

quickly obeyed, with the exception of Father Antonio, who slowly and solemnly, turned his reverend visage into the dust. What was Ramon's agony to hear the thieves rummaging over all his valuables, and every now and then chinking the gold! It had like to have fared worse with Father Antonio; for in the last charge he had unluckily shot the 'lead bandit's horse, who now swore, that as he had assumed the military for the clerical, he should dispatch him, not as a priest, but as a layman who knew how to carry a musket, leaving him to settle the matter as he pleased. 'No!' exclaimed another of the band, 'let him first say his prayers; he will not be long—it is his special business.' 'Not the Pope himself should interfere, too brute!' retorted the leader. 'He has killed the noblest boast ever bestridden since the days of Babooca and the Cid. Ho! Christoval! band these two villains who first fired, to a tree; dispatch both, and let us be off.'

At the name of Christoval, Antonio raised his head, and the next moment recognised in the robber his own foster-brother, and the lover to whom his sister had commissioned him to present a token of her regard. His appearance offered a favourable contrast to that of his companions: slight and elegant in his form, his eyes and hair were of that clear bright brown which is esteemed a rare beauty by the Andalusian women. They were already binding my poor friend Rojas to a tree, being the less disposed to spare him from the cut of his cap, which showed he was a national guard. But, as they laid hold of Father Antonio for the same purpose, he cried out, while he held out his sister's love-token in his hand, 'Dont you acknowledge this, Christoval Moreno? Will you not save your brother, Antonio Lara?' At these words, Christoval rushed between his comrades, knife in hand—'By our holy mother, I should like to see who dare touch one hair of your head! He shall answer it to me!' 'Back, Moreno, on your life!' cried the chief. 'Much as I am thy friend, were he as a hundred brothers to thee he must die!' He motioned to his band to drag Christoval away, and dispatch the prisoners; when that moment the cry of 'The queen for ever' down with the bloody villains!' and a strong party of horse burst from the other side of the wood, and were in a moment on us. The robbers, or Carlists, as the troopers chose to term them, were taken so completely by surprise, that they had not time to fire a shot; and they were both too weak and dispersed to stand to their arms for a moment. Two were already disabled, like those they were tying to the tree; and a third was taken. But Christoval had thrown himself on his horse, followed by some half dozen of those nearest to him; while Pedro, their chief, had barely time to take refuge in the old house close by, and make fast the entrance. 'We have him! get round!' cried the captain of the troopers; and the rumed court and garden were filled at every outlet by his men. The officer advanced closer to the door, summoning the robber to surrender, and come forth. The same instant it opened, and the desperado presented his piece within arms length of the captain's head. 'Let me pass, young sir: it irks me thus uselessly to shed your blood.' The young fellow had only his drawn sword. He hesitated one moment, and then shouting, 'Long live the queen!' he threw himself on his terrible adversary, who snapped his musketoon, but it missed fire, and the next moment the bandit chief measured his length on the ground.

Father Antonio, the young soldier, and poor Ramon, were already on their legs; and you may fancy how your deliverance, especially the gallant young captain, were regaled by us that evening, when we all reached Carmona together. Our sick and wounded were taken care of. Pedro, 'the terrible,' as Ramon, while he was busily making out a new inventory, entitled him, was the only one left dead on the field; and a few arm-slings and black patches put an end to our somewhat startling adventure."

COLONIAL.

FREDERICTON, N. B., July 6th.

This day, at 2 o'clock, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor proceeded in State to the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod was directed to command the attendance of the House of Assembly; the House attended accordingly, when His Excellency was pleased to open the Session with the following Speech:

*Mr President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

I have called you together at this unusual season of the year, for the purpose of communicating to you His Majesty's final pleasure in reference to a measure of no ordinary favor and liberality on the part of the Crown—the surrender, to your control and disposal, of the proceeds of all His Majesty's Casual and Territorial Revenues in this Province, upon certain conditions; and the only observation with which I will accompany the important documents, copies of which I have directed immediately to be laid before you, is that I feel an entire conviction that the suggestions of the King's Government will be received by you with the most respectful attention.

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

My connexion with this Province is of much too recent a date to warrant my submitting to you, at present, any suggestions relative to the objects to which it might appear to me advantageous to the interests of the Province to recommend to you to apply any portion of the Revenues to which I have alluded. I will therefore merely express to you the satisfaction which, as His Majesty's Representative, I feel in being authorized and instructed to ratify, on the part of our truly paternal Sovereign, an arrangement with His Majesty's loyal subjects of this Province, of the advantages of which, as respects their interests, the King had only to be satisfied, in order to insure His Majesty's most willing and gracious assent.

Mr President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I will detain you from the exercises of your Legislative duties only for the purpose of expressing my earnest and confident hope that a spirit of harmony and of wisdom will continue to guide your deliberations upon the very important measures now to be brought under your renewed consideration, and upon which the future welfare and prosperity of this Province so mainly depend.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Dr. Gesner, the Geologist of Nova-Scotia, who is at present on a tour in this Province, arrived in town a few days ago from Cumberland, where he has lately been pursuing his scientific researches. He is now about to examine the Coal formation on the Grand Lake. We trust the learned Doctor will not withhold from the public the result of his enquiries in New Brunswick.—*N. B. Courier.*

THE FIRST TEA SHIP.—On the 24th ult., the brig *Clifton*, Captain Worsell, of London, arrived at St. John, N. B. direct from Canton, in 12½ days, with a full cargo of Teas, to Messrs W. H. Street & Ranney. This is the first arrival of a vessel at St. John from any part of the "Celestial Empire."

ANOTHER FULL SHIP.—The whale ship *James Stewart*, owned by C. C. Stewart, Esq. of this city arrived at this port on Saturday from her second whaling cruise, with a full cargo. She

has been absent 21 months, and in that time has completely circumnavigated the globe; the distance from New Zealand to this port she performed in 90 days, which is very fast sailing. Her cargo consists of 2,200 barrels black oil; 300 do. sperm, 25,000 lbs. bone—dependent of 540 brls. black oil, and 6000 lbs. bone, shipped to London in March, 1836. This voyage must prove highly encouraging to the enterprising owner and all concerned.—*St. John paper.*

DEATH BY LIGHTNING.—On the 14 ult the house of Mr Humphrey Hayward, of Salisbury, Westmorland N. B., was struck with lightning, and melancholy to relate, one of his children, a remarkably promising girl of the age of 9 or 10 years, was immediately killed. Some others of the family were knocked down by the violence of the stroke and all were more or less injured.—The electric fluid burst through the roof, passed down the chimney tore out the breast-work, and besides the above accidents, broke a number of panes of glass, and shattered the whole house.—*Gazette.*

From the P. E. Island Gazette.

The Brig *William IV.* of Halifax, six days from Halifax, N. S. bound to Quebec, having on board Quarter Master Risher, and ten men of the 83d Regt., 21 women and several children, with the Baggage of the regiment, was driven on shore near Cascumpeque, on the night of the 7th inst. in a gale of wind. She now lies on the beach, with four feet water in her hold. Crew, passengers, baggage, &c. saved.

An American Schooner (name unknown) was on shore near the same place, but is expected to be got off.

From the Halifax Recorder

We hear that no more than 50 bushels of potatoes have vegetated out of 1000, which were purchased for seed and planted by the people of Dartmouth, Preston and other places at the other side of the harbour. Those potatoes were provided by the Legislature as a kind of a provincial boon and sold cheap, on condition that payment should be made within six months by the purchasers labouring on the highways. It is supposed that their failure has been caused by throwing salt water upon them before they were shipped to Halifax to prevent their rotting in case a ready sale was not made.

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