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COMMERCIAL TREATY BETWEEN ENGLAND AND RUSSIA. We have sincere gratification in being enabled to place before the readers of this day's Standard the treaty of commerce and navigation between England and Russia, signed at St. Petersburg on the 11th ult., and ratified in London.

not been considerable, and they do not afford much amusement to the foreigners assembled about Catania, who are now beginning to disperse. The torrent of the lava has made little progress, and the damage which the burning mass occasions is now very insignificant, but it always affords opportunities for scientific research and interesting observation.

THE CHRONICLE. SAINT JOHN, APRIL 7, 1843. THE REVENUE BILL. We could not possibly better express our feelings on this Bill, than by giving the following communication from the Observer. Independent of its being a direct tax upon Provincial produce and industry, it is throughout a mass of absurdities, and it is to be hoped will be revised by the Assembly ere they leave their posts, which, we learn, will be about the beginning of next week.

the President and Directors of the Mechanics Institute, from funds derived from Mr. St. Luke's Ontario. With part of the sum thus liberally placed at their disposal, four additional lending books were provided, and the remainder applied solely to the relief of the sick.

the Honorable Ward Chapman, Council, and of his appointment to the Secretary of the same. Also extract from Lord's Despatch to Your Excellency, 20th June last, commencing with the words: "I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th of June, 1842, relating to the Honorable Ward Chapman, Council, and of his appointment to the Secretary of the same."

We here introduce the following description of the building, from Mr. Wareing's Webby's Guide to Liverpool: "This institution is one of the most handsome, extensive, and admirably arranged of the scholastic edifices in the country, and will be an enduring monument of the pure taste of its eminent and talented architect, H. Lonsdale Elmes, Esq."

By the accounts received from Constantinople state that they had sent a special messenger to recal Reshid Pasha, the Ambassador in France, who was to be appointed Reis Effendi.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. March 24. The House went into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill relative to the Penalties of the Revolution, &c. Mr. Fisher said he could not resist the law, but he would not consent to the Bill as it was.

It is to be wondered at, that such a Bill has been produced, when we hear a declaration from the member for Queens, Mr. Gilbert, that Agricultural Improvements made in this country were good for nothing—they were clumsy and unhandy to work with.

Secretary's Office, 31st March, 1843. The following persons are appointed Supervisors of Great Roads for the ensuing year: Robert S. Mathews, St. John to Hayward's Mills, and from Bellisle to St. John.

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THE GREAT WESTERN STEAM SHIP COMPANY. The annual meeting of the Great Western Steam Ship Company was held at Bristol on the 23rd inst. The proceedings were of a somewhat miscellaneous nature, as will appear from the following outline:

Mr. Wilmot said he did not feel himself bound to act in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, he thought they had gone beyond their authority, and he would not consent to the Bill as it was.

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