

as she used to be." To which the other replied, with a shrug, "No, she has left that off—she is now expensive."

From the Patriot, May 6.

We pledged ourselves in our last number to enter into the merits of the Courts of Sessions and Local Courts Bills, which are driving *tandem* through the House of Assembly; but as they are likely to meet the same fate, and as it is now far more than probable that neither of them will ever reach the intended goal, our labour on them would be wholly thrown away; and in any case, perhaps, it would pass for nothing. In viewing the constitution of the two bills, we think there can be but one opinion as to which of them approaches nearest to a perfect system, and we think those of our readers, who have taken the trouble to compare the two, as well as ourselves, will be disposed to give a decided preference to the Local Courts Bill, as being much better adapted to the real wants of the Colony; but we much fear that the present state of our finances is by no means adequate to meet the enormous expense that the new system is calculated to impose upon the country; and when we add to this the total absence of Court Houses and Jails, it would be perfectly impracticable to bring the Local Courts into operation before the fall of thirty-five; but the most fatal objection to this bill in our estimation, is, that the salaries attached to the Judgeships are by far too small to induce men of legal talent and integrity to become candidates for them.—This fact was fully admitted in the House of Assembly during the discussion of the Courts of Sessions Bill on Friday last, and we apprehend that the very onerous responsibility placed upon the Chief Judge, would not be a sufficient guarantee against the contemplated evil, seeing that he would be reduced to the necessity of recommending men not fully qualified, but he would have to certify men the best qualified that might be inclined to venture upon the responsible office; and could we suppose for an instant that a set of persons were promoted to the dignity of Judges incapable of discharging their sacred trusts—the Courts, instead of being Courts of Justice, would become courts of ridicule and ultimate contempt among the people.

The Court of Sessions Bill is liable to the same objections in every point of view; contemplating as it does to invest the magistracy with the same extensive powers, with which the local Judges are to be invested. The only redeeming quality in this bill is, that all its proceedings are to be made subject to the revision of the Circuit Courts; and under such a system we may fairly anticipate that the Circuit Court Judges would have no sinecure.

There are two objections to both Bills—the first is, that the Colony is too poor to put in motion such powerful machinery as is contemplated in either of the measures proposed; and the second is still more objectionable, seeing that we are all in possession of the undeniable fact, that the country at this moment, does not possess proper and fitting materials out of which to obtain com-

petent Judges upon such an extensive plan. It is more than probable that the working of this Bill would be far more pernicious than the Local Courts Bill, inasmuch as persons totally unqualified would be more likely to get appointed as magistrates who would not dare to accept a local Judgeship, conceiving that the very name of magistrate does not imply either the qualification or the responsibility of a Judge, and yet it is perfectly evident that, were either of the said Bills to pass into a law, the very same set of men would become applicants for the situations. The *Surrogate system*, with all its concomitants, would be preferable to the one we have been discussing, knowing that the Judges would in almost every instance possess less legal knowledge than the Surrogates without one spark of that lofty spirit of independence and unspotted honour which is generally inherent in the British Naval Officer. The Legislature, after providing for our liberties, ought to leave something to the work of time, and wait another year; perhaps the home government may be inclined to assist in so great an undertaking as that at present under the consideration of the two Houses of our Legislature.

The Circuit Judges are well paid; let them labour. The great, perhaps the only reason that their exertions have not been crowned with complete success is, that they are far too impatient when going their rounds. Could they manage to come up to time, and remain ten or twelve days at the principal stations named in the Proclamation, they would hardly fail to give general satisfaction; we know this from experience, and speak with certainty as to the fact. The Outports are perhaps quite as much in want of Officers of Peace as Law Officers; and if the reverse could be clearly shown, we have great doubt as to the qualifications of the persons who would be appointed to preside; exceptions there are doubtless—but we have heard persons named, who, with every respect for them as private individuals, and without detracting from their other merits, are by no means fitted for the honor to which they aspire—destitute as some of them are, of every thing in the shape of legal knowledge; but it is our present opinion that neither of the Bills will pass into a law. We have written these few remarks, as will be seen, in the spirit of carelessness, and hope that they will not appear invidious to any of the candidates. We will revert to the subject should need be.

Shipping Intelligence.

HARBOUR GRACE.

ENTERED.

May 12.—Brig Sally, Liverpool; sundries.

CARBONEAR.

ENTERED.

May 9.—Brig Eagle, Hunt, Poole; 248 coils cordage, 54 bags nails, 4 baskets and 1 box hardware, 6 casks painter's materials, 26 boxes candles, 7 crates earthenware, 7 bundles leather, 7 bales slops, 14 bales and 9 casks fishing tackle, 4 bales swan-skin, 66 pieces sail cloth, 100 cwt. potatoes, 9 casks wrot. leather, 2 bales and 11 casks woollens and cottons, and sundries.
Schooner Harmony, Lawson, Halifax; 217 bls. flour, 1000 bush. onions, 64 fr. butter.
Brig Henrietta, Kinney, New York; 405 bags bread,

400 bls. flour, 50 bls. pork, 50 fr. butter, 30 bls. beef, 24 bags oats, 11 hhd. molasses.

12.—Brig Perseverance, Ford, Hamburg; 300 bls. pork, 450 bls. flour, 5 pun. peas, 270 bls. butter, 20 bls. oatmeal, 1120 bags bread, 10 bls. beef, and 10 M. bricks.

Brig Convivial, Hampton, Hamburg; provisions, nearly one-half of which was discharged in Harbor Grace.

13.—Brig Sir John Byng, Cram, Hamburg; 200 fr. butter, 200 bls. flour, 944 bags bread, 6000 bricks, and 200 bls. pork.

CLEARED.

May 12.—Brig Apollo, Ford, Lisbon; 3000 qtls. fish.
Brig William the Fourth, Cleall Lisbon; 2000 qtls. fish.

ST. JOHN'S.

ENTERED.

25.—Brig Hazard, Churchward, London; butter, candles, gunpowder, &c.

26.—Brig William Ash, Rendell, Hamburg; pork, bread, butter. Schooner Daniel, Champion, Hamburg; bread, flour, butter. Brig Scotia, Stewart, Greenock; potatoes, oatmeal, coals, lime.

28.—Schooner Margriet, Gwynn, Bermuda; sugar, coffee, rum. Brig Selina, Bond, Hamburg; bread, Brig Gipsy, Brown, Hamburg; bread, butter, oatmeal, pork. Schooner Theresa, Poland, Dartmouth; cordage, potatoes, &c. Schooner Lavinia, Caldwell, Greenock; potatoes, coal. Brig Helen, Wylie, Greenock; coals, potatoes, lime. Schooner Dolphin, Rendell, Dartmouth; potatoes, cordage, &c. Schooner Clyde, Marten, Teignmouth; cordage, potatoes. Schooner Elizabeth, Daly, New-York; pork, bread, flour. Brig Caledonia, Greig, Greenock; nails, cordage, merchandise. Brig Eliza, Fowler, Bristol; coal, bread, pork. Schooner Five Brothers, Trevetham, Torquay; potatoes, cordage, &c. Schooner Greenspond, Coke, Poole; bread, & sundries. Schooner Arichat, Slons, Jersey; bread, flour, cordage. Schooner John Fulton, O'Neal, Cork; pork, butter, sugar, flour, &c. Brig Alexander, Scott, Greenock; soap, candles, cordage potatoes. Brig Terra Nova, Gordon, Greenock; butter, porter, lime, coal, potatoes.

29.—American Schooner Dawn, Hammond, New York; pork, beef, and flour. Br g Ebenezer, Gauden, Jersey; potatoes, bread, flour, &c. Schooner Cherub, Blake, Guernsey; flour, bread, &c. Brigantine Britannia, Shedden, Greenock; bread and salt. Brigantine Jabez, Tuzo, Bermuda; ballast. Schooner Abeona, Hore, Teignmouth; potatoes, cordage, &c. Schooner Margatet, Patterson, New York; pork and flour. American Schooner Convoy, Baker, New York; cider, butter, pork, flour, pitch and tar. Schooner Polly, Harlot, Demerara; rum and molasses. Schooner Two Brothers, Field, Torquay; bread and sundries.

30.—Brig Dean, Legrand, Scotland; potatoes
May 2.—Brigs: Ariel, Man, Hamburg; bread, bricks, &c. Douglstown, M'Kenzie, Greenock; potatoes and lime. Barque Orion, Minn, Liverpool; coals, salt, potatoes, butter, &c. Schooners: Watchman, Hunt, Trinidad; sugar and molasses. Commodore, Walters, Dartmouth; cordage, bread, potatoes, &c. Bee, Chalmers, Liverpool; bricks, iron, wine, &c.

CLEARED.

April 26.—Brig Borealis, Brown, Oporto; fish.
28.—Schooner Lottery, Gilbert, Barbadoes; fish. Schooner Clydesdale, Corbin, Oporto; fish. Schooner Samuel, Shapley, Oporto; fish. Brig Providence, Hicks, Oporto; fish.

29.—Schooners: Daniel, Champion, Oporto; fish. Augusta Ann, Tatem, Barbadoes; fish.

30.—Brigs: Caledonia, Grieg, Oporto; fish. Scotia, Stewart, Oporto; fish. Gypsy, Brown, Oporto; fish.

May 2.—Intrepid, Butt, Bucktush; flour, bread, and sundries.

3.—Helen, Wylie, Portugal; fish. Schooners: Dawn, Hammond, Pictou; ballast. Abeona, Smith, Miramichi; ballast.

6.—Brigs: Terra Nova, Gordon, Oporto, fish. Lavinia, Caldwell, Portugal; fish. Schooner Despatch, O'Neil, Bridgport; ballast.

7.—Brigs: William Ash, Rendell, Miramichi; ballast. Frances, Collibole, Demerara; fish, wine, &c. Schooner Edward, Stephens, Bridgport; ballast.

8.—Brig Palmetto, George, Grenada; fish and sundries.