

Shaver's end, and at Kate's hill near Dixon's-green, spots densely inhabited by the working classes, and at a considerable distance from the churches in the town, are remarkably neat in their appearance, and exactly similar in size, design, and material; they are simple plain structures, and are built upon land given by the Hon. Lord Ward, and with the church-yards, the gift in each instance is between four and five thousand square yards. The Rev. Mr. Cameron has been appointed by the worthy vicar to the curacy of St. James's, and the Rev. J. Short to that of St. John's. The collection in the morning, after the consecration of St. James's church, amounted to £115 15s. 10d. On the conclusion of the service the Lord Bishop, the Lord Ward, the Hon. Dudley Ward, Lady Ward, the Hon. Miss Ward, the whole of the clergy, and a considerable portion of the gentry, repaired to the vicarage, where an elegant repast awaited them. The collection in the afternoon, after the consecration of St. John's church, amounted to £69 13s. The Lord Bishop, Lord Ward, and a considerable portion of the company afterwards dined at the vicarage; and thus terminated a day to which every churchman in Dudley, and elsewhere, must refer with the liveliest feelings of real pleasure, and which there is good reason to hope will prove of incalculable benefit to thousands.—Worcester Journal.

The Marquis of Hertford has forwarded a donation of £1,000, and also given the site for building the new church at Lisham.

The Rev. Dr. Warneford, whose munificent support of pious works stands unrivalled, has presented two hundred pounds towards the endowment of the new church now being built near King's parade, Clifton.

The ceremony of laying the first stone of the new church in the parish of St. Michael, Worcester, was performed on Friday morning by the bishop, in the presence of a numerous assemblage of the clergy and laity.—London Observer.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE, BRISTOL.—The General Committee of this institution met on Friday, when the Rev. H. Dale, M. A. Deputy of the Bishop of Exeter, was appointed moderator, subject to ratification by our Diocese. That the appointment is in every degree highly creditable to the committee, our readers will entirely agree in opinion with us, especially as Mr. Dale attained the highest classical honours at his University, his name appearing in the first class in Literis Humanioribus, at Oxford in 1834.—Bristol Standard.

Civil Intelligence.

SEMINARY OF ST. SULPICE.

From the St. James's Chronicle. In reply to the Bishop of Exeter, Lord Melbourne stated that the ordinance for the re-incorporation of the fraternity of St. Sulpice (Lower Canada) has arrived in this country, but that the government would not lay it before parliament in the course of the present session. His lordship added, that in the opinion of her Majesty's law officers, the local government is competent to pass the ordinance in question, notwithstanding the limitation of the Act 2 and 3 Victoria, chap. 4, sect. 53, which prohibits from passing any law "except in the spiritual rights of any religious community, except as to the tenure of land." We have no doubt, however, that these words seem to us very like nonsense. They may not, however, be less—probably on that account—a part of a Whig-made statute. The main consideration, however, is, has the local government the power to incorporate a Romanist fraternity with immense estates, and with perpetual succession? Whether such an act affects or does not affect "spiritual rights," it certainly creates rights of a very formidable political character, and such as it plainly was in the power of the local government to abstain from creating; and here the question presents itself, why is such an extraordinary exercise of the prerogative to be withheld from the observation of parliament for now at least six months to come? Lord Melbourne says that he has had the ordinance by him some time, but that he will not present it until next session, because the law, we suppose, does not compel him to do so; but is this fair dealing with parliament, and with the country? The law which requires a document to be committed before the expiration of a defined period does not say that it must be kept secret up to the last day of that period. Lord Melbourne has the document now, why does he not now lay it on the tables of the two houses? It is impossible to surmise any reason consistent with candour and plain dealing.

DAMASCUS.

PERSECUTION OF THE JEWS IN THE EAST. From the Times.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES. 19, South-street, Finsbury-square, July 29, 1840.

Sir,—As President of the London Committee of Deputies of the British Jews, I am requested by them to state, that they have received a communication from Sir Moses Montefiore, of Marcellus, dated the 21st of July inst., on which evening he embarked on route for Alexandria. The subject of the Eastern persecution is so deeply interesting to our fellow-countrymen, and indeed to the whole civilized world, that any additional information respecting it cannot be otherwise than acceptable. I shall therefore feel greatly obliged by your giving insertion to the accompanying extracts from letters received by Sir Moses Montefiore from Alexandria, in relation to his departure. I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient humble servant, HANANEL DE CASTRO.

EXTRACT OF LETTERS ALLUDED TO IN THE FOREGOING COMMUNICATION.

"Damascus, June 4, 1840.

"Last week the wicked entered the synagogue at Djobar, and pillaged the whole edifice. The holy scrolls they have torn into pieces; they even took some of those holy coverings of the scrolls and other sacred writings, and used them most contemptuously. The community prepared a petition to the Governor, Scheriff Pacha, but he would not receive it on account of the unbelief of the Jews. I have before stated to you that our enemies dug a burial-ground, where the most distinguished of our brethren have been buried for 200 years; they have thrown the bones of our ancestors and friends into the open road, and have buried in our sepulchres their own dead.

"We to the ears that hear these things, and to the eyes which behold such horrid deeds. "Our enemies are now building a place of worship, and they seize any Israelites they meet in the street, make them carry most heavy loads, inflict most cruel blows upon them, and make them suffer hunger and thirst. "From the very day that Signor Scazz and Mr. Briggs spoke to Scheriff Pacha in favour of the Israelites, the prisoners, instead of receiving favour, were put into separate dungeons, and are not allowed to receive food from their friends, unless each time the food is brought they pay from 50 to 100 piastres. They are not allowed any change of dress, so that they are covered with insects. We to us, what is to become of us? The mouth is not capable of expressing our sufferings. We only have our trust in the Almighty, our Father in heaven, who, we hope, will speedily deliver us."

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM CONSTANTINOPLE, DATED JUNE 29, 1840.

"On the 7th day of Passover (24th April), the firman from Mehmet Ali reached Damascus, whereby great help was rendered to our brethren, as they were immediately relieved from all cruel torture, but our enemies still seek the undoing of the Israelites. "It is true that the French government sent a person to examine the case, but not direct from Paris; they instructed the Consul General at Alexandria to send somebody to Damascus; the result was, that he, being inferior in rank to the Consul at Damascus, decided in favour of his superior.

"The Pacha once gave his word to the consuls that the prisoners should take their trials before him at Alexandria, but the moment the French Consul heard of the Pacha's decision, he went and persuaded him to alter his intention. The fact is, that if our trial takes place at Damascus there is no hope, as no person would dare to say a word in favour of the accused; but, on the contrary, if our trial takes place at Alexandria, they are sure to be found innocent, as there will be hundreds of witnesses in their favour. "The wife of my son, who is now kept amongst oppressors, has been most dreadfully beaten by * * * * * [Here follow charges of so grave a character against the party mentioned, that it has been thought best not to give them publicity at present.]

COPY OF A LETTER ADDRESSED BY A DISTINGUISHED ENGLISH MERCHANT, MR. BRIGGS, TO THE GOVERNOR OF DAMASCUS.

"Whilst Mr. Briggs has been staying at the above town, Scheriff Pacha gave a banquet to that gentleman. Mr. Briggs embraced that opportunity to speak most favourably towards the Jews, and before he left town wrote the following letter to the Governor—

"I here give you my most righteous and noble advice. I have been in your town, and witnessed the outrageous behaviour towards the Israelites. I understand that in the consequence of two or three of their enemies all those recollections have been inflicted upon them. This surely cannot be approved by the Almighty, as the Jews are entirely innocent. Proclaim all over the town that whoever will find out the Padre Thomas, shall receive a very great reward. "I have also written on this subject to my friend the Pacha of Egypt."

to the application made to him after torture to sign an admission of the truth of the supposed crime, and which reply is contained in a letter dated Constantinople, the 18th of June last, may also prove interesting: "The chief Rabbi being requested to sign a confession of the murder, said— "When you smote me with 500 stripes over all my body I would not confess to a lie; when you plunged me into a pool of cold water for three hours on a winter's day, a drawn sword over my head so that I could not raise it, I lied not; and when you inflicted 170 stripes on my hand, I still would not utter a falsehood; and when you drove the bones which you placed round my head into my eyes to blind me, I still lied not, and spoke not this falsehood; and now shall I sign a lie?"

The writer adds, the Rabbi was then sent back to prison to wait his trial.

COLONIAL.

POST OFFICE REGULATION.

From the U. C. Gazette. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Toronto, 25th August, 1840.

The following Letters and Papers, relating to the alterations which the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have authorised in the RATES OF POSTAGE between Great Britain and the British Possessions in North America, are published for the information of the public.

By the Lieutenant Governor's command. R. A. TUCKER, Prof. Secretary.

(Copy.) GOVERNMENT HOUSE, Montreal, 18th August, 1840.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your information, the copy of a Despatch from Lord John Russell, accompanied by the copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, announcing the alterations which their Lordships have authorised in the Rates of Postage between Great Britain and the British Possessions in North America; and I have to request that you will give publicity to the same, through the ordinary channel of the Gazette. I am already in correspondence with the Deputy Post Master General on the subject, and arrangements will be made for bringing the new system into simultaneous operation throughout British North America without delay.

In the mean time, I shall be happy to receive from Your Excellency any information on the subject of the Post Office in the Province under your Government, with which in conformity with Lord John Russell's Instructions, you may think it necessary to furnish me.

I have, &c. (Signed) C. POULETT THOMSON. His Excellency SIR GEORGE ARTHUR, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.) No. 180. DOWNING STREET, 12th July, 1840.

Sir,—With reference to my Despatch, (No. 135), of the 23rd May, I have now the honour to transmit to you the copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Board of Treasury, containing their Lordship's decision on the proposition submitted in your Despatch, (No. 85), of the 16th April, for a reduction of the rates of Postage charged on letters passing between the United Kingdom and British North America.

In conformity with the suggestion at the end of Mr. Gordon's letter, I have to instruct you to appoint a Commission, (of which an Officer of the Post Office Department should be a member) to investigate and report on the state of the British North American Post Offices, including its administration—the remuneration of its Officers—the rates of Postage—the improvement of the mail roads, and every other matter comprehended in a full and complete enquiry. For the information of the Commission, I enclose the copy of a Report, which was made last year, by an Officer of the Royal Engineers, on the present state of the Metis Road.

I have directed the several Lieutenant Governors to collect together, forthwith, all the evidence which they may consider essential to the right understanding of the question in all its bearings, and to forward it to you, for the information of the Commission.

In conclusion, I beg to call your attention to the Despatch on this subject, which I addressed to you on the 24th September last, No. 12.

I have, &c. (Signed) J. RUSSELL. Right Honourable C. P. THOMSON, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.) GOVERNMENT HOUSE, Toronto, 24th August, 1840.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter of the 18th inst., in which you transmit the copy of a Despatch from Lord John Russell, accompanied by the copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, announcing the alterations which their Lordships have authorised in the rates of Postage between Great Britain and the British Possessions in North America.

This reduction in the rate of Postage, coupled with the permission which has also recently been extended to Her Majesty's Subjects on this Continent, to import their Tea through the United States, may be considered two of the most valuable benefits which could at this moment have been conferred on the people of these Provinces.

As these important measures have been effected through Your Excellency's powerful representations, I cannot refrain from offering you my cordial congratulations on having obtained for the Province advantages which must conduce very materially to the comfort of all classes of the community; and which, consequently, cannot fail to be most highly appreciated by them.

I have, &c. (Signed) GEO. ARTHUR. His Excellency The Right Hon. C. POULETT THOMSON.

ANNO TERTIO ET QUARTO VICTORIE REGINE. Chap. 35.

AN ACT TO RE-UNITE THE PROVINCES OF UPPER AND LOWER CANADA, AND FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA.

Thursday, July 23, 1840.

I. Whereas it is necessary that Provision be made for the good Government of the Provinces of Upper Canada and Lower Canada, in such manner as may secure the rights and liberties and promote the interests of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects within the same: And whereas to this end it is expedient that the said Provinces be re-united and form one Province for the purposes of Executive Government and Legislation: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare or to authorize the Governor General of the said two Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada to declare, by Proclamation, that the said Provinces, upon, from, and after a certain day in such proclamation to be appointed, which day shall be within fifteen calendar months next after the passing of this act, shall form and be one Province, under the name of the Province of Canada, and that the said Province, under the name aforesaid, upon, from, and after the day so appointed as aforesaid, be and be deemed to be one Province, and that so much of an act passed in the session of Parliament held in the thirty-first year of the reign of King George the Third, intitled An Act to repeal certain parts of an act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's reign, intitled "An Act for making more effectual provision for the government of the Province of Quebec in North America," and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province as provided in the whole of an act passed in the Legislative Council of the Province of Quebec in North America, and for the making of laws; and also the whole of an act passed in the session of Parliament held in the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intitled an Act to make temporary provision for the Government of Lower Canada; and also the whole of an act passed in the session of Parliament held in the second and third years of the reign of Her present Majesty intitled An Act to amend an act of the last session of Parliament, for making temporary provision for the Government of Lower Canada; and also the whole of an act passed in the session of Parliament held in the first and second years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intitled An Act to amend an act of the fourth year of His Majesty King George the Third, for establishing a fund towards defraying the charges of the administration of justice and the support of Civil Government in the Province of Quebec in America, shall continue and remain in force, until the day on which it shall be declared by proclamation as aforesaid, that the said two Provinces shall constitute and be one Province as aforesaid, and shall be repealed on, and after that day: Provided always, that the repeal of the said several acts of Parliament and parts of acts of Parliament shall not be held to revive or give any force or effect to any enactment which has by the said acts, or any of them, been repealed or determined.

III. And be it enacted, that from and after the re-union of the said two Provinces there shall be within the Province of Canada one Legislative Council and one Assembly, to be so called, and shall be called "The Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada;" and that within the Province of Canada Her Majesty shall have power, by and with the advice and consent of said Legislative Council and Assembly, to make laws for the peace, welfare, and good government of the Province of Canada, such laws not being repugnant to this act, or to such parts of the said act passed in the thirty-first year of the reign of His late Majesty as are not hereby repealed, or to any act of Parliament made or to be made and not hereby repealed, which does or shall, by express enactment or by necessary intendment, extend to the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, or to either of them, or to the Province of Canada; and that all such laws being passed by the said Legislative Council and Assembly, and assented to by Her Majesty, or assented to in Her Majesty's name by the Governor of the Province of Canada, shall be valid and binding to all intents and purposes within the Province of Canada.

IV. And be it enacted, that for the purpose of composing the Legislative Council of the Province of Canada, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, before the time to be appointed for the first meeting of the said Legislative Council and Assembly, by an instrument under the sign manual, to authorize the Governor, in Her Majesty's name, by an instrument under the Great Seal of the said Province, to summon to the Legislative Council of the said Province, such persons, being not more than twenty, as Her Majesty shall think fit; and that it shall also be lawful for Her Majesty from time to time to authorize the Governor in like manner to summon to the said Legislative Council such other person or persons as Her Majesty shall think fit, and that every person who shall be so summoned shall thereby become a member of the Legislative Council of the Province of Canada. 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