

blonde dress (of British manufacture), over a rich white satin slip, ornamented from the waist with blossoms of camellia japonica, the sleeves fastened by noœuds of light blue, interspersed with brilliants. Her Royal Highness's head-dress was plain, but extremely elegant. The hair was confined on the forehead by a small bandeau of brilliants, surmounted by a wreath of geranium blossoms and jessamines, highly becoming.

The Princess Augusta wore a rich white satin dress, a most superb suite of brilliants, the diadem magnificent, and rich plumes.

The Duchess of Kent was also attired in a white satin and blonde dress, of great elegance, the bodice ornamented with valuable rubies of large magnitude, with diamond head-dress.

Amongst other costumes admired for their extreme elegance were those of the Duchess of Beaufort, Marchionesses of Salisbury and Alesbury, Lady Ann Beckett, Viscountess Mahon, &c.

At one o'clock a very sumptuous supper was laid out in the banquetting-room, consisting of every delicacy and rarity that the season could afford.

Dancing continued without intermission with the utmost animation, and the whole of the distinguished company had not left the Palace until a late hour on Thursday morning.

## THE STAR

WEDNESDAY, August 2, 1837.

In drawing the attention of our readers to a somewhat lengthy correspondence on Church affairs in our publication of today. We would, by way of elucidation, merely remark, that several of the pews were selected by the Parishioners at a late public meeting under the direction of the Churchwardens then appointed, and that subsequently the Trustees put locks thereon, and ejected some of the oldest and most respectable Episcopalian inhabitants of the town. And that the objectionable *Grant* in question, we believe gives the unlimited power to the Trustees their *Heirs and Assigns forever*, to manage and direct the affairs of the Church, the Burying ground and Land with all erections on the latter.

We are therefore decidedly of opinion, that if the *Grant* in question be not either cancelled or amended, (as we ventured to express in a former publication) it will, in our belief, tend much to disunite the flock, and cause dissension and bickerings that will prove as lasting as the Deed itself.

(To the Editor of the Star.)

Should the Trustees in their mad career persist in their present untoward line of conduct, an early meeting will be convened to enter into subscriptions to Build a New Church, and for the purpose of sending to England for an Episcopal Clergyman to fill it. I have heard that FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS has been freely offered by a few warm friends of the oppressed Parishioners.

If the Trustees can fix the rents of the Pews, can they not also charge what sum they please for breaking ground for the Burial of the Dead?

A FRIEND TO PEACE.  
Harbor Grace, 28th July, 1837.

Harbor Grace, 8th July, 1837.

GENTLEMEN,  
For your information, I beg leave to transmit a copy of a Petition addressed to His Excellency the Governor, which was adopted at a meeting of the Parishioners held at the Church School-house of this Town, on the 5th instant, agreeably to public notification.

I am,  
Your most obdt. Servant,  
JAMES BAYLY,  
Chairman.

To  
The Rev. J. Burt,  
Thos. Ridley, George Thorne, Joseph Soper, John Kingwell, Alfred Mayne, William Stirling, and John C. Nuttall, Esquires.  
Trustees of St. Paul's Church, Harbor Grace.

Harbor Grace, 8th July, 1837.

SIR,  
Herewith I have the honor to transmit a Petition of certain Inhabitants of this Town, adopted at a very large public meeting of the Parishioners held at the Church School-house on the 5th instant, and request that you will be pleased to lay the same before His Excellency the Governor.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obdt. humble Servant,  
JAMES BAYLY,  
Chairman.

To  
Honorable Jas. Crowdy,  
Colonial Secretary, &c. &c. &c.

To His Excellency HENRY PRESCOTT, Esquire, Companion of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland, &c. &c. &c.

MAY I PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,  
We, the undersigned, being a large majority of the intended Pew-holders in the New Stone Church at Harbor Grace, most humbly and respectfully approach your Excellency, praying that your Excellency will be graciously pleased to interpose your high authority to redress our grievances.

Your Excellency was pleased lately to cause a Grant of the Church Land in this Town to be passed under the Great Seal of this Island to certain Trustees therein named; under a fair and liberal interpretation of the provisions contained in that Grant it might possibly have worked well; unhappily however, we, and the great body of the Church people and their friends, contributors to the funds and the Trustees are at complete issue, as to the legal meaning of that Grant.—The Trustees contend for their right to the Church as their private property, that they will tax the People and expend the money in any way they choose without even the semblance of asking the vote or sanction of the taxed: To prove this position we here transcribe a copy of a Notice put upon the temporary Church-door and published by the Minister the Rev. Mr. BURT on Sunday last.

## NOTICE.

"The Trustees under the Grant from his Excellency the Governor, in virtue of the authority vested in them by said Grant, hereby give Notice that they will attend in the New Stone Church on Thursday next, the 6th day of July at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of letting the Pews to the Subscribers for one year at the following Rent.

"4 Square Pews two in the corner of the Galleries and two below for Forty Shillings each. 8 other Square Pews in the Galleries and 10 centre Pews in the body of the Church below at Thirty Shillings each. All the other Single Pews underneath the Galleries at Twenty Shillings each, to be paid half-yearly in advance.

"Subscribers desirous of taking Pews are therefore requested to attend and select them in rotation according to the amount of their Subscriptions.

Harbor Grace, }  
2d July, 1837. }  
"J. BURT  
"T. RIDLEY  
"JHN. C. NUTTALL } Trustees.  
"ALFRED MAYNE  
"JOSEPH SOPER  
"JHN. KINGWELL."

It will thus clearly appear to your Excellency that the Trustees have self constituted themselves into a Corporation to govern the Church in their own way without any reference whatever to the people against the establishment of any such principle we do most strenuously but respectfully contend; and under a persuasion that if the Trustees are really armed with such uncontrollable power, and continue to act upon it, the great body of the people will not take Pews under the Grant; We do most humbly entreat your Excellency to withdraw and cancel the Grant altogether, or that it may be so worded as to enable the Pew-holders on the First Monday in November in each year to assemble at the Church and elect two Churchwardens, tax themselves and appropriate their own money to the repairs and benefit of the Church in any way the majority of the Pew-holders at such meeting shall determine; the money paid by us and obtained from a generous public, was upon the perfect understanding that the Church should be so governed, and we are of opinion that in no other manner can its secular affairs be managed with advantage to us and our children.

We appeal to your Excellency under a firm conviction that we shall be maintained in our rights and liberties as members of the Protestant Church, and thereby heal the differences that at present unfortunately subsist in this Parish, but which we solemnly deny any act of ours has led to; and we have only to add that if your Excellency shall be graciously pleased to accede to our prayer, you will confer an eminent blessing upon the Protestant population of this Town.

We have the honor to be,  
Your Excellency's most obedient Servants,  
Harbor Grace,  
5th July, 1837,  
at School-House.

JAMES BAYLY,  
Chairman of a Meeting of the Parish.  
John Munn  
John Smith  
William Puntton  
Jacob Moor  
Samuel Bennett  
John T. Burton  
Mansel Alcock  
James Sharp  
Andrew Drysdale  
James Hippisley  
Geo. P. Jillard  
Wm. S. Comer  
J. E. Churchill  
Richard Anderson

John Stevenson  
Robt. Lee Whiting  
George Tapp  
Elias Ford  
Jonathan Martin  
Thos. Kitchen  
Thomas Wolfrey  
Wm. Stevenson  
Jonatha Martin  
Francis Martin  
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John Snow  
Francis Andrews  
John Payne  
Henry Stowe  
Wm. Payne  
Robt. French & Sons  
Geo. R. Wolfrey  
James Ash  
Thomas Pynn, Jr.  
Samuel O. Hart  
Charlotte Cawley  
Ann Cawley  
Thos. Danson  
John Stark  
Nicholas Stabb  
Nicholas Payne  
Henry Webber  
per J. Munn.

Harbor Grace, 11th July, 1837.

SIR,  
The Trustees of St. Paul's Church have received your communication of the 8th instant, enclosing a copy of a Petition addressed to His Excellency the Governor and adopted by a meeting held in the Church School-house on Wednesday the 5th instant, and of which it appears you were Chairman, and in reply I am directed to convey to you herewith for the information of the Petitioners, a copy of certain proceedings entered into by said Trustees at a meeting held by them yesterday the 10th July in reference to said Petition,

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obdt. humble Servant,  
A. MAYNE,  
Chairman of said Trustee Meeting.  
To  
James Bayly, Esq.  
Chairman of a Meeting held at the Church School-house on Wednesday the 5th July, 1837.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of Saint Paul's Church, Harbor Grace, held at the Church School-house on Monday 10th July 1837.

Present  
The Rev. J. Burt Mr. Ridley  
Mr. Kingwell "Sterling  
"Nuttall "Mayne  
Mr. Mayne having been called to the Chair, a letter addressed to the Trustees was handed to the Chairman by the Rev. John Burt, which on being opened proved to be from James Bayly, Esq. Chairman of a meeting held at the said School-house on Wednesday the 5th instant, enclosing a copy of a Petition addressed to His Excellency the Governor, and adopted at said meeting.

Resolved, That this meeting view the said Petition as a *misful, malicious and gross libel* upon the said Trustees, and that His Excellency the Governor be forthwith communicated with on the subject, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to convey to them the opinion of His Majesty's Attorney-General on the said Petition preparatory to the Trustees adopting such legal measures as may be deemed necessary to redress so vile an attack upon their reputation.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be sent to James Bayly, Esquire, for the information of the Petitioners.

A. MAYNE,  
Chairman.  
Secretary's Office, St. John's,  
25th July, 1837.

SIR,  
The Governor having referred the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Harbor Grace transmitted in your letter of the 8th inst., to the Attorney-General for his consideration, I now by His Excellency's direction enclose you a copy of that Officer's opinion on the subject to which it has reference.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your very obdt. Servant,  
JAS. CROWDY.

To  
James Bayly, Esq.  
&c. &c.  
Harbor Grace.  
Attorney-General's Office,  
24th July, 1837.  
(Copy)

SIR,  
I have now the honor to return the representations and documents submitted by certain Inhabitants of Harbor Grace relative to the Grant of the Church Lands &c. and the conduct of the Trustees, with the view to induce His Excellency the Governor to *cancel* the Grant; which papers I have perused, and after

the best consideration I have been able to give the opposing statements of the parties in controversy, I cannot advise His Excellency that it would, according to my humble opinion, be either expedient or lawful for him to comply with the request of the parties soliciting that the Grant may be cancelled.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) JAS. SIMMS.

## NOTICE.

A full Meeting of the Subscribers to the Petition to His Excellency the Governor, dated the 5th instant, praying that the Grant of the Church Land might be cancelled, or amended, is requested at the School-house, To-Morrow evening (Saturday,) at 6 o'clock,—when the Attorney-General's opinion thereon will be laid before the Meeting, and the general state of the Parish taken into consideration, with a view to the adoption of such Constitutional steps as shall be deemed advisable for the recovery back of the New Stone Church for the use of the People.

Harbor Grace, Friday, 28th July, 1837  
JAMES BAYLY,  
Chairman of last Parish Meeting.  
JOHN SMITH,  
JOHN STARK,  
Churchwardens.

At Meeting held on Saturday last, the 29th July, convened pursuant to the above copy of public notification—JAMES BAYLY, Esq., was unanimously called to the Chair, who then read the above-mentioned letter from Mr. Secretary Crowdy, and a copy of His Majesty's Attorney-General's opinion referred to therein: The Churchwardens also read a copy of a letter addressed by them to the Minister, dated the 6th inst., to which they remarked, they had not yet received any reply.

The following Resolutions were then severally proposed and adopted, without a dissenting voice.

1st.—That this Meeting in its attachment and devotion to the principles and doctrines of the Church of England, does not yield to any other congregation in the Island.

2nd.—That this Meeting, and in its belief, the whole body of the Protestant population of Harbor Grace, are decidedly opposed to the position taken up by the Minister and a majority of the Trustees, with reference to the government of the Church and the Lands thereof, under the Grant.

3rd.—That it is the intention, and will be the *unshaken determination* of this Meeting, not to take Pews in the said Free Church, until the Deed of Trust be cancelled altogether, or amended, so as to give entire satisfaction to the Subscribers and intended Pewholders.

4th.—That in seeking to obtain and preserve our civil rights, this Meeting will use every fair and Constitutional means, for recovering back the Church from the Trustees, for the Free use of the Parishioners.

5th.—That His Majesty's Solicitor-General, already retained, be instructed to adopt legal measures to try the validity in Law of the Grant to the Trustees.

6th.—That the Resolution adopted by the Clergyman and Trustees on the 10th instant, is deemed by this Meeting, a direct insult on the respectable body of persons who on the 5th inst., met only for the purpose of Petitioning His Excellency the Governor to redress their grievances and to protect their civil rights and religious liberties a copy thereof being furnished the Trustees, and that this Meeting exceedingly regrets, that a Christian Minister, who for so long a period as fifteen years has been residing amongst, and receiving considerable support from the Petitioners, should have been present and sanctioned the passing of such illiberal and ungenerous language towards so large a portion of his flock: and whilst this Meeting treats the said Resolution with the contempt it justly merits, it nevertheless, in charity, *freely* forgives the individual who adopted it.

7th.—That in the events of disputes, or unpleasant differences arising at any time in parochial affairs, (which is always to be deeply lamented,) it is, in the opinion of this Meeting, the duty of a Minister of the Gospel to use his best efforts in society, to allay and suppress them, or by his charitable advice and admonition, to recommend conciliatory measures for the adjustment of any such misunderstanding; and that it is deeply to be deplored that the Reverend John Burt, instead of using such influence and forbearance, has taken no step whatever, in the belief, or to the knowledge of this Meeting, towards effecting so desirable a measure; notwithstanding his Church has been almost deserted for several successive Sabbath days, during the hours

of Divine Service is most painfully

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10th.—That the co sides, together w this Meeting be mitted by the C dens to His Lord Diocese, through Archdeacon, to nions being ente upright and ho Petitioners, Su erection, and in the said New F

Mr. Bayly havin Mr. John Munn thereto, It was proposed, a ly; that the Meeting be given for his attention day.

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REVEREND SIR,  
We have you, that at a nu Parish Meeting, last evening, we sen and elected next annual Meet we at last consent if possible by con to heal the unhap subsisting in the then proceeded to Pews agreeably to and we now have was done, by w Twenty-eight Pe scribers and res we also hand y Plan whereon th off, which Plan b you have done w It becomes ou that it is the wis the people, that t opened for Divi next, and we sha to consult with y and the disposa to non Subscrib the School-house at six o'clock fo scribers choosin Pews.

We have Rev Your most obed

The Revd. John Burt, Parsonage. (N. B.—Deliv day.) Three Pe making the total

To the Honorable cil, and the H Assembly of A nial Parliamen The Petition of the testant Episc Grace,

HUMBLY SWEET

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