

ture, cannot, upon so extended a line, produce a beneficial effect: the present system is admitted to be defective, as the labour of one year is, in many instances, scarcely perceptible on the return of another.

Concurring entirely in the resolution expressed by you in the last Session, I have directed reports of the state of the different Main Post Roads to be prepared and laid before you; and I confidently trust that you will adopt measures to remedy the existing evil. The Union of King's and Dalhousie Colleges having formerly been brought to your notice during the Session of 1835, by the then Governor; and His Majesty's Government being desirous of bringing this protracted and important measure to a settlement, have instructed me to submit the subject again to your consideration; and they confidently trust that the House of Assembly will relinquish their claim, made last Session, upon Dalhousie College; that there may be sufficient funds for establishing and maintaining an United College upon liberal principles; so that the means of facilitating the diffusion of the higher Branches of Education, may be attainable by all classes. I feel assured that, to facilitate this desirable object, you will be disposed to meet the wishes of His Majesty's Government. I expect that I shall have occasion to communicate with you further on this subject during the present Session—in which case I shall do so by Message.

The Act with regard to Common and Grammar Schools being about to expire, the important subject of public Education will demand your earliest attention.

I submitted a Message to you last Session, accompanied by an Act of the Imperial Parliament, regarding a general arrangement of the Post Office, and the internal postage in the North American Colonies. As the Act in question was intended to come into operation on the 1st January, in the present year, I trust you will give the subject, also, your earliest attention.

I have the satisfaction to inform you that His Majesty's Government have intimated their readiness to apply to Parliament for the funds necessary for erecting Light Houses on the Island of Seattarie, and St. Paul, provided that the Colonies, whose trade is to be benefited by the measure, will engage to defray the expense of their future maintenance; the liberality and anxiety which have been evinced by His Majesty's Government to adopt any precautions for obviating the recurrence of the melancholy accidents by Shipwrecks upon these Islands will be duly appreciated. The humanity and liberality which heretofore been displayed by the Legislature of this Province in succouring those who have been Shipwrecked upon her coasts, assure me that you will cordially co-operate with the Home Government, and with the neighbouring Colonies, in promoting a measure so important to the Commercial Interest of the whole of North America.

I am happy to congratulate you, Gentlemen, upon the health and tranquility which the Province has enjoyed during the past year: and I earnestly hope that these blessings may be long experienced. I beg to assure you that you will ever find me ready to co-operate in such measures as may be found conducive to the welfare and prosperity of this Province so distinguished for its loyalty and attachment to the Parent State.

C. CAMPBELL.

Government House, 21st Jan'y. 1836.

From the Halifax Royal Gazette, Jan. 20.

HIS MAJESTY'S PACKET STAR.—The following communications were received by the Deputy-Postmaster-General on Saturday last:—

British Consulate, Boston, Jan. 8, 1836.

Dear Sir—I beg to annex a Copy of a Letter rec'd this day from the Acting Commander of His Majesty's

Packet Star, relative to a most unfortunate and melancholy accident which happened to that vessel on her voyage from Falmouth to Halifax with the November Mail.

I am, &c. &c.

GEORGE MANNERS.

To John Howe, Esq.,
&c. &c. &c.
(Copy.)

"H. M. Packet Star, at Sea,
Dec. 6, 1835.
Lat. 29, 30, long. 30, W.

"SIR,

I beg leave, to communicate to you, for the information of My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that His Majesty's Packet Star, bound to Halifax with the November Mail, in Lat. 46, long. 80, W. met with a heavy gale of wind, which threw her on her beam ends and dismasted her—washed aboard Lieut. J. BINNEY, Commander, and eleven seamen; By your making this communication known to the Admiralty, as also in Halifax, you will oblige me. I am now making the best of my way to Antigua."

I am, &c. &c.

JAMES BROWN.

(Signed)

Acting Lieut. and Commander.

To the British Consul, Boston.

Although truly distressing is the intelligence of the fate of Lieut. BINNEY, and of those who, with him, sunk into a watery grave—still it is gratifying to find that the Packet is safe, and that at least forty of our fellow creatures have been providentially preserved to their families and connexions. The time when the gale was encountered is not mentioned—but as the Packet was spoken on the 17th November, in lat. 47, and as the deplorable occurrence took place in lat. 46, it is probable it happened a day or two after that in which she was fallen in with. On the 6th Dec., according to the acting Commander's Letter, she was in lat. 29, 30, long. 30, between 600 and 700 miles from Antigua, where we trust she has lately arrived. If the Commander in Chief, who, we understand, left Bermuda about two months since, was at any of the Windward Islands, it is likely a ship of War would be ordered to convey the Mail hither immediately, but if not, and they are detained until the Star's damages are repaired, a fortnight or three weeks we should think will elapse before they come to hand.

We cannot close this article without offering to Mr. Binney, his Family and Relatives, our sympathy, and the expression of deep regret at the loss they have sustained in the death of their near and dear connexion, who has been prematurely and suddenly taken from amongst them. His Widow and Orphan Boy, now living in Falmouth, have yet to learn the dreadful tidings—to them, this affliction of Providence will long be keenly and severely felt.

THE BEE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN'Y 27, 1836.

TEXAS.—Several of the leading papers state, that the affairs of the Texans are going on gloriously: that they have taken the Town of Bexar, or St. Antonio; General Cos being shut up in the Citadel, where he must shortly yield to his besiegers: it is also asserted that Tampico and San Patricio had been taken by the Texans. A New Orleans paper states, that on the 7th November, at a General Convention of Delegates, a solemn declaration of Independence was made, and a Provisional Government was formed, consisting of Henry Smith, Governor,—J. W. Robinson Lt. Governor,—and a Council of thirteen.

The Texans have fitted out a few armed vessels, which have cleared the coast of Mexican Cruisers. A New York paper says, it was reported that the Mexican Government had laid an embargo on the U. States shipping in their ports, until the latter power should explain its motives in suffering its citizens to embark for Texas, with hostile intentions. This is not yet confirmed.

MARRIED.

On the 14th instant, by the Rev. David Roy, Mr. Edward Turnbull, McLellan's Brook, E. R., to Miss Jessie Colquhoun, Little Harbour.

On the 16th, by the same, Mr. Robert McCoul, Green Hill, to Miss Catherine Culton, East River.

On the 21st, by the same, Mr. William McDonald, West Branch, E. R., to Miss Jessie Fraser, McLellan's Mountain.

On the 17th ult. at Antigonish, by the Rev. Thomas Trotter, Mr. James Wilkie, Merchant, to Anna Eliza, eldest daughter of Alexander McDonald, Esq. M. D.

On Thursday last, by the Rev'd James Ross, Mr. Richard Blackie, of Green Hill, to Miss Jane Fraser, of Rogers Hill. Same day, Mr. Donald McDonald, of Rogers Hill, to Miss Elizabeth Madden of Chance Harbour.

DIED.

On Wednesday last, Mr. David Pollock, Mason, a native of Kilbride, Scotland.

At his residence in London, on the 21th October last, after a short illness, John Bainbridge, Esquire, one of the Agents for the Province of New Brunswick, much and deservedly lamented.

The following draft of a proposed Petition to the Legislature, has been handed to us for insertion, and is submitted for the consideration of the community at large. Editors of other Nova Scotia Papers are requested to give it an insertion.

TO the Honorable the House of Assembly, of the Province of Nova Scotia, at present in General Session convened.

The Petition of a number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the District of Pictou,

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

THAT Your Petitioners, taking into consideration the unnecessary expense and delay occasioned to Suitors, in recovering their rights in the higher Courts of Law as at present constituted in this Province, and deeming it a matter of sound policy in every country, that Justice should be administered with the least possible expense, and without oppression to any party, would recommend to your Honorable Body such alterations and amendments in the Laws at present regulating the recovery of Debts, as your Petitioners would humbly suggest, viz: That all actions for Promissory Notes, and actions of account for all sums under Fifty Pounds, and which can be legally proved, and to which no legal defence can be made, shall, or may be brought before any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, residing in the County or District wherein such cause of action may arise: And that no appeal from the decision of said Justices shall be allowed, unless the party desirous of obtaining the same shall make affidavit in writing to be taken before such Justices, setting out the general grounds of such appeal, the names of the Witnesses (if such there be), and the probable facts to be substantiated by them, tendering at the same time a Bond with good security, that such appeal shall be prosecuted at the first sitting of His Majesty's Supreme or Inferior Court, to be holden in said County or District, wherein such Cause shall have so originated; and that the said Affidavit, and Bond, shall be filed in the Office of the Deputy Prothonotary for the said County or District, and shall become matter of Record in the Court to which such appeal shall be made. And whereas it is notorious to your Petitioners, that the Justices resident within the Town of Pictou, are in the universal habit of convening their Courts and giving decisions upon such matters as may come under their observation in their private rooms and offices, to which your Petitioners would not seek access, and contrary (as your Petitioners feel) to the spirit and intention of the several Laws designed to regulate such Justices' Court; Your Petitioners would therefore respectfully recommend to your Honorable Body that a clause be inserted in said Bill, making it imperative upon all Justices to hold their Courts in the County Court Houses within the several districts (excepting those who live remote therefrom), all which proceedings shall be open and free to public resort and inspection, but subject nevertheless to the statutes at present enforcing and maintaining due obedience and respect to all judicial proceedings. And whereas also, no security is required from Constables, in the collection of Moneys upon Executions emanating from the Justices' Courts as at present constituted. In case an act should pass your Honorable Body, giving to your Petitioners the bonus sought for in this Petition, they would respectfully recommend, that all final process such as Executions should be directed to the High Sheriff of every County, (or to his Deputy,) wherein such Judgment shall be so obtained, and that every thing and matter in the Law, at present regulating the duties and responsibilities of Sheriffs, shall be embodied therein: Hoping that your Honorable Body will take the merits of this Petition into your consideration, your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

NOTICE.

THOSE who are Subscribers for the NOVA SCOTIAN, in this District, are hereby informed, that their Accounts for 1835, for that Paper, are lodged with the Subscriber, and they are requested to call and settle them, at their earliest convenience.

Jan'y 27.

JAMES DAWSON.