

less than six weeks, he found himself in jail, loaded with the debts of his wife, who had deserted him, and resumed her former name.

I know come to the fact known only to one or two who were in the immediate confidence of George IV., and which was related to me by Sir Henry, to whom the remark was addressed; his official duties bringing him close to the person of his monarch at the coronation.

No sooner was the crown placed upon the royal head, than, turning to his old and faithful servant, his Majesty said, exultingly, " Cipriani, Mrs. Williams was a false prophet!"

THE STAR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5 1839.

DEATH AND BURIAL OF THE MELBOURNE CABINET!!

Few things we presume could afford the majority of our readers more real and hearty satisfaction than the perusal of the SEVEN words ("odd and ominous is the number seven") which this week decorate our leading column. Some of our friends may possibly be of opinion that a smaller type—a less conspicuous letter, would have done equally well: but no; we wished to render it intelligible to every politician, and legible to every eye. The young—the old—the rich—the poor—the wise man, and the fool will con it over with equal avidity; so that it is much to be doubted whether any sentence since the epitaph of YORICK will have been read with such a variety of tones.

In giving expression to our own individual feelings upon this long expected event, we however must avail ourselves of a paradox: we are GLAD and we are SORRY! glad and unaffectedly so that the Melbourne Ministry is out; but sorry that the state of the empire is such as to prevent a better Ministry from getting comfortably in. Indeed we have no hesitation in predicting that so long as political parties maintain the equality of power that at present exists, no Ministry, whether whig, tory, or radical can be firm or effective. We lament that things should have been suffered to run on to this perplexing pass; yet so it is, and whiggery has been the sole and undoubted cause. BUT THE MELBOURNE CABINET IS DEAD and were we called upon to furnish an epitaph for its inglorious tomb it should be,—

"Here lies the spoiled child of the world which it spoiled."

The expulsion of JAMES POWER, Esq., from the House of Assembly is considered by nine-tenths of the population, as one of the most outrageous acts that have ever been perpetrated by any body of men calling themselves Legislators. We scarcely remember a circumstance that has given rise to stronger feelings, or more unmeasured expressions; and we have little doubt that it either the honorable mover Mr. KENT, or his classical associate, the self-styled "ram-partridge-eater of Dildo Cove," were to make his appearance in any part of this District, he would hear, notwithstanding his hedge of Privileges, a few home truths that would be any thing but palatable. But however high the public resentment runs against Messrs. KENT and MOORE (who after all are but the mere Punch and Judy of the measure) it is not a tithe of that which makes against the principal, or rather the unprincipled, Juggler who pulls the string behind the curtain; it is upon him that the weight and burden of the outcry is made particularly to rest. He may think himself concealed, but we can tell him for his comfort that like the foolish ostrich, it is only his head that is in the bush.

To our view the whole transaction appears to be uncalled for, injudicious and withal exceedingly treacherous. Ever since Mr. Power had the honor, shall we say? to take a seat in that House, the people of Conception Bay, nay, of the whole Island, have been unanimous in his praise; even those who have differed with him in the general scope of his opinions have been convinced of the uprightness and honest intentions of the man. On many questions of peculiar interest and difficulty he has stood out from the rest of the Assembly in bold

relief; and upon a variety of practical points he has evinced more sound sense than any of them, or perhaps than all of them put together; he has been emphatically the working member, and if there be an individual among them deserving of pay, that individual is, undoubtedly, Mr. Power. In a word, his constituents have had abundant reason to be satisfied with him and they are satisfied; his expulsion was therefore UNCALLED FOR and EXTREMELY INJUDICIOUS.

That it is an act of base treachery there can be little doubt: the office of Police Magistrate, though bestowed upon a colleague and a brother in the faith, was too honorable a distinction not to produce hatred and uncharitableness in one who for some time past has been panting and fawning and undermining for a similar elevation in another town. But may the day be far distant when the benches of Justice shall be polluted with so sordid a complication of all that is base!

Be this as it will; the Bay has been unwarrantably deprived of one of its Representatives, and it therefore behoves its entire population manfully to stand up, and imitating the firmness of His Excellency the Governor, TO INSIST UPON THEIR RIGHTS.

We have not been able to furnish our readers with the debates in the House of Assembly since the commencement of the present session, as the Reporter has omitted to send us his paper for the last three weeks.

The Honorable the Northern Circuit Court, closed its sittings at the Court House in this town, on Friday last the 31st ult.; the following is the Criminal Calendar.

Charles Sweetapple of Harbor Grace, Storekeeper—Larceny—True Bill—Verdict of Petty Jury, Not Guilty. The confession of the Prisoner was clearly proved, and notwithstanding the strong charge of the Judge, the Jury brought him in Not Guilty—a verdict which the Judge strongly reprobated, and which the whole public condemned.

Charles Sweetapple was then indicted as the Receiver of Stolen Goods—True Bill.—The Prisoner has absconded.

Francis Lynch of Harbor Grace, Publican—Receiving Stolen Goods—Verdict—Not Guilty. Philip Dwyer of Port-de-Grave, Laborer—Assault and Battery of his Wife—Verdict—Guilty. Sentenced to be imprisoned One Month.

John Driscoll of Harbor Grace, Laborer—Larceny of a shawl—Verdict—to be imprisoned Two Months—the previous good character of the lad, and his being the only support of an aged father, were circumstances which the Court intimated saved him from a more severe punishment.

The following persons having pleaded Guilty to Informations filed against them by Her Majesty's Solicitor General, for selling Liquors without a License, were severally fined in the sum of Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, Sterling, each, viz. Thomas Dunford of Harbor Grace, Mark Hannerbury of Barened, Thomas Tobin of Port-de-Grave, Patrick Dwyer of Port-de-Grave, John Casey of Carbonear, Francis Ronan of Harbor Grace, from extenuating circumstances in his case, was only fined One Farthing.

On the Civil Side of the Court, there were only Seventy-seven causes—the diminution of Civil business is fairly attributable to the great body of the people being now so well informed of their rights and liabilities as to avoid law suits; the certainty with which the law is administered, leaving no room for speculation, has also conducted to this improving state of society.

His Honor Judge LULLY left Town for St. John's in the Express yesterday morning—it will be truly gratifying for his friends to know that the public in Conception Bay are well satisfied with his conduct; that he has in all cases meted out strict justice, and left no cases unsettled or appealed from, will evidence to the government, that he is a man well qualified for his high station.

(To the Editor of the Star.)

SIR,—It is well known that the sum of Five Pounds was voted by the Board of Education for Conception Bay, to be given to the person who should produce the best Plan for the New School Houses about to be erected under the superintendence of the Commissioners.—Now Sir, although this is the case no Public Notice whatever has been given of the fact, but the Chairman Mr. BROWN has himself undertaken to furnish plans; not with a view of course to pocket the Five Pounds but to let the world know that he is a great adept in such matters. And what sort of plans are they do you think? Why such as no Carpenter in the world could work by. He has given no ground plan whatever, and with respect to the elevation his Hip Rafter are actually some feet too short. The first glance informed me of this when I went the other day to inspect the Plans in order to put in a Tender. But besides this the whole concern is totally unfit for the use intended, and with my little knowledge of things I could furnish far better Plans which would make a saving of some Hundreds of Pounds of the Public Money. Mr. BROWN came to this country a Carpenter like myself, and I have been in several of the Houses that he has built, but so badly were they put up that they have become a proverb in the Bay "One of Brown's Houses" being applied to any building that's particularly awkward or out of shape. I don't write this for

any purpose but to show that such a person has no right to pester himself about what it is evident he don't understand.— Hoping these few lines may open the eyes of the Public

I remain Sir Your Most Obedient Servant, A MECHANIC. Spaniards Bay, June 3, 1839.

In the House of Assembly on the 21st inst. Mr. Kent gave notice of the following motion that—Whereas James Power, Esq., Member for the District of Conception Bay, having accepted under Government an office of emolument, has thereby vacated his seat,—Resolved, that it be communicated to the Governor, that a writ be issued for the return of a Member in the room of said Mr. Power, immediately.

We were sincerely glad last fall when we saw in the Gazette Mr. Power's appointment to the responsible situation of Police Magistrate, because we felt quite assured, from the line of conduct he had pursued in his public duties as a representative of this District, and as a Commissioner for the expenditure of the grants consigned by the Legislature to general purposes, that it evinced a just and suitable appreciation of his services and afforded a high degree of satisfaction, to his constituents, whose approbation and regard we can safely affirm he has universally acquired. But as there is no precedent established in this colony making it imperative that a Member of the House accepting office in the manner to which we make allusion should relinquish his seat, we deem it unfair that an endeavour should now be made to attain the object by a side-wind. If the Legislature are of opinion that such acceptance of office is sufficient ground to render a Member's seat vacant, why take ineffectual steps to introduce and pass a Bill to enable such Member to vacate his seat? as was the case last session when an enactment of that nature passed both the Assembly and the Council, but from the circumstance of the Legislature being suddenly prorogued for a week that Bill did not then pass into law, and in the next Session, if we can call it such, a similar Bill passed the Assembly but was then rejected or rather lost in the Council. We freely state that we could wish to see a law passed that would promote the contemplated object, as the question now stands quite unsettled, and it is well known that the Executive has given the opinion that it is unauthorized to issue a writ to supply the place of a Member accepting office, but we think the Assembly coming to any resolution disturbing the existing representation without being empowered to fill the place of an excluded Member by another, would be inexpedient, injudicious, and in the present case peculiarly invidious in its application; it would moreover be a manifest injustice to the people of this Bay, and if the House proceed to eject Mr. Power the constituency ought to express their disapproval of such a line of conduct, inasmuch as in the event of his dismissal they will not be fully represented, at least during the present session, and their interests must thereby materially suffer. If instead of making useless motions in the House of Assembly some one would move that the poor be supplied with seed potatoes he would be rendering a service to the country. For our part, we believe that if common prudence had been exercised on the part of those who were authorized to make this distribution last spring, which it was not, there would now be no cause for alarm as it respects an essential article of provision for our pauper population.—Mercury, May 24.

Mr. JONES, the gentleman appointed by the London Society to undertake a Geological Survey of this Island, arrived here last evening from St. John's in the Packet Express, for the purpose of examining a Coal Mine which has long been supposed to exist in the vicinity of Lady Pond, near this town, and this morning proceeded to Spaniards Bay, on his way to Briggs and Colliers.—Ibid., May 31.

On the 23d ult., the Members of Her Majesty's Council proceeded to the Government House, with the Address of that Honorable House in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session. The following is a copy of the ADDRESS.

To His Excellency HENRY PRESCOTT, Esquire, Companion of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

May in please Your Excellency. WE, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects the Council of Newfoundland, beg leave to approach Your Excellency to express our humble thanks for your gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the General Assembly.

We beg to assure Your Excellency that the Report of the Commissioners for the erection of a Colonial House, which Your Excellency has expressed your intention to transmit to us, shall, when it is laid before us, receive our particular consideration. We feel much satisfaction in the intelligence which Your Excellency has communicated to us that Her Majesty's Government intend to establish a Steam communication between the Mother Country and Nova-Scotia, for the conveyance of Mails to and from the British North American possessions; and we beg to assure Your Excellency that the correspondence on this interesting subject shall be taken into our earnest consideration as soon as it is laid before us. We also beg to assure Your Excellency that we shall be ready at all times to consider any plan which Her Majesty's Government may think proper to submit to us regarding the disposal of Crown Lands. The establishment of a judicious and well defined system of Criminal Law, suitable to this Colony, is a subject which we consider as deeply important and interesting to society at large; and we trust Your Excellency will feel assured that we are earnestly solicitous to promote the satisfactory accomplishment of an object so desirable and essential. The communications on the subject of a Diving Bell for the removal of natural obstructions and other impediments from the port of St. John's, which Your Excellency has expressed the intention of laying before us, shall, we beg to assure Your Excellency, be met by us with a desire to promote any useful improvements for the public benefit. The Reports and communications relating to the progress made in the formation of Roads, and on the subject of Education, under the direction of the District Boards, which Your Excellency has expressed the intention to transmit to us, shall receive that careful consideration which subjects of such importance claim from us. We avail ourselves of this occasion to express our gratification on learning from Your Excellency that arrangements for prosecuting the Geological Survey of the Island have been made under favourable auspices. We beg to assure Your Excellency that we most cordially reciprocate the desire of Your Excellency for the promotion of the public good, and the cultivation of harmony between the different Branches of the Legislature, whose endeavours during the present Session we earnestly hope will result in measures of practical public utility. Council Chamber, 20th May, 1839.

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DOWING STREET, April 18.—The Queen has been pleased to appoint Capt. Sir Thomas John Cochrane, Knt., R. N., to be a Companion of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath.

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