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Just Received from Halifax,
A FEW REGS OF
Manufactured Tobacco,
& boxes No. 1 Chocolate;
For Sale by **STEPHEN HUMBERT,**
Aug. 18th 1818.

Day & Evening Dancing School.
MR. RUGGLES' Engagements are such, that he can stay but one quarter longer in this City. He offers to continue his Day School for Music and Masters, another Quarter, from Wednesday September the 2nd, two lessons per week as before. He also proposes to open an Evening School for dancing, on Tuesday, at 7 o'clock, per week, provided a sufficient number apply, for such class previous to the above time of opening. Application to be made to Mr. R. at Mrs. McTigue's.
St. John, 16th Aug. 1818.

ROBERT ROBERTSON
Has received per the **CLYDE**, from Greenock, **JOHN & MARY** from Liverpool, and **JAMES** from London, in addition to his former Stock, a general assortment of British merchandise; consisting of
SUPERFINE broad and narrow Cloths; Cassimeres, India Cottons; shirting Cottons; Calicoes; Gingham; Shawls; Scarfs; lambs' wool and worsted Hose and Socks; Carpeting; Osnaburghs; Patent Sheetting; gentlemen's and boys' coarse and fine Hats; Slops; Threads; cotton Balls; sewing Silk and Twist; coarse and fine Shoes and Boots; Teas; loaf and brown Sugar; Brandy; Gin; Rum; Spirits; port, sherry and Madeira; Wine; Champagne; bottled Porter; Cheese; Pork; Flour; Indian Corn; Barley; Oatmeal; split and round Pease; ship Bread; Mustard in bottles; Soap and Candles; Crockery; Glass and tin Ware; Nails and Spikes of various kinds; flat, bolt, bar and sheet Iron and Tin; Stoves; Pots; tea Kettles, &c. Cordage; bolt Rope, of a superior quality; Lines; Brushes; Ships Compasses; Patent Lights; Quadrants; an assortment of Cutlery; basket Salt; Pepper; Alspice; Nutmegs; Starch; Indigo; Wafers; shaving Soap; shoe Blacking; black and bright Varnish; together with an assortment of Stationery; all of which will be sold cheap for **CASH**, or **TREASURY NOTES**.
26th May, 1818.

JAS. WILSON informs the public that he continues in the house adjoining the Church—having taken the whole upper floor, consisting of two very commodious rooms, which has been constructed in such manner, as to have a separate School for young Misses, where they will be instructed in every branch of liberal education, and the strictest attention paid to their morals.
The Boy's School conducted on the New System which instructs them in the following branches:—

Latin and Greek Languages,
English Grammar, Geography,
Penmanship, Arithmetic, &c. &c.
The success which I have met, emboldens me to trust on the patronage of an enlightened and discriminating public, with a confident hope that my attention will meet an adequate encouragement: at the same time, I feel all the anxiety incident to a new and important undertaking, and look forward to the progress of the establishment with a determination to use the utmost effort to make it satisfactory to my patrons in every branch of a liberal education.
Many have been misinformed with regard to the rules and intention of the School. It is not a charity school; nor confined to any sect of children, as has been represented; all are at liberty to repeat their catechism, and attend their own place of worship the education is not as in central schools restricted to religion or perusing tracts, but a classical and English Education—Religious instruction being left to their parents and pastors.
N. B.—A few Poor Children admitted gratis and found in books, &c.
19th May, 1818.

CANDLE MANUFACTORY.
THE SUBSCRIBERS
Offer for Sale, at their Store in Water Street, in quantities to suit Purchasers, either wholesale or retail, (nearly opposite the Store of Nathaniel Munroe, Esq.) a quantity of Mould and Dip
CANDLES,
OF their own MANUFACTURE, equal in Colour and Quality, of longer Durability and give as clear a Light as any imported from Great Britain—**ALSO**, Rush Lights—one with a tin, 10 to 14 or 14 hours; new, no smudging, and a pleasant smell while burning; or when extinguished; their use is much recommended by the owners of the Light House situated at the Cape of the North, and at the Cape of the South.
Lanterns ditto, from 10 to 24 lbs. weight, 4 and 6 lbs. and 6 inch short. Likewise good Candle Tallow, Wick, Wax, Lamp and Candle Cotton.
GALE & COOK,
WHO HAVE
A NEW Yawl BOAT, and a Cherokeo BOAT, with Sails, &c. for Sale on a short credit, and at a low price.
SAINT JOHN, 5TH AUGUST, 1818.

JOHN MURPHY,
TAILOR & HABIT MAKER,
Begs leave to inform the Inhabitants of the City of SAINT JOHN, and its Vicinity, that he has commenced Business in the house of the late Mr. STEPHEN BAYLY, deceased, in Prince William Street, and hopes from the assiduity and attention he means to make use of, he may obtain a share of public patronage and employment, as his utmost endeavours will be made use of to please and give satisfaction to them that may favor him with the custom.
N. B.—He likewise hopes that the late Mr. BAYLY's customers may continue their commands in the same Shop as before, and that the same satisfaction will be given them.
St. John, 4th August, 1818.

PORTLAND BREWERY,
(LATE OLD MESS-HOUSE.)
FOR SALE
BY THE SUBSCRIBER, the following
BEERS, viz:—
BURTON ALE, 10s. per doz. } Exch-
PORTER, 6s. do. }ange of
METHEGLIN, 4s. do. } bottles.
TABLE BEER as usual, 10s. per gallon.
JOHN GODARD.

SPRUCE BEER.
For Sale by the Subscriber at his Brewery,
GOOD SPRUCE BEER, at the moderate rate of
FOUR PENCE per Gallon;
To commence from this date,
21st July, 1818. **JOHN GODARD.**

WILLIAM HALE,
TAILOR & HABIT MAKER,
RETURNS THANKS to his Friends and the Public in general, for the very liberal Patronage afforded him, since his commencing Business in this City—He begs leave to inform them that he has removed to his house on YORK POINT, directly opposite Mrs. McKAY's; where he still continues to carry on the above Business, and can assure them, that no pains will be spared to give general satisfaction.
St. John, June 9, 1818.

PEWS
To be Sold or Let.
SEVERAL PEWS in the Scots Church of this City; remaining undisposed of; those persons who may wish to purchase or rent, either whole or parts of PEWS, will have an opportunity of doing so, on applying to any of the following individuals, Messrs.

JOHN THOMSON,
ROBERT ROBERTSON OR
JOHN PAUL.
St. John, 19th May, 1818.

JOHN L. VENNER,
HAS FOR SALE,
23 BARRELS Irish PORK,
11 Tierces } Do. BEEF,
1 Barrel }
9 Tierces } OAT MEAL.
3 Barrels }
11 Tierces SHIP BREAD.
4th August, 1818.
POST OFFICE, SAINT JOHN,
13th June 1818.

MAIL will be made up at this OFFICE regularly to go by the STEAM BOAT to Fredericton. **J. C. F. BREMNER, P. MASTER.**

An Answer to Gen. COFFIN'S
"Appeal to the Public."

I was much surprised at observing "The Appeal to the Public" in the City Gazette of Wednesday last, signed "JOHN COFFIN," and my surprise on many accounts increased at every step. I advanced in the perusal of it, Scurrility and vulgar abuse under feigned signatures, can only reflect obliquely on the authors of such productions, and the *Prosa* that gives them publicity. To answer them would be as degrading to the character of a gentleman, as to give them credit for the last appeal of General Coffin. To persist longer in such a course would be to expose the public to a true statement of the conduct of my father and myself with respect to the schooner Martin, which is now seriously impeached by General COFFIN in a shape that admits of an answer, that to remain silent would be a species of treason against our own characters, as men of good faith and fair dealing. I must, at the same time, strongly protest against the propriety of these transactions having ever been made a subject of discussion in a public Newspaper; but as this is the course that General COFFIN has thought proper to pursue, he must abide by the consequences of his own decision. These will be, now, regretted by us, merely as they regard his family, for many branches of which we still cherish an unabated esteem and respect.
The conduct of Collector WRIGHT, being altogether in his official capacity, has already been called in question; and he has made his justification before the only Tribunal competent to decide upon it.
The facts relating to the transactions in question, so far as they regard my father and myself, are these:
In consequence of information lodged at the Custom House, by one of the Boatmen and Tide Waiters, that several contraband articles had been brought up in the schooner Martin from Lubec, and landed in the night and carried to General COFFIN'S House, she was seized by the Collector on or about the 17th of April, 1817. In the afternoon of the day on which the seizure was made, the Collector referred the circumstances of the case to me for my opinion and advice thereon. After reflecting upon them, I was satisfied that there was a legal ground of proceeding; but, as the articles which it could be made to appear had been landed were of small value, I entertained strong doubts as to the propriety and expediency of a prosecution. Early the next morning, before I had an opportunity to communicate my sentiments on the subject to the Collector, I received intelligence, that during the preceding night, the schooner had been forcibly rescued and run away with. This most novel and extraordinary occurrence at once suspended all deliberations as to the propriety of a prosecution. But I can with confidence assert, as well from my recollection of my own sentiments on the occasion, as from information I have received from the Comptroller of the Customs, as well as from the Collector, of what passed between them at the time, that if it had not been for the rescue, the schooner never would have been prosecuted.
For a day or two all proceedings were absorbed in inquiries after the perpetrators of this daring outrage, and General COFFIN was proclaiming in all quarters of the town, that as the vessel had been run away with, he should make the Collector responsible for her value. On the morning of Saturday the 19th, the Collector and Comptroller caused an advertisement in printed Hand Bills to be struck off, of which the following is a copy:

Four Hundred Dollars Reward.
WHEREAS the Schooner MARTIN, lately belonging to Lieutenant-General COFFIN, burthen about 30 tons, was Seized in this port on the 17th instant, for a breach

of the Revenue laws, and placed under the custody of an Officer of the Customs, and was on the same night forcibly entered and carried out of this port by some person or persons not yet known.
A Reward of **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS** is hereby offered by the Collector and Comptroller of His Majesty's Customs in this port, for the apprehension of the said persons, or any one of them, or for the discovery and detection of the person or persons who instigated, employed, or assisted the said persons who run away with the said schooner, that they may be dealt with according to Law: And the said Reward will be paid for the recovery of the said schooner with her Materials.
St. John, 19th April, 1817.

They also gave directions to have the same published in the Newspaper of that day. On the morning of Saturday the 19th also, I received a letter from General COFFIN, of which the following is a copy, the original being still in my possession.

St. John, 19th April, 1817.
SIR.—As Advocate General I beg leave to deposit with you, the articles that has been said to have occasioned the seizing of my boat. The two barrels of Cyder were regularly reported at the Custom House before they were taken by the Tide-waiter, and the above articles was offered to Mr. Wright, that he and Mr. Parker might judge whether they were of sufficient notoriety to occasion a further investigation. But Sir, all that could be urged, was insufficient to abate in the smallest degree, the hostile conduct of Mr. Wright. He had got hold of me and my property, and it required no penetration to discover the secret design of his heart and mind. Under circumstances so oppressive, and I conceive unwarranted, as to refuse the offer of a candid exposure of the articles that were actually brought in the vessel, and that the informer should be present to acknowledge that the packages were the same he had seen and no other; I say, Sir, I would at all hazards, have buried the vessel and all she contained, in the bowels of the earth, before she should have been exposed to public sale; and Mr. WRIGHT has very justly brought upon himself, the censure and ridicule of the whole town.
Holding the Register, I mean to proceed in search of the boat, and I wish to be informed whether I can bring her back, or make the best of her wherever I may find her; tho' from the condition of her sails, and the violence of the wind during the night, I conclude she must have been wrecked upon the opposite shores, or compelled to seek some situation, where I shall not think it an object to pursue her.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your very obedient servant,
J. COFFIN.
The articles, I shall send to your Office. The box of Claret; 23lbs. of Candles, and the Tea 2 pounds; eleven bottles (out of the dozen and a half) left of the Claret,
WARD CHIPMAN, Esq.

Astonished at the contents of this letter, which were so highly exceptionable, both with regard to myself as a public officer, and in my private relation to Mr. WRIGHT, I immediately prepared an answer, of which the following is a copy; the original still remains in my possession.

St. John, 19th April, 1817.
SIR.—I have received your letter of this day's date, and I feel extreme pain and regret that you should have thought proper to address such a letter to me. You have left me no alternative, but to hand over the letter and any articles you may send, to the Collector of the Customs, who will undoubtedly pursue such measures, as his highly responsible situation requires.
I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
W. CHIPMAN, JUS.
LIEUT. GEN. COFFIN.