

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT
OF
LOWER CANADA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Feb. 5.

The House according to order was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the consequences to this Province of Free Navigation by the River St. Lawrence to the sea, from the Territory of the U. States bordering on that River, as also the consequences thereto if the water communication with Upper Canada should be interrupted by reason of the award under the Treaty of Ghent.

After some time the House was resumed, and the Hon. Mr. Bell reported from the said Committee, that they had come to the following Resolution: viz.

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this Committee that an humble address be presented to his Excellency the Governor in Chief, to represent to his Excellency the extreme anxiety and alarm of his Majesty's faithful subjects in this Province, since the publication of the message of the President of the U. States of America to Congress, at the opening of their present Session, wherein a claim is laid to the Free Navigation of the River St. Lawrence to the sea, from the Territory of those States bordering on that River; and intimating that a negotiation is now pending thereon, with a hope of success.

That such a claim is contrary to the established and recognized Law of Nations in similar cases, and innovations upon those Laws by so ambitious a neighbour to the Provinces of Canada, it is humbly hoped, cannot be allowed.

That, if permitted upon any conditions, it would have the effect of weakening that intimate connexion and dependence upon the parent State, and attachment thereto, which so happily subsists in both Provinces, and which attachment was so powerfully exemplified during the late war with those States.

That it would tend to systematize contraband Trade and evasion of the Laws, and destroy all hope of deriving efficient Revenue from Import Duties.

That it would be pernicious to British interests in various other respects, and beneficial in none to these Provinces, as parts of the British Empire.

That the claim is the more untenable and extraordinary, as there have been, and now continue, conflicts between some of the States of the American Union, respecting the right and exercise of Steam-Boat Navigation, from the waters of one State into those of others, which being contested among themselves, it is with an ill grace, that a claim can be made upon a foreign Power, for what they practically deny to each other, and which from time immemorial has been independent powers rested upon international Law.

To represent also to his Excellency, that it is seen with great concern, that the internal communication by the St. Lawrence from Upper to Lower Canada, is threatened with interruption by reason of the Commissioners under the Treaty of Ghent, having awarded to the said United States, Barnhart's Island, above Cornwall in the Upper Province; whereby no practical channel of descent for Boats, Rafts, or other conveyances by water is left on the British side of that River, and therefore the communication is placed at the mercy of the said States.

To entreat therefore his Excellency to submit those important points to the consideration of his Majesty's Ministers, and to state the serious anxiety and alarm prevalent in Lower Canada thereon; and further, to add the earnest recommendation of his Excellency that they will advise his Majesty not to concede to the said United States, upon any terms or conditions, the Navigation through the St. Lawrence to the sea—and that they will use their efforts to procure by negotiation, the reciprocal right or exercise of navigation during peace by both nations, of the several internal channels of the St. Lawrence in whichsoever Territory the said internal channels may be situate, in order to prevent those collisions, which otherwise must mutually arise and become frequent between both, to the injury of each.

February 6, 1824.

The House concurred in the Resolution passed by the Committee on the Free Navigation of the River St. Lawrence.

February 7.

The Hon. Mr. Richardson, from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Governor in Chief, according to the tenor and effect of the Resolution reported by the Committee of the whole House, "to take into consideration the consequences to this Province of free Navigation by the River Saint Lawrence to Sea, from the territory of the United States bordering on that River; as also the consequences thereto, if the water communication with Upper Canada should be interrupted by reason of the award under the Treaty of Ghent,"—reported, that they have prepared the same, which being read by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows:—

To his Excellency GEORGE, EARL OF DALHOUSIE, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency,

We, his Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Lower Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to represent to

your Excellency the extreme anxiety and alarm of his Majesty's faithful subjects in this Province, since the publication of the Message of the President of the United States of America to Congress, at the opening of their present Session, wherein a claim is laid to the free Navigation of the River St. Lawrence to Sea, from the territory of those States bordering on that River; and intimating that a negotiation is now pending thereon, with a hope of success.

We conceive that such a claim is contrary to the established and recognized law of Nations in similar cases; and humbly hope, that innovations upon those laws, by so ambitious a neighbour to the Provinces of Canada, cannot be allowed.

We are of opinion, that if permitted upon any conditions, it would have the effect of weakening that intimate connexion and dependence upon the Parent State, and attachment thereto, which so happily subsists in both Provinces; and which attachment was so powerfully exemplified during the late war with those States.

That it would tend to systematize contraband trade and evasion of the laws, and destroy all hopes of deriving efficient revenue from import duties.

That it would be pernicious to British interests in various other respects, and beneficial in none to these Provinces, as parts to the British Empire.

We further beg leave to represent to your Excellency, that it is with great concern we observe the internal communication by the Saint Lawrence, from Upper to Lower Canada, is threatened with interruption, by reason of the Commissioners under the Treaty of Ghent having awarded to the said United States, Barnhart's Island, above Cornwall, in the Upper Province; whereby no practicable channel of descent for boats, rafts, or other conveyances by water, is left on the British side of that River; and consequently, that communication seems to be placed at the mercy of the said States.

We therefore humbly entreat your Excellency to submit these important points to the consideration of his Majesty's Ministers; to state the serious anxiety and alarm prevalent in Lower Canada thereon; and earnestly to recommend that his Majesty may be advised not to concede to the said United States, upon any terms or conditions, the Navigation through the River Saint Lawrence to Sea; and at the same time to express our hope, that means may be taken to procure, by negotiation, the reciprocal right or exercise of Navigation, during peace, of the several internal channels of the Saint Lawrence, southward of the 45th degree of north latitude, in whichsoever territory the said internal channels may be situate, in order to prevent those collisions which must otherwise take place, to the injury of both nations.

ORDERED, That one of the Masters in Chancery do carry down the said Address to the Assembly, and desire their concurrence thereto.

BOSTON.

Jan 22.

FROM THE BALTIMORE CHRONICLE.

ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES.

A rumour has reached us from Washington, not unworthy of notice. Great sensibility, and, we will add, an impatient sensibility, has been expressed on the subject of a call proposed to be made on our Chief Magistrate, to know whether any communications had been received from the English Ministry, through our Minister, Mr. Rush, proposing an alliance, offensive and defensive, against the ambitious designs of the confederated despots of Europe. The rumour is, that several interviews between Mr. Canine and Mr. Rush, had taken place on this subject; but that nothing had passed in the shape of formal and specific propositions. It is said that Mr. Canine wished to ascertain from Mr. Rush what were the precise sentiments of the American government on this point.—That the answer of our Minister was, that he could not speak decidedly—but that he was ready to receive and to transmit for the consideration of his Government, any distinct proposals made by English Ministry. We have understood that matters remained in this state down to the latest advices, and further, that since that period, new instructions have been sent to Mr. Rush, in accordance with the sentiments expressed in the Message of our First Magistrate.—This we have understood to be the state of the question between the two governments, and it is fair to presume that before the rising of Congress, the result of this matter will eventuate in a treaty between the two powers, of the character, originally contemplated, and in pursuance of what we may presume to be the latest instruction of our cabinet.

HALIFAX,

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1824.

CUSTOM HOUSE—Entered, schrs. Eliza Ann, McNeill, Nevis; Augusta, Andrews, Boston. Cleared, brig Fame, Moser, B. W. Ladies.

Sailed, Saturday, H. M. brig Argus, Capt. Dundas, for Bermuda; Wednesday, Wellington packet for New York.

HALIFAX, March 5, 1824.

At a very respectable and numerous Meeting which took place at the Exchange Coffee House yesterday, the following Resolutions were put, and unanimously agreed to:—

Resolved, That this Meeting view with surprise and alarm, a Bill that is at present before the Legislature, which has for its object to alter the constitution of the Inferior Courts in this Province; and which, by the introduction of three New Judges, will entail a heavy expence on its Inhabitants.

Resolved, That the measure in question, while it severely affects the people of Nova Scotia, appears to be unequalled for by any petition, or application to the Legislature; nor does it seem, that any undue Administration of Justice, in those Inferior Courts, requires a remedy such as has been proposed.

Resolved, That it being the sense of this Meeting, that as the alteration in the Judicature of the Country, which is at present contemplated, is contrary to the wishes, and interests of a large portion of his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects in this Province, who have not had an opportunity of expressing their opinions upon the Subject—a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address to his Majesty's Council, begging them not to concur, during the present Session of the Legislature, in a Bill, so altering the Judicature of the Country.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, or, praying his Excellency to suspend giving his Assent to any Law of the nature here alluded to, until the next Session of the General Assembly; when the sentiments and wishes of the Inhabitants of the Province generally, may be more fully ascertained.

Resolved, That the foregoing Resolutions be published in the next Newspaper.

We have various files of American papers, brought by the Augusta to the 24th ult. containing accounts from Paris to Jan. 11.

The French troops are to withdraw from Spain by the 1st of June next.

Three Greek Deputies took passage from Corfu late in Nov. on their way to London.

The Spanish Act of Amnesty is to said exclude—Constitutional officers at the Isle of Leon of the Rank of Captains, and upwards—24, all who signed for the departure of the King at Seville—3d, all Municipal officers who proclaimed the Constitution previous to its being authorised by his Majesty.

L'Etoile asserts, that "France disclaims all intentions against S. America:—If the Americans fit out fleets, they will find no Enemy to contend with them."

By the Newell Packet which arrived here yesterday, we have St. John's papers to the 20th ult. A vessel had arrived there from Oporto in 15 days passage; but we observe nothing new received by her.

The brig William Pitt, of and for St. Andrews from Demerara, was totally lost at Beaver River, near Yarmouth, the 2d ult.—Crew and 20 puns, of Rum saved.

Boston, Feb. 18—Arrived, brig Four Brothers, Halifax. Spoke on the 14th lat. 42, 27, long. 65, 18, English Brig Falmouth Packet, 73 days from Falmouth, for Halifax.

ARRIVED, at Falmouth, Nov. 28, Frolic packet from New York; Dec. 24, Lady Louisa packet ditto; at Liverpool January 7, Sarah & Frances, Halifax; Enterprize, Picton.

Spoken, Jan. 2, lat. 21, long. 57, brig Julian, Collier, from Halifax for St. Kitts.

The report of the Marquis of ANGLESEA having been appointed to the Government of the Canadas, &c. is thus contradicted in the QUEBEC GAZETTE of the 5th ult.

"There is no truth in the rumour alluded to in a paper of Monday, That his Excellency the Governor in Chief is to be succeeded by the Marquis of ANGLESEA in the exercise of his important duties. We understand that his Excellency will go home on private affairs for a few months; but his return to administer the Government of this Province may be relied on."

ST. JOHN, N. B. Feb. 24. H. M. brig Belette has been fired at and several men killed, by one of the forts at the Havana: Having slipped her cable in a gale, she endeavored to enter the port after dark, shewing at the same time all the necessary lights.

We are assured our readers will be of opinion that we have too much original matter in our columns to day.—*Star*.

Feb. 26. We believe there is no doubt, that, in consequence of the two senior Members of H. M. Council declining to proceed to Fredericton, his Honor Judge BLISS took the requisite oaths, as Administrator of the Government of this Province, on Saturday last.

QUEBEC, Feb. 5. Intense Cold.—The Thermometer stood in the Lower Town this morning before sunrise, at 27 degrees below Zero; near St. Lewis Gate, at the King's works, it was, about sunrise, at 31 below Zero; and it must, in more elevated situations, have fallen to 33 or 34 below Zero; a degree of Cold far exceeding any we have had for a great many years past.

The following is the state of the Thermometer, Fahrenheit's Scale, since last evening, at the Telegraph on the Cape.

Feb. 4, 9 o'clock P. M. 24 below Zero,
Feb. 5, 6h. 30m. A. M. 40½ do.
at noon, 25 do.

POOR HOUSE, 1st March, 1824, Acting Commissioner for this Month, HON. CHARLES MORRIS.

MARRIED On Saturday, 28th ult. by the Rev. Mr. Renzie, Mr. DUNCAN McQUEEN, to ANN, second daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Tobin, of this town.

On Thursday, 26th ult. by the Rev. Mr. Dauphy, Mr. SLANFORD WILSON, to Miss ANN RUTH, both of this town.

At Lahave, on the 26th ult. by the Rev. Mr. Aitken, GEORGE SOLOMON, Esq. to Miss JANE PARNETTE.

DIED At Yarmouth, Feb. 17, Maria, only daughter of John Bingay, Esq. of that place.—This is the third Child Mr. B. has lost within the short space of nine months.

At same place, Mr. Oliver, formerly of Halifax. A Coroner's Inquest was held upon the body, and the following Verdict returned:—"His Death was hastened by improper Medicines administered by Jacob Norton, and Samuel Corning, Junr, though without any evil intentions."

On the 29th ult. after a short but severe illness, in the 40th year of his age, Capt. WILLIAM GODDARD, Deputy Barrack Master General in Nova Scotia and its Dependencies, much respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance; and at 2 o'clock on Wednesday last, his Remains were interred with Military Honours.

Monday morning, Mr. William Burroughs, aged 49 years.

In Boston, CLOTWORTHY McKEIG, Esq. formerly of this town, aged 83.

At Shelburne, on Friday the 13th ult. after a short illness, Mrs. Mary Fernandez, aged 86 years.

Published by Authority.

AN ACT, entitled "An Act relating to the COURT of COMMISSIONERS at Halifax, was passed in General Assembly, during the present Session of the Legislature. March 5.

Notice.

IT is requested, That all Demands against the late Captain WILLIAM GODDARD, Deputy Barrack Master General, may be sent in without delay to his late residence, for payment. Halifax, March 5, 1824.

BLACK STOCKS.

A FEW polished black LEATHER STOCKS with Velvet Edges, may be had very low, at the W. CHRONICLE Office. Feb. 20.

Wanted Immediately,

TWO LADS of good Connexions, of from 14 to 16 years of age, as apprentices to the Grocery Business. Apply at the Store of

HIGGINS & BROWN.

N. B. The House and Store No. 172 Upper Water Street, of W. B. HIGGINS, to Let and immediate possession given, please apply as above. Halifax, Feb. 27, 1824. 4w.

TO LET,

And possession given on the 8th April next. **THE DWELLING HOUSE and SHOP**, No. 17, Lower Water Street, formerly the property of the late Thomas Leaver, Esq. deceased, now in the occupation of Mr. Joseph Robertson, Hat manufacturer. For terms, apply to

FIDDES, MAY & ROBERTSON.

Feb. 6, 1824.

Halifax Exchange Coffee-House.

WILLIAM MILLER respectfully acquaints his friends and the public that the business of the above Establishment will be continued as usual, and in returning his grateful thanks for the liberal patronage he has already experienced, trusts that by a steady and unremitting attention to the comforts of his customers, he will still receive their future favors and support. January 5, 1824.

John Dempster

HAS FOR SALE,

Hollands GIN
Cognac BRANDY
London Particular MADEIRA WINE
Superior Old PORT do.
Quebec BLEEF first quality,
Mould and Dipt CANDLES,
Irish LARD in half Firkins,
A few Pieces East India BANDANOS, &c. &c.
The above articles are all of the very first quality and will be sold on Moderate Terms, Halifax, 16th January, 1824. tf.

For Sale,

500 quintals Merchantable Cod fish,
50 do. Scale do.
50 Barrels Liver Oil,
50 do. Canada FLOUR,
Half barrels Irish mess PORK,
English SOAP and CANDLES,
Broad Cloths, Flannings, Flannels, Blankets and a variety of other Manufactured Goods apply to B. HACKETT. Jan. 16, 1824. tf.

Final Notice to Debtors.

THE Subscribers being fully authorized to receive all debts due to either of the late Firms of THOM, SALTER & Co, JAMES THOM & Co, or SMITH & THOM, do hereby give Notice to all persons who are indebted, in any way, to any of the above late Concerns, that unless they come forward and pay, or give security for the payment of the respective amounts due by them, between this date and the 1st day of June next, suits at Law will then be commenced for the recovery of the same.

James B. Franchlin,
John Fraser,
Robert Noble,

N. B. The Books, Notes, and other documents, being still in the possession of Mr. ROBERT NO. 81 E, at the Store lately occupied by Thom, Salter & Co, he will receive all monies, and to whom communications may be directed, Halifax, 2d Jan. 1824.

Final Notice.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of the late Hon. JAMES FRASER, or late Firm of JAMES FRASER & Co. by Note or Book Account, are hereby notified, That, unless they discharge their respective Notes or Accounts, between this date and the 1st April 1824, they will be placed in the hands of an Attorney for collection, without discrimination; and all persons who are in arrears for Interest, due on their Bonds and Mortgages, will likewise take Notice, That unless the same is regularly paid up, on or before that day, suit will be instituted for recovery of both Principal and interest.

JAMES D. FRASER,
ALX. G. FRASER
Acting Executors Estate late Hon. James Fraser, and Agents late Firm of James Fraser, & Co.

Halifax, Nov. 8 1823.

Notice.

ALL persons having any demands against the estate of the late ROBERT DUPOIT, Esq. Half Pay Dy. Asst. Cy. General, of Annapolis Royal deceased, are requested to render their accounts, duly attested, for payment; and all persons indebted to said estate, to make immediate payment to

THOMAS HENRY BAILEY, Exor,
Annapolis Royal,
June 3, 1823.

Notice.

ALL persons having demands against the Estate of the late JASPER HARDING, yeoman, of Little Port le Bear, deceased, are hereby requested to send in their accounts, duly attested, within eighteen calendar months from this date; and all persons indebted to said Estate, are requested to make immediate payment to

JAMES HARDING,
Administrator.

Little Port le Bear,
Sept. 8, 1823.

William Deblois & Co.

Have received, per RANGER, from LIVERPOOL,

AN assortment of BOOK, CAMBRIC, JACONET, and other MUSLINS; Ladies' Robes & Dresses—a variety of NAPs, for cloaks & mantles; Steam Loom and Striped Shirting Cottons; Checks, Carpetings, &c.—which will be sold very low for cash. Sept. 12.

INDENTURES.

For Sale at this Office.