taken by them. Lord Palmerston replied, that he could give no information on the subject alluded to, and that the merchants must take such measures as they think best to secure their interests in China. This reply has given great dissatifaction in the city.

The Star.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1840.

We have given insertion this week to an article in the NOVASCOTIAN upon the subject of Steam Communication between this Island and the adjacent Provinces, which we strongly recommend to the perusal of our readers, and to the consideration of the Local Legislature. A communication of such a character would most unquestionably conduce to the safety of life and property—would lower the price of many articles of food, which of late years has been intolerably dear, and bring within the reach of a large number of our fellow-colonists a variety of products that at present lie beyond their means.

His Excellency the Governor has, we think, very judiciously called the attention of the Legislature to a Road Bill; a measure of the utmost importance to the general interest of the Colony, and one which would be gladly received by all classes of the community. We understand petitions in favor of such a Bill are already in course of preparation.

(From the Royal Gazette, Jan. 7.)

Friday last being the day appointed by Proclamation, for the assembling of the Legislature. His Excellency the Governor, attended by the usual suite, proceeded at two o'clock from the Government House to the Council Chamber, and having arrived there, and taken his seat on the Throne, directed that the House of Assembly be summoned to attend, and Mr. Speaker and the Members having accordingly appeared at the Bar, His Excellency was pleased to open the Session by the following gracious

SPEECH:

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

When I closed the late Session in the month of October, it was not my intention so soon to have re-assembled the Legislature, but the pressing necessities of the utter helpless poor have compelled me to resort to this measure; and as there are other objects to be considered, and experience does not ceem to have proved the superior advantage of our meeting in the Summer, I shall bring under your observation all the public business, both regular and incidental, trusting that the whole may be completed before the commencement of the Seal Fishery.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

The most urgent matter for your consideration is the present condition of the Sick and impotent Poor, of Orphans and Idiots, combined with the just claims of those benevolent and industrious individuals who have long watched over and protected the two last-named classes of sufferers. Since April nothing has been paid on this account, and I shall place before you afflicting statements of consequent want and wretchedness.

I am well aware that in no part of the world should eleemosynary aid be given with more caution than in Newfoundland, but the infirmities of nature and the misfortunes occasioned by the character of our occupations, are surely entitled to public commisseration and relief.

I have transmitted on all occasions to the respective Legislative Bodies, copies of such Despatches as regard my conduct in conjunction with their proceedings.

By regulations prescribed by Her Majesty's Government, the House must be sensible that it is my duty rigidly to abide—and, it will consequently be perceived, that had the Poor Bill, as sent up towards the conclusion of the late Session, been fully adopted by the Council, it could not possibly have received my assent.

I mention this prevent misconception and to obviate any future misunderstanding.

In an Address from the House of Assembly to Her Majesty, passed at the close of the Session, the subject of the last Contingency Bill is discussed at some length. As considerable time must elapse before any answer can be received, I would venture to suggest, without at all anticipating what the answer may be, that a Bill embracing such items as were originally undisputed might, in consideration of the painful position of various claimants, be at once advantageously prepared.

I have formerly laid before you statements of the defective condition of the Building in which we are now assembled. I shall transmit to you the report of a Surbey thereupon just made by my direction, to which I beg to call pour particular attention.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I shall hove the pleasure of transmitting to you, as soon as printed, a report from the Geological Surveyor cohtaining much interesting information. He will be prepared to pursue his arduous and important labour at the earliest practicable period.

I have received a Despatch from Lord John Russell announcing that it is no longer desired that measures for the alienation of the Crown Territory should be delayed.

I shall therefore supply you with copies of correspondence on this head, which, with the documents already in your possession aud your own local knowledge, will, I hope, enable you to frame an act suiten in every particular to the exigencies of the colony.

I invite your early attention to this, because as the Bill will probably require a suspending clause, procrastination may occasion the loss of the fine season to applicants for Grants of Land.

The subject of a Road Bill will, I presume, occupy your deliberations.

The benefits arising from good Roads are so well known that observations respecting them would be trite and uninteresting, but it appears to me that while pursuing so useful an object, we should carefully avoid the evils which would inevitably result from any heavy accumulation of public debt.

I have heretofore recommended some points which I still believe to be worthy of your consideration. Upon them and others I shall always be happy to afford such information as I may possess; and to assist as far as my humble means permit, your efforts for the general good.

BY AUTHORITY.

HIS Excellency the GOVERNOR has been pleased to issue a Commission under the Great Seal appointing BENJAMIN GREER GARRETT, Esquire, to be Sheriff of this Colony and its Dependencies (except Labrador;) and Mr. GARRETT this day, in the presence of His Excellency, accordingly took the Oath for the due execution of his said Office.

JAMES CROWDY,
Sec'y.

Secretary's Office.
6th January, 1840.
—*Gaz., Jan. 7.*

Died,

At Carbonear, on the 8th inst., after a lingering illness of some months, in the 58th year of his age Mr. JAMES LEGG, deeply and deservedly lamented by his family and by a large circle of friends.

——On the same day at the above-named town, in the 3d year of her age, MARTHA, daughter or Mr. FRANCIS PIKE, Jr., and grandchild to the late Mr. JAMES LEGG.

Ship News.

Port of Harbor Grace.

ENTERED

Jan. 8.—Elizabeth, Neagle, Liverpool.

CLEARED

Jan. 13.—Martha Harrison, Green, Liverpool, 102 tuns oil & blubber 2 tons old junk, 28 cow and calf hides.

Port of St. John's.

ENTERED

December 27.--Margaret Jane, Roche, Liverpool, candles, coal, pitch and tar.

30.—Sophia, Hart, Cuba, molasses, sugar, coffee.

January 2.—Amanda, Poland, Oporto, salt, oranges.

Funchal, Chift, Barbados, salt, M. bricks.

Lady Young, Kennedy, Cape Breton, coal.

Dash, Huntress, New-York, flour pork, beef.

Blenheim, Hayden, New-York, flour.

Kingaloch, Stanton, Cork, candles, potatoes, &c.

Ranger, Carroll, Cape Breton, coal.

Maid of the Valley, M'Donald, P. E. Island, coal.

Friends, Whelan, Cape Breton, coal

3.—Trial, M'Grath, Cape Breton, coal.

St. John's, Percey, Cork, ballast.

Edgcomb, Stoyles, Demerara, ballast.

4.—Malvina, Geran, New-York, flour pork, rum, wine, apples, tobacco, cabbages, &c.

Eliza Bunting, Lucas, Novascotia, pork, rum, molasses, porter, chocolate.

6.—St. Patrick, ——, ——.

Dirk Hatteraick, Campbell, Figueira, salt, wheat.

Avalon, Ritchie, Cadiz, salt, raisins.

7.—Souris, Walsh, P. E. Island, timber lathwood.

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C. F. BENNETT,
Administrator.

St. John's,
November 19, 1839.

WILLIAM STIRLING, M. D.

And Surgeon,

HAVING returned from the University of Edinburgh, has to acquaint his Friends and the Public generally, that he is now Practising the different branches of his Profession in conjunction with his Father, at whose residence, he may at any time be consulted.

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