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TO LET.

For a Term of Years as may be agreed on.

A desirable WATER-SIDE PREMISES, measuring about 63 feet East and West, situated in the central part of this Harbour, and well adapted for Building on.—For particulars, apply to

JONATHAN TAYLOR,
Or
SAMUEL C. RUMSON.

Carbonear, June 5, 1833.

NOTICES.

NORA CREINA.

PACKET-BOAT BETWEEN CARBONEAR AND PORTUGAL COVE.

JAMES DOYLE, in returning his best thanks to the Public for the patronage and support he has uniformly received, begs to solicit a continuation of the same favours in future, having purchased the above new and commodious Packet-Boat, to ply between Carbonear and Portugal Cove, and, at considerable expense, fitting up her Cabin in superior style, with Four Sleeping-berths, &c.—DOYLE will also keep constantly on board, for the accommodation of Passengers, Spirits, Wines, Refreshments, &c. of the best quality.

The NORA CREINA will, until further notice start from Carbonear on the Mornings of MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY, positively at 9 o'Clock; and the Packet-Man will leave St. John's on the Mornings of TUESDAY, THURSDAY, and SATURDAY, at 8 o'Clock, in order that the Boat may sail from the Cove at 12 o'Clock on each of those days.

TERMS AS USUAL.

Letters, Packages, &c. will be received at the *Newfoundlander Office*.

Carbonear, April 10, 1833.

DÉSIRABLE CONVEYANCE TO AND FROM HARBOUR-GRACE.

THE Public are respectfully informed that the Packet Boat EXPRESS, has just commenced her usual trips between HARBOUR-GRACE and PORTUGAL COVE, leaving the former place every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY Mornings at 9 o'Clock, and PORTUGAL COVE the succeeding Days at Noon, Sundays excepted, wind and weather permitting.

FARES,

Cabin Passengers	10s.
Steerage Ditto	5s.
Single Letters	6d.
Double Ditto	1s.
Parcels (not containing Letters)	in proportion to their weight.

The Public are also respectfully notified that no accounts can be kept for Passages or Postages; nor will the Proprietors be accountable for any Specie or other Monies which may be put on board.

Letters left at the Offices of the Subscribers, will be regularly transmitted.

A. DRYSDALE,

Agent, Harbour-Grace.

PERCHARD & BOAG,

Agents, St. John's

Harbour-Grace, April 5, 1833.

BLANKS of every description for sale at the Office of this Paper.

A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY OF A HERMIT, WHO LIVED UPWARDS OF TWO HUNDRED YEARS.

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A knowledge of human nature under every appearance, is not pleasing, but in many respects useful and necessary. The following account, as it is a discovery made within the limits of our own country, and confirmed by them who were eye witnesses, may with great propriety deserve our notice.

Two gentlemen of undoubted veracity, viz:—Captain James Buckland and Mr. John Fielding living in the state of Virginia, agreed to travel into the Western parts of this vast country, to explore the regions which belong to these United States, which are yet unknown to us.

On the 19th June, 1785, they took their departure. Each of them was armed with two pistols and a large sharp dagger. They were attended by two strong and hearty slaves, armed with muskets. Both gentlemen very well understood the rules of trigonometry, on which are founded the principles of sailing and surveying; and carrying with them a compass, they were able to keep their course directly, and well able to determine the distance they had travelled. The slaves carried as much provisions as they could conveniently, with a considerable quantity of salt, for the sake of cooking venison and other food, which they might kill on their way. They passed with much difficulty the lofty Allegany Mountains. On these mountains they made several important discoveries of gold and silver mines, an account of which will soon be published.—After leaving these grand and lofty mountains, they travelled 75 days without seeing the least appearance, or even track of any human being. The country was diversified with hills, and mountains, and vallies, and beautiful rivers, of all kinds and sizes.—The large trees grew very tall, and the ground was often covered with amazing thickets of small pine, hemlocks, and ivies. This diversity rendered the country agreeable beyond description. They saw wild animals of almost every kind, many of which they killed, some for food and some for curiosity, being such as they never saw or heard of before.—At length having travelled several miles on rising ground, they came to a summit of a high mountain.—Here they stopped, and it was the most beautiful prospect imaginable; on every side, far as they could possibly see, they beheld the green groves waved by the gentle gales of the wind. Here they spent several hours in refreshing themselves, and viewing the extensive country on every side. They took notice that the ground appeared to be trodden, and frequented by wild beasts. As they were setting out to go forward, they discovered a small foot path to lead down the mountain between two high ridges of rocks. They were surprised at this, and doubted whether it could be made by wild animals; but as there were no marks of feet they were at a loss about it. They were fearful about entering, although it was directly in their way, lest they should fall among some dens of wild beasts, which might be too strong for them. After some deliberation, they considered that a spirit of cowardice did not become adventurers. They reviewed their arms and ammunition, and resumed so much courage as they thought sufficient to encounter the most terrible beasts of the wilderness, and then proceeded down the mountain in the following manner, viz:—one slave first, then the two gentlemen, and the other slave behind. After they had proceeded about half a mile, the path grew brighter; but as the ground was hard and dry no appearance of feet could be discovered. The descent was truly venerable and august. On each side were the two ridges of rocks at the distance of four or five rods; each of them were covered with high trees, likewise small pines and ivies hung bending over the narrow valley in which the path was; each side was covered incredibly thick with small shrubs; the taller trees covered with leaves, and thick branches bent over the valley, so that they shut out the

rays of the sun. In this situation the travellers not only admired the grandeur in which they were inclosed, but they were filled with anxieties concerning the path, which still increased. In this condition they proceeded in a gradual descent, about two miles and a half, in a western direction, though in several places the grandeur of the valley was increased by small turnings and circular windings. Then they were surprised with an opening; the ridge of rocks on the right hand continued, but that on the left did not.

A large extended level country was opened to their view, and the sun being in the western hemisphere, a new day seemed to usher in upon them, which struck them with an agreeable surprise. In this condition they stood gazing for a moment, then reentered the path, which had by this time become much beaten. About four rods from them they saw the path turn to the right hand, towards the ridge of rocks, which was almost perpendicular; they then discovered a hole in the rock several feet square; they stood still for some time viewing it, as they supposed it was a den for wild beasts, when they were surprised with a shape coming out of the rock. It appeared like a grave old man; his head was bald, his beard was long and white, which covered his breast—his body was covered with fur and skins of beasts.—He seemed surprised as much to see them, as they did to see him—at length, with a grave and solemn voice he spoke:—*Friends! human forms! from whence, and who are you? Are you angels or men? One answered we are men; he then waved his hand in token of friendship, and pleasure seemed to sit on his countenance.—'With joy,' said he, 'I once more behold human shapes.'* The travellers stood almost speechless for some time, but when he moved towards them, turned for fear, and made off from him; at which the old man called with tears in his eyes—*whither, do not flee? Leave me not, I am an innocent hermit, I cannot hurt you, I live in this cave whose mouth you see. They then stood still, he came and shook hands with them, and expressed such emotions of joy as difficult to describe. The hermit then conducted them to his cave; they were somewhat reluctant at first about entering it, but they however were prevailed upon, so that they followed him into the cave, the mouth of which was ornamented on the outside with trees and thick ivies, which shaded it; before it was the wide level country before mentioned, covered with beautiful trees; the inside contained several nice apartments, all of which seemed to be dug out of a solid rock; the walls on the outside were adorned with many curious figures of sculpture; the upper part of it was an arch, which gave a small light, like a sort of wood we call light wood, or fox fire, which added a lustre to the cave.*

The hermit seemed overjoyed with his new guests, and their curiosity was much satisfied with him. He seated them on several smooth stones at the side of the cave; he then presented them with some bark, roots, acorns, and several kinds of fruit, unknown to them. They partook of his bounty, and were highly pleased with his simplicity, both in manner and diet. They offered the hermit some of their venison, and desired him to partake thereof, but he told them very mildly that he cared not to eat any flesh, that his diet consisted only of such simple food as he set before them. After they had eaten, the hermit said, it is night, you must not leave me—they would tarry that night, but must return early in the morning. Having now become somewhat acquainted, they asked him his place of nativity, and how he came there. The hermit very freely began and related as follows:—

"My story," says he, "is mournful, but it may be worth your hearing. I was born in London (as I have been very exact to keep my age) 277 years ago. My father was a mechanic, who placed his affections greatly on me; he put me under the care of a private gentleman to be educated, where he kept me till about 19 years of age, about which time I formed a close connexion with a nobleman's daughter. We made the most

solemn protestations to each other of mutual friendship; when her parents became acquainted with it, they confined her, and refused our seeing each other:—not long after, the lady died, at whose remembrance I cannot refrain from tears.

"I, like a disconsolate person as I was, roved through different parts of the kingdom; at length I went on board of a vessel bound to Italy. Soon after our departure, the master and all the crew, except two, were lost in a storm. We being unable to manage the vessel, let her drive. After several days we came to land, but whither we knew not. The country was uninhabited, which pleased me the more, as solitude was what I sought. I left my companions and betook myself to the wilderness. I took from on board the vessel a gun and all the ammunition I could find, which I found to be of great importance to me, as I had the good fortune to procure skins of animals which served to clothe me tolerably well.—At last heaven brought me to this place where you found me. Here I have lived alone, in contemplation of the works of nature, adoring him who preserves me. The reason of my long life and good constitution I cannot account for, only by the blessing of Heaven, and living on such simple food as I set before you. Oft I ascend this winding vale, through which I thought you came, to the summit of the mountain. The beasts of the forest all play before me. Nothing offers violence to me, all the animals are friendly to me, and none durst enter my cave."

Thus the hermit ended, after which Captain Buckland informed him of the present state of the nation; how some of them had left their native country and came to this, which is now called America. All which account the hermit was not a little surprised at. The evening being spent, the hermit could not go to rest without paying divine service to his Creator and preserver; he gave thanks that he once more had an interview with human beings, asked for protection and blessings.

The next day they did not depart as they proposed, but being so well pleased they tarried several days. At their departure they used their utmost endeavours to persuade the hermit to come off with them; but he refused, and said he had been exceedingly happy in their company, and could have entertained them longer; as for leaving his cave he could not. He thought heaven had provided that place for his dwelling, in which he expected to reside while he lived in this world. Notwithstanding his reluctance to leave his cave, he was exceedingly affected with their leaving him; he wept like a child, and taking Captain Buckland by the hand, he embraced him, wishing him prosperity, after which they departed.

Captain Buckland gives particular directions for any one to go and find the hermit, and satisfy his own curiosity.
30th July, 1786. (*Canadian Magazine*.)

Legislature of Newfoundland.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Monday, July 8.

The House of Assembly met this day at 12 o'clock, and after some preliminary business, Mr. Kent moved that the House should resolve itself into a Committee of Privileges—Mr. Hoyles in the Chair.

Mr. KENT said a Committee had been appointed in the early part of the session to examine as to the right of the House to appoint its own officers, but owing to the difficulty of then obtaining correct information on the question, the Committee had been unable to make any report upon it. Mr. Thomas the Chairman of that Committee, had, however, since procured some information from Nova Scotia, which he (Mr. K.) thought conclusive on the point, and he begged Mr. Thomas would state it for the information of the Committee.

Mr. THOMAS then read a letter which he had received from a professional Gentleman in Halifax, who stated that at the first meeting of the House of Assembly in Nova