

From the Freeman's Journal.

### LORD GEORGE GORDON'S MOB.

To the Editor of the Freeman's Journal.

Salisbury, Orange County, Dec. 11, 1841.

DEAR SIR,—I am one of the few now living who witnessed the burning and conflagration of the diabolical mob of 1780. I was then only eleven years old, and at Bromley Academy, near London; but such was the fright and terror of the moment, that even in our peaceful establishment, restraint was impossible, and the older boys, among whom was, *Martin D'esterre*\*) scaled the walls of our extensive park, made their way to the city, and many joined the mob to see the fun—some to enjoy the spectacle of burning Papists houses, and the hope of seeing them frying in the flames. Such of the smaller boys who had parents or guardians in or about the city, were sent forthwith to them for protection. I being amongst the latter was sent to my respected guardian, Mr. Robert Rayment, whose family residence was at Highwood Hill, but whose place of business was at Cateaton street. He was a liberal and enlightened Englishman of the Society of Friends (Quakers), the bosom friend of Roland of France, and loved and respected by the then patriots of his own country. He was an eminent Irish factor of the firm of Wakefield, Willett and Rayment, and in 1780, of Rayment and Westby. I had seen the flames of Langdales distillery, the King's Bench Prison, new Newgate, the toll bridge at Black Friars, the Fleet Prison, Butrough Prison, and amongst many others, to my almost heart-breaking, that of my kind friends the Pastry Cooks in the Poultry, next to the Mansion House. I am, perhaps, too particular, but one circumstance, which in the midst of the general despondency, I have often since fondly dwelt on, I am about to relate. I observed a great many packages and boxes of linens and other goods coming in and being deposited in my guardian's warehouse, and on enquiring the reason of so remarkable a procedure at that time of universal confusion, Mr. Rayment told me they were sent there by my countryman, O'Hara, whose large linen shop was in Smithfield, to be protected for the benefit of his creditors, lest they might be destroyed by the mob. The next morning at breakfast my worthy guardian said, "Johnny, thou mayst be pleased to hear of the bravery of thy countryman, O'Hara, whom I have heard thee remark was thy ideal picture of an old Irish Chieftain.—Although he had sent his family and his goods off his premises, he determined to defend his house to the utmost; and being seconded by another countryman of thine, they posted themselves at a front window, and when the mob came last night to destroy his home, they each presented a blunderbuss, and on their refusal to open the doors, and threatenings made to burst them open, they declared aloud that the first man who should attempt it would be a dead man. A consultation of a very few minutes took place among the leaders; when they gave three cheers, and

\*) He who lost his life in his provoked duel with O'Connell.

no retiring, wished they had such a Captain amongst them."

I merely state this matter as a proof that had courage prevailed, instead of panic, the page of England's history could not have recorded the basest and most brutal and most horrid outrage that ever blotted it. And as I am on the subject, I cannot refrain from referring the reader to Erskine's masterpiece of oratory, in his defence of Lord George Gordon on his trial—to which, and which alone, may be attributed the acquittal of that infatuated and guilty young nobleman.

I give you this extract from a more extended account of the events of that period, which are incorporated in memoirs of many scenes in a long and eventful life.

### GRAND RIVER HOTEL,

(Head of John Street, opposite the Old Market) HAMILTON.

THE Subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public, that from the additions he has made to his Hotel, both with regard to BOARDING and STABLING, he trusts he will still continue to merit their patronage.

His Table will be constantly supplied with the best the Market affords; while his liquors are various and of the best description.

Extensive Stabling is attached, with every necessary required by the Farmer, who will do well to pay him a visit.

P. McCLUSKY

N.B.—A few respectable Boarders can be accommodated on reasonable terms Hamilton, Dec 1, 1841

### THOMAS STINSON

HAS just received in his Stores, at HAMILTON AND DUNDAS,

the LARGEST assortment of Goods in Western Canada, to be sold

BELOW their ACTUAL VALUE, (they having been purchased in Montreal during a very depressed state of the market,) in addition to

### Large Consignments

of which he is compelled to dispose of during the following Winter!!!

He therefore begs to call the attention of the public generally and more particularly those at a distance to his presents assortment, as they will find themselves amply repaid in the cheapness and quality of his Goods, for any trouble to which their journey may subject them. In addition to his Stock of

**DRY GOODS**

AND

### GROCERIES,

he has on hand a quantity of IRON, NAILS, &c. &c.

His store in Hamilton is situate at the west end of the Brick Block of Buildings, next door to Mr. Jason's Hardware Store, and that at Dundas, nearly opposite Mr. Bamberger's Hotel, and adjoining the premises lately occupied by Mr. J. P. Larkin.

Hamilton, Dec. 1, 1841.

CHEAP! CHEAP!! CHEAP!!!

### OYSTERS

OF the first quality at the Bristol House Oyster Rooms, for 1s 3d. per dozen, or 8s. 9d. per 100; or £1 17s. 6d. the barrel.

D. F. TEWKSBURY.

Hamilton, Nov. 24, 1841.

### BRISTOL HOUSE,

King Street, Hamilton, near the Market, By D. F. TEWKSBURY, September 15, 1841.

### THOMAS HILTON,

CABINET MAKER, AND UPHOLSTERER, King Street, five doors east of the Bank.

### PATRICK BURNS,

BLACKSMITH, KING STREET, Next house to Isaac Buchanan & Co's large importing house.

Horse Shoeng, Waggon & Sleigh Ironing Hamilton, Sep. 22, 1841.

### EDWARD MCGIVERN,

SADDLE AND HARNESS MAKER, HAMILTON

Opposite Chapel & Moore's Tin Factory King Street. Sept. 22nd, 1841.

### FALL & WINTER FASHIONS

For 1841—1842.

THE Subscriber has just received the FALL & WINTER FASHIONS for 1841 and 1842, to which he would call the attention of his customers and the public generally, as there is a very great change in the style of the London and Paris garments.

The Subscriber would also mention, that his workmen being fully competent to make up the most fashionable work, the public may rely on every satisfaction being given.

SAMUEL McCURDY.

Hamilton, 1st October, 1841.

### PORTRAIT PAINTING.

M R. HELY, [late from Europe.]

LADIES and Gentlemen wishing correct Likenesses painted, will please call at H. Atfield's Hotel, where, from the specimens Mr. H. can produce, he hopes to secure their patronage.

N. B.—Ladies and Gentlemen can be called upon at their houses if required. Hamilton, Nov 16, 1841.

### OYSTERS!

Fresh, and just received,—call at C. Langdon's Saloon. Hamilton, Oct 13, 1841.

### INFORMATION WANTED.

OF Jeremiah and Philip Brown, who came into Canada from Hagarstown, Maryland, U. S. about eight years ago. One of them was understood to be a sailor on Lake Erie. Their mother who lives in Hamilton, Upper Canada, would feel grateful to obtain any word respecting either of the above, or their sisters Caroline and Harriet.

December 6, 1841.

### NEW HARDWARE STORE

THE Subscriber begs leave to inform his friends and the public generally, that he has re-opened the Store lately occupied by Mr. J. Layton, in Stinson's Block, and is now receiving an extensive assortment of Birmingham, Sheffield and American Shelf and Heavy HARD WARE, which he will sell at the very Lowest Prices.

H. W. IRELAND.

Hamilton, Oct. 4, 1841.

### LIVERY STABLES

HAMILTON.

BY HENRY TOTTEN.

Orders left at Press's Hotel, (late Burley's) or at Doveaux's Royal Exchange, will be promptly attended to October, 1841.

### QUEEN'S HEAD HOTEL.

JAMES STREET, (NEAR BURLEY'S HOTEL.)

THE Subscriber respectfully acquaints his friends and the public generally, that he has fitted up the above named house in such a style as to render his guests as comfortable as at any other Hotel in Hamilton. His former experience in the wine and spirit trade enables him to select the best articles for his Bar that the Market affords; and it is admitted by all who have patronized his establishment, that his stabling and sheds are superior to any thing of the kind attached to a public Inn, in the District of Gore.

N. B.—The best of Hay and Oats, with civil and attentive Ostrers.

W. J. GILBERT.

Hamilton, Sept. 15, 1841.

### THE HAMILTON RETREAT.

THE Subscriber has opened his Retreat in Hughson street a few doors north of King street, and wishes to acquaint his friends that they may rely on every Luxury the markets afford; his Wines and Liquors will be selected with care, and no expence spared in making his guests comfortable.

Oysters, Clams, &c., will be found in their season. He therefore hopes by strict attention and a desire to please, to merit a share of Public patronage.

ROBERT FOSTER.

Hamilton, Sept., 1841.

### SAMUEL McCURDY,

BARBER,

KING STREET, HAMILTON,

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