

of ultimate success, and thereupon sent a message to the Rev. W. Hume, Rector of St. Paul's, who has an interest in the church, with whom, and his brother, the Rev. Charles Hume, Rector of Stoke Moor, Hants, Mr. Watkins pursued the investigation on Monday, till they had the satisfaction of discovering and laying open the whole circuit of the original wall, which descends from the roof of the present chancel to a depth of about four feet, where it encloses an ancient floor of handsome cement, the surface of which has somewhat the appearance of stalgamine, probably occasioned by a slight deposit of calcareous matter carried down through the superincumbent rubbish of lime and earth. This newly discovered wall descends still lower, how much deeper it goes is not yet, but soon will be ascertained; what is most important is, that it is of the same thickness, composition and age, as the nave and square tower, which leaves the antiquity of the whole with scarcely a shadow of a doubt. It is Mr. Watkins's intention to appeal to the country at large, and to all who take an interest in these antiquarian researches, which throw so much light upon the history of the Church of this Kingdom, to enable him to rebuild the chancel upon this original substructure, the grouted cement of which is even now harder than the stones which it binds together, and by clearing away the encompassing mould to exhibit the most entire and best preserved architecture of such high antiquity which this Kingdom is known to contain. When it is understood that the present chancel is a poor weak structure,—that the lessee of the great title who has to keep it in repair, has just been enlarging and rebuilding a part of his own parish church, at great expense to himself,—that £200 would suffice for carrying the plan into execution,—it is hoped that this moderate sum will not be withheld from an object which is of real importance, of great interest, and will be open to the inspection of every eye who chooses to visit it from near and far, as many have already done from the most distant parts of the Kingdom. The bankers at Northampton, and elsewhere, will be requested to receive subscriptions, and several of the neighbouring clergy and gentry be solicited to form a committee of management and superintendance.

EXAMINATION OF MR. STANTON AT CANTON.

Mr. Stanton, it will be remembered, was kidnapped by a party of Chinese while bathing near Macao, and carried up to Canton. His examination by the Chinese authorities, at the head of whom was the celebrated Commissioner Lin, will be read with some interest. The account is from the *Bombay Courier*.

Mr. Stanton arrived in Canton on the morning of Friday, the 7th, and was delivered into the custody of the Namho-yune, and though one would think the capture of a solitary foreigner, unaccused of any crime except his birth, to be an event of very slight importance, great preparations were immediately made for his examination in the public hall of the Viceroy's palace. The preliminaries for this mighty business were concluded at about one o'clock, and at two the Kwang-chow-foo, the Pwan-yune, Namho-yune, and four other officers of high rank, made their appearance, taking their seats, the Kwang-chow-foo in the centre, in a row, on chairs adorned with scarlet cloth, and the tables usual on such occasions were before them. Behind the chairs, these functions were a partition which screened his Excellency the Viceroy Lin from the looks of the profane. All the Hong merchants and linguists were in attendance, standing during the whole of the examination, which lasted from two o'clock in the afternoon until past nine at night. A number of lower officers, police runners, lictors, &c., were also present, when Mr. Stanton, under the charge of two linguists, was brought into court with chains upon his bare feet, and dressed only in a shirt and trousers, the former somewhat discoloured by the blood from a wound in his shoulder, which, though it had healed, appeared as if inflicted by some sharp instrument; his head and face were also bruised on one side. In spite of his evident exhaustion, he being very pale, Mr. Stanton was made to kneel before this august assembly, where, in the course of the examination, he changed by sitting on the floor. A little food was given him before the examination began, which was conducted by the Kwang-chow-foo, the linguist Atom acting as interpreter. The first questions put to the prisoner were, "Who are you?" "What is your name?" "What your nation?" To which the reply was, that his name was Stanton, that he resided at Macao, and that he was an Englishman.

"How can you be an Englishman," replied the Kwang-chow-foo, "when it is well known that the English have long since been ordered away from Macao, and that we have the assurance from our officers that they are all gone?" To which Mr. Stanton answered that, so far from his countrymen having all left Macao, there were upwards of 100 living there. This answer seemed to create a good deal of astonishment in the judges, and the Kwang-chow-foo was seen to whisper, first to his right side neighbour, then to that on the left, and again communicated with the next in the line, all of which produced a good deal of grave nodding, of shakes of the head, and so on, and the Kwang-chow-foo got up to commune with his masters behind the screen, when he returned after a short absence. These low whispers among the judges, and the conferences between the Viceroy and Kwang-chow-foo, were rather frequent, and happened whenever anything appearing to them extraordinary was said by the prisoner. Owing to the presence near the tongue-tuck of several Chinese who well understood English, the interpreter was observed to discharge his duty with considerable fidelity, which is a rare occurrence. Chinese interpreters generally preferring to give the story they wish the mandarins to receive to give the real meaning of the deponent. It is on this account chiefly that the mandarins heard several things which must have astonished them not a little. The Kwang-chow-foo then asked Mr. Stanton whether he was aware of the existence of the Opium Trade, and whether he was in the habit of selling of Englishmen, which he was answered in the affirmative. He was asked why, such being the case, he had been walking about, well knowing that he subjected himself to being made a prisoner. To which Mr. Stanton answered, that he was walking peacefully towards the beach to bathe, when he was surprised by Chinese, who hurried him into a boat, two of which were at Casilla Bay apparently waiting for him; but, said Mr. Stanton, though now a prisoner, I advise you to liberate me without delay, for I am certain that within three days my countrymen will demand me, and if refused, their ships of war will open their fire upon you. This bold speech occasioned a good deal of surprise, which having subsided, the examination was continued. The prisoner was asked what his business was, and where he had been, to which he replied that he was a teacher, who had come to this country with Mr. Turner's sons as their tutor; that he was in no way connected with trade, and was then living in Mr. Turner's house. To this it was objected that Mr. Turner was dead, and inquiry made of the present abode of Mrs. Turner and her sons, who the Kwang-chow-foo was told, had returned to England. He was next asked how many ships of war had arrived on the coast of China, and how many troops, to which the prisoner answered that about 45 ships had gone to the northward, that five remained in Macao, that there were 5000 troops on board, and that an equal number was expected to arrive soon. It was then asked why the English had sent a fleet to fight the Chinese, to which answer was made that the English had not come to fight the Chinese, but to obtain redress for injuries suffered. It was objected, if they had not come to fight, why they had fired on the forts at Amoy, and why they had taken Chusan. Answer, that at Amoy it was the Chinese who first fired on a boat bearing a flag of truce, and that in consequence of that the English ships destroyed the forts; that Chusan was taken because the letter which the English wished to have sent to the Emperor of China had been refused; that the object of the English was to complain of the treatment they had received to the Emperor himself, but that their letter had been refused; that the Emperor had ordered the English to be expelled from the coast, and that the English had been obliged to Chusan until a satisfactory answer should have been received from the Emperor, when they will return the island to his government. The Kwang-chow-foo also asked, why, if the intentions of the English were pacific, they had captured so many salt junks? To which it was replied, that the salt junks, being considered government property, had been seized and would be detained until restitution shall have been made for the property of which the English have been despoiled by the Chinese.

These are the principal points in the examination; to fill up the seven hours a great many more things were said, which it is unnecessary to repeat, and we may here observe, that the report of this examination may possibly be not altogether so fully correct, and that answers somewhat different may in reality have been given by Mr. Stanton, but in the main its correctness may be relied on. Mr. Stanton now remains in custody of the Namho-yune, but is not shut up, as we are told, in the common prison, but in a room in the Namho-yune's house, in which generally such prisoners only are confined as can afford to pay handsomely for this indulgence. In the same prison with Mr. Stanton is a Lascar, who by his own account was also seized in the neighbourhood of Macao; by his own word who this man may be, not having heard of any missing; his name, however, has drawn a poor Chinaman into great trouble, who, when he saw his countryman approach the Lascar, warned him of his danger, exhorting him to run away. This warning was overheard by the minion of the law, and he was seized, and may possibly lose his life for reasonable practices.

Mr. Vincent John Stanton, who has been seized by the Chinese, was a student of St. John's College, Cambridge. He is the youngest son of the late Mr. Daniel Stanton, formerly mayor of Bristol, once a wealthy man, but who died in rather reduced circumstances.—*Correspondent of the Times.*

UNITED STATES.

INAUGURATION OF GENERAL HARRISON.

Correspondence of Commercial Advertiser, Washington, March 4. THE DAY.—The day and the pageant have closed. Such a day Washington never saw before, nor such a pageant.

of the procession was commenced by the gathering of the different military companies, societies and associations, state delegations, &c. in various parts of the city, at the early hour of eight o'clock in the morning. The column was long and brilliant, but the greater part of the vast throng assembled on the occasion preferred going directly to the Capitol, and from its elevated grounds gazing upon the column advancing in proud array. The spectacle from those grounds, which was enjoyed by tens of thousands standing in thick masses upon the terraces of the park, the broad esplanade around the western front of the Capitol, and the spacious flights of steps leading thereto, was very imposing.

Many banners were borne in the procession, all of which were appropriate, and several of them striking. The General himself—the observed of all observers,—was mounted upon a white steed, without extra trappings, and himself clad in the simple attire of a country citizen. He was every where cheered as he passed, and thousands of white handkerchiefs were waved as he passed by the ladies at the windows. The circular gallery of the Senate chamber having been reserved for ladies exclusively, and the gates of the Capitol being for their entrance without let or hindrance, the fair began to wend their way thither at an early hour—some of them brushing the poppies from their eyes and going at six! The consequence was that the gallery was crowded to its utmost capacity more than two hours before the arrival of the head of the column.

Meantime the Senate, under the call of President Van Buren, assembled at 12 o'clock, and was organized by the administration of the oath of office to the Vice President elect, John Tyler, and the new Senators. The oath to the new Vice President was administered by the president pro tem, Mr. King. Notice was given that on the opening of the Senate to-morrow, a motion would be made to proceed to the election of a printer to that body.

The head of the procession arrived before the Eastern front of the Capitol at 12 o'clock. In a few minutes thereafter, the illustrious citizen who has been called by the first of the people to administer the government of this great nation for the ensuing four years, advanced through the crowd, amid their loudest cheers, dismounted, and entered the Senate wing by the Northern door. He was ushered into the Senate chamber, where he received with becoming dignity and respect, and in a very few moments proceeded, with the Senate and other officers, to the Eastern portico. On reaching the front of the portico, the President elect and Chief Justice took the seats provided for them.

The ex-Vice President, the committee of arrangements, and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court occupied a position several feet in the rear of the President elect. The Vice President, secretary, and members of the Senate occupied parallel lines next in rear. The diplomatic corps occupied the next position; and the space immediately in their rear was assigned to the late Speaker, clerk, and members of the Senate and House of Representatives. The ladies, and such persons as, by the rules of the Senate and arrangements of the committee, are enumerated in the preceding programme, occupied the steps and the residue of the portico, which was greatly crowded; while upon the ground in front stood a compact mass of at least twenty thousand people, exclusive of the many thousands elsewhere and otherwise disposed of.

It was a moment of deep and profound interest, when the President elect arose to read his inaugural address. The reading of this patriotic document, the work of the General's own hands, occupied somewhat more than an hour. He read with great distinctness, just emphasis, and uniform propriety. Many of his choice passages were loudly cheered in the course of the reading; but in general he was listened to with deep and profound attention. You will observe that the address is characterized by a healthy moral and religious tone. The moment when the veteran paused, and turned to receive, at the hands of the Chief Justice, the oath of office, being nearly at the close of the address, was one of deep and awful stillness. The oath having been taken, and his lips having touched the Holy Book, the General, with evident emotion, pronounced the closing paragraph, at the end of which such a shout of triumph went up from thirty thousand voices as made the skies resound, and almost shook the walls of the stupendous Capitol itself. It was the voice of the free, exulting at the victory of a great people over corruption and wild misrule. Descending from the portico, the President remounted his charger, and in the same order they entered the yard, and the Northern circle of the Capitol yard, to Pennsylvania Avenue, and then up the avenue to 15th street, up 15th street to the Pennsylvania Avenue, in front of the public offices and the President's House, and then through the Western gate in front of the President's to his house, into which it passed by sections into the front door, where they were received by the President, and passed out, without halting, at the South door, and were dismissed. The crowd at the President's house was immense, and the marvel is that serious accidents did not occur. But I have heard of none.

WASHINGTON, Monday Evening, March 5, 1841.

The city has been filled with rumors for two or three days past, respecting the purport of the despatches recently received by the British minister from his Government, and by the Department of State from the American minister at London. The reports, as in general in such cases, are greatly exaggerated, and should be received with much allowance, until a statement from some authentic source appears. It is said that Mr. Fox has made a formal application to our Government, according to instructions from her Majesty's ministers, for the liberation of Mr. McLeod, but his note is in a pacific temper, and in respectful terms. It is understood that the reply has yet been made to the application.

However difficult and delicate the questions connected with this affair may be, it is consoling to feel the assurance that it is in the hands of those who have now the charge of our foreign relations. With Harrison at the head of the Administration, and Daniel Webster presiding over the Department of State, the honor, dignity and safety of the country are secured. Nor will I, for one, entertain any apprehension that any thing in the existing state of our relations will lead to a war between the United States and Great Britain. This being regarded as the first day of the regular possession of their places in the departments, by the members of the Cabinet, there were numerous visitors to each; and the old habits and stains had quite a bustling appearance. The White House also was, during the morning, about as fully attended as on a levee day in ordinary times. The President continues to be in fine health and spirits; and bears the fatigues which he has daily to go through from crowds of visitors with wonderful elasticity and ease. There is a kindness and cordiality in the general receptions at the President's mansion, to which the public have long been strangers.

CANADA.

MEGANTIC ELECTION.—A gentleman, who arrived in town this morning, brings intelligence of the unanimous election of the Hon. Dominick Daly, for the county of Megantic. At eleven o'clock yesterday morning, Mr. Daly was declared duly returned for the county, J. G. Clapham, Esq. the opposing candidate having declined entering upon a contest, when the ultimate success of his opponent was no longer doubtful. This forbearance on the part of Mr. Clapham does credit to his moral sense and to his good feeling; he has abstained from disturbing the peace of the country, which a less scrupulous candidate would have done, and has spared his antagonist further trouble, when he became satisfied that his own return, as the Representative, could not be reasonably calculated upon. It is clear that the communication in the *Quebec Gazette*, of last night, which declared the report of his resignation for Megantic, to be unfounded, but that he was contenting himself with every prospect of success, must have been inserted without his authority or knowledge.—*Quebec Mercury, Tuesday, March 9.*

BEAUBARNOIS.—On Tuesday evening we issued an extra containing the gratifying intelligence that Mr. Dunscomb was the head of the poll at Durham, and yesterday at noon we issued a second extra, which we subjoin, containing the news of Mr. Dunscomb's election for the county of Beaubarnois, and of his expected triumphal entry to the city in the afternoon. Mr. De Witt retired from the poll at two o'clock on Tuesday, and at four o'clock Mr. Dunscomb was declared duly elected, the numbers being as follows:— For Mr. Dunscomb.....245 For Mr. De Witt.....79 Majority for Mr. Dunscomb.....166

This has the county of Beaubarnois nobly redeemed its character, and thrust from it an impudent Yankee political charlatan and an enemy of British connection.—*Montreal Herald.*

THREE RIVERS.—The Attorney General was declared on Tuesday afternoon duly elected to represent the borough of Three Rivers in the House of Assembly. The close of the poll was as follows:— Attorney General.....164 Mr. Hart.....45 Mr. Turcotte.....19 Majority for the Attorney General.....169

Mr. Turcotte, who is the 0, is of Gallows hill notoriety, and intends to offer himself to the electors of St. Maurice, where we hope he will have as respectable an amount of supporters as he has had at Three Rivers.—*Ibid.*

COUNTY OF VERCHERES.—Mr. Henri Desrivieres, an Anti-Unionist, has been returned to represent this county without opposition. Mr. D. was arrested and imprisoned on suspicion of High Treason at the commencement of the rebellion of 1838, and will, from his known anti-British principles, very appropriately represent the inhabitants of the rebellious county of Vercheres. If an instance were wanting to prove our oft repeated assertion that the Canadians are unfit to appreciate the blessings which ought to proceed from a representative form of government, the election of Mr. Desrivieres would be the point, as the electors were not

aware that he was to offer himself until he made his appearance on the hustings. Mr. Fabre had been the candidate previously, but, as the Courier says, not feeling in the humour on the morning of the election, he sent his friend.—*Ibid.*

VANDREUIL.—The candidates for this county are Mr. Simpson, Unionist, and Mr. Jobin, Anti-Unionist. The election commenced on Monday, and at the close of that day's poll, the return was as follows:— Mr. Jobin.....138 Mr. Simpson.....109

Majority for Jobin.....29 Nearly all who voted were Canadians, as Mr. Simpson's English friends, who reside at a distance, could not reach the poll in consequence of the heavy fall and drifting of snow. We were informed yesterday that Mr. Simpson had a majority of 46 at the close of the poll on Tuesday evening, and that there was a most gratifying prospect of his complete success. Although we do not approve of that gentleman's political versatility, we would be glad to see him in the House of Assembly.

6 P. M. WEDNESDAY.—Since the above was in type we have learned that Mr. Jobin has retired from the contest, and that Mr. Simpson has been declared duly elected.—*Ibid.*

Neither Mr. Scott nor Mr. Girouard have come forward for the county of the Lake of the Two Mountains. C. J. Forbes and Colin Robertson, Esquires, are contesting the county.

Mr. Lafontaine was expected to poll fully two thirds of the votes for Terrebonne.

SHERBROOKE.—Central and Branch Committees in the interest of Mr. Moore, were formed on Friday last, the activity of the party opposed to that gentleman having rendered such measures prudent, and his election is now considered safe.

The extension of the limits of the Town of Sherbrooke is likely to operate against Colonel Gagy. The contest would, in any case, have been a hard one, but as long as the ancient limits stood, Col. Gagy would have been returned by a small majority.

The election for Hull will be sharply contested, but here again the good cause seems likely to triumph.—*Mont. Transcript.*

ROCHELLE.—Mr. D. B. Viger has been returned for this county, proving successful over his opponent, Mr. E. Peal. As we stated before, Mr. Viger was a Legislative Councillor in Lower Canada, under the old Constitution, and was a long time confined to prison, on a charge of High Treason, during the late rebellions. He will make a worthy representative of the electors of the county, in which these rebellions first broke out.—*Mont. Gazette.*

This day, pursuant to requisition, a numerous and highly respectable meeting of the electors of this city, was held, at Rascos Hotel, for the purpose of nominating two candidates to represent them in the United Legislature. Resolutions were unanimously adopted, naming the Hon. George Moffatt, and Benjamin Holmes, Esq., and proposing those gentlemen every support in carrying through successful election. A Resolution was then passed, appointing the Chairman and Secretary of the Meeting, the gentlemen who had moved and seconded the Resolutions, and all the electors of the city present at the meeting, to wait upon Messrs. Moffatt and Holmes, and communicate the Resolutions to them, when the whole body moved from Rascos Hotel to the residence of Mr. Moffatt, where they were cordially received by that gentleman, who, in an apt speech, said that he had much pleasure in acquiescing in their wishes. 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