

THE CONCEPTION-BAY MAN

OFFER TO RESTORE THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.

Mr. Whitehouse writes to the directors of the company that he believes the cable to be readily recoverable.

Valentia, Oct. 23, 1858.

To the Directors of the Atlantic Telegraph Company.

Gentlemen.—Intense interest in the success of a work which from the first I have been so largely identified—an interest which neither the sense of recent injury can extinguish, nor undeserved contumely and almost desperate state of the Atlantic cable, to come forward and offer my services again to the undertaking.

All the opinions which the board have published, as well as their acts founded upon those opinions, concur in leading irresistibly to the inference that the present condition of the cable is considered to be almost, if not absolutely, hopeless.

As one of the projectors, upon the faith of whose representations a large portion of the original capital was subscribed, as a late officer, whose position afforded him the very best opportunities of gaining experience, which may now be of value to the interests of the company, and as one opinion may thus have some weight, even though diametrically opposite to that adopted and published by the board, I feel that I am entitled, nay, called upon, to offer my services at the present juncture.

I have not tested nor in any way examined the state of the cable since my return to Valentia, nor shall I, of course, do so after all that has passed, until I receive definite permission from the directors for such examination to be made by me.

It is therefore from previous observations and from a careful review of all that has occurred since my departure from Valentia, that I now state my strong conviction that our cable is recoverable—readily recoverable—and if such opinion be correct, the reopening of communication with America must at once follow the adoption of his proper measures.

A few days' testing, guided by the experience gained during the manufacture and subsequent use of the cable, will in all probability enable me to ascertain this beyond doubt.

I will undertake at my own cost, and at my own risk, to re-open communication with Newfoundland, and further, maintain it for a given number of years, at a moderate percentage upon the gross receipts of the company, this being payable so long only as the line shall be kept by me in good working order.

I now, therefore, request the directors' permission for such examination of the cable as shall be necessary to enable me to make an offer in the terms above stated, am, &c.

G. O. WILDMAN WHITEHOUSE, Late Director of the Atlantic Telegraph Company.

The "Times" special correspondent writes on October 1st—The 10th Punjab Infantry are reported to have marched off with all their arms for Dera Ismail Khan, in the hope of inducing some of their countrymen to join in an insurrectionary movement.

During the late campaign they fought side by side with our best troops, and were foremost in many of our most desperate assaults.

The news from India, received by telegraph yesterday is of most serious import. One regiment, out of 80,000 Sikhs, have deserted, with all their arms and accoutrements. If this were a solitary case, arising from an isolated cause, it would be of very little consequence comparatively; but the danger is that these mercenaries may all be similarly disaffected, and only wait an opportunity to follow suit.

It is stated that Prince Napoleon, in consequence of the recent letter of the Emperor, has appointed a commission of three persons to make an investigation respecting the advantages of recruiting negroes on the western coast of Africa for the colonies.

We learn from the Paris correspondent of the "Morning Post" that there is "no immediate foundation" for the rumour that the French army is to be reduced by 100,000 men.

The Spanish paper "Correo Autografo" says:—"Orders have been transmitted to the naval department at Cadiz for the fitting out with all haste of five war steamers. Their destination, according to our informant, is an expedition against the Rifian Moors.

The Sultan of Azorim, on the Mozambique coast, has demanded permission to place himself and his empire under the protectorate of France.

GENERAL WILLIAMS.—Week before last—we do not remember the exact day—Sir W. F. Williams made his first visit, since his return to North America, to his native Country, Annapolis. He crossed over the Bay Fundy, from St. John to Digby and proceeded thence to Annapolis Royal. At both Digby and Annapolis, he was received by the inhabitants with every demonstration of affection and respect.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 1858.

THE FISHERY should be a sore question for the "Newfoundlander" to meddle with, yet strange to say, he has lately deemed it prudent to flourish most grandiloquently upon this very subject. It is however unnecessary for the said Editor to make use of the term, Government, when penning his Anglo-French Political Nonstrums.

The Truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth it must follow that the strictures or advice of the "Newfoundlander" or any other print upon that subject will be perfectly useless.

The same organ, faithful to the cause entrusted to him, has loathed on behalf of the present, that if the convention had been entered into during the time of the Old Government "they would not have had the power effectively to oppose it".

Once more,—the Convention was accompanied by a despatch from Mr. Labouchere, expressing his disappointment and regret that the Newfoundland Minister whom he had been led to expect in London, either to assist in the preparation or to rally on the part of our Government, the said Convention, did not make his appearance there at the time specified.

Please insert the below and oblige AN OLD SALT. Jack—What conundrum is this, Bill, in this here rag-chart Captain brought aboard yesterday? Baccy loo light—the light will

be a Cat—a Cat a—blow me south, the like of this I never seed or heard tell of! A Cat—as—trophy we seen the time we took our old 'omen to Chester, and a Cat—amount on the James's river in old Virginia—but a Cat a dioptric? Bill, bring the glass we'll try to make out this furriner with that.

Bill.—You can't get to windward of him any how, I see. Pass him by; you may catch his meaning at his stern perhaps.

Jack.—first class hol—holo—holloa indeed—that beats foxhunting—pho tal revolving white light! I give it up.

Bill.—I guess it is a hollowpoker white heat light, such as the flying Dutchman carries at the fore!

Be civil, Bill, and speak no evil of your friends—Davy's locker lies below.—Next time I return to Harbor Grace I'll have my weather eye on the look out for this Cata-poker revolving white light on Baccyloo—wont I?—Bill, the learning of these land-lubbers is beyond the depth of our longest sounding line. It "slues" me. I have brought the glass and compass to bear upon it, without effect—I have "passed it to windward and to leeward, and at stem and stern; but the—hem—a bit of sense can I get out of it.

Bill.—Be aisy, Jack, per'aps it is an alligator, or a Lottieno e, or a spranacity light; who knows?

Jack.—Janniny, if I knows; but this I knows and could give my halfaday that were the conceited Capting here who chalked down these here sailing directions I'd duck him like a mop; I would! All this bad english, Bill, comes all along of living ashore.—Luff a little, boy; luff a little.

Logged 4th Dec. 1848.

SHIP NEWS

ARRIVED. Dec. 8—Rothsday, Taylor, Torpani Salt, Punton & Munn.

CLEARED. Dec. 2—Caroline, Byrne, Cadiz, Queen, Bailey, Pernambuco, Somerset, Stirling, Baltimore, Punton & Munn.

NOTICE.

Notice to Mariners.

BACCALIEU ISLAND LIGHT HOUSE

THE BOARD OF WORKS hereby give notice, that on the night of MONDAY the 20th day of December next, and every evening thereafter, from the going away of daylight in the evening, to the return of daylight in the morning, a Light will be exhibited on BACCALIEU ISLAND LIGHT HOUSE the position and characteristics of which are as follows:—Baccalieu Light House is situated on the Northern end of that Island—Latitude 48° 09' North, Longitude 52° 50' West—the Tower is of brick, the Keeper's Dwelling a Square Building, detached from the tower, painted White, with the roof red.

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