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THE INTURTION OF MONEY GRANTS .-The news of the loss of this important fovernment measure did not arrive until we were going to press with our last num ber, and as its operation when carried (and carried it most assuredly will be by (and carried it most assuredly will be be a new House.) will prove a salutary check on the disgraceful and rotten system his therto pursued, it is much to be regretted that it did not pass the House. As many of our readers may not be fully acquainted with the system as proposed by His Excel lency, and as we are aware that those of our Representatives who voted against it will endeavour to prove to their constitu-ents that they were in their opposition contending for the people's rights, we will mas brief a manner possible explain the on as brief a manner possible explain the nature of the question. First then, the initiating of the Money grants by the Government instead of by the Representation. it is the practice of the Imperial Parlia ment, and has been so for a length o time. When this measure shall be i operation, it will have the effect of causin, at least one half of the appropriations the are now squandered for electioneerin purposes, to be laid out faithfully on improvements in Roads and Bridges. Eac member will then go to the House wit estimates of all improvements required. estimates of all improvements required i his County, as well as all other bountie required from the public chest—the whol Vequired from the public chest—the whol of which will be exhibited before the Governor and Council, as well a true an particular account of the Revenue for the past year, as a probable estimate of the year to come, which documents will for what in England is called the Bedger.—Thus with the wants of the country befor them, as well as the means for reaching them. them, as well as the means for meetin those wants, the Executive will be en-bled to make out a money bill containin the Grant in gross for the whole provinc-and will thereby be enabled to make the and will thereby be enabled to make the outlay correspond with the income, properly constituted office of Audit with the appointed, and vouchers will be required for every penny expended. The system while it deprives members of it patronage they have hitherto enjoyed, and too frequently abused, will also by judgings management cause double the constitution. cious management, cause double the qua-tity of improvements to be made with it same sum of money; hence jobbing wi-be banished the House, and members g-ing in with clean hands, will have no i-ducement, but to vote honestly. In fe ducement but to vote honestly. In following out this highly beneficial and high constitutional system, we are informed that our Governor, intends in future to a point no one as a Supervisor of Roads, to any other lucrative office, who is a merber of the House of Assembly. Havin given a brief outline of that system which has met with such opposition, we think not at all improbable that those departur from the Constitution may be remembered

at the day of election. Resignation of Councillors,—The Hon. Hu Johnston, and the Hon. John W. Weldon have signed their soats as Executive Councillors; thater in consequence of his opposition to the L Government measure; the reasons of the forn have not yet transpired.

The American papers state that the stern beand some water casks belonging to the unfortung Steam Ship President, have been picked up at and carried into St. Nicholas, one of the Cape Verd Islands.

HURRICANE.—Yesterday the City exprienced one of the heaviest gales of withat ever was known in the Province.
The gale commenced about 12 o'clock t

previous night from the W. S. W. need panied with rain and snow, and continu to increase until 12 at noon, when it g dually subsided. Its violence at the heig of its fury was quite sufficient to designe it a regular hurricane. The shops that had been opened in the morning had had been opened in the morning had be shut, to prevent tiles, signs, windo shutters, and other articles projected the violence of the wind from smashi their windows; the streets were strew with fragments of broken signs, boar shutters, windows and tiles, which wh descending, rendered it extremely digerous to be out of doors. In many-hises hundreds of panes of glass were bleen, many chimnies were blown dow several frames prostrated, and many how ken, many chimnies were blown dov several frames prostrated, and many hour completely unroofed. In the house of N Geo. Sancton, occupied by Mr. Doane chimney fell through the roof and the per floor, and lodged in a bed from wh the children of the house had just its The fences in the vicinity of the city, t The fences in the vicinity of the city, twere deemed good and substantial wherefled with the ground. At the Petentiary the newly creeted fences a sheds were also prostrated—the Bay Fundy must have presented an awacene during its continuance. We have yet heard of any wrecks; at this same of the rear feature that the rear feature that the same of the rear feature that the rear feature that the same of the rear feature that the rear feature that the rear feature that the same of the rear feature that t son of the year, fortunately there are son of the year, fortunately there are typesels affoat; our harbour is litter clear, consequently little damage concern in that quarter. The newly erec brick stores of Messrs, Blakslee and Jo ston have the southern sides partiof damage may be is not ascertained must be something very considerable About the height of the gale the alarm fire was given, and notwithstanding state of the weather, the firemen and zens turned out in great numbers, with the utmost zeal and persevera stayed the conflagration in the ho whence it originated, which belonged Mr. Jones, (near the Block House)

again repaired. MINIATORE PAINTING.—We would recome to the notice of the public. Mr. Clow. as a Lim He may be found at his rooms at the Comme Hotel in this city. We have seen some of his I

although much injured will admit of be