

EXTRACTS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A program of both Houses of Congress appearing in their place on the President's Message transmitted to them the following Message: Fellow Citizens of the Senate, and House of Representatives.

Our devoted gratitude is due to the Supreme Being for having graciously continued upon this country, through the vicissitudes of another year, the invaluable blessings of health, plenty and peace.

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growing out of past transactions, and which could not be immediately arrested without great prejudice to the public interest.

It affords me, however, great pleasure to be able to say, that from the commencement of the period to the present day, every demand upon the Government, at home or abroad, has been promptly met.

Practical economy in the management of public affairs has, in consequence, been carried out with more promptitude than has been usual in former years.

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be put under contract so soon as the necessary funds can be raised.—N. Y. New World.

Eighty-eight persons arrested for Gambling.—On Monday the police obtained information that a man named James Brian had set up a kind of lottery, or game called...

One day Later from China.—The "Nippon," Captain Davidson, arrived on Thursday from China. She brings only one day later.

PAINFUL CIRCUMSTANCES.—Much feeling of commiseration exists in New Brunswick, N. J. for the family of Abraham Suidman, Esq. and much anxiety for the fate of that gentleman, who has mysteriously disappeared.

The disappearance of Mr. Suidman, Esq., is a case which has attracted much of the public attention. It is a case of a man who has disappeared without a trace.

On his arrest yesterday, his replies to the questions put to him were very brief and short, and uninteresting.

On Monday morning the snow ceased falling. The wind abated its fury and the sun came up from behind Long Island...

1902 miles more are in progress of completion, and the whole number of miles projected, including finished, unfinished, and routes examined, is nearly ten thousand.

The principal intelligence in the detention of the ship "Adelaide," Stables, and "Washington," Roman, at the Boca Tigra, by the blockading force, then under Captain Warren, in the Volage. Application for their release being made by their agents to Captain Smith, then at Macao, he replied that orders should be immediately given for them to proceed in charge of an officer in the Cap-Shy-Moon schooner, where they were to be promptly re-embarked.

The Resident at Anjer reported that accounts had been received at Batavia from Singapore to the middle of August, and that news of the failure of negotiations by Admiral Elliot had reached that port from China, and that hostilities had commenced on the coast between the British forces and the Chinese.

Spontaneous Combustion.—The recent mysterious fire on board the Talavera, at Devonport Dock-Yard, and the probable origin of it from spontaneous ignition of oily substances mixed with tow and carbonaceous matter, have directed attention to the circumstances in a combination taken place from the decomposition of such materials. It is a fact, however, better ascertained than can be accounted for, that fixed substances, containing carbon, such as cotton, flax, or even wool, which is not itself inflammable, heat by the process of decomposition, and afterwards take fire.

British and Foreign Bible Society.—We have received a copy of the thirty-sixth report of the British and Foreign Bible Society for 1840, which contains a great deal of matter of deep interest to the Christian world.

THE OBSERVER. ST. JOHN, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1840.

The Halifax Mail, due at an early hour this morning, did not arrive at 8 o'clock this afternoon. This is doubtless caused by the arrival of the steam ship Halifax with the December mail, and the gross weight of the mail, combined with the fact of the vessel being so full, had retarded the progress of the postman to this city.

MELANCHOLY.—A fine little girl named Henderson, about seven years old, whose parents reside in Prince street, during the absence of her mother on Thursday morning last, caught her clothes a fire and ran into the court of the house, where she was discovered wrapped in a blaze, by Mr. Gilroy who was passing, and who with great presence of mind caught her in his arms and extinguished the flames. Medical attention was procured, but the child was burnt in such a dreadful manner, that she died on Friday night.

COURT OF MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.—This Court, consisting of his Excellency and the Executive Council, sat in the Council Chamber, on Saturday last. The Court was addressed by B. Murdoch, Esq. in the case of Hunter vs. Hunter, and by G. R. Young, Esq. in the case of Parker vs. Parker. Decisions both will be given on a future day.

REGISTRY ACT.—At the request of the Collector of Her Majesty's Customs, we again publish, for the information of Ship-Owners the annexed sections of the Royal Statute in force at the present time.

Observation.—The Lord Bishop of Nova-Scotia has published his Pastoral Charge, on Sunday last, when Mr. William Elder was ordained a Deacon, and the Rev. William Miles (Godfrey), A. B. of King's College, Windsor, Essex, was admitted to the Order of Priesthood. Mr. Elder was formerly a Minister of the Baptist denomination, at Annapolis.

As the close of the half-yearly period of Mr. Macpherson's examination in the Penitentiary was found to have obtained distinction in their respective classes.

Benefit of Steam Navigation.—The whole number of steamboat accidents of a serious nature that have occurred in the United States, since the introduction of steam navigation, is stated at 973.

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