tissue Paper; White and Coloured Blotting, Music, Rice, Marble, Drawing, Catridge and Wrapping *PAPERS.*

BOOKS.

A large assortment of School Books, such as are in general use throughout the Province; Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books, Hymn Books, Music Books, Flute and Violin Instructors, Ladies' ALBUMS and Scrap Books, beautifully bound embossed and gilt; with a large assortment of Religious, Literary, Historical, Scientific and Juvenile Books.

BLANK BOOKS.

Ledgers, Journals, Day, Cash, Letter and Invoice Books; Copying, Receipt and Bill Books; Quire Books, Ruled, Faint, and Red and Faint; Memorandum Books.

ALSO—Envelopes, Official; ditto assorted sizes; Plain Black and Pink bordered CARD BOARDS; White and Coloured, plain, peforated ditto; *CARDS*, Visiting and Business, Plain, Enamelled, Black Edged, Black Bordered and Fancy Peforated; *WAFERS*, Red, Black, Initial, Gold and Motto; Sealing WAX, Red and Black; *QUILLS*, a large assortment; *INKSTANDS*, Ebony, Bronze, Pewter, Glass, Fountain and Cut Glass with screw top; PARCHMENT, Prepared 28x32 24x28 20x24; Shoemaker's Binding SKINS, Roan Skins, assorted do for Findings; *WRITING INKS* of the very best quality, (P. & J.) Arnold's Writing Fluid, Copying and Steel Pen Inks, INK POWDERS; STEEL PENS, a large assortment of the best quality, Steel Pen Holders, LEAD PENCILS, Airey's and Morden's best drawing, Common ditto; Water Colours, Rulers, Mathematical Instruments, Gunter Scales, Compasses; Pocket, Desk, and Erasing KNIVES; Scissers, Razors and Strops, Tapar Stands, Wax Tapers, Silver Pencil Cases, Leads for ditto, Hair, Cloth, Tooth and Nail BRUSHES; Came Hair Brushes, Dressing COMBS, Tortoise Shell Side Combs, Card Cases, Ladies' Companions, Work Boxes, Writing Desks, Gent's DRESSING CASES, Leather and Rose Wood, Brass bound and furnished Portfolios, with and without Locks, Tablets, Letter Clips, Pocket Books, Fancy Soap and Perfumery, Flutes and Fife, Violin Strings, Pink Tape, Silk Register, India Rubber, Slates and Pencils with a variety of other articles not enumerated above.

☞ Books of every description bound to order; and Copper Plate Card Printing executed at moderate charges.

ALSO, A FEW SPLENDID ENGRAVINGS.

HENRY S. BEEK,
Queen Stree

Fredericton, Nov. 19, 1845.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
FREDERICTON BOOK STORE.

JUST RECEIVED, and for Sale, a large assortment of **PIANO FORTE MUSIC,** and the **Boston Academy of Church Music.**

THE NATIONAL ATLAS, of Historical, Commercial, and Political Geography, constructed from the most secent and authentic sources, by Alexander Kieth Johnston, F. R. G. S. accompanied by Maps and Illustrations of the Physical Geography of the Globe, by Dr. Heinrich Berghaus, and an Ethnographic Map of Europe, by Dr. Custaf Kombst.

H. S. BEEK.

Queen Street, Nov. 19, 1845.

FLOUR, TOBACCO, &c.

Received this day, per schr. "*Woodlands.*" from Boston:—

110 BARRELS Ohio Superfine FLOUR; 110 do. Genessee do. do.
22 boxes Cavendish TOBACCO 8's & 16's.
3 cases best quality do.; 25 barrels Onions;

J. R. CRANE.

St. John, December, 26, 1845.

UPPER LEATHER.

A LARGE quantity of a superior description for Sale by

WILLIAM F. BARKER.

Fredericton, Dec. 17, 1845.

DRY GOODS, HARDWARE, &c.

THE Subscriber has on haad a large Stock of *DRY GOODS*, which with an assortment of *Hardware, Groceries* and *Provisions*, will be sold low for Cash or Country Produce.

F. W. HATHEWAY,
Corner of Queen and Regent Streets.

Fredericton, January 21, 1846.

N. B.—Constantly on hand;—Rowland's Improved Philadelphia MILL SAWS.

Received per late Arrivals.

BRANDY, Geneva, Demerara Rum and small Still Whiskey, of superior quality, prices low. ALSO, Oils, Teas, and a general stock of Groceries. Hotel Keepers supplied on reasonable terms.

ALSO—For Sale, Whip Thongs Jockey, Sleigh, Parsee, and Cart Whips.

ALSO.—Buckles, Brushes, Curry Combs, Webs and a quantity of Carpet Bags.

The Subscribers have also a Superior fixture Thrashing Machine—was imported at a heavy expense some time since—and which they will now dispose of at a low rate. It can be seen at William D. Nash's Esquire, Poquiock. Terms Liberal.

W. H. KENDALL & NASH.

P. S.—Always on hand a large Consignment of Patent and Vegetible Medicines, such as are usually required.

Fredericton, December, 10 1845.

NOTICE.

MESSRS. James Taylor, Senr. & Company, having assigned all their real and personal Estate, Debts and Effects of every nature and description to the Subscribers, notice is hereby given to all persons having any property of the said Estate in their hands or under their control, to deliver to and account for the same, with the Subscribers or with James or John F. Taylor, at Fredericton, who have been employed by the Subscribers, under the provision of the said Deed, to assist us in the management of said Estate; and we hereby notify all Debtors of said Estate to make immediate payment of the Debts due to them, to some or one of us, or to the said James or John F. Taylor, at the office of the Trustees, being the office lately occupied by Messrs. James Taylor, Senr. & Co., in Fredericton, and if immediate payments or satisfactory arrangements are not made by the Debtors, respectively, without delay, all matters unarranged will, without distinction, be placed in the hands of an Attorney for collection.

(Signed) A. SMITHERS.
JOHN POLLOK.
WM. A. McLEAN.
BENJ'N WOLHAUPTER.

Fredericton, Sept. 24, 1845

Administration Notice.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of William Franks, late of the City of Fredericton, County of York, Tailor, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested, within three months from the date hereof, and all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make *immediate* payment to

ELIZABETH FRANKS,
Sole Administratrix.

Fredericton, January 24, 1846.

N. B.—The Widow Franks and her daughter, would respectfully intimate, that they intend continuing the Tailoring Business at their residence near the Baptist Chapel, and they hope for the kind favors of their friends and a sympathizing Public.

King's College Hebdomadary.
FOR LENT TERM.

Beginning on Thursday, January 8, 1846.

DIVINITY, with the original languages of the Holy Scriptures, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. MORAL PHILOSOPHY, on Friday, } at 9 A. M.

CLASSICAL LITERATURE, viz:
Thucydides, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday,
Cicero *de Finibus*, on Tuesday and Thursday, } at 10 A. M.

Aristotle's Rhetoric, to be followed by the Ethics, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday,
Juvenal, on Tuesday, and Thursday, } at 11 A. M.

Herodotus, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday,
Livy, on Tuesday and Thursday, } at 12.

MATHEMATICAL AND NATURAL PHILOSOPHY, viz:
Elements of Geometry, on Monday Wednesday, and Friday,
Elements of Algebra, on Tuesday and Thursday, } at 10 A. M.

Spherical Trigonometry, with its application to Navigation and Astronomy, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday,
Algebra on Tuesday and Thursday, } at 11 A. M.

Differential Calculus, on Monday and Wednesday,
Mechanics, on Tuesday and Thursday,
Astronomy, on Friday, } at 12.

CHEMISTRY, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, at 1 P. M.

MODERN LANGUAGES. viz:
French, on Monday and Friday,
Italian, Spanish, and German, by special appointment. } at 2 P. M.

COMPOSITION, in English and Latin.

The subjects to be proposed on Saturday, at 10 A. M. and the Exercises delivered on the following Friday.

E. JACOB, *Vice-President.*

Landed Property.

FOR SALE,
Or to let from the first of May next.

THE Dwelling HOUSE and Premices in *King Street* lately owned by John Fradsham, and now in the occupation of W. H. Kendall. Apply to William Jarvis Esquire, Saint John, or at the Office of the subscriber, in Fredericton.

E. H. WILMOT.

Fredericton, February, 7, 1846.—tf.

TO LET.

THAT HOUSE and Premises in King Street, Fredericton, owned by the Rev. Dr. Sommervill, and now occupied by Messrs. Clarke & Estabrooks. Possession given on 1st May, 1846. Apply to

ROBERT GOWAN.

Fredericton, February 4, 1846.—tf.

COTTAGE FOR SALE,
or to let for a term of years.

THE subscriber offers for sale, or to let for a term of years, the new and thoroughly finished COTTAGE, situated on the corner of *Charlotte & Regent Streets*, lately occupied by CAPTAIN WILLIAMSON, of the 33rd Regt. There is on the premises an excellent Stable and other Out Houses, a good Garden, a superior Well of WATER, and other conveniences. It is seldom that a Property possessing so many advantages has been offered for sale in this City. For further particulars apply to the Subscriber.

J. WILLOX.

Fredericton, Jan. 21, 1846.

FOR SALE.

THE House and Premises on the corner of Brunswick and Westmorland Streets, in which the subscriber now resides. Possession will be given at any time it may be required. For particulars apply to.

JAMES P. A. PHILLIPS.

Fredericton, Dec. 10, 1845.

FOR SALE.

THE House and premises at the upper end of the City of Fredericton, and now in occupation of Mr. William Everitt, Tavern Keeper. Apply to

G. F. H. MINCHIN.

January 26, 1846.

FOR SALE OR TO LET.

THE House and premises in Brunswick Street, recently occupied by Capt. Poulden, Royal Artillery Apply to

ASA COY.

Fredericton, Sept. 30, 1845.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

THAT valuable and finely situated Block of LAND, in the City of Fredericton, between the Church Square and the Province Hall, having thereon, besides small building a large comfortable and conveniently arranged dwelling house, formerly the residence of the late Peter Frazer, Esq. If not sold by private sale before Tuesday the 9th day of June next, it will then be offered at Public Aubtion in five separate lots. A plan of the premises may be seen on application at the Office of D. Ledlow Robinson, Esq.

B. ROBINSON,
Executor to the Estate of the late Peter Frazer, Esq.

Fredericton, Jan. 15, 1846.

Valuable Freehold Property For Sale.

THAT valuable property on which Mr. S. B. Smith now resides, situate on the Madam Keswick Stream in the Parish of Douglas, formerly owned by Jonathan Sisson, containing 500 acres, more or less.

There are from 50 to 60 acres of good intervale on the place, the upland is of a good quality, and well covered with a mixture of hard and soft wood, and a large quantity of valuable spruce lumber suitable for deal logs. There are from 60 to 70 acres cleared and under fence, the Hay annually cut amounts to about 35 to 40 tons. There is also a large extent of tillage and pasture land, a good House, two Barns, shed and out buildings, and every convenience for a farmer.

The property will be sold at a reasonable price, and payments made easy.

Any person desirous of becoming a purchaser would find it worth his while to look at and examine the premises. For further particulars Enquire of

W. J. BEDELL.

Fredericton, January 27, 1846.

EARTHENWARE.

Landing this day ex "Schoodiac" from Liverpool:
62 CRATES of well assorted *EARTHENWARE*, expressly for country trade.

J. R. CRANE.

St. John, Oct. 3.

Bank of British North America.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE Court of Directors hereby give Notice, that a Half-Yearly Dividend, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, on the Capital of the Bank, will become payable to the Proprietors of Shares registered in the Colonies, on and after the 5th day of March, 1846, during the usual hours of business, at the several Branch Banks, as announced by Circular to the respective parties.

The Dividend is declared in Sterling money, and will be payable at the rate of Exchange current, on the 5th day of March, 1846, to be fixed by the Local Boards.

No Transfers can be made between the 16th of February and the 5th of March, as the Books must be closed during that period.

By Order of the Court
(Signed) G. DEB. ATTWOOD,
Secretary.

Central Bank of New Brunswick.

THE Annual Meeting of the Stockolders of this Bank will be holden at the Banking House on Monday the 2nd March next, to commence at twelve o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing nine Directors to serve for the ensuing year, pursuable to the act of incorporation, and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before it.

W. J. BEDELL,
President.

Fredericton, Jan. 31, 1845.

NOTICE.

THE Annual Meeting of the Sockholders of the New Brunswick Steam Boat Company, will be holden in Fredericton, on Wednesday the 25th day of February next, in Mr. Minchin's Brick Building, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing a Committee for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought forward, agreably to the Deed of settlement.

F. W. HATHEWAY.
Chairman.

Fredericton, Jan. 26, 1846.

In the matter of the Estate of James E. Perley

TO be Sold on Saturday, the twenty-eighth day of February instant, at the hour of noon, at the Office of B. W. HAMMOND, Esquire, in Fredericton, all the remaining outstanding Debts due the said Estate, and all the interest of the Creditors therein.

GEO. LAYWARD,
JAMES HALE, } *Trustees.*
B. W. HAMMOND.

Fredericton, Feb. 4, 1846.

LITERATURE.

THE MEDICAL STUDENT.

So Miss Edwards is going to marry.
And they say it's a capital match;
But I know quite enough of the party,
To affirm it not much of a catch.

They say he's a medical man,
How people their friends will miscall;
For as yet he is only a student,
And has passed neither College nor Hall.

Yes, indeed, he's a medical student,
And wears such a horrid rough coat,
Fill'd up with those black wooden buttons,
Which fasten quite up to the throat.

Then his hat cost about four and nine,
With a brim very broad and quite flat;
What a pity that medical students,
Are so fond of a Gossamer Hat.

He goes up to the Hall in the Summer,
And so he's beginning to read;
But he don't like the practice of Physic,
And thinks Botany foolish indeed.

He says the old saying's quite true,
Which all of you doubtless have known,
That Hydrogen means in and water,
And Oxygen pure gin alone.

And after he's past all his trials,
He still from his lady must roam,
For you know that a medical man,
Can scarce get a moment at home.

So Girls if you'll take my advice,
You'll never repent of the plan,
However hard up for an offer,
Never marry a medical man.

TOM ROWLER'S REVENGE.

We were in south latitude twenty degrees west, longitude ten degrees eighteen minutes, on our passage from the cape down to St. Helena; the ship was dashing the spray before her, going through the water at the rate of ten knots, the wind was just abaft the beam and hardly enough of it to make a spar crack; every stitch of drawing canvas was set—not a gore of it fluttered—she looked beautiful as the breeze brought her topside down to the kiss of the larboard waves and the lee rigging slackened up to the bellies of the white sails till I could almost imagine, like Byron, that I was carried away by "a thing of life." A sailor can never call his ship it. She is the only pronoun which he could apply to his "bonnie bark." She is a sort of a sweetheart to him.

The captain stood on the quarter, exulting at his well-rigged clipper; his eyes sparkled again as the spray broke over the rough-tree rail, and the long wake of eddies foamed abaft us. Really it was a scene which made one's soul glad.

"Something on the starboard bow!" baweld out Sam Staysail, with the voice of a stentor. He was keeping a look out on the forecastle. Sam's voice was of amazing volume and force and every thing being as quiet as a mummy depot in one of the pyramids when he hailed us with his right hand to his lips for a speaking-trumpet, it startled us as much as if old Neptune had paid us a visit, and saluted us in the mild and subdued tone for which his god-ship is proverbial.

"Helm starboard!" exclaimed the captain to the man at the wheel. She answered her helm immediately. The braces and sheets were handled, the sails shivered and the good ship hove to "in the twinkling of a marlinspike," as one of the crew said, on observing the adroitness with which the evolution had just been performed. "Lower away the boat, with a couple of hands in her," ordered the captain. The davits instantly seemed animated, two men were in the boat, and the davit falls running through the blocks in less time than is generally accomplished in taking a pinch of snuff. I took a telescope, and standing against the poop, on the starboard side, endeavoured to descry the object which had been the cause of stopping us. I quickly discovered something rising and falling with the wave, and approaching the ship. It was not a boat. As it neared us, I could perceive something alive on it. The living thing was a man, and he waved something in his hand. I soon discovered that it was a hen-coop, on which the wretch floated.

"Good heaven!" I thought, "nothing but the wide Atlantic, and wider heaven for this poor creature to gaze upon, and a hencoop the only thing of this world to which he clings to prevent him from perishing; nay, more the hencoop his only basis in this desert of waters, and even on that he seems but the prisoner of Death, who, instead of dispaching him with a stroke of his dart, is gloating himself like a truculent tyrant, by gradually tarnishing his poor victim ere he devours him!" I thought of many of the horrors of shipwreck which I had heard of, and my blood seemed to curdle in my veins. All the passengers came upon deck—among them was a captain of a man-of-war, who had been picked up by a vessel that we had fallen in with, his own ship having foundered under most mysterious circumstances; this gentleman was going to England in our vessel as a passenger. He had described the horrors which he had endured previous to being picked up, and the whole of his direful story rushed vividly on my mind as I gazed upon the wretch who, with the instinctive love of life, (the great boon of heaven to suffering wretches) clung to two or three deal boards, rather than close his miseries by sinking into eternity. The men in the boat soon removed him from his perilous situation. I could perceive, as they pulled him into our boat, that he was too weak to stand.

They laid him down carefully in the stern-sheet of the boat, and pulled towards the ship. They soon came alongside, and ropes being handed down the tars kindly put their jackets round the poor fellow, and under his armpits, and we slowly hoisted him up to the gangway, and pulled him on board upon deck. Famine had battened like a vulter upon his living flesh. He was a mere animated skeleton. His eyes glared from the recess of their sockets, his cheek bones protruded almost through his yellow skin, his lips were blue, his beard was long, and added to the hideousness of his ghastly phisiognomy.

"Water! water!" he exclaimed; opening more widely his eyelashes, the pupils of his eyes dilating at the same time; for heaven's sake, water!"

His lips seemed rigid as he opened them to utter the supplication, and his lungs groaned, as it were, with convulsion, as he inhaled the air which was expelled from them in articulating it. We took him under the awning of the quarter deck. A little water in a piggin was brought to him. O heaven! I had no conception of what thirst is, till that moment. His limbs quivered as the precious, pure fluid touched his lips. And oh, the expression, the horrible expression of gratification that distorted his hardly human features, as his parched mouth and throat were cooled by the delicious draught! Every restorative that could be thought of, and obtained on board the vessel, was administered to the sufferer, and at length sleep, nature's soft restorer, kindly shed her influence over him. He slept for two hours. When he awoke, I was seated alone by his side. He looked wildly around.

"What—where—who—where am I?" he incoherently exclaimed "Is this a ship? that the face of heaven? O God!" he shut his eyes, and seemed absorbed in mental prayer for a few moments.

I took his hand, and with as much kindness as possible, asked him if he wanted anything, or if I could do anything for him. He grasped my hand tight in his hard but attenuated fingers.

"You are not a fiend!" I replied "a friend who wishes to serve you."

He grasped my hand still tighter and pressed it to his bosom. I saw a tear roll down his lank cheek. The steward of the vessel, passing at the moment, I sent him for a shirt of mine, and two or three articles of dress, enough to cover humanity in these tropical regions. The steward brought them. I had given my patient a little wine and water, and sopped a piece of bread in it, which with much difficulty he swallowed. I lifted him up on my arm, the moisture had evaporated from his garments, and left the salt crystals in every fold. I, with much difficulty, stripped him; his back had evidently been lacerated by that accursed instrument the cat-o-nine-tails.

"Is your back painful?" I inquired.

He shook his head in an agony, and replied "It is, sir, very, very painful."

I concluded that he had been flogged for some act of criminality, and that any allusion to his flaggellation would most likely cause a bitter augmentation of his sufferings. After I had clad him comfortably, and put him into my own cot, he seized my hand, and kissing it said, "I fear, sir, I am not long here."

I cheered him, and told him that I could see he was an Englishman, and that I hoped, in a few weeks, he would see the white cliffs and green fields of his native land.

"Never! Never!" he responded with a sigh; "I have seen my poor father, who died when I was a boy, and fiends were lashing me with scorpions. You drove them away——." I was afraid he was becoming delirious, and therefore stopped him. I assured him he had slept and dreamed of these things.

"No! no! no!" he ejaculated quickly, "I know they will seize me!"

I endeavoured to tranquilize him. He seemed grateful for my kindness, repeatedly pressed my hand to his lips and wept. At length he said—"Oh, sir my hour is come—I am a murderer!"

"Providence" I exclaimed "how mysterious are thy dispensations. A murderer thus rescued from the oblivious grave of the unfathomable deep, to confess his crime, and, perhaps, expiate it on a gallows in the country of his birth!" I involuntarily shrunk from him, and would have stood at a distance, but he would not let go my hand.

"Sit down," he said in an agony; sit down—I will tell you all."

I sat down, my mind at the same time experiencing a conflict between horror and curiosity, which it would require a more graphic pen than mine to describe.

"I am a dying murderer," he groaned, and seemed unable to proceed, "Oh, sir!" he added, "do not look at me in pity, but promise me you will not divulge my story." I promised him that I would not.

"But why not?" he said," I shall be in the deep!" He paused—a conflict of the most agonizing description was evidently passing in his breast. He turned to me, and seizing me by the arm with his left hand—his right hand at the same time squeezing mine—appeared as if he had concentrated all the energy which his suffering had left him.

"I am a murderer, a dying murderer—but heaven—no, no, it was *revenge*—never, never." I besought him to be calm, and assured him that the gates of heaven were shut only against the finally impenitent. He wept. He then proceeded—"Oh, sir, I have been the means of sending hundreds of my fellow-creatures to their account before their time!"

He shuddered as he uttered this, and fixing his eye on vacuity, his lips quivered, his tongue moved, but he uttered not a word. I thought he communed with the Almighty Parent of universal humanity and I dropped on my knees, and besought my God of his infinite mercy to pardon him.

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