

To Contractors.**GOVERNMENT BUILDING,
Market Square.**

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Commissioners for Erection of above Building, will be received at the Office of the Secretary, until 12 o'clock, on **MONDAY**, the 1st day of February next, from all persons desirous of contracting for same, according to plans and specifications which may be seen on and after Monday, the 4th inst., in the large room of the Nova Scotia Marine Insurance Building, Bedford Row, fourth story.

The building is to be of Freestone, 3 stories high, and measures 125 feet long by 54 wide, more or less, and any further information required in reference thereto may be had on application to Mr. David Sterling, Architect, Hollis Street.

Tenders must be accompanied with a guarantee from two responsible persons, who are willing to become security for the faithful performance of the contract entered upon.

The Commissioners do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

JOHN DUFFUS, Chairman.

A. G. JONES, Secretary.

Halifax, 2nd January, 1864.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDER**HEAD QUARTERS,**

Office of Adj. Gen. Militia,

HALIFAX, DEC. 31, 1863.

THE Inspection of the Nova Scotia Militia having terminated for the present year, and Major General Hastings Doyle, the Commander-in-Chief, having personally inspected several of the Regiments, and having received very favorable reports of those which he has not seen, from the Inspecting Officers, has much pleasure in thus publicly recording the very great satisfaction he has felt in ascertaining the great progress this Force has made in so short a space of time.

His Excellency is perfectly aware that the present state of efficiency could not have been attained unless all those Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers, who were concerned in the training, had zealously performed their duties, and that the men had not responded as readily as they did to the call of duty; it is also gratifying to the Commander-in-Chief to find that the conduct of the men of the Militia assembled for training, was universally such as to merit his entire approbation, proving at the same time, their great intelligence, and their peculiar capacity for the Military Profession.

It must however be borne in mind that the Militia of this Province is still in its infancy, and that much, very much, still requires to be done to put that force in a

really efficient form, and the Commander-in-Chief therefore calls upon Commanding and other Officers of Militia to persevere in the zealous discharge of their duties, hoping that by the Commencement of the next annual training, the Commanding and Company Officers of the Force will complete the all-important, although minor details of organization, amongst others that of forming Companies into Squads, so requisite for the proper performance of the various duties required.

The Major-General desires also in conclusion, to express his best thanks to the Officers of the Militia Staff, and the Non-Commissioned Officers of the Staff under their Command, for the very zealous manner in which they have performed their duties, and which, in a high degree, has led to the success of the Militia Movement.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief.

R. B. SINCLAIR, A. G. M.

Lloyd's Register of British and Foreign Shipping.

THE undersigned have been appointed by the Committee of Lloyd's Register, London, their resident Surveyor for the Province of Nova Scotia. Shipbuilders and Ship Owners in Nova Scotia requiring to have their vessels surveyed for classification in the Register Book of this Society will please make application for the present at the Office, Windsor, N. S., where copies of the Society's Rules and any necessary information can be obtained.

JOSEPH I. TUCKER.

Dec. 17.

Lloyd's Surveyor.

News of the Week.**EUROPEAN NEWS.**

The R. M. steamship *Africa* arrived this evening, with English dates to the 26th ult.

A great fire occurred on Friday night, in the vicinity of Milk-street and Wood-street, Cheapside, London, which destroyed upwards of £100,000 worth of property.

Mr. Thackeray, well known as a popular writer, died on Christmas eve, at his residence, Kensington, Palace-gardens.

The French Government appears to think the project of a Congress may yet be accomplished, but with a preliminary meeting of the Ministers of the several nations to arrange the business.

The Spanish papers favourable to the Congress are of opinion that Spain ought to demand the restoration of Gibraltar, and that the Ministry should accede to this national object.

ENTRY OF THE FEDERAL TROOPS INTO HOLSTEIN.—*Altona, Dec. 24.*—At eight

o'clock this morning the Saxon regiment of Kronprinz infantry entered the town. The Danes did not leave Altona until the Federal troops appeared. As soon as the Danes had passed out of one street it was instantly decorated with the German and Schleswig-Holstein flags. The Federal Civil Commissioners alighted at the Town hall, from the balcony of which is suspended a large German flag. A meeting was held of the citizens of the town, when Prince Frederick was proclaimed legitimate ruler of the country. A proclamation of the Federal Commissioners has been issued, announcing their assumption of the administration of Holstein and Lauenberg, without prejudice to the only temporarily suspended rights of the sovereign.

The King of Bavaria has received the Prince of Augustenburg with all the honours due to a sovereign Prince.

It is positively stated that Hanoverian troops will relieve the Austrians quartered in this city, and that the whole of the Austrians will march into Holstein.

THE POLISH INSURRECTION.—Another proclamation of the Polish National Government has been published in Warsaw, in which the origin and object of the insurrection are again stated. The proclamation points out as principles of the movement, "Equality of all inhabitants before the law and free landed property for the peasantry." The proclamation states in conclusion that the insurrection will be continued with undiminished vigour."

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—Bishop Colenso's trial commenced at the Cape on the 17th ult. in St. George's Cathedral, before the Metropolitan Bishop of Cape Town and two suffragans, the Bishop of Graham's Town, and the Bishop of the Orange Free State. The accusing clergy, the Dean of Cape Town and the Archdeacons of Graham's Town and George Town, were present to support the charges they had preferred. Dr. Bleek, curator of the Grey Library, attended on behalf of Bishop Colenso, and read a letter from the Bishop denying the jurisdiction of the Court, and handed in a formal protest against the proceedings. The Dean of Cape Town supported the charges. The trial was expected to extend over several days.

The Federal steamship *Vanderbilt* returned to Cape Town from the *Mauritius*, and remained in Table Bay until October 27. She then proceeded to Angra Pequena, the Confederate rendezvous, and carried away a quantity of coals, stored on Penguin Island, which was annexed to Cape Colony two years since. The *Vanderbilt* also seized the British barque *Saxon*, of Cape Town (in British waters it is said), that vessel being supposed to have been laden with part of the cargo of the Federal barque *Conrad*, captured