

entered a large sleeper, which led to another in the middle of the room, and tore the floor all up as it went; from thence took its course to another part of the house, and went out under a bed at the corner, in which were two persons who received no injury; although the bed was much damaged, the card broken in a number of pieces, and the bed-clothes considerably burnt; as it went out of the house, it tore away the boards, and in that part much damaged the frame; thence proceeded to a chaise house, several rods from the dwelling house and set some tow on fire, which must have consumed that with all the adjacent buildings, had not the fire been immediately extinguished by one of the family, who in the alarm had run out of doors. The lightning, in its progress through the house, entirely demolished two large windows, broke the sashes and melted the glass, besides slightly damaging two or three other windows at the opposite side of the house; it overturned the furniture, unhinged the doors, and almost entirely destroyed all the brittle ware in the house. There were fifteen persons lodged in different parts of the house; but protected by a divine providence, not one of them received the least injury.

*Hartford, July 26.* Last Saturday se'night the Hon. Jedidiah Strong, Esq; member of the council of state, and one of the judges of the county court in Litchfield, was arrested upon the complaint of his wife, and brought before Tapping Reeve, Esq; for trial. The delinquent requested an adjournment, that he might procure council; and the court was adjourned until Monday last. At the time of trial, the concourse of people made it necessary to move to the court house, where, after full enquiry, it appeared, upon evidence, that the delinquent had often imposed unreasonable restraints upon his wife, and withheld from her the comforts and conveniencies of life; that he had beat her, pulled her hair, kicked her out of bed, and spit in her face, times without number. Whereupon the judge, after summing up the testimony in a most elegant and masterly manner, pronounced sentence, that the delinquent should become bound with sureties for his good behaviour towards all mankind, and especially towards his wife, in the penal sum of *One Thousand Pounds*, and to appear and answer the charges against him at the next county court. Nothing could be more satisfactory than this sentence, among his acquaintance in Litchfield and elsewhere, who have long known the insanity of his private character, which his hypocrisy and intrigues have imposed upon the good people of the state at large.

## DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

*Halifax, July 15.*

**TUESDAY** at 11 o'clock, his Majesty's Supreme Court, was opened at the new Court house—On this occasion, the Hon. Thomas Andrew Strange, Esq; took his seat on the bench as Chief Justice of the Province. After the King's commission was read, declaring the appointment, and the Grand Jury impannelled and sworn, the Chief Justice delivered his charge to the Grand Jury.

Yesterday afternoon arrived a small schooner from Shelburne, by which we have received an account of the following accident:—On Saturday last, Colonel White, Capt. Sharpe, Lieutenants Ball and Perfect, Esq; Maxwell and White, Quarter Master Hague, of the 6th regt. and Nicholas Ogden, Esq; with some of the gentleman's servants, were going in a boat from the barracks down the harbour to the fort, when a sudden gust of wind overset the boat near Hart's point. Lieut. Ball, and Ensign Maxwell with one of the gentleman's servants were unfortunately drowned. The others, after being a considerable time in the water, were taken up by boats, which came as expeditiously as possible to their assistance.

The two abovementioned gentlemen arrived from Scotland here, a few days ago, in the Mary, Capt. Milne.

But a few days before this accident happened, as Mr. Largin, of Shelburne, and some others, were sailing in a boat, which was slightly built, a sudden shifting of the ballast stove a hole in her bottom, when Mr. Largin and another person perished.

25. Arrived the brig Prince Wm. Henry, Captain Pinkham, from whaling, with 110 barrels of sperm oil.

Also, the brig Hibernia, Capt. Worth, with 108 barrels of sperm and 32 black.

26. Arrived the ship Fair, Capt. Clarke, with 480 barrels of sperm and 100 black.

Also, the brig Harriet, Captain Kelly, with 200 barrels of sperm.

## MARRIED.

*July 1.* James Stewart, Esq; to Miss Elizabeth Haliburton, daughter of the Hon. John Haliburton.

24. Mr. Edward Wisdom, to Miss Elizabeth Greenwood, daughter of Mr. Samuel Greenwood.

## DIED.

*July 10.* Joseph Fairbanks, Esq; in the 73d year of his age.

23. Mrs. Ellenor Watson.

24. Mrs. Ann Ellenor Margerita Spangenberg; Lenzi, wife of Mr. Philip Lenzi, aged 40.

25. Mr. William Forbes, aged 53.

28. Mrs. Lucy Fletcher, aged 36.