

accompanied by Andrew Paterson, Esq. on behalf
of the Quebec Committee of Trade. The object
which these gentlemen had in view was to

plentiful, is to secure the continuance of the wintering of it, and especially of the mercantile trade of it, and to the great advantage of the Province, it is projected to connect Quebec by a Railroad which will pass through the Province of New Brunswick; and thus obtain for St. Andrews a direct communication, through a friendly and fertile country, to the wintering of the Company. In this plan, taken in connection with the proposed steam communication between the Province of Ireland and another in British North America, the Legislature has wisely advanced the commerce, and the prosperity of this and the neighbouring Provinces.

The St. Andrews Association have resolved upon petitioning His Majesty for a grant of money to aid in this magnificent undertaking; and the petitioners do hereby request that the signatures of as great a number of the respectable and influential classes in these Colonies, as possible, may be concurred in. As the stay in this country of the deputation from the above Association is so short, they do hereby request to be permitted to present this petition which will be presented in order to the consideration of the Government, by saying it. Sheets for signing will be deposited at the News Room this morning till ten o'clock.

that, owing to the readiness with which the Committee of Trade entered into the views of the Deputation from the Saint Andrew's Railway Association, and to the indefatigable and praiseworthy zeal of A. FERRIE, Esq., about one thousand signatures were, in the course of Tuesday chiefly, obtained to the Petition we published in our last issue. Mr. Ferrie found, in the course of his perambulations, men of all parties eager to affix their seal of approval to the project of the St. Andrew's and Quebec Rail Road.

We have been permitted to publish the following communication from the Committee of Trade, to the Gentlemen composing the deputation from New-Brunswick:—

Committee of Trade Room, }
Montreal, December 22d, 1835. }

GENTLEMEN,—The Montreal Committee of Trade have received and perused with satisfaction, the various documents you have submitted to them on the subject of a Rail road between Saint Andrews, in New Brunswick, and Quebec in this Province; and you had an opportunity of being heard by the Committee.

The gentlemen in London nominated by the Quebec Committee of Trade, are precisely those who have already been disposed to appoint, and who have only been waiting for the opportunity. Bliss, Esq. beaded to them, as also G. R. Robinson, Esq. M. P. Chairman of the Lower Canada Land Company.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, GEORGE ALDRIN,

Chairman of the Committee of Trade.

To John Wilson and James Rait, Esqs.
a Deputation from the St. Andrews and Quebec Railroad Association.

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The crew and passengers of the schr. Madawaska, which sailed about a month since from New-York, with about 200 volunteers for Texas, were in prison at Nassau, N. F. on the 10th ult. and were kept in the place for some time, reckoning, and when about eight or ten days out they found themselves among the Bahama Banks and Islands. The captain sent a boat, with 12 men, on shore, where the men got drunk, and

with drawn swords and pistols, threatened to shoot the strikers, sobbed loudly at whatever they wanted, and made off. Two British guards went in pursuit of the schooner, and after a week's search came up and took possession of her. The men were imprisoned at Nassau, and were to be tried immediately, when no doubt all the boat's crew would be liberated.

CONGRESS.—In the Senate, on Wednesday last, Mr. Davis called up, for consideration, the resolution, "That the Senate do pass the bill, heretofore passed by the House of Representatives, 'instructing the Committee on Manufactures to report a bill for the repeal of duties on such articles as were not injurious to the manufacturing interests.' " Mr. D. said, that on examination, he was now satisfied, that the object of the resolution was solely financial, and he, therefore, withdrew his objection to it. After considerable debate between Messrs. Calhoun and Clay, the resolution was agreed to.

The consideration of the bill proposing an amendment to the constitution, providing for the distribution of the surplus revenue, was also made the order of the day for the third Monday in January.

The Merchants' Exchange, in New-York, is to be rebuilt immediately. The Merchants' are to hold their meetings in the Mechanics' Exchange for the present.

Notwithstanding the enormous loss of property our merchants have sustained, we have not as yet heard of a single failure or of a single dishonored note. The business of the Banks and the great round of payments goes on as if nothing had happened.—[Journal of Com.]

The New-York Ocean Insurance Company have declared a dividend of forty per cent. for the last six months.

**STEAM NAVIGATION TO LONDON.**—We have been furnished with a copy of the prospectus of an association in London for establishing the "*First Line of Steam Ships to run between London and New York.*" The capital of the Company is £500,000, in 5000 shares of £100 each. —A letter from London, of the 6th of November, says:—"The prospectus has been out only three days, and already 250 of the whole."

TEXAS.—Accounts from N. Orleans of the 15th inst. announce the receipt of later intelligence from Texas. A provisional government had been completely organized, and a Bill of Rights adopted. Henry Smith appointed Governor, and J. W. Robinson, Lieutenant Governor. The Mexican General Cos, is completely hemmed in at San Antonio by Col. Austin, with 2000 Texas force. Five Texas vessels of war are con-

stantly scouring the whole of the Texian coast, and prevent the landing, by Mexican vessels, of any troops or supplies, while the passage is completely open for succours of all descriptions to the Texans.