

GREAT-BRITAIN, &c.

CORPORATION REFORM ACT.

(From the Morning Chronicle.)

The essentials of the measure are simply stated as follows, considered as a constructive of the self-select and elective of a self-select system:

1. The Self-select, the old Corporation, are this year all immoderate in the Bill. They are gone! All existing Municipal Magistrates will cease to exercise any magisterial functions. They are returned to the bosom of private life. All noble Records are summarily deposited. All Town-clerks are subjected to be removed, and successors may be selected by the new Town-councils.

2. The Town-councils will be chosen by the Householders duly qualified in lieu of the deposed Corporation, and the old Self-select, the members being periodically re-elected or re-elected or re-elected every three years, thus securing their responsibility and the popular government of their communities!

3. The Municipal Boundaries of the boroughs will be extended and assorted consistently with the present state of the towns; and, although their wards or territorial sub-divisions may be unjustifiably and unjustly limited, their respective constituencies too divisionally small, the basis of local government will still be elective!

4. The Civil and Criminal Jurisdictions will be highly improved, and all existing anomalies terminated. The local Police, under popular control, will effect a real conservation of the peace and afford security to property. Titular Barriers as local Judges, responsible to the Courts of Westminster, and in a great degree to the communities over whom they judicially preside!

5. All Public Property will be publicized to the best advantage, without favour or sacrifice; it will no longer be alienated and mal-administered; audit and publication of accounts will banish peculation, secrecy, and abuse of local funds!

6. Public Schools will be reformed, and moral culture and intellectual education promoted!

7. As the Crown appoints the Magistrate, the Ministry must, of necessity, be chiefly advised in its selections by the Town-councils, as it must be the interest of the Government to stand well with the local Authorities!

8. The Boroughmonger and the Electioneering Corruptors will be driven out of their last holds; even the *Free-men* will be influenced by popularly elected Councils, interested in securing them from the bribers and of politically improving their characters: purity and freedom of election must be very much promoted by Municipal Reform!

9. All exclusive rights of trading will be abolished. Partial exemptions from toll will be at an end. *Free-men's* rights in Property, generally of little value, may be commuted and the proceeds applied to the general benefit of the community. Commons may be enclosed consistently with the interest of the inhabitants!

10. Charities vested in Corporations will no longer be misused as political bribes, or partially bestowed; they will be more beneficially and impartially administered!

11. Bylaws, secretly made, and harshly administered, will no longer abrogate municipal rights or supersede charters!

12. Jurors will be impartially selected from the Burgess-roll!

13. Where Corporate Funds are inadequate to good municipal government, a Borough-rate may be levied, subject to the levy and control of the electors!

14. Licenses can no longer be given to political partisans, or refused to independent electors!

15. Public character will be formed; honourable ambition and public worth will supplant the *Cliques* and *Jobbers* of the Incorporated Towns!

THE ARMY.

General Order.—Horse Guards, 1835.

His Majesty has been pleased to command that, with a view of doing the fullest justice to regiments which have distinguished themselves by their bravery in action with the enemy, an account of the services of every regiment in the British army shall be published under the superintendence and direction of the Adjutant-General; and that this account shall contain the following particulars, viz:—

1. The names of the officers and the number of non-commissioned officers and privates killed or wounded by the enemy, specifying the place and date of the action.

2. The names of those officers who, in consideration of their gallant services and meritorious conduct in engagements with the enemy, have been distinguished with titles, medals, or other marks of His Majesty's gracious favour.

3. The names of all such non-commissioned officers and privates as may have specially distinguished themselves in action; and

4. The badges and devices which the regiment may have been permitted to bear, and the causes on account of which such badges or devices, or any other marks of distinction, have been granted.

By command of the Right Honourable, General Lord Hill, Commander-in-Chief.

JOHN MACDONALD, Adj. Gen.

(Mr. Cannon, of the Adjutant-General's Office, has been selected for the task.)

LONDON, September 25.

A Change in the Royal mind.—It is signs of the times' have not been unnoticed in high quarters; and it is creditable to the good sense and constitutional feeling of the illustrious personage to whom we thus respectfully allude, that he has calmly weighed, and frankly admitted the influence which the declared wishes of the people ought to exercise upon his mind in this respect. The strenuous, incessant, the almost overwhelming efforts made to urge the illustrious personage in question, into a very different course of thought and action, have completely failed in their object; and the intercourse between the Sovereign and his Ministers, may now be considered as established upon a footing, not only constitutional in every point of view, but as gracious and as kindly as ever it was during the time when Lord Grey was at the head of the Government.—*Morning Chronicle*.

The appointment of the Earl of Minto to the important office of First Lord of the Admiralty has been decided with in the last few days. It was gazetted on Tuesday evening.

Captain Evans, R. N., has been directed by Government to make a survey of the western harbours on the Irish coast, with a view to the selection of the most eligible site for a packet station to communicate with America.

Lieut.-General Sir Colquhoun Grant left town on Thursday, for his seat in Dorsetshire, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan. Their departure appeared to interest deeply the feelings of the many spectators who witnessed it, the reconciliation of the gallant General to the young couple will be generally known.—*Morning Post*.

DEATH OF THE EARL OF CHATHAM. Thursday morning, at one o'clock, the Earl of Chatham, K. G. died at his house, No. 10, Charles Street, Berkeley Square. His Lordship was an elder brother of the Trinity House, Governor of the Charter House, High Steward of Colchester, a General in the Army, Governor of Gibraltar, and Colonel of the 4th Regiment of Foot. By his Lordship's death, the title of Earl of Chatham is now extinct. It is now nine and twenty years since the decease of his Lordship's younger brother, William Pitt.

Dr. M. Hale has addressed a long letter to the Bishop of London. He denies the Protestant religion is spreading in Ireland. The writer concludes an epistle full of personal insult, and highly disrespectful to the entire communion of the established Church, with the following violent sentence:—"With one accord the people of Ireland have resolved to pay no tithes, in any shape, whether to landlords or parsons; they are determined to persevere in that resolution; one year more will settle the question forever, and as you and the lords have adjourned it, you will be entitled to the credit of having effectually contributed to the slow and natural demise of the parsons, and the extinction of the Protestant Church."

DUNCARVON ELECTION.—The election commenced on Friday, and although on Saturday the case of Galway was hopeless, the polling continued till Monday evening, when the Attorney General was re-elected by a majority of over 150. The state of the poll at 12 o'clock, by another account, was, O'Loghlen, 303; Galway, 163; majority, 140.

WATERFORD ELECTION.—On Monday, William Villiers Stewart, Esq., a Reformer, was elected member for the County of Waterford, in the room of Mr. Power, deceased.

STRAIT NAVIGATION TO INDIA.—The accounts from Bombay this morning, state that the first steam-boat arrived there on the 21 May; the despatches were taken from Falmouth on the 4th March to Malta, and from thence to Alexandria, after which the despatches were forwarded to Suez overland, then taken by the *Hugh Lindsay* steamer to Bombay. By this route, advices were received from England in the short space of 60 days.

A private letter in the Morning Herald announces that the Queen Regent of Spain gave birth to a child, on the 3d instant, at La Granja.

FRANCE.—The discontent which the law on the press has occasioned is not confined to Paris. In the departments the extent of it may be conceived from the statement in the *Courier Francais*, that no fewer than 100 provincial journals will, of necessity, immediately cease to appear. Several of the minor Paris papers have already perished, among them, the once formidable *Figaro*, and the witty, satirical, and sometimes atrocious *Caricature*.

On Tuesday the Duc de Broglie gave to the Duc de Frias, verbally, the following reasons for no intervention:—1. That England had not preliminarily consented. 2. That the Northern Powers might denounce. And 3. The pecuniary consideration. England he observed, might be brought to consent. The foreign Powers did not wish for better than to see France involved in greater difficulties; but the great objection was want of means.

The cholera has manifested itself with an extreme violence on board the French squadron off Palma (Majorca). The Triton man of war had 75 cases, and 55 deaths. The crew were obliged to be put on shore, and encamped on a small island. Several cases had also taken place on board the Nestor. Advices from Teleran of the 18th of July mention that the cholera had re-appeared, and raged at one time with so much severity as to carry off 700 persons per day.

(From the Londonderry Journal, Sept. 29.)

By accounts from Spain, it appears that a battle on a large scale was fought on the 17th instant, in the neighbourhood of Bilbao; and, as is usual, both parties claim the victory. After comparing the different accounts, the fact would seem to be that a body of the King's troops, consisting of from 7000 to 8000 men, under Generals Espartaco and Espereto, advanced from Bilbao to dislodge a much more numerous body of the enemy from a mountainous position which they occupied; but that, owing to a want of mutual good understanding between the Generals, the assaulting force, after obtaining some advantages, was compelled to fall back. It would further appear that, in order to cover the retreat, General Evans drew out part of the British Legion, which behaved with great gallantry, and succeeded in its object. The respective losses of the combatants are variously stated. According to the Carlists, the British alone sustained a loss of 1000 killed, besides many wounded; while the correspondent of the *Morning Chronicle* affirms that their loss did not exceed two killed and five wounded. It is said that several Carlists of distinction deserted to the Queen's party; and that 100 Christians, who had sought refuge in cottages near to the city, were taken prisoners by the Carlists. The accounts from other quarters are more favourable to the Queen's cause. A Carlist division of Navarrese have been forced to throw away their arms, and fly into France, by the valley of the Aure; and the Carlist recruits in Arragon have been totally dispersed.

A complete revolution has taken place in the Spanish cabinet. A decidedly liberal Administration has been formed, at the head of which is Mr. Mendizabal, who has been long and honourably known as an able financier and virtuous statesman. In consequence of this change, several of the provincial juntas have dissolved themselves, and it is expected that the rest will follow their example—an instance, among many, that the best mode of averting organic changes is by reasonable compliance with the general sense of the public. It is now said that, notwithstanding the quadruple treaty, Portugal refuses to send an auxiliary force into Spain. If aid be afforded by Louis Philippe, it will not be in behalf of a truly liberal government.

Some time ago it may be remembered, Don Carlos declared the Virgin de los Dolores to be the Generalissimo of his armies; and, in a recent address to his army, he stated that a certain standard, embroidered by his cousin the Princess of Beira, "under the device of our lady," shall be the generalissimo standard; and that he entrusts the same to the regiment of the Lanceros of Navarre. All this smacks strongly of superstition, no doubt; yet it is amusing to observe the alacrity with which it has been taken up by the Tory press, as a means of sustaining the politico-religious cry which has been raised in this country. We suspect that persons may not travel out of Great Britain for examples of the consecration of banners; and it may not be forgotten that, some years ago, a British Protestant officer was dismissed the service by a Tory government, for having refused to join the troops in an act of adoration to the host, when carried in procession through the streets of Malta. But what is chiefly to be remarked, is, that in modern times, every Catholic Prince, who inherits the cause of despotism, has worked upon the religious prejudices and gross ignorance of the lower orders, has been unhesitatingly and actively supported by the Tories in England. In particular, this very Don Carlos became their *preux chevalier*, after the sun of his brother usurper Don Miguel had set in darkness; and why so, if it was not that Carlos, to secure the support of the clergy, was pledged to resist all change in either Church or State, while the enlightened part of the nation was determined on a reformation of both? It is true that until now we heard nothing from the Conservatives of his bigotry, nor even of his adoption of the Virgin de los Dolores for his commander-in-chief, but much of his amiability, his romantic courage, his pious concern for the rights of his children, combined with a *quantum sufficit* of abuse bestowed on the Spanish party opposed to him, and their Whig abettors in this country. That they have changed their note regarding that personage would imply that they have come to consider his cause as perfectly hopeless; but still we have no doubt that they admire the trick of the standard, so much like one of their own, and heartily wish it success. We have been greatly struck by the following remark by the *Belfast Guardian*, which, *nomine mutato*, may be not unaptly applied to the home party, which the *Guardian* specially favours:—

"Be that as it may, Carlos acts the part of a cunning fellow—for a display of the Virgin's flag will draw to his standard a multitude of superstitious bigots, who, notwithstanding their folly and their ignorance, will be as well able to handle a pike, a broad sword, or a musket, as if they were in possession of the wisdom of Nestor, and the military skill of Hannibal or Pyrrhus."

increase in the value of the stock of the institution for years to come; as matters now turn there is no chance of its doing so. Another Bank must depreciate the stock in ours.

St. John, 20th October.

FOR THE COURIER.

MR. CHUBB.—I was not a little surprised to learn a few days since, that an application by a company of gentlemen to establish a Steam Ferry communication between the ports of St. John and Carleton, had been rejected by our Common Council. The wretched manner in which this Ferry is kept, and the gross abuse and want of accommodation to passengers, loudly call for redress; in fact, instead of greater facilities for passing, this establishment, which is now kept in a more irregular manner than it was some years since—The time has now fully arrived when a safe and commodious means of communication ought to be here established, and from what I learn from one of the gentlemen who made the application, should consider the request of the petitioners a very fair and just one, and I should have supposed, would have been unhesitatingly granted by our Common Council; and especially when it is reasonable to suppose that the accommodation so much desired, would have been this given the public.

Mr. Chubb, I took upon the Ferries as places where every facility should be afforded to travellers, and not as a place of confinement to any public fund; and I regret that our Corporate body should have so far neglected the wants of the public, as to have gone forward in other cities, and so much to be desired in this, as to reject this so much to be desired public good; but I cannot but hope that the Council will reconsider their termination, and let not another season pass by, without having the ferry improved, and the public, which would be the admiration of strangers, an ornament to our city, and a credit to all concerned.

Your's, respectfully, A CITIZEN.

October 29, 1835.

The Courier.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1835.

Although we have had a number of arrivals from Britain within the last few days, and some very short passages, the latest papers we have obtained are only the 29th September, which is the day of the *Lemon* from London.—They are principally occupied with details of the fetes given to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, the Earl of Mulgrave, who was then visiting different parts of the Island.

Respecting the political state of England, a London correspondent of the Liverpool Journal remarks:—"The condition of an Island, which has been so long in a state of anarchy and torn by hurricane, is not more different from its state when lying in calm repose, after the elemental strife is done, than is the quiet of our political circles here at present, from the excitement which distinguished them for some time back. All persons seem to be calmly and contentedly engaged in the study of the laws, and to take 'the gods the gods provide them,' in the shape of news, without remark or comment. Indeed, I should scarcely imagine that such things as politics exist, were it not that the press gives reports of the proceedings of the House of Commons, and the various large placards in the streets announce the formation of a 'Great Radical Association' in London. One short week has made a great change in the appearance of the West end—no more prancing horses and handsome carriages disport themselves in Regent street, only a solitary horseman in a new and then to Gloucester, which he was welcomed by the people in the most enthusiastic manner. He would visit Paisley and some other towns in Scotland, before his return to Ireland.—The hour of public dinner in Belfast and Londonderry, had been offered to him, but he declined, on the ground that such a demonstration might be construed into a triumph over the Orange faction—a feeling which he is not disposed to encourage."

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COMMUNICATIONS.

[FOR THE COURIER.]

MR. CHUBB.—

SIR,—A writer, who calls himself 'An Observer,' in the issue of Tuesday's *Observer* with a communication censuring the present conduct of the Directors of the Commercial Bank, and charging the first projectors of it with inconsistency.

That the management of the Directors of that institution has not been, or is not, in conformity with the liberal views of the first projectors of it, appears pretty evident; but in justice to the originators of the Commercial Bank, let it be stated that they have but a small voice in the present Board of Directors, and are, consequently, not charged with its mismanagement.

Let us enquire if the stockholders themselves did not act inconsistently in choosing Directors.—Did they not exercise a weak, silly judgment in picking up as many as they could find of the most zealous upholders of the narrow liberal system of banking, so much complained of in the *Observer*—men obstinately wedded to the customs and usages of 18—men who will never consent to measure the new improvements and newly developed resources of this flourishing colony by anything but their own stunted withering ideas—men too, who fought, tooth-and-nail, against the new mode, which will at once give many of our citizens an opportunity, and at a cheap rate, of beautifying their dwellings with this rich and chaste building material; while at the same time it will prove a valuable article for export, either to the home market as ballast, or to the United States. Let our readers consider a large amount of ballast, were of opinion that each might make a profitable business by carrying it in place of the present unproductive system. The marble has been pronounced by competent judges to be equal to some of the Italian white marble, and is justly entitled to the best wishes and thanks of our citizens on every opportunity, and at a cheap rate, of beautifying their dwellings with this rich and chaste building material; while at the same time it will prove a valuable article for export, either to the home market as ballast, or to the United States. Let our readers consider a large amount of ballast, were of opinion that each might make a profitable business by carrying it in place of the present unproductive system. 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