

NUMEROUS CONTEMPT.—Names of this kind are very numerous in England; still we have *Bal, Trollpe, that is, a pattern; Stunt, that is, fool; Parnell* (an unmodest woman) *Bastard, Trash, Hussey, Gubbins,* (the refuse parts of a fish), and *Gallows,* which strongly implies that the founder of that particular nice name attained a very exalted though unenviable station in the world! *Ke-nard,* anciently *Kay-nard,* from *coignard* (Fr.), literally signifies "you dog!" which surely merits a place among the surnames of contempt. The same word, in a figurative sense, means a sordid fellow, a miser. *Craen,* the surname of a noble family, might be thought to belong to the same class, but this is a local name derived from a place in Yorkshire. Many of the names mentioned in former Essays might be easily placed amongst these surnames of contempt. Such also are a variety of these of ill-formed limbs or features, *Crookshanks, Longshanks, Sheepshanks, Greathead, Longness, &c.* The ancient Romans, like ourselves, had many family names implying something defective or disgraceful. Their *Plauti, Pandi, Vari, Scanni, and Tabitani,* would have been with us the *Splay-foots, the Banty-Legs the In-knees, the Club foets and the Hammerheads.* The meanness of the origin of some of the patrician families was hinted at in their names. The illustrious *Fabii* derived their name from being excellent cultivators of beans, and the *Pisones* theirs from having improved the growth of peas. The *Sullii* were descended and denominated from a swine-herd, *Bubulci* from a cow-herd, and the *Porci* from a hog-butcher; *Strabo* would have been with us *Mr. Squantum.* *Naso* (Ovid) *Mr. Bignose,* and *Publius* the proprietor, a *Mr. Snubnose.* *Cincinnatus* and the curly poll of *Dainty Davie* of Scottish song, are, strange to say, identical ideas. The modern Italians are not more courteous than their ancestors of "old Rome" in the names they gave to some families; as, for instance, *Malatesta,* chuckle-headed; *Boccinigras,* black-muzzled; *Porcina,* a hog; and *Gozzi,* chubby-chops.—To this place may also be referred the by-names of kings, as *Unready, Snorthose, Sans-terre, Crook-back.* *William the Conqueror* was so little ashamed of the illegitimacy of his birth that he sometimes commenced his charters with *WILLIAM THE BASTARD!* &c. Among other names not yet mentioned may be noticed *Whalebelly* (for which, with all the rest that follow I have authority) the designation, probably, of some corpulent person; *Rotten, Bubbly, Rottenherring,* a name which occurs in the ancient town of Hull, and was most like y given, in the first instance, to some dishonest dealer in fish. Indeed, I have little doubt that these old appellations all applied with great propriety to those who primarily bore them.—*Lower's Essays on Surnames.*

ITEMS BY THE ACADIA.

Meeting of Parliament.—It is currently spoken of, in all informed quarters, that the state of the country, and the probability of the existing distress increasing as the winter advances, has occasioned Sir James Graham to urge upon Sir Robert Peel the assembling of Parliament before Christmas. The reluctance of the Premier to adopt this precautionary course is supposed to arise from the natural disinclination he is likely to feel to meeting Parliament with the formidable defalcation in the revenue disclosed by the late official returns; while the Home Secretary is naturally anxious to be relieved, in some degree, from the responsibility which rests on him to take measures for the preservation of the public peace. The Cabinet Council, which is summoned to meet on Tuesday, will determine the period at which Parliament shall assemble for the dispatch of business.

Rumoured Abdication of the King of France.—It is rumoured on respectable authority, that the King of France has discussed with persons in his confidence the propriety of abdicating the throne in favour of the Duke of Nemours. Without expressing an opinion on the authority of the rumour, we give it for the purpose of preparing the public for an event which is not improbable to happen in the course of the ensuing session of the French Chambers.

The news which the *Acadia* carries out is meagre and unimportant, both in a political and commercial point of view. We continue to "drag on a miserable existence" in mercantile matters, with but little prospect of a speedy improvement. The feeling of despondency which has so long existed amongst the commercial classes continues rather to increase than diminish. The revolution in the corn trade, by overwhelming so many houses at home and abroad, has spread difficulty and alarm on every side. During the last week, another extensive house, that of Coventry and Hunter, (one of the partners in which was worth £40,000 six months ago), has gone in London, and the accounts from the south of France, bring a most appalling list of corn houses, which have failed at Marseilles. During the last year, the trade with the Mediterranean was the best carried on by this country, but as it owed its activity chiefly to the demand for grain for the English market, it is to be feared that the breaking up of so many of the corn houses at Marseilles, and the cessation of the demand for corn, will have an injurious effect upon it, and especially on the demand for British goods, in which all the returns to that part of the world are made. Money continues abundant, and food, by the operation of the new tariff, is gradually becoming cheaper, but from the want of confidence, and of demand, as yet no perceptible change has taken place.

Canal between the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean.—It has been decreed by the Congress of New Grenada, that all the privileges which have heretofore been given to the French and English, in opening a canal through Panama, be forfeited and withdrawn, and the project of connecting the Atlantic with the Pacific be thrown open to the competition of the whole world.

The Pacha of Egypt has forwarded to Sir C. Napier a medal, splendidly enriched with diamonds, and a sword, the hilt and scabbard of which are nearly all composed of solid gold.

Lord Brougham left Brougham Hall on Wednesday for London, after a visit of about twelve weeks, the longest stay he has made there during the last twenty years.

It will give all admirers of poetry gratification to hear that her Majesty has conferred a pension of £300 a year upon William Wordsworth. Long may he live to enjoy it!

Sir Robert Peel arrived in town on Monday from Drayton Manor, and in the afternoon left for Windsor Castle. He returned to town on Wednesday.

FRANCE.—The French journals continue to occupy themselves with the interminable "right of search" question, of which all but themselves must be thoroughly wearied.

The manufacturers of Lyons are in great distress, as are also the inhabitants of the wine countries. The cases of these classes will be brought before the Chamber by the Minister of Commerce. The *Courrier Francais* alludes in strong terms to the address lately presented to Lord Palmerston by the opponents to the slave-trade, and blames his Lordship's reply for its haughtiness. The *Courrier*, as well as many other French journals, are deeply indignant with Lord Palmerston for having outwitted Thiers in 1840. The Marquis de Lavelle is shortly expected in England, charged with a private mission, relative to the Right of Search question, from M. Guizot to the English Minister for Foreign Affairs. The Marquis has recently married the widow of M. Wells, a rich American merchant, who had long resided in Paris.

The warrant which France has given to British cruisers expire in February next. Numerous commercial failures are taking place in Paris, nearly 40 bankrupts have applied to the Tribunal of Commerce between the 1st and the 21st of October. As the time of the meeting of the French Chambers draws near, the speculations with regard to the probable course to be pursued augment in variety and interest. The struggle between Thiers and Guizot—the appanage of the Duke of Nemours—the right of search question—the commercial treaty with Belgium—and the allusion to English affairs, especially the Ashburton treaty, which will be necessarily evoked, will invest the early proceedings of the French Chambers with considerable interest for those who pay any attention whatever to the French politics. The English Tariff Bill may also expect to be overhauled in many of its details, by the French orators; and the chances and conditions of a commercial treaty between England and France discussed at length. To this measure M. Thiers is agreeable, upon certain conditions; but to these conditions, unless considerably modified, England will never accede.

LETTERS AND CASH RECEIVED.

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Brantford—Rev Mr Mills for William Kerrott, Indiana, 7s 6d.

London—Rev Mr O'Dwyer (2) 15s; and for Wm. Killday, 5s, James Brady, and Patrick Beaubien, each 7s 6d.

Toronto—Alex. McDonell, 15s. instead of 10s as noticed last week.

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W. J. GILBERT
Hamilton, Sept. 15, 1842.

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Hamilton, July 22, 1842. 46

Office of the Clerk of the Peace, }
Hamilton, 15th October, 1842. }

WITH reference to the following order passed by the Magistrates of this District of Sessions in January of this year, viz:

"In open Court, 12th January, 1842,

"ORDERED, that a public notice be put in each of the Hamilton papers immediately after the sitting of the next October Sessions, notifying all persons in the District, that no License to retail Spirituous Liquors will after that date be granted to Groceries, or persons keeping Groceries under the same roof, and that the notice be continued in the said different papers until the regular licensing day, being the 20th December."

By the Court,
W. B. VANEVRY,
Chairman.

Notice is hereby given to all concerned to govern themselves accordingly.

ARTHUR GIFFORD,
Clerk of the Peace.