[illegible] public grounds, [illegible] declare the ignorance of [illegible] condition of their own [illegible] high obligation they and [illegible] authority. So that if we [illegible] or lie down upon our beds [illegible] if we apprehend a thief or [illegible] perty, we must go cap in [illegible] this cannot be in any part [illegible] would think it must be in [illegible] me. It is no uncommon [illegible] poor miserable creature [illegible] e priest, who is dealing [illegible] stising the delinquent for [illegible] he holy father: this *street* [illegible] pon *females*, in a way not [illegible]

[illegible] ther increased than remedied [illegible] a young couple of respecta- [illegible] arriage being celebrated by [illegible] now stands, let but the par- [illegible] a clergyman and they may [illegible] In January last, a man and [illegible] om Petty Harbor, and were [illegible] hile the man had a wife liv- [illegible] ire, the man's name is Clark,

[illegible] August [illegible] great- [illegible] should [illegible] mercci- [illegible] ly, it is all for [illegible] appeals by the cold hand of "our laws" [illegible] all matters right, right, without the importunate officiousness of [illegible] and curators.

The late dreadful fires have exhibited scenes of iniquity unparalleled in the former history of Newfoundland. How these conflagrations originated, has never been stated. The first, on the night of the 7th November, broke out in the back part of an uninhabited house, in the very thickest part of the town; a Waterford Journal says it was by accident, (as at so great a distance must be well known,) and not by any vile incendiary, as some slanderers on the spot have insinuated. The second fire on the morning of the 21st is thought by many nearly connected, to have been by accident; and not a few would wish it could be proved that both were so. But some little time after these two strange events, the Grand Jury found under a store standing upon piles on the shore a little above high water mark, the remains of a fire, which had burnt out, only charring a little the floor and joist over head; the store, it was found, had contained some moist substance on that spot, and had thereby made the floor damp, by which means, and the hand of a kind Providence, the fire went out and left only the brands to say a fire had been there. Now *this*, I presume, was *not by accident*.