"Q. Will all liberals wicked in one and the same party?

"A. No; but notwithstanding, they are traveling the same road, and, if they do not alter their course they will arrive at the same goal." That is, all liberals in politics will be eternally lost! There is, then, no hope for any of us in Kentucky!

"Q. Will the people establish fundamental

"A. No; because a Constitution or fundamental law is of necessity a limitation of sovereignty; and this can never receive any modification or boundary except by its own act.

"Q. If the people, in electing a sovereign, impose upon him conditions or reservations, will not that form the Constitution and fundamental laws of the state?

"A. They will, provided the sovereign grant them freely; otherwise they will not; because the people, who are made for submission, and not for command, can not impose a law upon the sovereign, which derives its power, not from them, but from God.

"Q. If a prince has sworn to observe a Constitution is he bound to maintain it?

"A. He is, provided it does not overthrow the foundations of sovereignty; and provided it is not opposed to the general interests of the state. When a contemporary sees fundamental law is seriously violated by the people, he is bound to cancel it, because the duty of the sovereign is the people's weal. An oath can not become an obligation to commit evil, and therefore can not bind a sovereign to do what is injurious to his subjects. Besides, the Head of the Church has authority from God to release consciences from oaths, when he judges that there is suitable cause for it." Hear ye the old powers of absolving kings from their oaths and, turning them loose as blood-hounds among their people, ravined!

"Q. Whose business is it to decide when the Constitution impairs the right of sovereignty, and is adverse to the welfare of the people?

"A. It is the business of the sovereign, because in him resides the high and paramount power established by God in the state with a view to its good order and felicity.

"Q. May there not be some danger that the sovereign may violate the Constitution without just cause, under the illusion of error or the impulse of passion?

"A. Errors and passions are the maladies of the human race; but the blessings of health ought not to be refused through the fear of sickness."

This catechism, teaching such horrible doctrines, was written by a bishop, is circulated by bishops to all their priests, and by the priests is taught to all the people of Sicily: the doctrines are more carefully taught to the young than are any articles of the Christian faith. With these extracts before you, will you hesitate a moment to believe that "Popery is the police of despotism?" And with doctrines like these it supports despotism in every country in Europe where it exists, and where the despots are Papists. And as it absolves a Papal King from his oath to his subjects, so it absolves Papal subjects from their allegiance to their Protestant king, when the good of the Church requires it. Are these catechism-makers the men for our country? Should these spies of despotism receive any countenance from freemen?

But is it true that the "priests are the watchmen of despotism?" Never was a more true sentiment uttered; and never was the sentiment more true than at the present hour. The system is struggling for its very life—its foundations are giving away in all lands—the waves of public opinion are dashing against the superstructure, and its priests are putting forth every effort to save it and themselves, as they well know that when their ships sinks they will have hard swimming.

Despotism are always base, and will use any means to retain their power. They are public robbers; and like other robbers, have no conscience as to the means they use. They employ spies—use bribery—lay snares—get up plots—sow dissensions, and use all unrighteous means to find out and to kill their enemies, and to consolidate their usurped power, and to put new fetters into the chains that bind people and nations to their thrones. And as the Papacy is the basest of despotisms, it has the base pre-eminence of using the most base means to accomplish its purposes. Other despotisms seek by spies to discover plots, and overt acts; but Popery has a plan by which not only to discover all these, with almost infallible certainty, but the very thoughts of men. And this it does through the infamous confessional—"the slaughter-house of consciences"—an institution devised in hell, and set up on earth in the name of religion, that "the Man of Sin" may find out the secrets of all families, and of all hearts, and for the purpose of wielding them all to the maintenance of his bad dominion. All are obliged to confess on the pain of eternal death; no confession avails if any sin or secret thought is kept back; and these confessions, when necessary, are sent to head-quarters. In this way the court of Rome is invested with a kind of omniscience, as through the priests, as spies, its watchmen, who have their confession-boxes every where, they find out the secrets of courts, cabinets, and families, and even the very thoughts of men's hearts. And what is the effect of all this? A true Papist is afraid to think, because his conscience drags him to the confessional; and the priest who sits there waiting week to catch the weary, and the secret spider to catch flies, will draw out his thoughts, and when these thoughts are drawn out, they are sent to head-quarters! I know the theory is, that confessions made to a priest are buried in his bosom; but his not "the Head of the Church authority from God to release consciences from oaths when he judges that there is suitable cause for it?" And what cause can be more suitable than the good of the Church, and the safety of the chair of St. Peter?

And what, Sir, must be the natural effect of all this upon families? Go down to Naples and see! Many a Neapolitan husband, son, and brother, rotting in the prisons there on the information wrung from their wives, mothers, and sisters by the "watchmen of despotism" at the confessional. Go to Rome and see! Many a the noble Roman in exile, or in chains in the dungeons of Rome, on the information wrung from the female members of their families at the confessional. If a wife or daughter goes to confession, the husband and father can intrust no secret to either, can not repose any confidence in them. The sweets and the confidences of home are unknown—the sweet, confiding love of the family circle is broken up—not a word of freedom, or of dissatisfaction, or of complaint must be uttered—no suspected guest must be entertained—no private meetings must be held at the confessional, sent up to the Vatican, and down to the police! Even in the heart of a fond wife there is no secret chamber which the priest, the watchman of despotism," can not enter, and from which he may not bring forth its most sacred and sacred deposits. Thus the mother, daughters, and sisters are converted by the infernal confessional into spies upon the conduct of their husbands and brothers, and are taught to believe that they are at once serving God and the Church, and saving their own souls—yea, and even during the darkest hour to their husbands and families, when revealing their thoughts and their conduct to these "watchmen of despotism." And is this, Sir, a fancy picture? Go and spend a month in Naples, or in Rome, and seek information from those who are competent and not afraid to give it, and you will say that the picture is not half to the life. And I only wonder that the husbands, sons, and brothers of wives, mothers, and sisters, that go to the knees of Papal priests to confess, do not rise as one man and pile up the confessionals for a grand bonfire, and throw the infernal confessors and seducers to Purgatory for purification.

Now, Sir, are these pictures of these "watchmen of despotism" confined to Naples and Rome. Have their character in those lands of Papal darkness, where the very night is darkness, is their universal character, wherever the bishops or priests, the creatures of the popes of Romanism are found, they are the "watchmen of despotism" at the confessional. Go to Rome and see! Even in the Vatican, under the very eye of the cardinals designate. Through the instrumentality the natives of the earth lie down at the feet of Rome, and are content to groan in the dust beneath her iron rod, or to be led captive by her at the will of her priesthood. Archbishops, archbishops, bishops, priests, and monks—bishops, of every name and nation, and from every land—and your Irish bishops, as conclave, the slave of your Irish priests, and these priests, in the spy of the confessional, form that system of espionage and priestly tyranny conducted through the infamous confessional, which

With great respect, yours,

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THREE DAYS LATER FROM ENGLAND.

[By Telegraph to the News Room.]

Boston, Jan. 31st, 1850

The steamship *Africa* has arrived at New York. She was detained at Liverpool by order of the Government, in order that they might send to Canada the decisions upon the Clergy Reserves Bill, and important matter relative to Cuba and the United States, and the imprisonment of British Sub

Breadstuffs are reported dull. Corn was improving. Wheat one penny dearer. Flour 3d to 6d per barrel dearer. Cotton was improving, and rather higher.

It is said Kossuth will probably return to the United States.

The war at the Cape still languishes; the Kaffirs are not entirely quelled.

Lord Eldon has been declared a lunatic.

France is quiet. The death of Maidai in Italy, is not confirmed.

Barr News.—Arrived at Glasgow, Jan. 12th, Dove, from St. John; 13th, Zealand, from ditto. Sailed from Clyde, 13th, Princess, for Boston; 14th, Actress, for ditto; 12th, Nova Scotian, for ditto; from Belfast, the Lydia, for ditto.

The Paxton from St. John for Glasgow, was fallen in with 5th January, lat. 46, long. 30.—Crew taken off and carried to Liverpool.

DESERTION OF SEAMEN.

The ships "Advice," Capt. Dick, and "Rankin," Capt. Lawson, arrived off this port on the night of Monday last, and early on Tuesday morning desertion put off with officers on board, and apprehended 23 of the seamen of the Advice, and 5 of the seamen of the Rankin. In the course of the day they were brought before Claud Marshall, Esq., Justice of the Peace, on a petition and complaint of the respective captains, setting forth that they had entered into agreements by signing articles to serve on board their ships, about the 16th ult., on a voyage home from Quebec, that they afterwards combined among themselves to disobey lawful commands, and to neglect duty, so as to impede the navigation of their ships, and progress of the voyages, by refusing to heave the anchors unless they got an increase of the amount of wages stipulated for by the agreements, which unlawful exactions the respective captains were compelled to consent to; all which was adverted to be duly entered in the log books, and which was clearly a breach of the 78th section of the mercantile Marine Act.

The case of the 25 men was the first disposed of. All of them admitted having the articles produced, alleging they did so with a reservation that they were to have the maximum rate of wages that was going at the time of sailing. The articles, however, bore no such condition, and the charge having been confirmed by the evidence of the captain, mate, carpenter, and a passenger who had acted as pilot down the Saint Lawrence, and by entries in the log book, they were sentenced to twelve weeks imprisonment in Paisley Prison, with hard labour.

The second case of the five men of the Rankin was exactly similar to the first, and the same sentence was awarded.

The presiding Justice strongly animadverted on the highly dishonorable course adopted by the men in first signing an express agreement, and then backing out of it. It was at direct variance to that principle of honesty which to regulate the actions of every man, and distinctly a breach of sec. 7s of the Mercantile Marine Act, which was framed carefully so as to secure many advantages to the seamen themselves, but which also provided for such flagrant breaches of duty as the present. The thirty prisoners were removed direct to undergo their term of imprisonment.

We have been given to understand that Captain Dick departed from prosecuting the men on a much more serious charge—that of threatening to run the ship ashore on the way up the channel on the morning of Sunday last—from a hope that the charge he did bring against them would check the evil in future.

The next follows presented a weather-beaten, mostly appearance being transferred direct on the arrival of the ships to the court. They were certainly objects of commiseration, more especially when it will be borne in mind that many of them are young simple-looking lads, who appear to have passively abandoned themselves to a few ringleaders who seemed themselves to be totally ignorant of the binding nature of the agreement they had signed, and for the infraction of which they could offer no pretext whatever. The masters of these ships appear to have been entirely at their mercy, for it came out in evidence, that a short delay of a ship in the middle of November in the river St. Lawrence hazards her being frozen in all winter. This case will be a warning to others in a like predicament.—*[Greenock Advertiser, 20th Dec.*

Lord John Russell and the Jews' Bill.—In his address to the electors of London, Lord John Russell thus alludes to his intention to renew the Jews' Bill:—"Now, as then, I am prepared to attempt the relief of that portion of our fellow-subjects who are still excluded by their religious belief from political privileges. I entertain a sanguine hope of success in that endeavour." If the bill should pass the Commons, which we much doubt, we trust Lord Derby will insure its rejection in the Lords.

The Marsh.—A letter from Berlin, of the 21st ult., states that the Madai not having been set at liberty, notwithstanding the promises made by the Grand Duke of Tuscany, the King of Prussia has instructed M. Usedom, his ambassador at Rome, to repair to Florence and renew his representations to the Grand Duke.

Wellington Almshouses at Greenwich.—The inhabitants of Greenwich have subscribed upwards of £1,000 towards a fund for building "Wellington Almshouses," in the vicinity of that town. It was urged that as there has no memorial been erected to the memory of England's greatest naval chief in the College, it would not be inappropriate to testify their respect in that quarter. Secretary Watson, by erecting these almshouses to be named after the illustrious duke which would prove of a benevolent and lasting character. Princess Gray, the Astronomer Royal, the Earl of Hardwicke, and many others, have taken an active part in promoting the undertaking.

New Standard for Recruits.—Orders have been issued for the enlistment of recruits for the military regiments to be reduced from five feet seven to five feet six inches; until the end of the year 1850, and for the cavalry to be reduced to five feet four inches and a half inches. This standard for the cavalry is to remain at its present height.—*United Service Gazette.*

FRANCE.—The last shadow of liberty in France has been annihilated by a decree Senatus Consultum, which makes Louis Napoleon as despotic a sovereign as Nicholas of Russia. The Emperor now has the sole right of granting pardons and amnesties. The Emperor presides whenever he [illegible] the decisions of the Senate and Council of State. He [illegible] commences and rotifies tariffs. All works of public utility, all enterprise of general interest are ordered and authorised by the Emperor. The Emperor may by decree modify the organic decree of March 22, 1852, which has prescribed the relative powers of the Council of State, the Senate, and the Corps Legislatif. The dotation of the Crown and the civil list is settled for the whole reign by senatus consulte. The Emperor may nominate 150 senators and each senator is to receive 30,000f. a year. The budget of expenses is to be presented to the Corps Legislatif, subdivided into chapters and articles, but must be voted in the lump. Ministry by Ministry, that is the whole demand for each Ministerial department must be accepted or rejected as a whole. The ordinary rule of proceedings of the Assembly is to merely the subjects considered with the votes. The deputies are to be paid 2500f. a month during the session, be it ordinary or extraordinary. The oath is thus conceived. "I swear obedience to the constitution, and fidelity to the Emperor."

The Emperor arrived in Paris on Tuesday afternoon, at three o'clock. His Majesty was escorted by Carabiniers, and looked in good health. It is said that the long talked of ocean projects are to be carried out under the immediate direction of the government; that there will be lines of communication opened with the United States, the Brazils, &c.

Abd-el Kader has arrived at Messina. The Swedish Minister has received his credentials as Minister Plenipotentiary to the Emperor. Russia, Austria, and Prussia have come to the resolution of acknowledging the French empire in a very short time, and that they have been led to this step by the same motives that that directed them at the time of their acknowledgment of Louis Philipe.

THE TABLET ON DISRAELI.

We append, from the parliamentary correspondent of the *Tablet*, the following sketch of Disraeli's great speech, in the House of Commons, on the morning of Friday, the 17th ult. Of course, our readers will make allowance for the fact of this portraiture being the work of an enemy and not take for granted that justice has been done to the great orator.—*Dublin Sentinel.*

"It was one of the most powerful efforts of oratory ever heard in the House. Those who recollect all the eloquence of Canning, Sunley, Plunket, Lyndhurst, Brougham, Peel, and Shiel, declare that portions of this speech surpassed, in terrific intensity of sarcasm, anything that had ever fallen from any of them in their happiest and most successful speeches. He was, as John Kemble said of Kean, 'terribly in earnest.' He foresaw his fate, and he was savage at it: disappointment maddened him; despair inspired him with rage; his sarcasm was sardonic and terrific; his own excitement was lawful, and his hearers shared it—they were literally electrified. The intensity, the almost agony of his tones was quite painful. He had been baited, taunted, twitted by all the old statesmen, and sneered at as incompetent, even by the bungler Baring, and the blunderer Wood, and the weird sybil, the bigot Goulburn. He was stung to fury, and he repaid them with a fiery energy and lightning-like eloquence which thrilled through the House as the electric fluid now playing upon them with light mockery, now scathing them with burning scorn, until they writhed in their seats with suppressed indignation. He felt the great prize torn from his grasp just at the moment when he was about to hold it fast, and he despised the motives of the leaders who had combined to baffle and baffle him; and there sat in the gallery one whose proud and fiery spirit sympathized with him, and whose countenance showed unequivocal pleasure at the castigation his enemies were receiving. But both felt that all was over; and the last words of the exciled orator, delivered as they were with thrilling power, seemed to die away upon his lips as a kind if knell to all his cherished hopes, and had a sad and melancholy sound as if intended to convey a deep sense of the vanity of those earthly dreams which are but the baseless fabric of a vision."

Peel Portsh Military Tactics Rebuked.—Major Gordon and Brevet Major Scott (91st) have been severely censured, by Lord Hardinge—the latter for marching the band playing with a division of the 91st, to the Roman C. chapel at Enniskillen, contrary to general orders, issued in 1843; the former in adopting and approving of Major Scott's conduct and reproving the churchwardens for their animadversions on it. The order concludes by directing the return of the colonel to head-quarters, and to the observant in future of who is left in command during his absence.—*Limerick Chronicle.*

The clipper ship Titania arrived in the Mersey on Wednesday afternoon from Pernambuco, which port she left on the 27th November. We learn by this arrival that the Bread Oak sailed for Liverpool two days prior to the Titania's sailing, of which ship nothing has been heard yet.—*Liverpool Mail.*

This is another New-Brunswick Clipper, built at Oromocto, for Edward Allison, Esquire.

The Electric Telegraph.—If we have experienced some difficulty in getting our Power Press into operation, the scientific projector of the Electric Telegraph has, in like manner, had to encounter many unexpected obstacles in the establishment and working of his line. We are, however, glad to have it in our power to congratulate both him and the public on the success which has attended his enterprise so far, and the confident hope entertained that it will, before long, fully realize all the advantages, both private and private, which have been expected from it.

Line work, it was in full operation between Charlottetown and Shediac, last, at present working to Dorchester only, but they are anxiously endeavoring to discover and identify the cause of the interruption. When that is accomplished, communication will be established between Halifax and Canada, and the news for the evening of the writers, have the intelligence of the arrival of the Canada at Halifax, and the Niagara at Quebec, and the Europa between Charlottetown and Point Prim—Sussex and Georgetown—and Cape Traverse and St. Eleanor's, ready to be erected in the Spring, as soon as the frost is out of the ground.—*Prince Edward Island Gazette.*

HOUSEKEEPERS.

Can get a good assortment of Looking Glasses, Oil Pictures, Fancy Arcade, Queen Square, Queen street.

J. CROUCH.

The Courier.

Saint John, February 2, 1850.

EMIGRATION.

The time has fully arrived when the most energetic measures should be adopted to procure a sound emigration to this Province. We not only [illegible] willing to take part in the stupendous work which is about to present itself, but they should also possess those principles which, founded on the Divine command, recognise the fear of God, obedience to the laws and constituted authority, and a love of country. As the lines of Railways become accurately defined, and their actual route can be anticipated with certainty, it will then be known what portions of private and Crown Lands, can be rendered more available for settlement in all time to come. This knowledge must not be confined to ourselves, if we are at all anxious that a modern system of locomotion should procure for us those incidental, yet lasting advantages, which have followed from its adoption in other countries, where a more enlightened system has prevailed. As yet, we regret to say, that little or nothing has been done to make this Province known on the other side of the Atlantic, to that class of people, who would be likely to emigrate hither, provided they could be *officially* assured of the benefit they would realize by taking so important a step. We refer to such men, who, possessing the acknowledged thrift and prudence of the Anglo Saxon Race, will look before they leap, and are never very desirous of what they may consider—for the want of sound information—mere apocryphyal advantages.—*Amor patriæ* is a ruling principle with such persons and the land of their birth, as well as that of their adoption, reaps the benefit of it.

With respect to the description of people, whom it would be desirable to introduce into the country, at the approaching epoch, and to whom every reasonable facility should be given for this purpose, it is in our estimation an easy matter to decide. We need only to direct our attention to different sections of the Province, where exclusively Protestant, English, Irish, or Scotch emigrants have taken up their abode, and what do we behold? Prosperity, intelligence, sound moral and religious department, love of country and obedience to its laws.—There are many localities in the North which are peopled almost exclusively by Scotch Presbyterians—Westmoreland abounds with the descendants of Yorkshiremen, and there is not to be found throughout the length and breadth of the land, more thriving or industrious communities, or people more remarkable for their sterling loyalty and respect for the powers that be, than is presented in these instances.

Possessing knowledge then, which the history of our country can furnish, there can be no necessity for the slightest hesitation about the course which the Executive Government is called upon to pursue at the present crisis. We emphatically say the Executive Government, because they truly represent the views and wishes of the country, and have the means at their disposal to realize what the country imperatively requires, in order that its future character and standing may not be mischievously affected, by efforts *now being used*—secretly, but certainly, as we are well assured, to introduce into our midst, a *flood* of emigrants *whom we do not want*, instead of those, who are entitled to, and will receive on their landing, a well earned and hearty welcome.

Out of the gross proceeds of the casual and territorial revenue, the Lieutenant Governor, with the advice of his council, is authorized to make expenditure on account of the management of the Crown Lands. A few hundred pounds of this fund could be well appropriated in printing and circulating in *suitable districts* in the United Kingdom, *official* statements of the Agricultural resources of New-Brunswick—the price of land, with the mode of obtaining it, together with such information which every intelligent man would naturally seek to acquire, who contemplated taking up his abode with us. Such intelligence could all be comprehended in the form of a Hand Book, about one fourth the size of Professor Johnston's Report, and at least ten times as useful. Men like Mr. Jackson would be deeply interested in circulating the work and as it would bear a Government impress, it would be considered authentic, and have its legitimate influence.

We sincerely trust that the present hints will attract attention in the right quarter, because we feel morally certain, that the future weal or woe of this fine Province, mainly depends upon the *forthcoming* character of the emigration to it, during the next three or four years.

NOVA SCOTIA AND RAILWAYS.

Various propositions from Mr. Jackson, on his own behalf and that of his associates, and others again quite as varied in their terms from Messrs. Sykes & Co. to build the railways in Nova Scotia, have been laid before the House of Assembly by the Hon. Mr. Howe. We cannot perceive that any of these offers present more favourable terms than those which have been agreed upon with Mr. Jackson, to construct the New-Brunswick railways. It is to be hoped that as our neighbours have now such a fine assortment of offers to select from, that they will not allow "the appetites incidental to public life," to prevent them from making a final choice, and that without further delay. Mr. Howe alludes to the service rendered to the railway cause by Mr. Chandler, and to the fact of his being a Nova Scotian. Mr. Chandler's eminent services render it very plain that the proverbial astuteness of Nova Scotians is in no wise impaired by a lengthened residence in New-Brunswick.

Peppermint & Cinnamon.—We believe, during the last 14 years, there never was a time, when so much money was in the "money market" ready for loans, than at the present. The whole amount of funds appropriated for the Clergy Reserves, the University of Kingston, and Common Schools of Canada, and the interest arising therefrom, is now lying idle in the hands of the Receiver General, and the Bank of Montreal, and Commercial Bank, at Kingston, and the number of persons who have applied for loans, is very small indeed. Why is this? Because the Church of England party will not accept of the money, unless the Church of England party will not accept of the money, unless the Church of England party will not accept of the money, unless