

**HINDOO READY WIT.**—A Hindoo having been summoned to give evidence before the court of judicature in Calcutta, deposed that such a circumstance happened in her presence. The Judge asked where it happened—she replied, in the verandah of such a house—Pray, my good woman, said the Judge, how many pillars are there in that verandah? The woman not perceiving the trap that was laid for her, without much consideration said that the verandah was supported by four pillars. The counsel for the opposite party immediately offered to prove that the verandah contained five pillars, and that consequently no credit could be given to her evidence. The woman perceiving her error, addressed the Judge—My lord, said she, your lordship has for many years presided in this court, and every day that you come here ascend a flight of stairs: may I beg to know how many steps these stairs consist of?—The Judge confessed that he did not know. Then, replied she, if your lordship cannot tell the number of steps you ascend daily to the seat of Justice, it cannot be astonishing that I should forget the number of pillars in a balcony which I never entered half a dozen times in my life. The Judge was much pleased with the woman's wit, and decided in favour of her party.

### CIVIL INTELLIGENCE.

#### ARRIVAL OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

ON Monday evening last, His Excellency Sir Charles Metcalfe entered our city in the most unostentatious manner, by the public stage—thus greatly disappointing a large number of our good citizens, who had made preparations for receiving him in a manner suited to his rank. Though we ourselves shared in the common disappointment, yet we cannot but admire the conduct of His Excellency on this occasion. We copy the following remarks from the *Morning Courier* :—

“His Excellency Sir Charles Metcalfe has been now for some hours in our good city. During that time he has been waited on by most of the public bodies, and has probably obtained some faint idea of the “wants and wishes” of Her Majesty's subjects in this part of the colony. Sir Charles Metcalfe is too old a stager to be alarmed at trifles, and we dare say he has listened very quietly whilst his visitors have unfolded plans extensive enough to employ an ordinary statesman all his life to carry out. He will bear in mind, that during the time of his predecessor every thing was neglected, and ascribe to this circumstance the arrears of business which are now pressed upon his attention.

“All who have seen His Excellency have left him impressed with a most favourable opinion of his talents, and do not hesitate to say that everything may be expected from him that is consistent with truth and justice. In fact, it is evident that if success can be commanded, Sir Charles Metcalfe is the man to command it: but, unfortunately, this is not possible. The best of men can only deserve it, and the experience of the past has taught us that these few do not always obtain it. We have, however, some confidence that Sir Charles Metcalfe will not fail, and we augur much good from the short visit he is now making to the Lower Province. He will hear and see more on the spot than he could ever have learnt at Kingston; and although we would not advise him to receive as gospel a tenth part of what he hears, still he will gather enough from the conflicting statements of parties to help him to form a judgment of his own. For ourselves, we heartily wish him success, and trust that we may always have it in our power to support him.”

*The Governor General's Visit to the Eastern Townships.*—We are happy to find, (says the *Courier*) that the Governor General intends to visit the Eastern Townships. We never called in question the loyalty of the great body of the Townships people—a loyalty of

which, during the late disturbances in the province, they gave so many proofs; but all experience shows that the sincerest attachment of a people to their rulers should not be too severely tested. We, therefore, repeat our gratification at learning that Sir Charles Metcalfe contemplates a tour through the Townships—when he will be able, by personal observation, to learn at once the value and the wants of that important section of the province.

*The Seat of Government.*—It seems now (says the *Transcript*) to be fully understood that the settlement of this long vexed question is to be left to the decision of the Provincial Legislature. This was stated most decidedly by His Excellency the Governor General to the President and members of the Board of Trade, who waited on him with an Address from their body on Tuesday last.

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