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JAMAICA.—At a recent meeting of the merchants of Kingston, to consider of the best method of getting the Amble duties removed, the following Resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That among the first principles of Government, taxation and representation are inseparably connected, and that, according to the chartered rights of this Island, no authority foreign to, or without the sanction of our Legislature, can levy any tax whatever.

Resolved, That this meeting, fully impressed with the conviction, that the inhabitants of this city and parish, and of the Island generally, yield to no other portion of His Majesty's subjects, in affection to his person and obedience to the laws, claim as their birth right, for themselves, and after His Majesty's subjects, residing in this Island, the same just laws, as are enjoyed by their fellow subjects in Great Britain.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a petition to the Honourable House of Assembly, praying the adoption of such measures as may lead to the removal of the evils complained of.

During the short time that Sir John Keene has administered the Government of Jamaica, he appears to have given entire satisfaction, that his approaching departure has been marked by the inhabitants with one general sentiment of regret.

BARRISTERS.—Distressing State of the Country.—A communication from a country correspondent of extensive means of information, and deeply interested in the agricultural state of the country, has just reached us, which it is most painful to us to say, contains information of a very alarming nature.

St. Vincent Legislature.—Free Coloured Population.—On considering the propriety of striking out that clause of the Militia Act which provides that no coloured person shall command a white one, the Speaker (the House being at the time in committee on the bill) thought it better to allow the clause to remain for the present; but so far, he said, from wishing to throw any obstacles in the way of the advancement of the coloured population to places of trust and respectability in the colony, he would cheerfully support any proposition presented from the class of persons (being natives and freedmen) to the Legislature praying for every privilege enjoyed by the whites even to a seat in that House provided the petitioners were persons of good character, and could show that they had been employed during the five or six preceding years in an honest and creditable way; and he hoped that the petition and all proceedings attendant thereon would be passed through the House without the smallest expense to the applicants.

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also from the more substantial proof given him by the House of Assembly of the Island. The Resolutions of the Merchants of Kingston were very spirited.—The Legislative proceedings of St. Vincent, in regard to the Free Coloured population, are praiseworthy, and we cannot contemplate any evil effect as at all likely to be produced by the measure proposed in behalf of the more deserving.—The state of Barbadoes, if correctly reported, is truly distressing. It is threatened with all the horrors of famine. But for particulars we must refer to these different heads.

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A session of Parliament which may fairly be expected to prove unusually interesting, would be opened on the 5th February, and marked at its commencement by the very singular attempt of a Roman Catholic to take his seat. Mr. O'CONNELL some time ago succeeded in getting his foot into the stirrup, it will now be determined whether he is ever to reach the saddle. He has been elected to sit in Parliament, but as we stated when his election took place, in Parliament he can never take his place, unless he perjures himself by swearing oaths which he has sworn never to swear.

The departure of the Marquis of ANGLESEA from Ireland, has been the subject of much regret to a large proportion of the people of that Country, but the appointment of the Duke of NORTHUMBERLAND, with his enormous income and moderate views, to succeed the worthy Marquis, seems to have given general satisfaction.

His Worship the Mayor left town on Thursday morning last for the Seat of Government, for the purpose of being sworn in as President of the Province. We have not learnt that the ceremony has actually taken place.

We understand that His Honor the Recorder will act as Deputy-Mayor for a few months to come, in the course of which it is expected that advice will be received from home as to the future and permanent Administration of the Government. In the event of a new Lieutenant-Governor being appointed, and likely soon to assume the reins of Government, no new or inferior Mayor will be nominated, but if the Administration of our respected Civic Ruler is to be long continued, another must be appointed to take his place pro tempore, as the Head of the City Corporation.

AMERICA has too long borne the reproach of being an asylum for fugitives from British law and justice. We trust the time is now come, when some efficient means will be resorted to, in order to wipe off the stain. The case of STREPHENSON, and his accomplice, LLOYD, is of so clamant a nature, that there is a strong probability of its bringing matters to a crisis, and that the salutary effect will be the adoption of some measure between Great-Britain and America, "either by treaty or otherwise, by which such persons shall be mutually delivered up and sent to the place from whence they came, there to receive the punishment due to their crimes."

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NOTICE.

TO LET, And possession given the first of May next: THAT commodious and pleasantly situated HOUSE, with OUT-HOUSES, at the lower end of Prince William-street, lately occupied by R. E. ARMSTRONG, Esq. There are Franklins and Grates in every room, a large Stove, with Pipe running through the House, and an extensive RANGE in one of the Kitchens.

Also—The WHARF in rear of the above.—To an enterprising person there are few places capable of greater improvement.—An excellent situation for a Bathing Establishment, a Lumber Yard, or for Plaster of Paris. For further particulars, apply at the Courier Office. 31st March, 1829.

TO the Freeman, and Freeholders, of QUEEN'S WARD, in the City of Saint John. GENTLEMEN, HAVING been solicited, by a number of respectable FREEMEN, and FREEHOLDERS, in QUEEN'S WARD, to offer myself as a Candidate for ALDERMAN, at the ensuing Election, I have come to a determination to appear at the POLL, on the appointed day, for the purpose of receiving the suffrages of such FREEMEN, and FREEHOLDERS, as may deem it proper, to support me on the occasion.

It may not be improper, at this period, to state to the Public, that in offering myself as a Candidate, I positively avow, that I am influenced by no sinister or sordid motives. I disclaim being led by any particular Faction or Party; my only inducement being to gratify the solicitations of my friends, ever keeping in view the interest of the community at large.—As regards my reputation, I trust it stands irreproachable.—I cannot boast of moving in the higher circles of life; neither do I pretend to a superior education—all I claim is the name of an honest and independent man.

Without further ceremony, I conclude with pledging myself, that should I be elected as your Representative for Queen's Ward, my great study will be that of the Public good; and should I not succeed, I shall retire without chagrin or disappointment, still wishing the Public well. I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, Your most obedient servant, JOSEPH M'PHERSON. St. John, N. B. 31st March, 1829.

HALIFAX & ST. JOHN PACKET.—THE Subscribers beg to acquaint their Friends and the Public, that they intend running the new and fast sailing Schooner HANNAH SMITH, JAMES ROBBINS, Master, between this Port and Halifax, the coming season. For Freight or Passage, (having superior accommodations,) apply to VAUGHAN & HOWARD, Peters' Wharf, St. John, N. B. 24th March, 1829.

HALIFAX PACKET.—THE Subscriber has commenced running a PACKET between this Port and Halifax—Will take Freight and Passengers at a very moderate rate. Apply to J. WORSTER, St. John, March 10, South Market Wharf.

WINDSOR PACKETS.—THE Subscribers, grateful for the liberal share of Public patronage they have experienced in running the line of Packets between this Port and Windsor, beg leave to inform their friends and the public, that their Schooners TWO SONS, and EXTERPRIZE, will commence running immediately on the opening of the navigation. For Freight or Passage, apply to B. DEWOLF, Esq. Windsor; or here, to VAUGHAN & HOWARD, Peters' Wharf, St. John, N. B. 24th March, 1829.

BAKERY, &c. &c.—THE Subscriber informs his Friends and the Public, that he still continues to carry on the above Business, in all its various branches, at his BAKERY in Princess-street and where Gentlemen can be accommodated as usual, with PUNISHMENTS, SOLID ARGUMENTS, &c. &c. Also, first quality SPANISH CIGARS, constantly on hand, and for sale by the box or smaller quantity. CHARLES DAVIES. St. John, N. B. March 17, 1829.

TO LET, And possession given on the first of May next: PART of that commodious DWELLING HOUSE, at present occupied by the Subscriber, March 24. J. S. MILLER, S. D.

TO LET, And possession given 1st May next, THAT eligible STORE in Water-street, lately occupied by Mr. JOHN WISHART; with a convenient Out Store in rear of the same; if required.—Apply to March 17. JAMES HENDRICKS.

NOTICE.—THE Co-Partnership heretofore existing under the Firm of ROBERT CHESTNUT & CO. expires this day, by mutual consent.—All persons having demands against said Firm, are requested to present them for adjustment, and those indebted, are desired to make immediate payment to Thomas Sandall. THOMAS SANDALL, ROBERT CHESTNUT. The business hitherto carried on by R. Chestnut & Co. will be continued by the Subscriber on his own account. March 17. THOMAS SANDALL.

THE Subscriber hereby Cautions all persons against buying or accepting any Notes of Hand, drawn in favour of WILLIAM CRAIG—as such have been unduly executed. SAMUEL CRAIG, St. John, 10th March, 1829.

AUCTION SALES. TO-MORROW, (WEDNESDAY,) At 11 o'CLOCK, Will be Sold by the Subscriber, at the late residence of His Excellency the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, A variety of Household Furniture, Of a superior description—comprising every thing desirable for elegance and comfort—viz: DINING, Pembroke, Card, and Sofa TABLES; Mahogany and Grecian Chairs and Couches; sets of elegant Window Curtains; Bedsteads; Beds and Mattresses; Table and Bed Linen; Dinner and Desert Sets, (China); elegant Cut Glass; Kitchen Utensils, &c. &c. &c. Also.—A variety of West-India PRESERVES.—At the same time, will be Let, for Two Years from the first of May next— The HOUSE.—TERMS at Sale, March 31. GEO. D. ROBINSON.

On THURSDAY Next, 2d April, at 12 o'clock, the Subscribers will Sell at their Auction Room, THAT valuable two-story HOUSE and Premises, situate on the North side of Duke street, at present occupied by Mr. J. KINGSLAND and others. There is a good Shop in the lower flat, and other conveniences, that make it a very eligible situation for a Grocer or Tavern-Keeper.—Possession will be given on the first of May next.—Terms made known at Sale. CROOKSHANK & WALKER. If the above Property is not Sold, it will be Let for one year from 1st May, March 31.

To be Sold at Public Auction, by the Subscriber, on Friday the 1st May next— THE PREMISES belonging to the late Mr. JESPER STYMEST, deceased, situate in Charlotte-street, adjoining, on the Northward, the property of Dr. PADDOCK, and on the Southward the property of Mr. W. M. GILBERT, deceased. Terms known at time of Sale. JOHN KERR. March 31.

RUM, SUGAR, &c. JUST RECEIVED, AND FOR SALE: FIRST quality Demerary RUM, SUGAR and MOLASSES. Now landing from on board the Two Sons, from West India. ALSO, FOR SALE: A few Trusses of MANCHESTER PRINTS, Of the newest Patterns. J. & H. KINNEAR. St. John, March 3.

PORK. 25 BARRELS Prime Mess PORK, for sale by GEO. D. ROBINSON. March 24.

PORK & BEEF. KERR & RATCHFORD, HAVE ON HAND: AMERICAN CLEAR & DOME MIDDINGS PORK; Quebec Prime and Cargo Ditto Ditto; Ditto Ditto and Ditto, in half-barrels; Ditto Prime and Cargo BEEF, Which they offer cheap for Cash or Approved Paper. March 24.

DEMERARA RUM. 10 PUNS. DEMERARA RUM—for sale by GEO. D. ROBINSON. March 24.

INSURANCE AGAINST FIRE! THE ETNA INSURANCE COMPANY of Hartford, Connecticut, continue to Insure HOUSES and BUILDINGS of all descriptions, GOODS, FURNITURE, &c. within the Province of New-Brunswick, on the usual terms, for which, with any other particulars, please apply to the Subscriber, who is duly authorised to issue Policies, Renewal Receipts, &c. ELISHA DEW. RATCHFORD, St. John, May 27. Agent.

TO BE LET, And possession given the first of May next, or immediately if required— THE first and second Flats of that well known and commodious House, in Portland, at present occupied by the Subscriber. The former consists of a Store, two Rooms, and a Kitchen; the latter, two Rooms with fire-places, and four Bed Rooms.—Also, Yard Room and other conveniences.—For further particulars, apply to JACOB TOWNSEND, February 17, on the premises.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACT. Assistant Commissary General's Office, St. John, N. B. 2d March, 1829. SEALED Tenders will be received at this Office until THURSDAY the 23d day of APRIL next, at noon, from such Persons as may be disposed to enter into a Contract to supply His Majesty's Troops in this Province, with 1100 BARRELS OF FLOUR, to be delivered into the KING'S Magazines (this place, at the following periods—viz: 200 Barrels on or before the 24th of May, 1829, 200 Ditto Ditto 24th of June, " 200 Ditto Ditto 24th of August, " 300 Ditto Ditto 24th of September, " 200 Ditto Ditto 24th of October, " The whole to be of the quality termed Scratched Superfine, free from grit or any bad taste whatever, and to be warranted to keep good and sweet for One Year from the day of delivery. The Tenders must specify the price (per Barrel of 106 Pounds) in British Sterling, in words at length; and payment will be made at the respective periods of delivery, in British Silver Money, with a reservation on the part of the Commissary, to pay in Bills, at the rate of a Bill for £100 for every £101: 10s. due upon the Contract. No Tender will be noticed unless accompanied by a Letter addressed to the Senior Commissariat Officer at St. John, signed by two respectable persons, offering to become bound with the party tendering, for the faithful performance of the Contract. The Tenders to be written on the back, "Tenders for Flour;" and persons tendering, or some person on their behalf, are requested to attend at this Office on the 23d day of April, at twelve o'clock, to receive their answers. Forms of the Contract and Bond of Warranty may be seen, and any further information obtained on application at this Office.