

The following is a more particular account than what has before appeared.

CATSKILL, Sept. 21.

Horrid Murder and Suicide.

A gentleman from Hurley, near Kingston, Ulster county, has given us the following narrative of one of the most shocking and tragical catastrophes, which took place yesterday se'night, that ever blackened the catalogue of human events.—The wife of Mr. Josiah Deo, of a place called the Paltz, about 2 miles from Hurley, a woman of exemplary character, as to piety, modesty and sensibility, rose in the morning, and went about the ordinary business of her family, getting breakfast, &c. with all her apparent cheerfulness and composure. After breakfast, she contrived to send out all her family, excepting three children which she had designed for destruction, viz.—a boy about nine years old, a girl about seven, (both of whom were children by a former husband, by the name of Zachariah Huffman) an infant daughter about nine months old, which she had since her last marriage. Her husband she had persuaded to go to a corn field at some distance, to see if there were not creatures in mischief—a daughter of Mr. Deo, by a former wife a young woman, she sent home with two children, who had slept at her house the night previous, and who belonged to Mr. Deo's sister, living in the neighbourhood—a lad, also a son of Mr. Deo, by his first wife, she told to go to a hatter's about a quarter of a mile distant to get a hat, and to take with him a child between two and three years old, which, with the infant above-mentioned, were the only two she had had by Mr. Deo. Having thus arranged the family, she told the boy, one of the victims of her delusion, that he might go with some boys who were at play near by, while she combed his sister's head, but not go out of call, as she would comb his head also in a few moments.—She then took the girl into a back room which she had darkened for the purpose, by letting down the window curtains, and with a razor cut her throat from ear to ear.—The boy whom she had told to go to the hatter's, in the mean time, instead of going had seated himself on the door-step, with the child, to wait as he says for his brother's head, to be combed, that he might go along with him;—he heard the little girl cry out directly "don't mama," and the mother rather sternly reply "hold your tongue"—some faint struggles ensued, but not enough to alarm him.—The mother then came to the door and called the boy from play, and as soon as he entered, took him to the back room and performed the same operation as upon the girl, though not quite so effectually—the boy at the door heard enough of this transaction, together with the recollection of having seen his mother take a razor from behind a looking glass and place it under an oil cloth upon a table, to frighten him, and he ran down a lane from the house with the child.—He had not ran far before he heard a noise behind him, and on looking round discovered his brother, (who in his struggles had got away from his mother) with the blood spilling from his throat—he passed him a little and then fell down dead. Another (married) daughter of Mr. Deo, who had also been absent on this fatal morning, happened, with her husband to arrive at this moment upon the spot—the husband took up the boy, and perceived he was dead and covered with blood, but did not discover that his throat was cut, till after hastening to the house, where he was witness to the most shocking spectacle; the mother, her little daughter and child, all with their throats cut and weltering in their blood.—A jury of inquest, of which our informant was one, was immediately summoned—their verdict was, MURDER and SUICIDE, with one instrument, a razor.

What could have been the occasion of this melancholy event is totally unaccountable, unless it proceeded from a mistaken religious fanaticism—it is however evident from a number of circumstances, that the act was coolly premeditated:—The daughter who was sent away with the two children, on the Saturday preceding, expressed a wish to be absent at a neighbouring village for two or three days, observing that she had but little to do at home—the mother replied, "You will have enough to do on Monday."—The daughter said she

did not know of any thing particular.—The mother again replied, that it was no matter—she might depend on having enough to do.—It is supposed the alluded to the burying of the dead.—Another circumstance, more striking, occurred after the close of the melancholy scene—the neighbours on examining a chest for linen to lay out the deceased, found in it articles exactly necessary for the purpose parcelled out for each individual, and each parcel laid by itself. Mrs. Deo, was devoutly religious, practicing prayer every night in her family—yet naturally cheerful and placid—apparently happy and contented in her family—was highly esteemed in the neighbourhood, and had never discovered the least trait of insanity.—She was a member of the congregational church, and had partaken of the Sacrament but a week or fortnight before.

THE ADDRESSES
Of the METHODIST MISSIONARIES, in the Leeward Islands in the West-Indies, with the Answers.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable RALPH LORD LAVINGTON, Baron of Lavington, Knight Companion of the most Honourable Order of the Bath, One of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, Captain-General, and Governor in Chief, in and over all his Majesty's Leeward Charibbee Islands in America, Chancellor, Vice-Admiral, and Ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the MISSIONARIES of the People called METHODISTS in the Islands of Saint Christopher and Nevis.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, the said Missionaries, beg leave sincerely to congratulate your Lordship, that our Gracious Sovereign has been pleased to re-appoint you to the high office of Captain-General and Governor in chief in and over the Leeward Charibbee Islands; an event not more honorable to your Lordship, than satisfactory to the inhabitants of these colonies.

We participate in the general felicity—and knowing your Lordship to be a friend to every mode of christian worship which honours Almighty God and promotes the welfare of mankind, we approach your Lordship with confidence, and doubt not of enjoying under your Government that full and liberal toleration in the exercise of our religious functions, which we have hitherto experienced with thankfulness under that of your Lordship's predecessors.

We beg leave at this time also, to profess our sincere affection and unfeigned loyalty towards our Gracious Sovereign's Person and Government, whole life and health may God long preserve: And while we solicit your Lordship's protection, we do it as faithful subjects who feel it their happiness to fear God and honour the King.

We shall not fail to offer up our fervent prayers to him who is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, to impart to your Lordship every blessing, which can render you prosperous in time and happy in eternity.

JOHN BROWNELL,
JOHN TAYLOR,
ROBERT SHIPLEY,
JOSEPH BOCOCK.

His Excellency's Answer.

Reverend Sirs,

YOU are entitled to, and have, my sincere thanks, for the satisfaction which you express at my re-appointment to the command of the Leeward Islands; but I feel myself more particularly obliged to you, for the affection and loyalty, which you mark for the Person and Government of our excellent Sovereign; for the preservation of whose life and health, I most devoutly unite with you, in offering prayers to the Almighty.

I have it in command from his Majesty, to allow, throughout my Government, full liberty of conscience, and the free exercise of all such modes of religious worship as are not prohibited by law. My own private disposition is in perfect unison with the Royal Pleasure upon this subject; and I am persuaded, that your quiet and peaceable enjoyment of this toleration, and your prudent care that Government have, at no time, cause to take offence at your indiscreet exercise of it, will prove you deserving of the protection

which you solicit, and which is extended to you.

Accept my acknowledgments of the prayers which you have the goodness to offer for my personal welfare; and be assured of my cordial wishes for every circumstance and event, which can render you respected in your public functions, and happy in your private lives.

LAVINGTON.

To the Honourable ROBERT THOMSON, Esq. President of the Council, &c. &c. &c.

May it Please your Honour,

WE the Missionaries of the people called Methodists in St Christophers and Nevis, impressed with a sense of gratitude, beg leave to express our thankfulness to Almighty God for those blessings which we have enjoyed under your Honour's Government.

The mildness and equity of your Honour's proceedings, during your late administration, have been already acknowledged by a grateful country, and crowned with success. But the respect and attention which your Honour has ever paid to our Holy Religion, in preserving to its Ministers a full and liberal toleration in the exercise of their Religious Functions, equally deserve the applause of all good men, and cannot fail of being acceptable to our blessed Saviour.

We in particular present your Honour our sincere thanks for having protected and preserved us in our rights and privileges, and request your honour to receive them as the honest effusions of the heart. And have no doubt should we ever stand in need of your advice or assistance, your Honour will readily afford it.

We shall ever pray that Almighty God may preserve your life and health, and continue to your Honour the comforts of that religion which alone can render life pleasant, death happy, and eternity glorious.

We have the honour to be, your Honour's most humble servants,

JOHN BROWNELL,
JOHN TAYLOR,
ROBERT SHIPLEY,
JOSEPH BOCOCK.

His Honour's Answer.

Gentlemen,

I FEEL very highly gratified by the affectionate address which you have presented to me.

It was not more my duty, than it was my inclination, to pay a due and a proper attention to all classes of people committed to my care during my administration of the Government of His Majesty's Leeward Islands; and it cannot fail to afford me the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to find that my exertions for the public welfare have been pleasing to you.

I sincerely wish, that the zealous endeavours of the Missionaries of the people called Methodists to promote the cause of religion, may be crowned with that success they so justly merit: and it will ever afford me the highest gratification to contribute all that may be in my power to that laudable and pious undertaking.

Be pleased to accept, Gentlemen, my best thanks for your cordial good wishes for my health and preservation, and allow me to unite with you in the most earnest supplication to the Almighty, that he will long preserve to us the comforts of our Holy Religion under our present mild and equitable Constitution.

I am, with the greatest Regard,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient

and most Humble Servant,

ROBERT THOMSON.

TO BE SOLD,

At Public Auction,

On the 24th of November, inst.

On the Premises, at Ten o'clock,

THE Moveable Estate of

Mr. JOHN LEONARD, late of Queen's County, deceased.—It consists of Horses, Horn Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Wheat, Indian-Corn, Oats, Buckwheat, Peas, Potatoes, Hay, Farming Utensils, Household Furniture, &c.

Cash to be paid at the Sale.

THOMAS LEONARD,

Administrator.

Waterborough, 2d. Nov. 1801.

SEAMEN'S JOURNALS, neatly printed and stitched in Marble covers may be had at this Office.

WHITE RAYMOND.

BEGS leave to return his unfeigned thanks to the Gentlemen, who Subscribed the last year for the support of his Coffee-Room, and is sorry to find himself now under the necessity of acquainting them, and the Gentlemen of the City in general, that unless they think proper to continue their support, it will be out of his power to furnish the Coffee-Room with Papers, &c. as usual.—The Subscription List has been laying since the first of May last, for signatures, and he hopes that his friends will no longer delay filing it up with their names, and thereby enable him to accommodate them agreeable to his wish, and this, his request, he flatters himself will not be thought unreasonable, when the extraordinary expence he has already been at, is considered; and the further expence that will be necessary for their comfortable accommodation during the ensuing winter.

St. John, 17th October, 1801.

JACOB S. MOTT,

HAS FOR SALE,

At his Printing Office in Prince-William street, the following Collection of BOOKS—Viz.

BAILEY'S Dictionary, Perry's do. Walker's Geography, Hamilton's Arithmetic, Burn's Grammar, German Miscellany, Cardiphonia, or the Utterance of the Heart, 2 vols. Franconia, Jones's English System of Book-keeping, Millot's Ancient History, 2 vols. Cook's Voyages, 4 vols. with plates, Gilford's History of France from the earliest times till the death of Louis xvi. 4 vols. with plates, Nisi Prius, History of Tom Jones, 3 vols. Adventurer, 4 vols. Lounger, 3 vols. Rambler, 4 vols. Mystic Cottage, Rural Walks, Haunted Cavern, Nature and Art, Evelina, 2 vols. Moore's Journal, 2 vols. Picture of Italy, Life of Christ, with plates, Pleasure and Health, Valuable Secrets, Count Roderic's Castle, Trader's Assistant, Charlotte's Letters, Golden Treasury, Sacred Extracts, ditto Poems, Literary Miscellany, Anthony Ledgers 3 vols. Triumphs of Temper, Farmer's Letters, M'Ewen's Essays, Franklin's Works, Odiore's Poems, Brown's Oracle, White's Sermons, Fiske's ditto, M'Clures' ditto, Gospel of Nature, Watts' on the Passions, Grey Cap, Bennitt's Strictures on Female Education, Boyle's Voyages, Hawkin's ditto, D'Arcy, a novel, Philosophical Dictionary, Rife and Progress, Spiritual Letters, Catechism of Health, Citizen of the World, Socrates out of his Senes, Smith's Geography, Benjamin's Country Builder's Assistant, Poor Man's Help and Young Man's Guide, Art of Fariery, with plates, History of Philip Waldegrave, 2 vols. Polite Songster, New Lively Songster, Musical Banquet, and London Musical Museum.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

Children's Monitor, Noble Slaves, Pope's Essay on Man, Divine Songs, Farmer's Daughter, Universal Dream Dictionary, History of Fair Rosamond and Jane Shore, An account of the Pelew Islands, Seven Sermons, Academy of Compliments, Seven Wise Masters and Mistresses of Rome, An Essay on the Church, Hieroglyphical Bible, A Journey to Jerusalem, Youth's Assistant, Christian Hymns and Spiritual Songs. A token for Children, Pamela, or virtue rewarded, Death of Cain, Death of Abel, Economy of Human Life, Mrs. Bauld's Lessons, Child's own Battledore, Church Catechism, Life of Joseph, Devout Exercise of the Heart, Treaties upon the Covenant of Grace, Baron Trenck, History of North America, do. of South America, &c.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Bibles, Testaments, Spelling Books and Dilworth's Assistant—with an assortment of Prints.

STATIONARY.

Thick Quarto Post, gilt and plain, Folio Thick Post, Demy Ledgers from 3 to 6 quires, Day Books from 1 to 4 quires, Letter, Memorandum and Copy Books, Copy Slips for the use of Schools, Hall's Metallic Memorandum Books, clamped, black and red, Receipt Books clamped of various sizes, Merchant's Letter Files, Blank Cards, Slates, Lead Pencils, Holland Quills and Pens, Ink Powder, Wafers, Sealing Wax and Sand, Penknives and Razors, &c. &c.

Rags! Rags! Rags!

CASH or BOOKS given for clean Linen and Cotton RAGS at this Office.