

Reverend Sirs ;

In the name of our most gracious Queen, I thank you for this expression (on behalf of yourselves and the Societies which you represent) of your firm attachment to Her Majesty's Person and Government—to the principles of the British Constitution, and to our noble and well tried National Institutions.

I am well aware that there is no feature in Wesleyan Methodism more prominent than the loyalty for which it has always been distinguished ; and I have no doubt the same spirit actuates the Societies established by the Connexion at home in her Majesty's transatlantic possessions—for I can bear testimony to the excellent example set by the members of the numerous missions which it has established in the Colonies—and especially at the Cape of Good Hope, where I witnessed, for many years, their untiring zeal and unsparring exertions in diffusing the blessed light of our holy religion among the barbarous tribes of South Africa, in spite of obstacles which would have been insurmountable in any other case.

I respond most fervently to your impressive prayer, for the welfare in this world, and happiness in the next, of our beloved Sovereign.

GENERAL AND LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

The news of the week is of some interest and importance. An outrage on the American frontier, of which details are elsewhere given, has caused much excitement along the British lines. After the passengers of the *Sir R. Peel*, had been forced to go ashore, in almost a destitute condition, they hailed a U. S. Steamer, the *Oneida*, and were readily taken on board and conveyed to Kingston, at considerable delay and trouble. The intelligence of the outrage so exasperated some of the inhabitants, that they so forgot British magnanimity and justice, as to threaten the destruction of the friendly *Oneida*, in a blind spirit of retaliation. The authorities interfered,—and Col. Dundas with the 83rd Regt. succeeded in preserving peace, and preventing such an utterly disgraceful occurrence, as the act of vengeance would be.—Lord Durham issued a Proclamation respecting the outrage, in which he offered £1000 reward to any person who should before a competent tribunal convict any of the persons actually engaged in the destruction of the *Sir R. Peel*. In the same document his Lordship urges the preservation of peace, and declares that he will take effectual measures for the protection of the frontier.

A duel occurred at Montreal on May 22, between Major Warde, of the 1st Royals and R. Sweeney Esq. This desperate and foolish appeal, was occasioned, it is said, by a letter written by Major Warde to Mrs. Sweeney. Major Warde was mortally wounded at the first fire, and died almost immediately. Has this dreadful result made the misunderstanding between the parties any better? One has gone, suddenly, into the presence of his Maker,—the other, a fugitive for the present, will have to answer for man-killing at the bar of an earthly judge. This is called honour! Supposing one to have done the other wrong, to have committed a breach of honour and morality, how does his appearing in deadly conflict with the person wronged redeem the former error? The man wronged ventures his life, the wrong-doer does the same, and adds to his offence by attempting or perpetrating greater,—and yet this is called honour. Call it hatred, vengeance, fear of the world,—but do not insult truth and common sense by describing the wicked resort, "an affair of honour."

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Halifax, 12th June, 1838.

Thursday, the 29th inst. being appointed for the celebration of the solemnity of the Queen's Coronation at her Majesty's Palace at Westminster, his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor is pleased to command that the said day be observed as a Holiday at all Public Offices throughout this Province.

We are concerned to state, that all the reports given in the Falmouth Papers, received by the *Sheldrake*, of the safety of the Officers and Crew of the *Briseis* Packet, were unfounded. The *Jupiter* did not fall in with the *Rainbow*, as stated, nor had any tidings from the *Briseis* reached England at the latest date.

Her Majesty's 23rd or Royal Welch Fusilier Regiment, under the command of Lt. Col. Ross, arrived yesterday in the *Jupiter*, Troop-ship, from Cork. *Gas.*

A ministerial resolution, in support of the principle, that the surplus revenue of the church establishment in Ireland, should be appropriated to purposes of education generally, provided such surplus, or any part of it, be resumed, if required by an increase in the members of the Established Church—passed by a majority of 19, after a most stormy debate in the House of Commons, on May 15.

Lord Brougham presented two petitions in the House of Lords, on May 18, from Glasgow, in favour of Negro emancipation, signed by upwards of 100,000 persons.

Rumours were generally credited at Buenos Ayres, that Valparaiso had been blockaded by several English ships of war, in consequence of an outrage which had been committed upon an English brig, by killing the captain, and imprisoning the crew; and that the Chilean government had retaliated by imprisoning the British Consul.

The *Miramichi* Gleaner says, that Mr. Stevens and a party of Miners, supported by a company in Great Britain, had arrived to work some mines in that district.

A letter in the *New York Express*, dated Buenos Ayres, April 6, says that the port is under a rigorous blockade, by five French vessels of war, on account of some unsettled claims. Specie had risen 20 per cent.

On the night of June 1, nine houses and several out-buildings, were destroyed by fire in New York.

John Wilson, late Speaker of the Arkansas House of Representatives, who walked from the chair and slew one of the members with a bowie knife, on the floor of the house,—has been tried for the act. The verdict was, excusable homicide.

New Brunswick is preparing for a Coronation Celebration. At St. John, a Corporation dinner, two oxen roasted for the populace, a Coronation Ball and Supper, and a Regatta, are among the matters arranged for the occasion.

The Legislature of Barbadoes have resolved to curtail the term of Negro Apprenticeship, and grant unconditional emancipation on the 1st of August next. There are about 80,000 slaves on the Island.—N. Y. Albion.

MARRIED.

On Thursday last, by the Rev. Mr. Laughlan, Mr. Martin Byrne, of Prince Edward Island, to Miss Bridget Murphy, of Kilkenny, Ireland.

At St. John, N. B. on the 5th instant, by the Rev. Dr. Gray, John Howe, jun. Esq., to Mary, eldest daughter of James White, Esq. High Sheriff of the County of St. John.

On Saturday evening, by the Ven. Archdeacon Willis, Mr. John Baxter of Scotland, to Eliza, second daughter of Mr. Robert Pengilly, of Biddeford England.

On Sunday evening, by the Rev. Wm. Cogswell, David Hare, Esq. Merchant, to Miss Margaret McNeil, both of this town.

On Wednesday evening, by the Rev. Thomas Taylor, Samuel Caldwell, eldest son of Mr. William Caldwell, to Harriet, eldest daughter of Mr. Richard Woodroffe, all of this town.

DIED.

On Friday morning last Mr. William Ross, aged 43 years, son of the late Mr. Duncan Ross, of this place.

At St. John, N. B. aged 65 years, Lois relict of the late Samuel Greenwood, Esq. of Halifax, N. S. after several years illness which she bore with christian resignation.

On Saturday last, Mr. Wm. Hesson, after a long and painful illness, in the 46th year of his age—an old and respectable inhabitant of this town.

At Harriett's Fields, on Saturday evening last, in the 73d year of his age, Mr. John Peter Marriott.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

Arrivals.

Tuesday, 12—H. M. Ship *Jupiter*, Commander Easthorpe, Cork, 18 days with the 23d Regiment; schr. *Willing Lass*, Wait, *Miramichi*, 9 days—salt to S. Cunard & Co; *Nancy* and *William*, Sydney, Coal; *Jesaja*, *Pugwash*, deals; *Shannon*, *Boudroit*, *Pictou*, 10 days, Coal, bound to New-York; *Mary*, *Ganett*, *Miramichi*, 9 days—shingles, to master; *Charles*, *Boudroit*, P. E. Island, 10 days—produce.

Wednesday, 13.—schr. *Mary*, *Ariclat*, herrings; *Emily*, *Le Blanc*, *Miramichi*, 18 days—salt to J. Strachan.

Thursday, 14—Schrs *Speedy Packet*, *LeBreton*, *Jersey*, 32 days, flour &c. to Creighton & Grassie, 4 passengers; *Myrtle*, *Judd*, *Trinidad*, 22 days, molasses, to T. C. Kinnear, left brig *Humming Bird*, 6 days, reports having seen H.M.S. *Cornwallis* at anchor in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, on the 7th instant; *Margaret*, *Conrad*, *St. Johns*, N. F. 13 days, fish, to T. C. Kinnear, schrs *President* and *St. Patrick*, sailed same day; *Elizabeth*, *Sydney*, coal; *Woodbine*, P. E. Island, 14 days produce; brig *St. Patrick*, *Gulliver*, *St. John* N. F. 13 days, dry fish to Creighton & Grassie; *Martha* *Belanger*, *Quebec*, bound to St. John N. B.; *Waterloo*, *Eisau*, *Richibucto*, 10 days, salt to S. Binney, saw off East point H.M. S. Steamer *Dea*, H.M.S. Brig *Charybdis*, and a Sloop of War; *Lady La'Rochelle*, *Boston* 6 days, ballast, 6 passengers.

Friday, 15th, brig *Albion*, *Crosby*, *Hamburgh*, wheat, &c to W. Fryor & Sons, and W A Black & Son.

Saturday, Schr *Waterlily*, *Bell*, *Liverpool*, N.S. 16 hours; *True Brothers*, *Slecomb*, do; *Snowbird*, *Shelburne*; schr. *Placid*, *Harrison*, 21 days from *Trinidad*; brig *Trion*, *Arrow-smith*, *Hamburgh*, 48 days; schr *Elizabeth* *Hamilton*, *Hamilton*, P. E. Island.