

dismissed from employment by thousands at a time. Intelligence from America, received during the week, has been sufficient to check every thing like speculation or hope of a speedy release from difficulties. Several American banks, some of them hitherto of high credit—such as the Mechanics' Bank, and the Dry Dock Company of New York, have stopped payment. Failures of private concerns have occurred to an immense amount in the aggregate. The consequence has been in Liverpool, the stoppage of a large American commission-house, and in London the firms of Thomas Wilson and Co. Timothy Wiggin and Co. and George Wildes and Co. These concerns had been propped up for several weeks by loans to a large amount, from the Bank of England; but the latest accounts from America having shown the fulfilment of their engagements to be most improbable, the Bank Directors, after two days anxious consideration, decided, on Thursday night, not to grant any further assistance; and yesterday the firms above-named suspended payment. It is expected that many minor establishments will give way; but the extent of the mischief is as yet only guessed at. In New York the consequences will be disastrous, and the reaction in this country must be dreaded; though we understand that the effect of the postponement of the failures has been to relieve numerous parties of limited means, and throw the chief loss on those who are better able to bear it.

OPPRESSION IN PORTUGAL.—We regret to learn that the British merchants have not escaped oppression, as the following letter from them to the British Consul there will show.

Lisbon, May 12.

SIR,—We the undersigned British merchants established in this city, beg to acquaint you, that we have within the last few days been summoned by the collectors of the *manio* of the different districts of this city, to pay within twenty-four hours the different means with which we have been respectively taxed, under penalty of sequestration on our property. By the existing treaties and privileges with Portugal, we are, as merchants, (*negociants de grosso trato*), exempt from the payment of *mento* and *decima*, and never having until now been called upon for payment of this impost, we, therefore, have to request you will be pleased to take such immediate steps as may prevent our being compelled to pay the sums demanded from us, as well as to secure us from any future demand of such a tax.

SPAIN.—BORDEAUX, JUNE 3.—A private letter states that the French government received on Saturday a despatch from the governor of Saragossa, dated the 28th, stating that on the 26th General Buerens had reviewed in that city a corps of 4,500 infantry and 400 cavalry, at the head of which he had (as we already knew) marched to join and take the command of the division of Iribarren. On the 29th, 2,000 additional troops were to have arrived in Saragossa, proceeding in the same direction. The governor adds, that "discouragement was beginning to be felt among the troops of Don Carlos. Biscayans and Navarrese insurgents had been persuaded to quit their mountains, by the assurance that they were to march directly on Madrid, but that the moment they found that Catalonia was their destination they began to desert," and that "300 of them had already arrived at Saragossa." According to this officer's report, the Carlists had 800 wounded in the affair of Huesca.

THE KING'S HEALTH.—The London Spectator of the 3rd says:

"The King is declared one day to be 'much better;' the next to be 'perfectly convalescent;' then His Majesty, having passed a good night, is improving; in short, if the courtly chronicler, and the *Morning Post* were to be depended upon, the King should have appeared at the Spitalfields ball on Thursday, like a 'giant refreshed.' But we fear that William the Fourth is still very far from well; for the levees have been put off for a fortnight, the grand dinner to the Knights of the Bath indefinitely postponed, and Sir Henry Hallford has not been released from daily attendance at the Castle. The Queen is said to have nearly recovered from her protracted indisposition; but this also we take with a few grains of allowance.

It has often been said in this journal, that the province of Nova Scotia possesses resources within itself and round its coasts, of inexhaustible value, and that if these were spiritedly and properly brought into action, the province would be one of the most valuable appertaining to the British crown. We have no reason even now to doubt this; on the contrary, we are more convinced of the truth thereof. A large and valuable source of profit has lately been discovered at Shelburne, where Granite of the greatest value and of inexhaustible quantity has been discovered. Already have these quarries been opened by an enterprising Scotchman, of the name of Fisher; one cargo of which has reached New-York, and been sold at a good price. Several other cargoes are expected, and we have the best reason to believe that this new source of wealth will speedily become of national importance. Some columns, we understand, have been wrought for a building in Halifax; and agents are on their way to St. John and other places, to procure further orders for the same. The admirable quality of the stone—its abundance, and its proximity to sea navigation, are of incalculable value: and will allow the article to be brought into market at a rate exceedingly low—*New-York Albion*.

PETITIONS FOR AND AGAINST CHURCH-RATES.—The Fourteenth Report of the Committee on public petitions brings the statement of petitions this session down to the 2d of May. The numbers are—

	Petitions.	Signatures.
In favour of Church-rates	2462	253,613
Against	1505	448,945

Showing the majority of signatures against the rates to be 195,332.

AN EARTHQUAKE.—It is stated in the Frankfort papers, that an Earthquake on the 1st of April made sad ravages in four of the Greek Islands—Hydra, Spezzia, Poros, and Santorino. The shocks were repeated at intervals during a week. The little town of Santorino was swallowed up by the sea; not a vestige of it or its inhabitants remain. Altogether it is supposed that four thousand persons have perished in these convulsions.

"THE LITERARY AND HISTORICAL JOURNAL."—The prospectus of a monthly periodical, with this title, proposed to be published in St. John, N. B. by Mr. John Crosskill, will be inserted in our next number. Each number is to contain 24 or more large octavo pages—printed on fine white paper—at the low price of 12s. 6d. per ann. or 10s. if paid in advance. Messrs. McKinlay and Mr. E. Brown are agents in this town.

From the Acadian Telegraph.

The Melville, Admiral Sir Peter Halkett, sailed on Wednesday. She presented a splendid appearance, running a short distance from the wharves, with a free westerly breeze. She was repeatedly cheered by groups of townspeople, her band playing *Auld Lang Syne*. She was saluted from George's Island, and returned the salute in beautiful style. When the Melville had left the harbour, Sir Peter's Successor, Sir Charles Paget, was saluted by the batteries, as the Chief of the Station.

S. N. Binney, Esq. has been appointed Manager of the Nova Scotia Branch of the Bank of North America.

The New Brunswick Legislature have loaned £5000 to the St. John Water Company.

There seems much distress in St. John; families of sick and distressed emigrants, beside the resident poor, were felt a heavy burthen.

The distance from Fredericton to Boston is travelled in three days. From Fredricton a coach starts on the mornings of Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and reaches Bangor the evenings of the following days; a steamer takes up the line at Bangor.

A new Paper, called the Times, has appeared at Woodstock, N. B.

The largest vessel ever built in N. B. was launched at Kingston, N. B. on the 28th June,—the Columbus 939 tons new measurement, 865 old. On the 8th of July the Caledonia, 518 tons was launched.

A petition from the inhabitants of the County of Northumberland, N. B., praying for a reduction of the duty on Timber cut on Crown lands, has been forwarded to the House of Assembly. The "Civil List Bill" gives the Assembly controul over these matters.

Accounts from the Mauritius, Feb. 19, state that a dreadful hurricane, which had greatly injured the crops, had been felt in that Island.

The Welland Canal, U. C. is in successful operation. Vessels carrying about 850 barrels of pork, can pass thro'.

Some black troops, at St. Josephs, near Port of Spain, Trinidad, assaulted their officers, and attempted an insurrection. They were speedily subdued. (The Placid which arrived here on the 20th inst. and sailed from Trinidad on June 20th brings further particulars. Armed bodies of the Insurgents escaped,—and it was rumoured that Martial Law would be proclaimed.)

Herrings were swarming in the harbour of Yarmouth, (N. S.) at last accounts.

The Paris Chemists have discovered a preparation by which they can remove ink from paper without leaving the least mark. This has put the dealers in paper currency into much consternation.

His Majesty's ship Champion and Vestal, hence at Quebec, 12th July.

MARRIED.

At London on the 28th June, by the Rev. John Brown, Mr. John McElmon, of Nepody, N. B. to Miss Ruth, Daughter of Mr. David McLeilan of the former place.

Tuesday, Mr. George Hewston, [Proprietor of the Fresh Water Nursery Garden,] to Miss Catharine Wallace.

DIED.

On Thursday morning, suddenly, in the 44th year of his age, Mr Samuel Mitchell, of the firm of Deblois, Mitchell & Co. a gentleman long known and highly respected by the commercial community, as an upright and intelligent merchant. His funeral will take place from his late residence, on Saturday next, at 3 o'clock, which his friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED.

Saturday, His Majesty's brig Swift, Walsh, Falmouth, 34 days. Brig Cordelia, Jones, Boston, 8 days. Brig Halifax, O'Brien, New York, 6 days. Brig John, Young, Pernambuco, 30, and Barbadoes, 18 days; schr Broke, Cam. Yarmouth.

Sunday, H.M.S. Cornwallis, Vice Admiral Sir. O. Paget, Capt. Sir Richard Grant, Portsmouth, via Madeira; brig. Héron, Smith, Guyana, Porto Rico, 18 days, Bermuda 5 days; schr Van, Ragged Islands; Hope, Shelburne; Wellington, LeHave.

Monday, Schr William, Barret, St. Kitts, 19 days; brig Sylph, Wainwright, Gaudaloupe, 21 days; schr Brothers, Cape Negro, Two Sons, Barrington, do.

Tuesday, Am. ship Woodbury, from Liverpool, G.B. out 57 days with 128 passengers, bound for Bath, U.S. in want of provisions and water; schr Diana, Barrington.

Wednesday, Schr. Neptune, Cunningham, Falmouth, Jamaica, 25 days; Royal Adelaide, Bigg, Dominica, 23 days; Armide, Smith, St. Stephen's; 4 days.

Thursday, Schr. Placid, Harrison, Trinidad, 30 days; American schr. America, Somers, Richmond, 11 days; Schrs. Bush, Liverpool, N. S.; Revival, Liverpool, N. S.; Thomas, Port Medway; Hunter, Barbara, and Mary, Ann, C. B.;—Glory, Arichat;—Otter, Maubou, Shannon, Mary, H. Denoon, Sydney, C. B.; brig Red Breast, Grenada; Elizabeth, Hamburg.

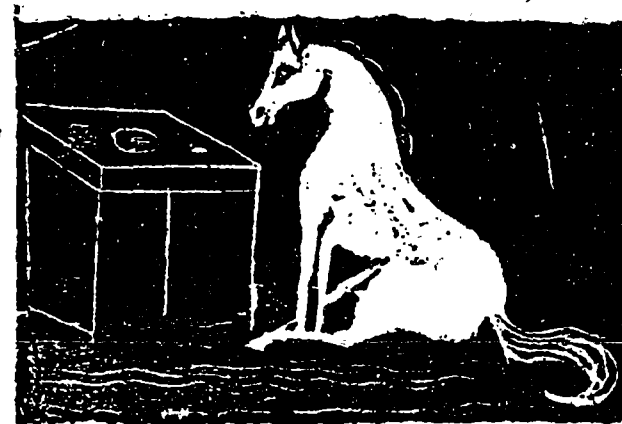
Saturday, Am. brig Acadian, Boston, 65 hours.

CLEARED.

Friday, Brig Standard, Burrows, West Indies; Catharine, Smart; Bay Chaleur; Schr. William, Lannegan, West Indies; Emerald, Farrell, do. Pride Snadden, do; brig Olivia, Tucker, Kingston, Jam. schr. Britannia, Covell, St. John, N. B.

17th, Schr. Edward & Samuel, Balcom, Coast of Labrador; Emily, Crowell, Bay Chaleur.

19th, L'Esperance, Rae, Quebec; Breeze, Johnson, Gaspe; Tamer, Hatchard, B. W. Indies; Doane, Newfoundland; Alicia, Cufry Miramichi.



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Price of admission—Box, 3s. 1d; Pit, 1s. 10d. Children, half-price. July 21.