

New-Brunswick, Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.
From the Journal.

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A Bill to repeal all the Laws now in force for the organization, and regulation of the Militia in this Province, was thrown out of the House of Assembly.

9th March.
Mr. Brown, from the Committee to whom were referred various Petitions in reference to forfeitures on purchases of Crown Lands, as well as Petitions from Thomas M'Henry, and Isaac and Thomas Murray, as regards the claim of the Crown against Duncan Barber, submitted their Report; and he having read the same, handed it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:

The Committee proceeded to examine the several Petitions of S. P. Frink, J. Moore, A. Campbell, J. Marks, S. Abbot & John Wilson, F. H. Todd, G. M. Porter, C. C. Bradbury, and J. N. Clarke, praying for relief in the purchase of Crown Lands, having had the same under consideration, beg to submit the following Report:

That between the year 1822 and 1828 numerous tracts of land, chiefly situated in the Western part of the Province, were purchased from the Crown, payable by instalments, at prices ranging from five to nine shillings an acre. That many of the parties, after paying large sums of money, were unable to complete their purchases in consequence of which, these payments stood as forfeitures to the Crown. That since that time various applications had been annually made to the Legislature, praying for some relief in consideration of the large sums so paid, and that in several instances such relief has been granted accordingly.

That under all the circumstances of the case, your committee would recommend that purchasers of tracts of land, exceeding five hundred acres, since the beginning of the year 1822, who have only paid a portion of their purchase money, be allowed to have land at the price of their original purchases, to the extent of their several payments; the same to be paid off at their expense, under the direction of the Surveyor General, out of the Lands originally purchased, where the same still remain unsold, under the following conditions, viz:

Each purchaser must furnish an attested statement of the quantity of Timber or Lumber cut upon the Land by or for him, or with his sanction or knowledge, since the date of his purchase, and pay thereon at the usual rates as a quantity proportioned to the quantity of Land required by the Government; and he must likewise pay all legal costs and all expenses consequent upon the reinstatement of the Land in the Crown, in costs where actions have been commenced, or where the Land has been granted.

The Committee also recommend a deduction of twenty per centum from the prices at which the said Lands were originally sold, without interest, and that it be left to the option of the Purchaser, respectively, either to take Land under the conditions above prescribed, or to pay up arrears that may be due, after making the said deduction, allowing also the Timber Duties, if any, which may have been paid by Petitioners since their respective purchases; and that one and two years be allowed to make such payments, without interest.

11th March.
The Bill to repeal all the Laws now in force for the appointment of Town or Parish Officers in the several Counties in this Province, and to make other and more effectual provisions relating to the same, was thrown out.

The Bill relating to Grand and Petit Juries, was postponed until next Session of the Legislature.

A Bill to incorporate the St. Croix Bridge Company, with amendments passed the House.

12th March.
A Bill to provide for the more efficient inspection of Flour and Meal, passed the House.

A Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace in their General Sessions, in the County of Charlotte, with the concurrence of the Grand Jury, to declare the amount of Salary for the services of the different Officers in the said County, passed the House and was taken to the Council by Mr. Boyd.

REPLY OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

House of Assembly, 15th March, 1844.
The following Reply from His Excellency was this day communicated to the House:

To the House of Assembly in New Brunswick, GENTLEMEN.

I receive with the highest satisfaction your loyal and patriotic Address, and thank you cordially for the assurance which it conveys of your determination to uphold not in maintaining the Prerogative of the Crown, against the attempt of certain Members of the late Executive Council of Canada, to extort stipulations which would have precluded the Authority of Her Majesty's Government, and destroyed Monarchical Institutions in this Province.

It is the peculiar advantage of the British Constitution, that the Honor and Dignity of the Sovereign are united with the Rights and Liberties of the Subject and that no true friend of the People seeks the degradation of the Crown.

I hail the sentiments expressed in your Address with the greater gratification, because I am sensible that they are poured forth from British Hearts, which would resist any invasion of the Liberties of the People, as firmly as they now repulse a daring attack on the Royal Prerogative.

Resolved, That the Committee do now rise.
Ordered, That the Report be accepted, and the recommendations of the Committee adopted by the House.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
March 12.
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On Tuesday the 5th inst. the House went into Committee of the whole in further consideration of Ways and Means for raising a Revenue; and the Committee having concluded the items for duties, as proposed by the scale under consideration, the same was settled as follows:

Specific.—Apples per bushel 6d; Brandy per gallon 2s 3d; all other Spirits and Cordials per gallon 1s 6d; Cocks or Clock Cars of all kinds 1s 5s each; Coffee per lb 1s 2d; Cows and Cattle under three years old 10s each; Fruit (dried) per cwt 5s; Horses, Mares and Geldings 2s each; Malt Liquors of every description, whether in bottles or otherwise, per gallon 3d; Oxen and other Neat Cattle three years old and upwards 1s each; Sugar, refined, in loaves, per lb 1d; Do do crushed per cwt 5s; Sugar of all kinds, except refined and crushed per cwt 2s 6d; Tea per lb 1d; Wines per gallon 2s 3d.

Ad Valorem.—Agricultural Implements, except scythes, sickles and reaping hooks 15 per cent; Bricks and Tiles 10 per cent; Boots, Shoes and other Leather Manufactures 10 per cent; Chairs and prepared parts of or for Chairs 20 per cent; Clock Wheels, Machinery and materials for clocks 25 per cent; Household Furniture, except the property of passengers and emigrants not intended for sale 15 per cent; Iron castings, except such articles as are usually designated hollow ware 10 per cent; Looking Glasses and Looking Glass Plates, silvered 15 per cent; Looking Glass Plates, unsilvered, and Frames 10 per cent; Nails, cut 10 per cent; Wooden ware of all kinds 20 per cent.

The Committee then adopted the following Resolution:

Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, that a duty of Four Pounds should be imposed on every One Hundred Pounds value of all Goods not otherwise charged with Duty, and being such as are not included in the Table of Exemptions.

The following resolution was then moved, embracing a list of the articles which should be brought in Free of Duty:

Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, that the following articles be exempt from Duty:

Exemptions.—Anchors, ashers, baggage and apparel not intended for sale, ballista, books and pamphlets, printed; bare stones, butter, Corn, cotton and Diamonds, cordage and oskum, chain cables and other, iron chains for ships' use, carriages of travellers not intended for sale.

Coke, Copper, in sheets, bars, or bolts for ship building; Composition Nails and Spikes, for ship building; Corn and Grain, unground, of all kinds; Cotton Wool and Warp, Canvas—See Sail Cloth; Coal Tar, Dog Stones, Dye Wood—See Wood, Duck—See Sail Cloth; Eggs, Fish of all kinds, Fruit and Vegetables, fresh, except Apples; Felt, Fishing Crafts Utensils, Instruments and Bait; Furniture, Working Tools, and Implements, the property of Emigrants, not intended for sale; Flour and Meal of all kinds, Gypsum, ground or unground; Hemp, Flax and Yarn; Hides, green and salted; Iron, in bolts, bars, plates, sheet and pig iron; Lead, in sheets and bars; Linen, in sheets and bars; Lumber—See Wood; Manufactures of all kinds; Mahogany Logs, Boards and Veneers—See Wood; Mill Saws, Mineral Salt, Mathematical Instruments, and Philosophical and Chemical Apparatus, Meat, salted and cured; Maps and Charts Molasses Nets Fishing Nets and Snares, Old Blubber Fins and Skins the produce of Fish and Creatures living in the Sea, the returns of Vessels fitted out in this Province for Fishing voyages, Onions—See Fruit and Vegetables; Ores of all kinds, Pitch Plants Scrub and Trees, Poultry of all kinds Palm and Rape Oil and Soap Grease; Quicksilver Rags viz., Old Rags and Rope, and Junk, Rice, ground and unground, Rosin Sails or Rigging saved from Vessels wrecked, Sail Cloth of all kinds, Salt Seeds of all kinds, Skins Furs Pelts or Tails undressed, Stone manufactured, spikes and sheathing rails, ships ship Tackle and apparel, sheathing paper, tallow tar, tin, in sheets and blocks, tobacco, unmanufactured, Turpentine, Wood and Lumber of all kinds, Wool Zinc.

The Committee having the said list of Exemptions under their consideration—it was moved—That the article "Butter" be struck out therefrom.

On the 8th inst. the House again went into Committee in consideration of Ways and Means for raising a revenue, when the following duties were adopted on the undermentioned articles:

Candles of all kinds, except sperm and wax, per lb 1d. Leather—Harness per lb 2s. Sole per lb 1s 2d, Upper per lb 3d, Call and Morocco Skins tanned and dressed per dozen 10s, sheep skins tanned and dressed per dozen 4s. Meats (Fresh) of all kinds per cwt 3s 6d, Oats per bushel 2s.

Ad Valorem.—Hats 7 1/2 per cent, Piano Fortes 10 per cent, Whale and other Fish Oil, except such as be the return cargoes of vessels fitted out for Fishing Voyages from ports in this Province, 10 per cent.

The Chairman then further reported, that the Committee having gone through all the various subjects referred for their consideration; it was

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THE STANDARD.

ST. ANDREW'S, WEDNESDAY, MAR. 20, 1844.

Charlotte County Bank.

Hon. HARRIS HATCH, President.
Director next week—E. Wilson, Esq.
Discount Day—TUESDAY.

Hours of Business, from 10 to 2.
BILLS AND NOTES for Discount must be lodged with the Cashier, on or before Monday, otherwise they must lie over until next week.

Saint Stephens Bank.

G. D. KING, Esq., President.
Director next week—Geo. S. Hill.
Discount Day—SATURDAY.

Hours of Business, from 10 to 1.
BILLS AND NOTES for Discount must be lodged with the Cashier, on or before Friday, otherwise they must remain in his hands until the following discount day.

LATEST DATES.

London, Feb. 3 Montreal, Mar. 7
Liverpool, Feb. 4 Quebec, Mar. 7
Edinburgh, Feb. 1 Halifax, Mar. 7
Paris, Feb. 1 New York, Mar. 12
Toronto, Mar. 8 Boston, Mar. 14

The English Mail had not arrived when we went to press.

LATER FROM EUROPE.

Five Days Later.—By the Siddons, at N. York, Liverpool dates to the 11th ult. have been received. We copy the following from the Boston Advertiser.

The Irish State Trials were probably concluded, but at the latest date from Dublin—the 9th ult.—the Chief Justice had not concluded his charge. So far as he had proceeded, it was considered unfavorable to the defendants, as it characterized as seditious the opinions expressed at the Repeal meetings, with regard to the Queen's prerogative, and confirmed the definition of the law conspiracy as laid down by the counsel for government.

Mr. O'Connell commenced his Speech on Monday the 5th February.
There have been terrible gales off the coast of England—a number of vessels were wrecked.

The Queen is to visit Berlin, and Dresden this Spring.

The Queen and Prince Albert were in strict retirement at Windsor, in consequence of the death of Prince Albert's Father.

Lord Morpeth has been returned to Parliament.

The Overland Mail had arrived bringing advices from Bombay to Jan. 1, and from China to Dec. 1. Lord Ellenborough had begun to "quiet commotions" in Geavilion, and the affairs of the Punjab were still confused. The news from China is of little interest.

Sir Robert Peel had contradicted formally in the House of Commons, a rumour that Queen Victoria's private expenses had exceeded her income and that she was considerably in debt.

ADDRESSES TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.—It gives us much pleasure to publish the Address of the Inhabitants of this County to His Ex. Sir C. T. Metcalfe, approving of his policy in resisting the unconstitutional demands of his late Council, together with His Excellency's reply.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, Baronet, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We the undersigned Inhabitants of the County of Charlotte, in the Province of New Brunswick, beg most respectfully to express our high gratification at the manly and constitutional course recently pursued by your Excellency towards the Members of the Executive Council in the Province of Canada, a course which we believe to be well calculated to put down the spirit of faction and to inspire confidence in the breasts of the loyal and well disposed subjects of Her Majesty in that Province.

While we, as British Subjects desire to see the Government of a Colony conducted on liberal and enlightened principles, we would strongly deprecate a policy which would sacrifice the just and undoubted prerogatives of the Crown, to the interested and ambitious views of a faction. And therefore we feel rejoiced that your Excellency has so nobly evinced your determination to maintain those prerogatives, and at the same time to secure to the people their just rights and liberties.

His Excellency's Reply.
To the Inhabitants of the County of Charlotte in the Province of New Brunswick, subscribers to the Address from that County.
I beg you, Gentlemen, to accept my warmest thanks for the sentiments conveyed to me in your Loyal Address.

It is highly gratifying to me to learn that my conduct in resisting Unconstitutional Demands has the approval and sympathy of so many of my Fellow subjects; and I rejoice at this the more, because I am confident that support proceeds from their doing me the justice to believe, that the same sense of Duty, which guided me in that instance, would make me at all times a steadfast supporter of the Rights and Liberties of the People.

C. T. METCALFE.

STEAM!—On Tuesday morning last, our old friend Capt. Mitchener, formerly of the Annandale, paid our inhabitants a visit in his new Steamer Frank, being her first trip for the season, on this route. This Steamer is larger, and faster than the Linnaeus, being 203 tons burthen, and her engine of 55 horse power. She is in every sense a neat boat, the Cabin is airy, well fitted up, and clean, in a word, the accommodations are excellent—which with being commanded, by a kind and attentive Captain (Mitchener) who is well known in this Community, will we trust, ensure her a remunerating patronage.

The Frank, leaves Eastport for Calais every morning, touching here, and returns same evening to Eastport, for the present.

UNITED STATES.—John C. Calhoun, has been nominated to the vacant office of Secretary of State, and his nomination confirmed by the Senate; and that James M. Mason of Virginia, has been nominated to the place of Secretary of the Navy.

The Currency Bill passed by the Assembly, has been lost in the Council, and the Bill to Repeal the Bankrupt Law has been referred to a select Committee.

WRITING.—In our advertising columns this day, will be seen, Mr. Woodman's card; by which it appears, that he professes to reform any persons writing no matter how cramped or irregular—into a free and elegant business hand, in twelve lessons, which he proves by specimens of persons writing who have taken lessons from him in the adjoining towns and villages. We recommend all bad writers to avail themselves of the present opportunity to reform their writing—the terms are low.

A MEETING of all persons friendly to the interests of the County, is requested at the Town Hall, on Saturday next, the 23d inst, at 11 A. M., for the purpose of taking into consideration, the propriety of calling upon the connections of the late Hon. JAMES ALLANSHAW, for permission to place a Memorial that will express their feelings over the tomb of a man, who by his independent and straightforward course of public conduct, has ensured for his memory, the warmest regard of a grateful community.

The next Mail for England, will close on Thursday, the 28th inst. at 6 p. m. at the Post Office in this Town.

COMMUNICATION.

For the Standard.

MR. SMITH,
As an Act has passed the House of Assembly to establish a Board of Health in this County, it will not be necessary for me to refer to the course hitherto pursued by Mr. Boyd, respecting it, or to the "Petition" the object is accomplished, and that is sufficient; but I feel called upon to make a few remarks on his extraordinary letter. With regard to the case of the "Minerva" (and some others) it is more than probable, that had there been an efficient Board of Health established at the time, and a visiting Physician appointed for the Port, the result might have been different. I would not be understood to censure Capt. Donaldson, or the owners, in the least, but it is well known, that there was no means provided by law, to defray any expense that might be incurred in such cases; the Magistrates could not be expected to incur individual responsibility, knowing well, that the success of any application to the Legislature to reimburse them, so far as Mr. Boyd is concerned, would depend on his caprice, or feelings towards the more immediately interested in obtaining it, and the result therefore very uncertain. That some expense must be incurred to keep up an efficient establishment, every person must be aware, a physician cannot be expected to perform the necessary duties without adequate compensation—a boat must be provided, and one person, and sometimes two, employed to manage it; but the charges should be as reasonable as possible. The ship owners of this port, are certainly very fortunate in having so influential efficient and talented a guardian as Mr. Boyd, to protect their interests and watch over their affairs, but surely they ought to be as competent to judge for themselves, as any person having no direct interest in the shipping belonging to the Port, whether money has, or is likely to be "abstracted from their pockets" or not. As to the expenditure of "two hundred pounds" I know nothing personally about it, neither have I any "party" feelings or in-

terest, except in common with the whole community, but I have that confidence in those who have heretofore been connected with the Board of Health of this County, that I do not believe that they would countenance, unwarrantable or extravagant charges; and the allusion to "paying interest," is mean and contemptible, and such as no gentleman would stoop to make; the application of funds arising from any source for services performed by any individual, is strictly of a private nature, and every respectable person in this community, will look upon it as the height of impudence and presumption for any person not directly interested to interfere in any measure as to their disposal. I am well aware that Mr. Boyd looks upon all who oppose his claims to political distinction, no matter from what cause, as "enemies," and I apprehend that he lessens his claims to public confidence, by suffering himself, at times, to be actuated by such unworthy considerations, as dictated that part of his letter, to which I have more particularly alluded; I trust, I shall always dissent from the course pursued, and from expressions made in several instances by him, without entertaining the least hostility towards him personally, and the public man who suffers himself to be carried away by such feelings, deserves the "contempt" rather than the enmity of any man.

Yours &c.

March 18, 1844.

John Kirby, who was tried at the last sitting of the Court of Oyer and Terminer, at St. John, has been sentenced to two years imprisonment in the Penitentiary for forgery.

MARRIED.

At St. John, on the 7th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Wishart, Mr. John Macdonald, to Isabel, eldest daughter of Capt. James Lang, all of that city.

DIED.

This morning, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Stephen Pine, Mrs. Elizabeth Walton, relict of the late Mr. John Walton, aged 80 years. Buried to-morrow (Thursday) at 4 o'clock p.m.

At St. John, on the 18th inst. after a long illness, Mr. William Bourke, a native of Malabar, County of Cork, Ireland, aged 35 years. At Montreal, on the 23d ult., Mrs. Richard Percival Robinson, aged 26 years and 6 months.

At the residence of George Banks, Esq., M. P. Scotland, Dorchester, on the 7th January, Sir Charles Edmund Nugent, G. C. H. Admiral of the Fleet, in the 86th year of his age.

At the Wesleyan Academy, Seaboard, on Monday morning last, Mrs. M. M. Pickett, consort of the Rev. H. Pickett, A. M., Principal of that Institution, and daughter of E. Thompson Esq. of Boston, U. S., aged 30.

SHIPPING JOURNAL.

PORT OF ST. ANDREW'S.

ARRIVED.—
March 16, schr. Mary Jane, McMaster, Eastport; Sundries to sundry.
—19, Am. Steamer Frank, Mitchener, Eastport, Passengers and Baggage.

CLEARED.—
March 14, brig Argyle, Clements, Cork, Deal, by W. Babcock & Son.
—19, brig Isabella, Payson, Barbadoes, Lumber.
—19, schr. Mary Jane, McMaster, Eastport, ballast.

Brigt. Emerald, Harper, sailed hence on the 1st January, arrived at St. Jago de Cuba, on 2d February.

WRITING

Speedily Improved.

MR. GEORGE WOODMAN, would announce to the Ladies and Gentlemen of St. Andrews and vicinity that he has commenced a course of lessons in Penmanship, in the room over J. McFarlane's Shoe Store.
Mr. Woodman is the author of a new and easy style of Writing and is guaranteed to reform any writing, however bad, in a short and regular manner, in 12 easy lessons.
Ladies are taught a beautiful free, flowing hand, Private lessons will be given if required.
Stereographic Card marking neatly executed.
Schoot open from 9 o'clock to 12 A. M., and in the evening from 7 to 9.
March 12, 1844.

TO LET,

And Possession to be given the first day of May next.

THE Commodious and Convenient Cottage opposite to the residence of D. W. JACK, Esq. for terms &c apply to the Subscriber,

JEROME ALLEY.
St. Andrews March 15th, 1844.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having accounts with or against the County, will render the same in, on or before the first day of April next, By order of the Court.

W. HATGH, Clerk.

10th March 1844.

Public Notice

IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Subscriber has removed his Office from Magistrate's Court to Saint Andrews.

WILLIAM WATKINS,
Deputy Surveyor and Dealing Officer,
For Charlotte County.

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