

**T H E B. E. E.**

**WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUG. 23, 1837.**

By the July Packet, arrived at Halifax, we have London dates to the 6th ult. The papers are chiefly filled with the accounts of preparations for the funeral of the late King, which was to take place on the 8th, and speculations on the probable result of the approaching Elections. A terrible struggle is anticipated, owing to the almost balanced state of the Whig and Tory strength, and the well known fact that whichever prevails, will form the character of the next Ministry. We shall occupy nearly all our next No. with extracts from our latest English files.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE QUEEN.**—On Saturday last, the usual ceremony of proclaiming the new Reign was performed in this place. At 12 o'clock the Proclamation was read before the Magistrates and a number of other respectable inhabitants who were assembled in the Court House, for the purpose of hearing it. On the words "God save the Queen" being pronounced, the whole Assembly joined in three times throo hearty cheers; and the Volunteer Artillery Company fired a royal salute in the Market Square. The High Sheriff and the Herald, with a numerous cortege, then proceeded to several other parts of the town, and read the proclamation.

The utmost joy and hilarity seemed to pervade all classes upon the occasion.

In another column we have printed a communication from Dr. Chipman, which is chiefly intended to correct the errors of our Editorial pen, for which favours we are always thankful, in proportion to the necessity of the case; but his communication will subserve another purpose equally well, it will show the public what degree of confidence they can place in the present Health Officers.

Since we made our remarks on the *Small Pox*, to which he refers, we have conversed with some of the Magistrates on the subject, by whom we were informed that our Senatory laws no longer existed, that in this emergency they had felt themselves in duty bound (as well they might) to order the Health Officers to have the General Stark immediately removed to the usual Quarantine-ground, until his Excellency's pleasure was known in the case. We do not know whether this has been received or not, but in place of obeying the order of the Magistrates for the public safety, the Health Officers had the General Stark (for their own convenience we say, but the public will not bestack in imputing it to worse motives) removed into the very centre of this Harbour,

Many years ago the inhabitants of this place, at a public meeting, decided unanimously, that to prevent contagion from being communicated from vessels having it on board, the only place of safety as a quarantine station was at least one mile outside Pictou Boaches, that public is still of the same opinion; and repudiate the idea that Dr. Chipman's opinion, and that of his colleague, should weigh against those of the whole community—including the Magistrates: and we, hope since the safety of the public occupies so little of their attention, that that public will lose no time in applying to his Excellency to relieve the Health officers from their duty, for the faithful discharge of which, they have showed themselves so utterly incapable.

We have always viewed with distrust the appointment of Medical practitioners to this office. Men engaged in mercantile pursuits are excluded from office in the Customs, and Excise departments. Practising Lawyers from the Bench, and the Record office; and for the same reason, but on infinitely more substantial grounds, no medical practitioner ought to be eligible to the office of Health officer—nay more, if delicacy was any part of their composition they would not accept it. If they would wish no suspicion to

rest on their motives they should never act in the double capacity of Medical practitioner and Health officer.

**FIRE.**—Some night last week the Dwelling house of Duncan McDonald, Merigomish, was destroyed by fire, the inmates had much difficulty in saving their lives.

**LAUNCHES.**—At Tatamagouche, on Wednesday last, barquo *Francis Lawson*, of 300 tons, old measurement. Built by J. Hewett, for Alex'r Campbell, Esq. And on Friday, at the same place, from the ship of Mr. William Campbell, barquo *Enterprise*, of 400 tons, old measurement. Both these vessels are, by competent judges, said to be good models, of good materials, and of such workmanship as reflects much credit on their respective builders.

**TO CORRESPONDENTS.**—The communication of "A Teacher," will appear in our next.

**MARRIED.**

On Saturday last, by the Rev. John McKinlay, Mr Alexander Murdoch, to Miss Margaret Reid.

**DIED.**

On the 17th instant, at the West River, in the 78th year of his age, George Smith, a native of Banffshire, Scotland, and long a respectable inhabitant of the former place.

**SHIP NEWS**

**CUSTOM-HOUSE—PICTOU.**

**ENTERED.**

Wednesday, August 16th,—Schr. Mary Ann, Graham, Miramichi—sundries; Isabella, Kenedy, P. E. Island—bal.; Temperance, McPhee, Tatamagouche—do.

Friday—Sloop Lady, Moory, Tatamagouche—flour; Schr. Elizabeth, Hayden, River John—staves; Jolly Tar, Vigneau, Arichat—bal.

Monday—Schr. Sophronia, Fountain, Thomastown U. S.—bal.; Brig Hector, Watts, do—do.; Schr. Galaxy, Hazen, Providence—do.; Schr. Calen, Sanders, New Carlisle—herring; Brig, Cadmus, Tucker, Providence—bal.; Schr. Mary, Pomroy, Fall River—do.; Brig, Centurion, Spooner, Providence—bricks; Arkanz, Edmunds, Providence—bal.; Schr. Bee, Graham, Miramichi—Deals & boards; Pocassat, Caldwell, Salem—bal.; Brig Rome, Fowler, Boston—bal.; Schr. Brothers, McGunnigle, Pugwash—limestone.

Tuesday—Sloop Lucy, O'Brien, Halifax—general cargo; Schr. Four Sisters, Wooden, do—do.

**CLEARED.**

16th—Schr. Restigouche Packet, Arbon, New York—coal; Brig Jasper, Bergman, Boston—coal; schr. Eliza, Dunbar—bay Chaleur—do.; Messenger, Siteman, Halifax—coal; Eliza Ann, Hopkins, P. E. Island—do.; Leander, Gerroir, Miramichi—do.

17th—Sloop Lady, Moory, Tatamagouche—sundries; Brig Betsy, Combe, Portsmouth U. S.—coal; Barque Palmure, Macloir, Boston—do; Brig Augusta, Welder, Providence—do.

18th—Sloop Sarah, Mullins, Pugwash—hardware & dry goods; Schr. Two Brothers, Fougere, Halifax—coal.

19th—Brig Angeline, Leighton, Providence—coal; George, Merrill, Boston—do.; Schr. Janet Grant, Simpson—do. do.; Brig Ceres, Nichols, do—do.; Spartan, Thurston, Philadelphia—do; Shal. Elizabeth Hayden, River John—do.

21st—Schr. Temperance, McPhee, Halifax—coal, &c.

22d—Two Sisters, Fayden, Cork—timber; Schr. Richard Smith, Langlois, Boston—coal; Isabella, Kenedy, do—do.

**PIRACY.**—The American barque Talent fell in with a piratical brig, which was under Spanish colours, on the 28 of June, at 6, P. M., the peak of Pico bearing N. E. by N. 65 miles. The bark

was ordered to heave to, and send her boat on board, and while doing so, two six pound guns, loaded with grapes and round shot, were fired at her, the shot passing through her sails.

On Capt. Jenkins going on board the pirate he was seized by two of the crew, who brandished their cutlasses about his head, and forced him down the fore scuttle, where he could breathe with difficulty. His boat's crew were immediately thrust down there also, and three men with muskets and cutlasses were placed as a guard over them. Soon after 8 o'clock they were ordered on deck and into the boat, and kicked and cuffed until they got over the side. In the mean time one of the piratical chiefs and seven men, armed with pistols, cutlasses and knives, had gone on board the bark, beat the mate and crew and drove them down the fore scuttle. Four of the men were afterwards called up, two of them sent into the boat alongside, and the other two aloft to assist in unbending the bark's sails, and four boat loads of sails, and a hawser and rigging, were sent on board the pirate.

When Capt. J. again got possession of his vessel, he shaped his course so as to get clear of the pirate in the night; but, to his surprise, next morning, she was within two miles of him, but as two full-rigged brigs were in sight at the N. E. steering E., the pirate gave chase to them, and the bark thus escaped another visit, which might have been terminated by scuttling her.

The piratical vessel was American built, of a New York model, about 200 tons, bust head, stern post nearly upright, no boats and apparently but a short time out of port, armed with a long twelve-pounder amidships, six six-pounders, (carronades and waist guns) muskets, cutlasses, and a crew of 25 or 30 men. Captain Jenkins thinks the pirate was last from Gibraltar. The articles taken which belonged personally to himself, he values at about \$500.

**WANTED.**

**A** YOUNG man of good recommendation, who understands Farming. Apply to  
GEO. MCLEOD.  
Merigomish, August 10, 1837. m.w.

**WANTED.**

**B**Y the subscriber, on the 3d of either November or May next, with early agreement accordingly, a good Common School, with some adjoining land attached, or at least the immediate and permanent use of a good dwelling and one Cow, and the purchase of adjoining land—the latter article in part payment of course, if liberal, for equally liberal service. An assessment for the support of schools is generally expected in this the 2nd session of our reformed Assembly, any able settlement of British origin, requiring permanent service, may apply (if by letter, post paid) to William McPhail, Teacher, Lower Settlement, River John, Pictou.

P. S. A Gaelic population preferred; no objection to Prince Edward Island, if they think a good Teacher, with his wife and four children, all worth one cow—the main want and cause of removal. W.M.P.  
River John, August 12. c-w

**ALBION MINES RAIL ROAD.**

**T**ENDERS will be received by Joseph Smith, Esq. Agent for the General Mining Association, until Wednesday the 30th inst. for quarrying Rubble Stone from William Fraser (Oge's) Quarry. For further particulars apply to Mr Smith at the Mines, or Mr Peter Crerar at the Rail Road.  
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