

Dr. C.—A Commodore! Why, is he an English, Irish, or American Commodore? Kitty.—I don't know which—but he is a Commodore.

Here the Doctor, much diverted, applied to all present for any knowledge they might happen to have of Commodore M'Laughlin. None had ever heard of him. Kitty was provoked. The Doctor soothingly asked her—'Well, Kitty dear, where does the Commodore live?' Kitty.—'He lives in Barling slip, sir—he does.'

Dr. C.—In Slip!—Kitty, what does he do? Kitty.—'Why he loads vessels with slaves, he does.'

Dr. C.—My dear, may he be a Stevedor? Kitty, (not at all bothered)—'Well Sir—I believe it is Stevedor, but what's the differ?' The 'Kia-sulation' here ended, amid as hearty a laugh as the most joyous could desire. We all drank a glass to the good health of Commodore M'Laughlin's son, who soon took Kitty for better or for worse.

SCOTCH INDEPENDANCE.—A carter in one of the ports in Scotland, had the misfortune to back his horse and cart over the pier—the horse was drowned, and the cart was broken. When the merchants of the town heard of the accident, they kindly resolved to assist the poor man to obtain another horse and cart, because he had always been very steady and industrious. But, lo, when they told him they were about to raise a subscription for him, the honest man scratched his head and said 'Na' gentlemen, I'm muckle obliged to ye for your good will, but I canna' consent to be beggit for yet. Ye see the wheels o' the cart are no' broken, nor a bit the waur, and the sheen (shoes) o' the horse are a' four, as gude as new; and I have just ta'en off his skin and sold it to a gude maker; and so w'e' the siller for it, and the little I laid up for a rainy day, I'll just try to do for myself' and so on. But I'm as muckle obliged to ye as if I could tak' your siller. It's no' prude ye see, but just that I dinna like ony thing in the shape o' alms.'

CLERICAL WIT.—The facetious Watty Morrison, as he was commonly called, was entertaining the commanding officer of a regiment at Fort George to part with a poor fellow sent to the halibut. The officer granted his petition on condition that Mr. Morrison should accord with the first favor he asked; the favor was to perform the ceremony of baptism for a young puppy.

A merry party of gentlemen were invited to the christening; Mr. Morrison desired Major to hold up the dog. 'As I am a minister of the kirk of Scotland,' said Mr. Morrison 'I must proceed accordingly.' Major said he asked no more. 'Well then Major, I begin with the usual question, you acknowledge yourself the father of this puppy?' The Major understood the joke, and threw away the animal. Thus did Mr. M. turn the laugh against the ensnarer, who intended to defile a sacred ordinance.

FROM LATE ENGLISH PAPERS.

CHIEF POSTAGE.—The British Parliament contemplates a very important reform in the English Post Office system, by which the postage on letters to any part of the kingdom is to be reduced to one penny, (two cents).—Albany Daily Ad.

A cast taken from the face of Prince Talleyrand, after death, is exhibited in Paris.

The Museum of the East India Company in London, has been opened to the public free, once a week. It contains the greatest collection of curiosities in the known world.

The remittances to America have caused a great scarcity of silver coin in England.

An extraordinary phenomenon in practical gardening, and its improved science, appeared in Covent Garden market on Saturday. One bundle of asparagus, consisting of 110 heads, weighed 28 lbs. It was purchased for 30s. for the royal table.—Times, May 30.

An interesting discovery is said to have been recently made by M. Montgolfier, who has succeeded in substituting wool for rags in the manufacture of paper.

JUST RECEIVED, AND FOR SALE. At the Book-Store of Messrs. W. COWAN & SON and at the Offices of the QUEBEC GAZETTE and QUEBEC MERCURY:—

THE NARRATIVE OF A COMMUTED PENITENTIARY, by J. W.—late of the 78th Regt. now Sergeant in Lieut-Colonel Maitland's Battalion Montreal Volunteers.—Price 5s. boards. Quebec, 23rd June, 1838.

The Office of the Transcript has been removed from St. Antoine Street to No. 12, Sault-au-Matelot Street.

THE TRANSCRIPT.

QUEBEC, SATURDAY 21st JULY, 1838.

LATEST DATES.

London, - - June 7. New-York, - - July 14. Liverpool, - - June 8. Halifax, - - July 4. Havre, - - June 8. Toronto, - - July 10.

The packet Ship Westminster, Moore, arrived at New York on Sunday last, from Portsmouth, whence she sailed on the 11th ultimo. She brings London papers of the 9th.

PARLIAMENT.—Sir J. Canning asked Lord Palmerston if the report was true that the French fleet had been ordered to lay off Toulon to intercept the Turkish squadron. Lord P. said he had not yet received any replies to the inquiry he had put to the English Ambassador at Paris, but he believed there was no truth in the report. Lord Brougham on the 8th, asked by what authority martial law had been declared in Canada.—Lord Gosford said with the advice of all the legal authorities. The Canterbury Murder and Maniac and the Irish Poor Law Bill are still in discussion. The Grand Junction Railway Bill has passed the Commons, also the Oxford and Great Western Railway. In the Commons Lord J. Russell justified the Martial Law in Canada, and thought no bill of indemnity required.

The Chief Baron of the Exchequer of Ireland, Mr. Joy, is dead. His death is especially mourned by the Times, who say it is unnecessary to mince the matter, that O'Connell will have the filling up of this important vacancy, as he is the dispenser of Government patronage in Ireland.

Lord Brougham spoke of the case of the maniac Courtenay, as one which evinced the necessity of education to remove superstition. The Times asks the Noble Lord if educated people are not superstitious, and if some of the members of the 'Confusion' [Diffusion] of Useful Knowledge Society do not sustain the 'revolving absurdities of Animal Magnetism,' and are believers in the late impostor Irving's unknown Tongues, and did not the Pope lately exhibit some relics to the populace of Rome as a cure for Cholera?

At the levee held at St. James's Palace on the 8th ult., Lord Gosford presented an address of condolence, &c. from the inhabitants of Quebec and its vicinity; also from the Catholic Bishop and Clergy of the District of Montreal and Quebec.

SPAIN.—In the sitting of the Chambers the 30th May, the Deputies rejected, 102 to 66, the proposition to reduce the tythes one half is before the house. The question of prosecuting M. Mendizabal for publishing certain public documents in the Echo, was under discussion the 31st. The Cortes would probably soon be prorogued to 1st October. The Government was in great want of money. The Federal party were very active in disseminating inflammatory writings. Cardero and Garcia had been arrested at Zamora. Gomez is said to have deserted to the Christians. The Carlist chief Saturnino in Galicia, has been taken and his hand dispersed.

The funds remained firm on the Madrid Bourse on the 31st ult. The Active Debt (for money) was done at 20½; the Debt without interest, at 4.

The young Bey of Tunis seems disposed to make his peace with the Sultan, and has remitted a tribute of ten millions of francs. The French are determined the Bey-lick of Tunis shall not fall into the hands of the Ottoman.

Her Majesty Victoria held a great levee at St. James Palace the 8th.

BELGIUM.—The London Times says: Our Paris Correspondent, on authority that had never yet deceived, asserts:—'King Leopold will, if it be necessary to use arguments, be compelled by his father-in-law, King Louis Philippe, to accept the 24 articles.'

Lady Arthur, wife of the Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada and family, arrived at New-York by the packet ship Westminster, on Sunday last. It was being pretty generally rumored that Sir George Arthur had tendered his resignation; and it is stated in the Commercial Advertiser that His Excellency's agent in New York had received instructions from him not to make certain arrangements that had been ordered for the conveyance and comfort of Lady Arthur in her journey from New-York to Canada.

His Excellency the Governor General and Sir George Arthur, the Lieut. Governor of Upper Canada arrived at Niagara on the 13th inst. The Earl of Durham was expected to set out on his return on Wednesday last.

COURT OF APPEALS.

This Court, as remodelled by His Excellency the Governor General, was opened yesterday by the Honorable Chief Justice of this Province (Sewell), the Honorable the Chief Justice of Montreal (Reid), Mr. Justice Panet of Quebec, Mr. Justice Vallieres of Three Rivers, Mr. Justice Rolland of Montreal, Mr. Thurton, and Mr. Buller. Commissions were produced and read constituting, in the absence of the Governor, the Honorable Chief Justice Sewell President of the Court for the trial of causes appealed from the District of Montreal, and the Honorable Chief Justice Reid President for the trial of causes appealed from the District of Quebec and Three Rivers.—A few unimportant motions were made, but no other business came before the Court in consequence of the absence of the Gentlemen of the Bar interested occasioned by the Judges not coming into Court till about a past 11 o'clock, while the hour fixed for its sitting is 10 o'clock. We have not for some time witnessed a more respectable appearance made on the part of the Gentlemen of the Bar as regard numbers and punctuality, with an evident anxiety to proceed to business, than was exhibited at the opening of the Court House at 10 o'clock yesterday.—These Gentlemen waited anxiously for the Judges till their patience was tired, but they not making their appearance at 11 o'clock, these Gentlemen, with one accord, left the Court House either in umbrage at the want of respect evinced by the Judges to the Gentlemen of the Bar by delaying their sitting so long after the fixed hour or on the supposition that the Court would not sit that day. This one whole day of this Term, which is very short, has like many more, been lost to the litigants, while there is more business before the Court than it could overtake in any one Term all every day and night if it were made available. Such conduct on the part of the Judges we presume to say, is very reprehensible and will we have no doubt obtain the censure of His Excellency the Governor General who is well known to be strictly punctual in all matters.

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS.

The Court of Quarter Sessions closed on Thursday last. We have not obtained a copy of the presentation of the Grand Jury. The following are the sentences on prisoners convicted during the Session:—

- Michel Murphy, larceny, 15 days imprisonment in the common gaol and at hard labour.
Nicholas Brookes, petty larceny, do do
Marie Bolduc, do one month, do do
Julia Corbett, do two months, do do
Marie Bourgette, stealing a pair of shoes, 1 month ditto.
Henriette Bouchard, disorderly house 12 months, do do.
Ignace Riopel, breaking windows, 2 months, do.
Alexander M'Guiness, do 48 hours in the common gaol.
Joseph Thibodeau, assault and battery, 1 month in gaol, at hard labour.
Joseph Latouche, do do fined £10, and to be committed to prison till paid.
William Clarke, assault, do £2.
Joseph Morrison, do 8 days imprisonment in the common gaol, at hard labour.

COURT FOR THE SUMMARY TRIAL OF SMALL CAUSES.

The Court of Commissioners for the Summary Trial of Small Causes opened on Wednesday in one of the rooms above the Quebec Bank which has been fitted up as a miniature Court of Queen's Bench. The following Commissioners took their seats on the Bench, to-wit after 10 o'clock, viz.—Messrs. L. T. Macpherson, R. Symes, Jas. Hunt, Jas. Gibb, P. Langlois, and William Patton.

The Commission, issued by Sir John Colborne, constituting the Court was then read by the Clerk, Mr. Fredk. Andrews. There were six cases on the roll which were summarily disposed of thus—two had been withdrawn—in another the defendant confessed judgment and obtained a week's delay of payment—and three stand over until the next sitting of the Court.

The Court then adjourned. The following brief particulars respecting the Act 6 Wm. IV. cap. 17, which we have extracted from the Provincial Statute, may

perhaps prove useful to some of our readers at the present moment:—

The present Commissioners are appointed in consequence of a petition from not less than two hundred proprietors in the Parish of Quebec, and are bound to hold a Court once every week and may sit oftener if necessary. They are to hear, try and determine in a summary way, according to the facts as proved, and to law, to the best of their knowledge and judgment, all suits and actions purely personal, to the amount of six pounds five shillings currency arising within the parish; except actions for slander, assault or battery; paternity, the civil estate of persons in general, seductions, lying-in expenditure, or for any fine or penalty whatever.—Witnesses are compelled to attend when summoned, under a penalty of not more than thirty nor less than ten shillings currency.—Costs of Court for every summons when the amount demanded shall be more than 100 livres, (old currency,) 1s. 3d; when under that sum, 1s; for every copy of a summons, 6d; for every subpoena, 1s; copy of do. 6d; for every execution, 1s 3d; for every attachment in the hands of a third person, 1s 6d; every copy thereof, 6d; entering every opposition, 6d; these are the principal costs of the Court. Lawyers may be employed, but entirely at the expense of the party employing them, as the Court allows no fees to these gentlemen—so that a defendant, though judgment be given against him, will not have to pay any thing for the services of the advocate on the other side.—Mercury.

The New York Star of Monday last says that Mr. Papineau is at present residing at Philadelphia where he had gone 'on a visit to his friend Dr. Narcedo.'

BURGLARY.—The shop of Mr. William Verner, jun., Des-Fosses Street, St. Roch Suburb, was broken open last night, and dry goods, to the amount of £100, and 25 in cash, taken away. A party of the Police set out after them this morning, and we learn that five persons were taken on suspicion, this morn'g. The robbers had taken out so much that they were obliged to leave some in the street, which was brought to Mr. Verner this morning.—Quebec Gaz. of yesterday.

The new Police under the direction of Mr. Young, were actively employed the whole of yesterday in search of persons supposed to have robbed Mr. Wm. Verner, merchant of St. Roch. Between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock three individuals named Charles McLeod of Montreal, Joseph Hamel & James Thompson, who had been discharged from gaol on the day of the robbery, were arrested in a beer shop on Cote d'Abraham kept by one August. Carpentier. When brought to the Police guard room, Mr. Verner was sent for, and identified some of the cloths that had been taken, as his property—also some money found concealed in one of their hats—a watch was found on one of them, the string of which was tied round his arm, the watch being his under his arm.

The bodies of two of the unfortunate men mentioned in our last, as having been drowned near St. Augustin by a boat having been run down by the steamer Charlevoix, have been found, and the verdict of the Coroner inquest was, in both cases, 'accidentally drowned.'

We understand, with reference to an Extra from Sacketts Harbour, published below, that Lieut. Leary, R. N., Commanding the Bull Frog, with a party of Tars, landed on Grindstone Island last Thursday morning, got to the house or hut where the noted Bill Johnson, with 6 or 8 followers, were quartered; but being seen just as they were getting to the house, the pirates instantly made their escape through the brush, with the exception of two, who were taken, with two or three muskets. Lieut. L. with some sailors followed the fugitives, cutlass in hand, but not knowing the intricate track through the brushwood, they were unable to overtake any of them; they however, found out Johnson's strong hold, Fort Wallace, and obtained 12 or 15 stand of arms, several pistols and pikes, ball cartridges, a flag bearing the name of Sir William Johnson, &c. &c. The two prisoners were handed over to Captain Gwynn, of the American Army, Commanding the Steamboat Telegraph. By arrangement, the arms, ammunition, &c. are retained by Lieut. Leary, until the Commandant's instructions are had regarding them.—Kingston Chronicle 14th July.