

THE TRANSCRIPT.

QUEBEC, FRIDAY, 4th OCT. 1839.

The Liverpool steam ship, provided she left Liverpool on her regular day of sailing, has now been out twelve and a half or thirty days; allowing her seventeen days for the passage, the intelligence by her may be expected here on the 12th instant—next Saturday se'night.

Since the defalcation of the Collector of the New-York Customs took place, the United States papers have enriched the English language with a new and euphonious word, and one which the system of "responsible government" carried out to the full extent, brings into almost daily use. The word "absconded" has now given place to "Startwounded," and we very seldom take up a United States paper in which we do not find this lengthy trisyllable employed. The latest case is that of a Mr. Thomas Dwight, a Sub-Treasurer, who absconded—*"Startwounded"* we mean—from Columbus, Ohio, to the tune of fifteen thousand dollars.

A daughter of Joseph Bonaparte, *Comte de Surville*, the brother of Napoleon, has recently been married in the United States, to Zevalon M. Boulton, Esq. of Ohio.

SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES.—A diabolical case of abduction has recently occurred in Massachusetts, the particulars of which are, briefly, these:—Two men, calling themselves Shearer and Dickenson, engaged to the parents of a coloured boy, named Sydney O. Francis, to take him as a resident domestic in Shearer's house; the rascals, however, took the boy to Virginia and sold him as a slave. Shearer has been arrested at Virginia, and persons have gone on to identify the boy, but some of the papers express a doubt that the matter will end quietly.

WEST INDIES. Our latest accounts from Jamaica, it may be remembered were, of a somewhat mysterious character, and were the cause of further intelligence from that quarter being looked for with impatience. An arrival at New Orleans bringing papers of the 12th August, enables us to give some further accounts of proceedings in Jamaica, a summary of which we subjoin, and from which it will be seen that the reports of the lamentable condition of the British West Indian possessions are increasing in alarm; but it is to be hoped that they are much exaggerated. The captain of the vessel, the *Granicieff*, furnishes a communication describing the condition of Jamaica and its inhabitants during his late visit. He declares it to be his impression, founded upon accurate observation, that this colony must soon become a scene of insurrection and massacre, a second St. Domingo.

It is quite a common occurrence, he says, to see the negroes buying arms and ammunition. During his stay at Kingston, a Haytian schooner of war was captured, in the act of landing arms among the negroes. The ringleaders of the expedition were said to be men of high standing and great influence in Hayti.—The attempt had caused great alarm among the white inhabitants, but received very little attention from the Government, who appear not to be apprized of the threatened danger. As to the agriculture of the Island, the plantations are in a state of dilapidation, and fast going to waste. The crops have fallen off more than three quarters of the annual product previous to the act of emancipation.

A correspondent of the Jamaica Despatch, in a letter dated St. Mary's, 5th July, 1839, supplies the following information:

"In your paper of the 10th June, I observe a letter dated from Lacovia, signed Candor. I am sorry to say that I can corroborate his statement with regard to the general armng of the negro population. Some weeks ago, when travelling to Kingston, in company with Mr. Corrier of that town, I met numbers of negroes returning from thence, armed with muskets and fowling pieces. On reaching the parade square, it appeared to us, in conse-

quence of the armed labourers, as if a party were mustering on the ground to drill. There was a continued flow and reflux of the sabre gentry at the doors of the gunsmiths, with guns to be repaired, and pieces just brought. I state what I have seen, and allow some more competent individual to make comment."—*N. Orleans Bulletin.*

With the exception of the *Albion*, the *Commercial Advertiser* is the best informed paper in New-York as to the British intelligence, and the opinions of the worthy editor (Col. Stone) very justly carry great weight. The following, respecting the recall of Sir John Colborne, shows that on this important point the views of the Commercial are as correct as we have always been happy to find them on the affairs of this country.

Too Late.—The Montreal papers of last week were proposing public meetings and sundry popular exertions to prevent the removal of Sir John Colborne from the Government of the Canadas. These movements come too late; and in our poor opinion, the British Government will ultimately find that the recall of Sir John is a political error.

UPPER CANADA.

We regret to learn from the Upper Canada papers received here yesterday that burnings and threats of burnings are still the order of the day on the frontier of our sister province. The desperate band of villains who infest that loyal colony are, there is too much reason to believe, the agents of men whose turpitude is, if possible, of a darker hue. The "responsible government" cry is a very convenient cloak for these men who, under the mask of patriotism, commit crimes that make humanity shudder.

The Niagara Chronicle of the 26th ultimo, says:—

"This frontier, it seems, is destined to remain familiarized with these dreadful scenes. One conflagration takes place after another, and the perpetrators in all cases escape detection, and no steps are taken to prevent their recurrence.—The destruction of Capt. Creighton's property was openly threatened at Manchester some days before the threat was carried into execution!—Why, then, were not measures adopted for preventing it? The property of Mr. Bendor, at Muddy Run, is now threatened by the same gang of desperate villains; and we are informed that the incendiaries receive from a "patriot committee" in the United States, a specific sum for every conflagration they raise on the property of loyalists in Canada!

In addition to the above the following items complete the amount of our Upper Canadian intelligence received since Wednesday.

The weather within the last few days has been very cold and unpleasant. On Wednesday and yesterday heavy cold rains fell. Last evening we were visited with a slight fall of snow, and during the night there was a very sharp frost. Yesterday there was a heavy gale on the Lake and several schooners were driven into our harbour from various quarters, some of them from the head of the Lake.

THE STAVE TRADE.—This is becoming a very extensive branch of trade at this place. Not less than 20 vessels are now discharging their cargoes about Kingston.—*Kingston Chronicle*, Sept. 28.

ST. THOMAS.—A number of gentlemen in St. Catharines have subscribed £400, which sum has been offered as a reward for the apprehension of the person or persons who attempted to set the tannery of Mr. Adams on fire. The charge upon which Brown was bailed was for the threats he uttered; in every other particular the account given in our last was correct.—*Niagara Chronicle*.

The editor of the *Western Whig* is almost as good a hand at an excuse as some of his Yankee contemporaries. In his last number he discourses thus:—

It is needless for our Subscribers to put themselves in a passion—wholly so.—The Races.—The Theatre, together with an unusual quantity of Job work, have prevented our getting out the British Whig. Let the matter be passed over quietly, and the very first week we have leisure, and any great news arrives in the beginning of it, we promise to issue a half sheet Extra, to cover the present deficiency.

TRAGICAL SCENE.—The following truly pathetic scene occurred recently, at Perth, U. C. The prisoner was indicted for the murder of his son-in-law:—

Perhaps we should notice, that during the investigation, the widow of the deceased, and who was at the same time the daughter of the prisoner, was on the part of the defence brought into Court to be sworn. She appeared in mourning, pale, thin, and greatly discomposed; and it was only with exertion on her part, that she could keep composed enough to speak; however, nothing very material was elicited from her. Her feelings frequently overcame her, and she burst out into loud sobs, at one of which she cast her eyes upon the prisoner, and screamed "father, father!" The Court of course, ordered her removal—she had to pass her father, to whom she extended her hand in the midst of her sobs and shrieks of "father, father!" The old man in tears reached out his hand to his widowed daughter; the hand which, at the instigation of his heart, had been the means alike of her misery and his own—she received it, and was taken away. The scene was tragical, and though between those humble individuals, brought the tears to many an eye.—*Brockville Recorder*.

We are surprised to read the closing sentence of the extract. "Though between individuals in humble life, tears were brought to many an eye!" Are the woes of humble life less acute, because luxury or mere wealth hangs not over them its inselated canopy?—*Montreal Courier*.

By yesterday's Eastern mail we have received our papers from the Lower Provinces, which do not contain anything of much importance.

ST. JOHN, Sept. 24.—KING'S COUNTY.—A special court of Oyer and Terminer, for the trial of the four persons charged with the murder of Bernard Coyte, at the house of Terrence Ferguson, in Kings County, on the 30th July last, was opened at Kingston, on Tuesday the 17th inst. Verdicts of Guilty were returned against three of them—Leonard, McGunagle, and Haley; the fourth, named Coyle, was acquitted.—We learn that the unhappy men are to be executed on Wednesday the 16th October, proximo.—*Observer*.

The Captain and Officers of the steam frigate, *Medea*, while at Charlotte Town, P. E. I. gave a splendid ball and supper to the fashion at that seat of Government.

The corner stone of McGill College at Montreal was to be laid yesterday by His Excellency the Governor General, with Masonic orders.

The steamer *British America* arrived from Montreal yesterday shortly after 2 P. M. She passed the *Lady Colborne* which, we regret to learn, was still aground. By the B. A. we received the Montreal Courier of Wednesday, from which—as we copied the paragraph to which allusion is made from the Mercury—we make the following extract:—

Captain Comeau, of the Police, has informed us, that the Quebec papers have made a mis-statement of fact in regard to the political prisoners; it is a pity such a statement should have been made to the public, if untrue;—there is no policy in increasing the sympathy for the unfortunate people, by tales that have no foundation in fact. Captain Comeau denies they had either their heads shaved, or Convent dresses put on;—and informs us, they were even allowed to have their luggage in the part of the ship allotted them, nothing being retained from them, but their razors, owing to an arrangement for their being shaved by persons appointed for the purpose, and with the object of preserving due cleanliness.

The Courier contains nothing new beyond the above.

THE SHERIFFALTY AGAIN.—This office it still vacant, or at least was so yesterday morning, much to the annoyance and chagrin of the lawyers whose new suits cannot be made returnable for this, the first, of the October term. It seems that one of the securities had some conscientious scruples as to his being able to qualify, the qualification being the possession of real estate of the value of six thousand pounds over and above the payment of all debts. In the present case, we understand that each of the Joint Sheriffs is to procure a security to that amount, but it ought to be borne in mind that either of them is

liable for any defalcation or losses occasioned by the remissness of the Joint Sheriffs for whom he is not security, and to whom he probably never spoke. There are few persons indeed who would become security for such terms.—*Montreal Herald of Tuesday*.

At 2 P. M. yesterday, the telegraph announced a steam ship of war coming up the river, and, of course, an infinity of conjectures as to what she would prove to be immediately arose. At five o'clock she was seen rounding the point, and on her arrival opposite the Queen's wharf, the anxious spectators who lined the wharves ascertained that she was no other than our old friend, the *Melo*, with the marines, who have been for some time expected, for service on the lakes in Upper Canada.

It is rather an extraordinary fact that none of the Montreal papers, with the exception of the *Transcript* (and that only copied four lines from a Quebec paper) even informed their readers that such an event had come to pass as the trial of Mr. Wm. Coates in the Court of King's Bench in this district. What can be the reason?

The following are among the passengers who sailed for Liverpool in the packet-ship *Sheldan*, on the 26th ultimo:—Rev. Robert Cunningham, lady and child, of Glasgow; Mr. S. Cunningham of Scotland; Mr. George Mason and servant, Mr. Wm. Hancock and servant, Mr. E. Poole, Mr. E. Cunningham, Mr. R. Jones, and Mr. D. Jones, all of England; Major Law, British Army; and Mr. Wm. Bates, of Halifax, England.

MONTEAL ASHES STORE COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1st Oct. 1839.	Pots.	Pearls.	Total.
Shipped ..	1,137	6,194	17,381	
In Store ..	1,564	954	2,518—1868	
1st Oct. 1838.				
Shipped ..	10,477	5,849	16,326	
In Store ..	3,032	1,789	4,821—2147	
Decrease 1st Oct. 1839, . . 128				

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF QUEBEC. ARRIVED. None since our last.

CLEARED. Oct. 2nd.

- Bark City of Waterford, Duggan, Liverpool, T. Frost.
- Brig Falcon, Mairs, Dublin, Levey & Co.
- Ship Nestor, Brown, Lull, Barstall.
- Ship Boraac, Gorman, Limerick, Price & Co.
- Bark Mary Laing, Sharer, Sunderland, do.
- Brig Sarah, Flemming, Newcastle, Gilmour.
- Bark Britannia, Leasist, Newcastle, Pemberton.
- Brig Trio, Pierce, Westford, LeMouster & Co.
- Ship Sir Walter Scott, Young, Liverpool, Muland & Co.
- 3rd.
- Bark Robert Watson, Elliot, Bristol, Gilmour.
- Bark Spring Hill, Auld, Greenock, J. Thompson.
- Brig Tom Bowline, Kidd, London, Pemberton.
- Bark Urania, Clark, Cork, do.
- Bark Thetis, Baker, London, Price & Co.

ENTERED FOR LOADING. Oct. 2nd.

- Pilot, 246, Swansea, Pemberton, Sillery.
- Geo. Wilkinson, 320, Liverpool, Rugby, Jossel of Cottingham, 58, Maiden, Atkinson, Spencer & Co.
- Curra, 319, Sunderland, G. B. Symes, Woodfall.
- Robt. McWilliam, 358, Aberdeen, Curry, Hall's Booms.
- Barbadoes, 321, London, Pemberton, Montrency.
- 3rd.
- Deveraux, 425, Liverpool, Gilmore, Priests with Carleton, 404, Dublin, Shamples, Cape Core.
- Cumberland, 384, Bristol, do, Wolfe's Core.
- John Eskdale, 346, Bristol, Atkinson, Spencer & Co.
- Defender, 353, Sunderland, Chapman, Patton's Co.
- Lisa Runney, 305, Hull, Gilmour, Wolfe's Core.
- Industry, 196, Troon, do, do.
- Hercules, 37, Liverpool, Mastland, Lamplugh's.
- Sir F. B. Head, 470, Bristol, Atkinson, Spencer & Co.

BIRTH. At St. Andrews, on the 23rd ult. Mrs. Rev. Wm. Abbott, of two boys.

MARRIED. On Tuesday evening, by the Rev. Dr. Cook, W. Forsyth, Esq. merchant, Smithville, U. C., to Elizabeth, second daughter of the late John Bignell, Esq. Post Master of Quebec.

DIED. At Montreal, on Monday evening, Mrs. Ephemia Clark, wife of Mr. Geo. C. Fraser, Wellington Street, aged 37.

THEATRE I.

ON MONDAY THE 11th WILL BE PERFORMED THE FLOATING VILLAGE L. AND ON FRIDAY EVENING THE

Will be performed the sou GILDEROY, OR TH THE FLOATING When will be decided Amateur and a member of Upper and Lower Boxes, 5 Gallery is 3d. Doors open at seven—Perfo at eight. For further partic VIVAT REGI 27th September.

NOTICE A GENERAL MEETING of the Quebec held at the Reading Room 11th inst., at ONE o'clock. Subscribers to the particularly requested to at W. Quebec, 4th Oct.

ST. GEORGE'S SPECIAL MEETING A to be held THIS DAY at FOUR o'clock, at the into consideration the Add lency Lieut.-General Sir which has been prepared appointed for that purpose Quebec, 2nd Oct. 1839.

THE SUBSCRIBER will read of UNDER TAKE his residence, 36, St. John Street THEOPHI Quebec, 4th October.

PASSAGE TO THE new 251 tons register, will sail on the 8th inst., on account on board, at Leaycraft's W G. Quebec, 4th October.

PASSAGE TO THE very fast Bark LOTU: Master, will sail about the very superior Poop accommodation, apply to the Captain and Campbell's Rooms, JOHN M.

PASSAGE TO THE well known SIR WALTER Young master, can comfort a few Cabin Passengers, Wednesday next. Apply board, at the Brewery W R. F. M. 30th Sept. 1839.

FOR CHAF THE A I R JOHN ARNEY will accept of a Charter Great Britain or Ireland 11th September. WA

PASSAGE TO G THE fine fast bark GLA Capt. Douglas, will sail 10th October, has excellent passengers. For further the master on board, at the office of W. Quebec, 30th Sept. 1839.