

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE. HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.—FREDERICK.

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Mr. End's Bill for repealing the Act compelling Pedlars to take out License, was on Thursday introduced in Committee of the whole House, and lost by a small majority. The sum collected in this way during the past year amounts to £31.

A message was yesterday received from the Legislative Council, communicating a Resolution having reference to the construction placed upon the Act regulating the lading of timber vessels, by which the West India trade of the Province is seriously affected; and resolved, that an address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Act may be so altered, as not to interfere with such trade; and that the House of Assembly be requested to join in the Address.—Sentinel of Saturday.

WEST INDIES.

Tax CROPS.—We understand, are very fine. The coffee trees are covered with an abundance far more than can ever be gathered in, although we hear that the people are working very well indeed generally. The inducement to labor is very great, when the wages given are so high, and particularly so on a coffee plantation. We understand from a very good authority, that it is not unusual for an active man and his wife to pick four and five baskets of coffee a day, and in some cases their children pick two or three, according to their number & strength, which at a guinea a basket, is equal to ten or eleven shillings a day, and thus with a more effort than would be made in England have to make to earn three shillings per day. These are truths worthy of consideration with persons desirous of immigrating to our shores.

We hear that one very large estate near town will make more sugar this year than was made in the last year of slavery. So much for ruin!

We understand also, that another large estate near town, on which they used to make one hundred tons of sugar in five days, in the time of slavery, is now in the same time, making twenty hogsheads of sugar.—Bermice Advertiser.

A public meeting took place at Demerara, on the 10th Dec, and a sum of £2,085 sterling subscribed, to be transmitted immediately to Baltimore, to obtain a supply of free colored American labourers.

The Demerara Royal Gazette contains an address to His Excellency Governor Light from 63 Labourers in British Guiana, who have, it appears, raised the sum of £100,000, and purchased an estate called Northrup, with their humble petition that they may be permitted to call their plantation "Victoria," in grateful remembrance of their young Queen.

TRINIDAD.—The Trinidadians have, we heard, taken the alarm at the contemplated measure of equalizing the Sugar Duties, and have drawn up a Petition to the Queen and Parliament against it. We trust the example will be followed by every other British Island and Colony in the West Indies without delay.

The Petition dwells in clear and forcible language, on the immense sacrifice of property in the colonies; and the loss that would be sustained by the trade and shipping of the Mother Country, by the withdrawal of the existing protection to the produce of these Islands. It leaves no part of the subject untouched, and is clear and convincing on all points. Trinidad, we trust, will not be alone in her efforts to obtain "continued protection to the West India Agriculture against the competition of foreign grown Sugar. Every colony is as deeply interested in the result as this. There is no ground for pretext for doubt or disunion, for hanging back or indifference. The question is little less than one of life or death to the agriculture of these colonies, and demands exertion and energy, proportioned to its fearful importances from them all. Now is the time to be "up and doing."

We hope to hear of a general spirit of co-operation—of a strong pull every way, and we will not permit ourselves to doubt of the result.—West India.

There will be a sad falling off in the Sugar crop of St. Vincent. It is expected not to amount to more than 7,000 hids. Formerly the crop was from 20 to 25,000 hids.

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wherefore he asks consideration of your respectable House to fix him in such a locality or vicinity as shall best know the good folk reckon about that he know a thing or two. Your petition has got three persons concerned with him in this here company, and if they can't sell the lease to Boston, why they'll see what can be done. Why we know a place, but never mind that now—where a pretty considerable decent business might be done if your respectable House will only say, go it. Your petition found a Coal Mine at Quaco with a mineral rock, but it turned out to be the wrong sort of Cole the people have taken a kind of fancy to, and I hear that up to Westmorland they live nicely, with plenty of chicken fashings, four-shings, buck-wheat, cakes and molasses, so I want to go up there, right sick away. And your petitioner and so forth.

JONATHAN W. PEARBOY. QUACO, 10th February, 1840.

THE OBSERVER.

ST. JOHN, TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1840.

London dates to the 5th January, and Paris to the 14th, have been received via New-York. We subjoin a few items.

The news is decidedly favourable in all its respects. The Cotton Market had advanced, and the Money Market was easier.

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The Queen's Marriage.—We understand that Mary Howard, daughter of the Earl of Surrey, is to officiate as one of the bridesmaids to Her Majesty, in addition to those ladies who attended at the Coronation.

The "Cobour family" were to arrive at London in grand force from Germany, about January 30, and the Queen would be married Feb. 8. (So said.)

The sum of near four millions, in specie, was expected in the Infocant frigate, from the Spanish Main.

The excellent Bishop of Calcutta, (Daniel Wilson) has contributed £30,000 towards building a cathedral at Calcutta, of which the estimated cost is £40,000.

Riots in England.—Orders were received this day for the immediate embarkation of the 19th Regiment for England. Accordingly two hours after the words were received the regiment embarked for Bristol, on board the Ballinacree and Express steam ships.

The mother of Lord Brougham died on the 31st December, at Brougham Hall, Westmoreland, in her 87th year.

The Emperor of Russia is said to be seriously ill—with the constitutional or hereditary malady—inanimately.

State of Trade, Manchester, 31st Dec.—In cotton, affairs were much