

NAVAL COURT-MARTIAL.

A Court Martial was held on board the Queen Charlotte, on Monday, Nov. 10, to inquire into the conduct of Lieutenant William Price Hamilton, late of his Majesty's ship Topaze, as connected with the affray which took place in the month of December, 1821, between a party of seamen belonging to that ship, and some of the natives of Lintin, in China, and to try him for having caused the death of some of the said natives. Lieut. Hamilton's statement of the circumstances as reported to Capt. C. Richardson (who was absent at some distance from the ship at the time, during which Lieutenant Hamilton was commanding officer,) was read to the Court, by which it appeared, that on Saturday, the 15th day of December, he sent the barge on shore with a division of seamen, at Lintin, to get the daily allowance of water, and to wash and scrub their clothes on the beach. Two Midshipmen were sent in the boat to take care to preserve peace; that notwithstanding this precaution, an affray ensued between the party sent to get water, and the natives: the latter, from some unknown cause, having come down in great numbers, and attacked the seamen; and upon this being observed on board the Topaze, Lieutenant Hamilton immediately caused a fire to be opened on the shore, by which some of the natives were killed. Boats were dispatched from the ship at the same time to bring off the party of seamen, which was effected without the loss of any lives on their part, although several of them appear to have been badly wounded. A large mass of documentary evidence was also read, consisting of correspondence between Captain Richardson and the Chinese Authorities, &c. on the subject. Several witnesses were then examined, and the Court having completed the inquiry, pronounced as follows:—"The Court is of opinion that the death of the said natives arose from an unprovoked and barbarous attack made by them on an unarmed part of the crew of his Majesty's ship Topaze, who were peaceably employed on shore on the occasion above stated, and that the measures so promptly adopted by Lieut. Hamilton were absolutely necessary to save the lives of the above mentioned men, and that he did not continue the fire from the ship after that object was obtained, and that the conduct of Lieut. W. P. Hamilton was that of a zealous and meritorious Officer, anxious to preserve the lives of the crew under his charge, and to support the honor of the British flag, in repelling wanton insult on it, and doth adjudge him to be honourably acquitted."—Capt. E. Brace, C. B. of the Gages, President.—Capt. Brace, in returning Lieut. H.'s sword, congratulated him on his honourable acquittal, and expressed a hope that he would continue to use it with the same discretion and good judgment he had already done.

* A short account of this affair, (copied from the Calcutta Gazette of February) was given in the W. Chron. of June 14, 1822; and the Chinese Special Edict, on the 2d of August, in the same year.

UPPER CANADA.

The York, (U. C.) Observer says that "It must be gratifying to the public to learn, that the Petition of the inhabitants of the Western District, which was presented to the house by the hon. member for Kent, praying its interference with the British Government, in order to encourage the cultivation of Tobacco in this Province, was, after a few appropriate observations from that gentleman, most cordially received. We do not know of any article the growth and produce of this Colony, in which the people ought to feel a greater interest than in this: or one that so loudly calls for the fostering protection of the British Government; and there can be no doubt, from the feelings of the house, but an address will be framed that will obtain from the Imperial Parliament that attention and support which are absolutely necessary at the present moment to give an impulse to industry in throwing open by fair and liberal encouragement, a profitable market for this article."

QUEBEC.

The Canada Trade Act.—The consideration of this act, which has been more than a year in operation, and the consideration of which was postponed from last session, was fixed last evening for the 7th Jan., in committee of the whole, on motion of Mr. BOURDAGES, member for Buckinghamshire.

The rapid increase in the Population of this Province is chiefly owing to early marriages, and to the regular habits and comfortable condition of its inhabitants. There is now living at Lislet, a woman whose age does not exceed 68 years, whose grand daughter is a grand mother.

The Season.—There has not been an entire fair day for three weeks. On Friday night last there was a heavy fall of rain. The depth of snow now fallen is greater than it has been for many years past at this early part of the winter. There has however been as yet no very severe cold; about the 13th and 14th inst. the thermometer on Cape Diamond fell to 16 degrees below zero.

Bottled PORT WINE.

A FEW dozen, bottled in Oporto, and packed in convenient cases for a family; and a constant supply of Old PORT in Wood, for sale by the subscribers.

—ALSO—
Superfine and Fine Canada FLOUR,
Butter and Lard in firkins,
Prime Pork in barrels,
do. Beef, in do.
A few barrels SUGAR,
A small quantity of Whiskey, and a consignment of superfine blue and black Cloths and Cassimeres at very low prices.

GEORGE GRASSIE & Co.

Oct. 10.

HALIFAX,

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1824.

CUSTOM HOUSE.—Entered, Barque, Margaret, Rumford, Trinidad; Brig, Mary-Ann, Stairs, Jamaica; schr. Catherine, Willet, Antigua. Cleared, brig Sir James Kempt, Coulson, B. W. Indies; Harmony, Harris, Jamaica; Armenia, McKenna, B. W. Indies; Elizabeth, Cleary, do; schrs. Ruth, Godfrey, do; Nancy, Hitchins, Demerara.

DANGEROUS ROCKS.

Oct. 24, 1822, the brig Indiana, Capt. Kempt, fell in with a very dangerous ledge, called the Virgin Rocks, nearly two miles in extent; hove to until meridian and took an observation—lat. 46 35, long. 50 51, the breakers then about 4 miles S. of the vessel—84 miles S. E. from Cape Broyle, or thereabouts. The cape is said to be about 10 leagues south westerly from St. John's Newfld.

LLOYD'S LIST.—Nov. 18.—Arr. at Clyde, Dale, from Miramichie; Penelope, ditto; George Caning, ditto; at Aberdeen, Aimwell, ditto; Halifax Packet, ditto; London and Douglas, Pictou; at Liverpool, Jubilee, Miramichie; at Cowes, James, ditto; off Dartmouth, Mary Ann, Pictou; at Liverpool Nov. 21, Ranger, Bownan, Halifax; and Jessie from Miramichie.

NEW DOLLARS. London, Nov. 21, 4 9 sterl. per oz.

WEST INDIA SQUADRON.

We have been favoured with the following list of his Majesty's Ships on the West India station, with their respective destinations, about the middle of November last:

Gloucester 74,	Capt. Lillierap	from Jamaica for Caracoea;
Phaeton 40,	do.	St. Thomas—home with dollars.
Hyperion 40,	do.	Rich—Vera Cruz with a Convoy.
Pyramus 40,	do.	Newcombe—Barbados.
Forte 44,	do.	Sir T. Cochrane—Antigua.
Eden 26,	do.	Lawrence—Windward.
Valorous 26,	do.	Murray—do.
Sariram 18,	do.	Coke—do.
Scout 18,	do.	Wigstone—do.
Belette 18,	do.	Leith—Gulf Mexico.
Icarus 10,	do.	Graham—N. side of Cuba.
Helicon 10,	do.	Dawkins—S. side do.
Bastard 18,	do.	M'Lean—Bay Honduras.
Lion 4,	Lieut. Hobson	—S. side Cuba.
Grecian 6,	do.	Cawley—Cambrachy.
Speedwell 4,	do.	Greary—off Cape Antonio.
Renegade 6,	do.	Fiatt—Cruising.
Assiduous 2,	do.	Warren—S. side Cuba.
Union 4,	do.	Henderson—Carthage.
Carnation 13,	Capt. Stopford	Refitting at Port Royal.
Thracian 18,	do.	Forbes—Porto Bello.

Those marked thus *, were Pirate Schooners: the greater part of whose crews were either killed at the moment of capture, or hanged at Port Royal in view of H. M. ships in port.

The Union, Lieut. Henderson, captured early in November a schooner of 101 tons, under Dutch colours, but with a French master, having no less than 237 slaves on board; and Com. Owen had sent her, under charge of the Gloucester, to Cura. coa, for adjudication; with orders, (as was said,) if she were not condemned by the Dutch and English Commissioners there—to give the schooner and her cargo up to the Dutch Governor; and transmit the circumstances of the case to his Majesty's Government. The male slaves were taken on board the Gloucester, the females left on board the schooner. Dreadful as must have been the situation of these poor wretches, when first captured, 'tis said, that they were quite overjoyed on the return of the French master to his vessel, after having been detained upwards of a fortnight on board the Gloucester.

FLOUR.—Upwards of 150 bags containing about 2 cwt. each, of an excellent quality,—the produce of this Province, have been brought in and sold, within 3 or 4 weeks past, at one of the Country Market Houses in this town, at a rate not exceeding 35s. per bbl. of 196 lbs.

SMALL POX.—No less than 35 persons fell victims to this loathsome and dreadful disease, in Philadelphia, within one week, ending Dec. 29.

SHIP BUILDING. This highly useful and profitable business is carried on to a great extent in our sister Colony, New-Brunswick—upwards of eighty vessels of different descriptions, are now on the stocks in that thriving Province. The BANK too, has not only been a lucrative concern to the Stock Holders; but of great utility to the Commercial and Trading Interests there.—Its Discounts, we are told, have been from 5 to £10,000 currency per week, during the past year!

MARRIED] At Barrington, Dec. 30, 1823, by the Rev. R. H. Crane, Wesleyan Missionary, Mr. SAMUEL PERRY, to Miss CISELY GREENWOOD, of that place.

On Saturday morning, by the Rev. the Rector of St. Paul's, Mr. THOMAS GUDGEY, to Miss ANN, daughter of the late Captain John Leggett, of the Royal North Carolina Regt.

DIED] At Arichat, Cape Breton, on Monday, 22d Dec. SUSANNA, Relict of the late Richard Gibbons, Esq. formerly Attorney General of this Province, and some time Chief Justice of the Island of Cape Breton.

POOR MAN'S FRIENDS SOCIETY.

THE Annual Meeting of the Poor Man's Friend Society, will be held at the Royal Acadia School, this evening at 7 o'clock, when a report of the Society's proceedings during the past year will be laid before the Meeting. The attendance of those Friendly to the Institution is particularly requested. His Honor Judge Haliburton is expected to take the chair on this occasion.
January 23, 1824.

Hides

JUST received per brig Irene, (John Findlay master) from Bahia—
700 dry salted HIDES—for sale by
Nov. 7. GEORGE P. LAWSON.

INDENTURES.

For sale at this Office.

POSTSCRIPT—10 o'clock A. M.

By the Billow which arrived here last night, we have received New-York papers to the 9th and Boston papers to Saturday, the 10th inst. Waterford and Dublin papers received at New-York to Dec. 2d, and 3d. were said to contain accounts from London to the 29th of November.

The Duke d'Angouleme was to be at Versailles on the 2d of December; from whence the "Pacificator of Spain" was to be escorted into Paris by 15 thousand men.

Ferdinand was to leave Madrid for the Escorial: The Inquisition was not to be re-established.

The Empecinado was at Alcantara with a respectable force; and would not listen to any terms; was said to have had an action with Morales, who sustained great loss.

The Asturias were not tranquil; parties were formed; which it was feared might unite again in arms.

The public mind at Madrid was much engaged relative to South America.

Sir R. Wilson has been deprived of the order of the Red Eagle, by a decree of the King of Prussia dated Oct. 1.

Gen. Mina had arrived at Plymouth in a French brig of war from the Mediterranean, with dispatches; his arrival had caused much surprise.

The Emperor of Austria is to be with his Court, &c. at Milan about the middle of Feb. next.

Two N. W. Land Expeditions are in contemplation; under the direction of Captains Franklin and Lyon.

The Midshipmen in Lord Cochrane's fleet have each received £109 prize money.

Ferdinand VII has decreed that there shall be a Council of Ministers, in which shall be discussed all affairs of general interest.—The King to decide.—Don Victor Saez and four others are named.

The public funds continued to look up; but the Waterford Mirror, judging from the language of the Courier, declares Government to be in a state of complete oscillation between interference and neutrality—between Scylla and Charybdis—between war and peace!

LONDON Nov. 22. A Congress is to be held at St. Petersburg relating to affairs of the East; and another at Paris, relating to South America.—It is not thought that England will join in either.—It is said, that France will not assist Spain openly.

Funds—3 per cent Cons. 84½—
The St. Vincent 120 guns is preparing for sea at Plymouth, with all possible dispatch.

The Secretary of the Society of Ship Owners had an interview with Government on the 22d of November, relative to South America; when the most satisfactory and unqualified assurances were given, That there was not the slightest pretence for imputing any design on the part of France to assist Spain in the war against her Colonies—France was sending no force to the W. Indies, excepting 500 men to Martinique and Guadalupe.

It was stated that 14 ships were then loading in London and Liverpool for Spanish American ports; and Government saw no reason for suspending the commercial intercourse.

The report that 10,000 men were to be added to the standing Army, was declared to be unfounded; but the Victualling Office has offered to contract for 6,000 bbls. of Irish beef and pork.

Died in Scotland, the Right Hon. Thomas Erskine, brother of the Earl of Buchan, aged 75.

The Montague packet sailed from New-York for England direct, Jan. 8.

Martial Law continued at Demerara Dec. 5; and the case of the Rev. Mr. Smith had been referred home.

The Mayflower of Pictou from Jamaica and Havana, had put into Martha's Vineyard.

The Victory, M'Killop, having struck on a rock or sunken wreck, lost her rudder, and sprung a leak; Capt. M'K. was compelled to run her ashore on Crooked Island to prevent her from sinking.—She had 12 feet water in her hold.—The Captain has arrived at New-York.

The schr. Johns of St. Andrews has been seized at Cork with a large quantity of Tobacco on board—the captain and a Mr. M'Masters had been examined, and commitments were said to be making out for all on board.

EMIGRANTS.—Within the last two years there have arrived at Quebec from Great Britain and Ireland no less than 20,726 men, women and children.

The Quebec Gazette of Jan. 1st contains an advertisement, stating that Tenders for Government Bills of Exchange would be received at the Commissariat Offices in Quebec and Montreal.

Lost,

YESTERDAY Morning, in Sackville street, a SILVER WATCH (Makers Name ROBERT KNIGHT) with a blue and white Ribbon attached to a common brass Key. Whoever finds the same and Returns it to this Office, will be handsomely Rewarded.
Jan. 23, 1824.

Notice,

WHEREAS, the Copartnership existing between the Subscribers will expire on the 31st March next—those to whom they are indebted, will please render their Accounts for adjustment; and all persons indebted, (whose accounts were due on 31st Dec. last,) are requested to make early payment.

H. AUSTEN.
WM. STAIRS.

Halifax, 16th Jan. 1824.

AUSTEN & STAIRS,

Now offer their extensive stock of BRITISH MERCHANDIZE, at reduced prices for cash, or approved credit.—Traders, and others, will find many articles, remaining on hand well worth their attention.
Jan. 16.

John Dempster

HAS FOR SALE,

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

AUCTIONS.

BY B. HACKETT,
TO-MORROW, (Saturday,) at his Room:
A few quarters prime Ox BEEF,
20 Barrels excellent Country FLOUR,
15 Boxes SOAP and CANDLES,
And a variety of Dry GOODS.
Jan. 23, 1824.

BY B. HACKETT,
At the Store of JAMES LYONS, on (Tuesday)
the 2d February at 12 o'clock.

A VALUABLE assortment of Merchandize, consisting of Superfine, fine and common Broad Cloths, Cassimeres; blue & coloured Plains, Flushing, Baking, Flannels, Blankets, Swansdown and Toilett; a few elegant Merino Shawls & Scarves; Irish Linens, Dowels, Check; Printed Cottons blue and dark patterns; Cambric, Cambrick Muslins, Furniture Chintz, Steam Loom Shirtings and strong white Shirting Cotton; Counterpane, Sewing Cottons, Venetian plaid, Ravens Duck, Brown Holland, Britannias, Tapes, Striped and white Shirting; 1 doz. best Eng. Cheeses; a few London made Saddles and Bridles; a long set of blue Dinner Ware; a few boxes Soap and Candles, and a few half barrels Irish mess Pork; and a variety of other Goods to close sundry consignments, will be sold without reserve.

3 months Credit to purchasers of £40	
4 months do.	do. 60
6 months do.	do. 100 and up.

Approved joint notes will be required.

William Foster,

INFORMS the Public, that he has removed from Messrs. Collins & Allison's Wharf, to that central situation, long known as Creighton's corner,

Where he offers for sale,
Bar, Bolt & Square IRON, Shear Moulds, and Plough Plate, & Rod IRON; Steel, Cast Iron Backs, Hinges, &c.

All kinds of

Blacksmith Work

at the shortest notice.

—ALSO—
A few Kits Salmon Spiced and Soused.
Jan. 1, 1824.

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, Flushings, Flannels, Blankets and a variety of other Manufactured Goods apply to
B. HACKETT.
Jan. 16, 1824. If.

Lost,

Between the Sugar Bakery and the Admirals House, a neat HAIR BRACELET with gold clasps; whoever may have found it, will oblige the Owner by sending it to this Office.
Jan. 16, 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.

Cheap Groceries, &c.

HIGGINS & BROWN,
HAVE received the following articles; which, in addition to their former Stock of Groceries, they will sell at the most reduced prices:—

200 Bbls. Fall Mackerel, No. 1 and 2, which they can warrant of the very first quality,
75 Bbls. Herrings,
Large Codfish,
Alspice, Pepper and Ginger,
Superior moist Sugar, by the Bbl. or smaller quantity,
Fine green Coffee, 1.4 and 1s. 6d. lb.
Ground Coffee 1.8 and 2s. lb.
A few Bbls. & Half Bbls. Superfine Flour fit for family use,
40 bbls. country Flour,
Reef & Pork in bbls. & half bbls. of their own Curing, which they will warrant on a West India Voyage.
Dec. 19. If.

FALL GOODS.

The Subscriber has received by the brig Adelphi, from Liverpool:—

120 Ps. Flannels, Baizes, Serges, &c.
19 hampers Cheese.

Also, in store, from former consignments, by the late arrivals:—

Fine and common printed Cottons and Chintz;
Britannias, shawls and handkerchiefs;
Cambric, leno, and other Muslins;
White Shirting and Sheetings cottons;
Homespun, checks, &c.
Chamblets, tustians and bedticks;
Irish Linens, harus and dowels;
Coarse blue cloths, blankets and flushings;
Carpetings and hearth rugs;
Yellow and blue India bandannoes;
Pott and foolscap PAPER;
Cordovan leather and roan skin;
TEAS, loaf sugar and assorted SLOPS;
Indigo; mould candles 6s 8s 10s;
GIN and BRANDY in pipes and quarter casks,
Brown and bleached canvas and raven duck;
Cordage; window glass and paint oil;
Bundles sheet Iron, and casks Nails;
Small casks assd. HARDWARE (low priced)
Coarse, fine and cannister Gunpowder;
Liverpool and Newcastle CROCKERY and GLASSWARE;
Small dinner sets; coal tar, &c. &c.
All which will be sold wholesale, at a very low rate
A advance for Cash, or approved Credit.

Alex. Murison.

Water street, }
Oct. 31, 1823 }