

The Observer.

SAINT JOHN, DECEMBER 7, 1847.

The English mail, per steam ship Britannia, now over due, had not arrived at the time of our going to press. The Halifax Recorder of last Saturday afternoon has the following paragraph:—The STEAMERS.—Neither the Steamer Acadia, from Boston, the yesterday, nor the Acadia, from New York, is expected here until 15 days have yet arrived. Their non-appearance ere now has doubtless been caused by the excessively gloomy and boisterous storm that has been raging since Thursday morning.

THE LATE OUTRAGEOUS MURDER IN PORTLAND.—We copy the following account of the shocking outrage committed in Portland on the 2nd of this morning:—A THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD MALE SAILOR, named William Gough, a native of England, and who had been engaged in the mill of Messrs. Kenney, & Co., on the 2nd of this month, was last evening, at the late of the mill, seized by a gang of rascals, who assaulted him with knives. He refused to retreat, however, and contended with his assailants until he had received several wounds before he fell. His thick coat and leather boots, which protected him in a great measure from the effects of the stab, were literally cut to pieces.

POSTSCRIPT.—The statement in the News Relative to the late murder on the morning of the 2nd inst. is incorrect. It is not true that between 3 and 4 o'clock this afternoon it is supposed that he had been seized by a gang of rascals in the mill, and that he was taken to a public house in the town, and there he was assaulted with knives and other weapons. It is true that he was taken to a public house in the town, and there he was assaulted with knives and other weapons. It is true that he was taken to a public house in the town, and there he was assaulted with knives and other weapons.

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the packet directed to St. John, Halifax, in which was the address of his parents, and a request that the news of his trial and death might be conveyed to them in the most favorable way possible. Enclosed was two pence to pay the postage, and a letter of the most affectionate tenor, addressed to Elizabeth Bourne, telling her how intensely he had loved her—declaring his intention to cut his throat the moment the trial was over, and begging her to be merciful to his mother, and to let her remain to the grave.

The Court adjourned immediately, and soon after the prisoner was removed to the Military Hospital. The Prisoner is a very young man, not more than 21 years of age. His complexion is fair, his eyes large, full, and blue, and although he bears a mild and inoffensive person, yet, every feature of his countenance, to the physiognomist, would induce the belief that he is a man of strong and un-governable passions.

The following is a copy of the reply of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to the Communication of the Mayor and Common Council of St. John, relative to the paper emigrants by the ship "Edna":—

SIR, I received your communication of the 26th inst. in relation to the report of your letter of the 20th inst. respecting the paper emigrants by the ship "Edna." I have your letter in relation to the Emigrants by the ship "Edna," and I have in command a vessel of the Government, to be ready to receive any communication, having been received immediately after the meeting of the Executive Council, your communication was received, and I have no objection to its being published in any paper, should it be deemed proper by the public; and I have no objection to its being published in any paper, should it be deemed proper by the public; and I have no objection to its being published in any paper, should it be deemed proper by the public.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, 22nd November, 1847. THE GOVERNMENT has received your letter of the 20th inst. in relation to the report of your letter of the 20th inst. respecting the paper emigrants by the ship "Edna." I have your letter in relation to the Emigrants by the ship "Edna," and I have in command a vessel of the Government, to be ready to receive any communication, having been received immediately after the meeting of the Executive Council, your communication was received, and I have no objection to its being published in any paper, should it be deemed proper by the public; and I have no objection to its being published in any paper, should it be deemed proper by the public.

Admitting the inaccuracy in the community of St. John, and which has also, in an equal degree, been the case in other parts of the province, the Government is desirous of remedying the evil, and especially in a late period of it, so large a number of individuals being misled, it is necessary to the care and provision of them have not, in the present emergency, been fully attended to, the Government will, therefore, in order to prevent the recurrence of such a calamity, as soon as possible, cause a full and complete examination of the accounts of the disbursements made under the various branches of the Government, and also to cause a full and complete examination of the accounts of the disbursements made under the various branches of the Government.

The following Resolutions were passed by the Executive Council on the 26th inst. His Excellency's letter being submitted to the Board.—

Resolved, That the Board observe with much concern the dissatisfaction expressed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in relation to the paper emigrants by the ship "Edna," and that they do their utmost to prevent the recurrence of such a calamity, as soon as possible, cause a full and complete examination of the accounts of the disbursements made under the various branches of the Government, and also to cause a full and complete examination of the accounts of the disbursements made under the various branches of the Government.

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the country. He observed that Railroads, Magnetic Telegraphs and Home Manufactures spoke well for the prosperity of a country.

Opening of the Lachine Rail-Road.—At 12 o'clock yesterday, according to announcement, the cars, eight in number, made their first trip to Lachine, freighted with His Excellency the Governor General and Staff, the Judges, the Mayor and Corporation, and a large number of invited guests.

The Lumber Trade.—We understand that even this winter lumbering will be carried on in many places to as great an extent as formerly; and in many localities the number of establishments and the amount of timber in process of manufacture, are greater than at any preceding year.—Ottawa Advocate.

Advertisements for the 27th ult.—The papers of Maryland, Eastern Virginia, and the neighborhood, come to us with accounts of a large rise in the Potomac, and the James River, with their tributaries. It appears to be a very considerable rise, and it seems to be feared that further advances will bring accounts of further losses.

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On Sunday morning, deeply regretted by a large circle of friends, Mr. Rebecca M., wife of Mr. A. B., aged 45 years, leaving a husband and three children, and also deeply regretted by a large circle of friends.

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