

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

The steamship *Hibernia*, arrived at Boston, on Thursday last, after a passage of 14 days, and brings news to the 19th ult. We annex a few extracts:—
The principal intelligence by this arrival is from the East, the overland mail having arrived with advices from China to the 21st January, and from Bombay to the 21st March.

There had been no farther interruption of tranquillity at Canton, although a hostile and discontented spirit was very prevalent among the people, which the authorities were taking vigorous measures to repress. A number of the parties engaged in the riot had been arrested and punished, and the city government had issued proclamations threatening severe and summary punishment to all who should disturb the public peace.

He, the Governor of Canton, had made a long reply to Sir Henry Pottinger on the subject of the riot, throwing the blame mainly upon the foreigners, and describing the various ways in which they, by imprudence and misconduct, had irritated the people. This reply, as published, does not indicate the likelihood or unlikelihood of the damages being paid for; but we presume that the previous accounts in this respect are authentic, and that full compensation will be made by the Chinese authorities.

The accounts from Cabool were that Akbar Khan was firmly re-instated in authority, most of the Afghan chiefs having readily joined his standard, and that his father, Dost Mahomed, was approaching through Peshawar. It was reported that Akbar Khan was preparing for another effort to recover that fine province from the Sikhs. Our readers probably know that Peshawar was formerly a part of the Afghan dominions, but was wrested from Dost Mahomed by old Runjeet Sing, and that the exercise of the British influence for its restoration was all the price stipulated by Dost Mahomed for the firm alliance and friendship which he proffered to Lord Auckland.

In the House of Lords, on the 31st March, Lord Campbell proposed a series of resolutions with a view to the adjustment of the melancholy dissensions in the Church of Scotland. The resolutions condemned the assumption of the General Assembly to the right of defining and enforcing its own jurisdiction, as independent of the national Legislature, but declared the readiness of the House to interfere and attempt an amicable settlement. Lord Aberdeen took decided ground against the proposition, denouncing the pretensions of the General Assembly as absurd and preposterous, and insisting on the unqualified supremacy of the law, as established by Parliament. In this view he was supported by Lord Brougham, and the resolutions were negatived without a division.

Mr. C. Buller has introduced a plan for Systematic Colonization; his speech, said to be the most masterly delivered this session, has produced a great sensation.

The Budget shows a decrease in the Revenue of £275,510 on the quartar, and £1,078,830 on the year; there is a falling off in every department but the Post Office.

The disorders that have broken out at St. Domingo have caused some alarm in France, independently of financial considerations. The Minister of Marine had forwarded orders to the Maritime Prefect of Brest to despatch two men-of-war to Hayti, to protect the French residents.

The most important intelligence as regards the West Indies which this packet conveys, is the failure of Mr. Ellis to negotiate a treaty of commerce with the Brazils, and the speedy return of that gentleman. That he has failed is now indisputable. All parties seem to view the result of his negotiations with regret.

The Great Western was advertised to leave Liverpool on the 29th ult. At the annual meeting of the company it appeared their net profits amounts to \$43,013, which increases their reserve fund to £11,073.

A friend of the Church Missionary Society has just made a magnificent donation to that institution of £6,000 Consols to enable it to commence a mission to China.

EIGHTEEN VESSELS TOTALLY LOST.—The late northeasterly winds have, we regret to say, been productive of the most disastrous shipwrecks along different parts of the coast, though happily unattended with loss of life, arising from the alacrity and efficiency of the Coast Guard service and their boatmen. During the last three weeks upwards of eighteen vessels are known to have been wrecked.

An appalling shipwreck with great loss of life took place at Robin Hood, near Whitby, a short time ago, in which not only all the persons on board perished, but all the lifeboat's men who went to their assistance, except one. The calamity was caused by the drunkenness of the crew, most of whom were in a state of intoxication.

Among the novelties of the day may be noticed the speedy departure of Mr. O'Connell's eldest son for the United States, accompanied by Mr. Thos. Steele, to organize an agitation there for the more speedy repeal of the union.

The *Liverpool Mail* of the 19th April gives the particulars of the loss of the *Solway*, West India Mail Steamer, at midnight, on the 7th of April, about twenty miles to the Westward of Corunna, and of the loss of no less than 33 lives, consisting of three of the officers, including the captain, 14 of the crew, and 16 of the passengers. The vessel struck on a rocky shoal, within a mile and a half of the coast, and sunk 35 minutes after.

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