

that the inhabitants of this place were obliged to have lighted candles to dine by.

Various are the conjectures with respect to the cause of the darkness: Some suppose it proceeded only from an uncommon thick fog, or clouded atmosphere; whilst others are of opinion that some immense opaque body passing at that time between the body of the Sun and the Earth, was the cause. All objects had that yellow appearance which they have in a great eclipse of the Sun.

*Quebec, Nov. 12.*—Extract from the minutes of a Vestry held at Montreal on Monday the 9th November, 1789.

Present, Joseph Frobisher, J. G. Beek, Thomas Forsyth, Esqrs. Messrs. John Lilly, Jon. A. Gray, James Noel, Adam Scot, James Hallowell, Church wardens.

*Resolved,* That the Church-wardens and Vestry do immediately wait upon the Rev. Mr. Delisle—present to him the key of the Church, and beg him to prepare a dedicatory sermon to be delivered by himself at the opening of the same, on the Sunday next before Christmas day, or sooner, if it can be made convenient.

A copy of the above resolution, together with the key of the Church, was the same day presented to the Rev. Mr. Delisle, who returned the following answer:

Gentlemen,

The honor you have conferred on me, by delivering into my hands the key of Christ Church, is most flattering. I feel the distinction as I ought, and look upon it as the happiest circumstance of my life. Sensible that I owe this distinguished favour more to your good offices with my superiors than to my own long services; I beg leave to return you my sincere thanks; and to assure you, that to deserve the favourable opinion you are pleased to entertain of me, shall ever be the great object of my study and ambition.

The duty you have imposed upon me to preach at the opening of the New Chapel would be very pleasing, was I blessed with talents adequate to it. When I consider the solemnity of the occasion, and the expectation of the hearers, I feel that I am not equal to the task; but encouraged by the experience I have of your indulgence, and ardently desirous to evince my deference to your injunctions, I hope, with the Divine assistance, to preach a dedicatory sermon on the Sunday you will be pleased to appoint.

I have the honour to be,

With the greatest respect,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient and

Humble servant,

*Montreal, Nov. 9.* CHD. DELISLE.

## DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

*Halifax, Jun. 19.*

**Y**ESTERDAY being the anniversary of her Majesty's birth day, the same was celebrated by the navy and army.—Early in the morning the Royal Standard was displayed on board his Majesty's ship *Adamant*; at twelve o'clock a royal salute was fired from citadel hill, by the artillery, which was followed by three volleys from the troops assembled for that purpose on the parade.—Immediately after there was a levee at the Government-house, which was numerously attended.—At one o'clock there was a salute of 21 guns from the ships of the Squadron; and at two o'clock the Admiral had a levee, which was also numerously attended.

25. Last night arrived the ship *Lord Dorchester*, Capt. Rowe, from Cadiz, with a lading of salt. Capt. Rowe left Cadiz the 4th of December, and informs, that two days before he sailed, a ship, commanded by a Capt. Butler, arrived there from New York, who said he had on his passage spoke with a ship bound from England for this coast, which was bearing away for the West Indies. He also confirms the reports we have had from the London papers, of a large body of Spanish troops being extended along their frontiers, to prevent, if possible, the spirit of Liberty, which rages in the French nation, from finding its way into Spain.

Monday a Jury of Inquest was called to sit on the body of a girl of twelve years of age, who was found dead in the fields back of citadel-hill, stripped entirely naked.—The father of the girl, (a soldier belonging to the 57th regt.) was apprehended on suspicion of being the murderer, and from many corroborating circumstances, his guilt appeared so probable, that the jury brought in their verdict, wilful murder, by the said father.—He was in consequence committed to gaol to take his trial at the Spring court.

## DEATHS.

Jan. 21. Mr. William Morrell, aged 50.

23. Mr. Peter McKay, aged 70.

26. Mrs. Elizabeth Greaves, wife of Dr. Greaves,

28. Mr. John Woodin, sen. aged 78; one of the first inhabitants of this province.

At Lawrence-Town, Capt. Handfield.

## NOTIFICATION TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*Abas* cannot be inserted.

*Minimus* is received and shall appear in our next.