

to meet the views of Mr. Street, and impose a further scale of duty on different wines than the present.

Mr. Gilbert contended, that the amendment proposed by Mr. Street would reduce the duty, and therefore proposed a further increase of 10 per cent.

Mr. Johnston then moved, as an amendment, that the duties be 9d per gallon specific, and 25 per cent ad valorem: provided that no wine should pay a higher duty than 10 per cent.

### THE CHRONICLE.

ST. JOHN, FEBRUARY 24, 1837.

The Office of The Chronicle is now at Messing Hall, where Printing will be executed with dispatch and neatness.

The Western Mail has furnished us with Liverpool news to the 4th inst. They contain some important political information.

The English papers are chiefly occupied with detailed accounts of a great snow storm almost unprecedented in the annals of that country.

We wish to call the special attention of our readers to a somewhat curious fact, in connection with the important measure which has occupied the attention of the Legislature in this session.

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To the Delegates, or the Members of the Assembly it will not signify much, for we all know these gentlemen are in the enjoyment of a very small share of responsibility.

Mr. Weyland then moved, for a re-consideration of the amendment; with a view to introducing another, to remissioe the duty on wine to 10 per cent on all wines.

Mr. Johnston then moved another amendment, to exempt Agricultural Implements from duty; which led to a long discussion on the relative merits of American and Provincial Hoes, Axes, Pick-axes, &c.

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At Halifax, on the 11th inst. Mr. Nelson Marston, to Miss Margaret Miller, of the Grand well, of Windsor, to Miss Isabella Mackay.

At St. Stephen, on the 7th instant, Mrs. Nancy Christie, aged 73 years.

At Fredericton, on Friday Morning last, C. S. Putnam, Esquire, Barrister at Law and Clerk of the Crown in the Supreme Court of Judicature.

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