

It is no doubt the expediency of legislating for the improvement of the administration of civil justice, in respect of suits for sums under \$250, it is only necessary to regard the present state of business in the Supreme Court so far as summary suits are concerned, to be convinced of the necessity of a speedy reform in the system.

When the business of the Court increases, no doubt there will be full employment for the officials in every Court, but until that time arrives, due regard must be paid to economy; but in guarding against undue expenditure the legislature must carefully avoid the error of underpaying those officials upon whom grave responsibility rests.

Meeting of the Legislative Council. The following Proclamation, calling the Legislative Council together on the 13th inst., appeared in the Government Gazette of Saturday last.

WHEREAS, by an order of the Queen in Council, dated the 11th day of June, A. D. 1863, a Legislative Council for the Colony of British Columbia was constituted and established, and the Legislative Council of such public officers within the said Colony as shall from time to time be designated, and of such persons as shall from time to time be named, by or in pursuance of any instructions or warrant under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, and of such other persons as may from time to time be appointed by the Governor, by instruments to be passed under the Public Seal of the said Colony, provided, however, that every such last mentioned appointment shall be provisional only until the same shall have been duly approved by Her Majesty, through one of the principal Secretaries of State.

The O'Keane-Palmerston Divorce Case. Correspondence dated London, 10th November, of Saunders' (Dublin) News Letter says: The scandal with which the name of Lord Palmerston has lately been connected turned out to you in our letter of the 5th, nothing more than an "artful scheme," planned solely with a view to extortion, through fear of publicity.

The following letter, which appeared in the London Standard, will tend to throw some light upon the matter: Sir,—Having just read the "sensational" leaders in your evening edition of to-day, and in the Evening Star of yesterday, under the above heading, I am compelled to break silence by declaring, on the solicitor for the respondent, that I believe the whole of the statements in the petition to be untrue, as my client solemnly declares them to be.

As a Colonial Secretary for the said Colony, I am, Sir, your obedient servant, Wm. A. G. Young, Colonial Secretary's Office, 28th Dec, 1863.

And we will not add another syllable to our indignation, but they should disown the eagerness of slanderers and partisans, and at least give their great countryman time to speak for himself.

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We read in the four military corps preparing the Federal will shortly meet. Prussian commissary, proposition according to a portion of the Army would enter the corps of execution troops of 60 to shield the latter.

Sad news had been received from Morocco by the fish Jews. Far from still imprisoned in the entrenchments, the Danish troops were to be in readiness, and the Danish troops to follow their orders to march away.