

FOREIGN.

THE SPANISH WAR.—Extract of a letter from a British officer in Spain, dated Heights of Armitza, July 7, 1836:—"The Alinden, 74, Captain Sharpe, C. B., which brought out various necessaries, being about to return to England immediately, with Lieutenant Langley, wounded, Captain Mallock, and Lieutenant Chambers and Branch, sick, and such marines as have been wounded, I give you what news is stirring, although it be but little. We are all sick of our occupation, and can it be expected to be otherwise? We have innumerable enemies in front, suspicious friends to assist us, and, worse than all, the very party we are to fight for repudiate our assistance, and are dishonest to themselves. The marines have five companies under Major Owen on these heights, and two companies on the heights of Passages, all strongly entrenched, but without any other protection from the weather than some huts, which the men have constructed of sods and branches, and which give a little protection from the heat of the sun, but none from the nightly thunderstorms. Do tell the people of England how little they know of the true state of affairs in this country, particularly if they imagine that this blood-thirsty, murderous war is near its termination; nor can it terminate with the present means of bringing it to an issue. The Carlists are strong, getting stronger, and improving in discipline every day, while the Queen's party is disorganised, wretchedly officered, and commanded by men who evidently would rather befriended Carlos than their young Sovereign, if by so doing they could not run the greater hazard of bringing on a Republic; and there is a very strong Republican party in the country. Cordova has long had the means of putting down Carlos's force, but instead of that he gives it every encouragement to increase in numbers, in supplies and in money; and at the same time does all he can to compromise the English and French legions. The Carlists merely watch Cordova, but they throw all their strength and activity into the front of Bernelle's force and these fortified heights, by which we are perfectly checked and could only advance at a great loss, and with no prospect of doing good. So negligent is the government in furnishing supplies, that if we were not on the sea coast we should get nothing to eat. The legion is highly dissatisfied,—the best officers have all left. Colonel Le Marchant, Lord W. Paget, and Colonel Hicks are gone home through France. The Royal Tar takes to-day Colonel O'Connell, Col. Fitzgerald, Col. Kirby, Capt. Fitzgerald, and Quarter-master M'Namara; and all would go from disgust, but Gen. Evans finds it convenient to raise obstructions to further leave, and now insinuates that the term of service for which the officers and men entered is not near its termination. How this will be settled I cannot say; but this is certain, that three regiments talk of laying down their arms if they do not receive their arrears of pay. Don't be surprised to find us one morning at Spithead, for, without assistance on a most extended scale from France and England, we must be beaten and disgraced with Evans's legion if we stay here, and with the additional miserable chance of being hanged by virtue of the Durango decree."—*Hampshire Telegraph.*

DONNA MARIA'S FROLIC.—An old woman, who has been lately employed at the palace making new window-curtains, relates many amusing anecdotes of the queen and her young spouse. Her Majesty, it seems, is as full of fun and frolic and as wild as a kitten. She never takes more than one meal a day; but that one meal lasts all day long, for the lump—not slice—of bread and butter is never out of her hand. In her hours of relaxation, she and the

Prince often engage in a game of romps, which generally ends in a melee of all the ladies present. Lest I should forget it, let me tell you at once she is positively not *enciente*. Some days ago she hunted old Don Lorenzo de Lima from room to room with a pair of scissors in her hand; and her object, namely to cut off a piece of his coat-tail, having been frustrated by the clever retreat he ultimately succeeded in effecting, she indulged her sportive humour by chopping off large pieces from the fashionably capacious sleeves of her maids of honor. The Prince is just as frolicsome, and is, for that very reason, besides his good-looking phiz, a great favorite at the palace.—*New York European.*

COLONIAL.

HALIFAX, September 14.

The depression which was long and seriously felt here, is, we are glad to state, fast yielding to a happier state of things. The West India markets, generally, have for some time, been very good, and the returns made to our exports thither, have commanded handsome prices. Rum, sugar, molasses, &c., are now selling at high rates. The importations of flour from the Canadas have been great this summer, and good sales have been effected—and the demand for West India produce from those Provinces has greatly tended to improve the trade of Halifax. The fisheries were never better encouraged than they have been for many months past—between fifteen and sixteen shillings per quintal have been and still are paid for merchantable fish, while mackerel, herrings, and alewives, have been promptly sold, and at more than remunerating prices. Indeed trade and business of every kind appears to be rapidly improving, and the industry and enterprize of all to be encouraged.

Sugar is selling to-day at 55s.—Rum, 4s.3d.—Molasses, 2s.6d.—Rye Flour, 32s.6d.—Fine do. 41s.3d.—Superfine, 45s.

MIRAMICHI, September 13.

MIRAMICHI A FREE PORT.—We have much pleasure in being enabled to state, that a letter has been received by the last British Packet from our persevering and indefatigable Provincial Agent H. Bliss, Esq. stating that the petition sent from this place, we believe in June last, praying that Miramichi might be made a Free Port, has been complied with; and that the necessary instructions for carrying the same into effect, will be forwarded by the September Packet.—*Gleaner.*

COLONIAL BANK.—We understand that Mr. Carter, the gentleman who has visited this country as Agent for the parties engaged in this undertaking in Britain, has received instructions to proceed to Miramichi, for the purpose of ascertaining if a sufficient number of persons will subscribe for stock, to form a Board of Directors, and if so, to put the necessary measures in train for establishing a Branch of said institution among us. We cannot vouch for the correctness of our information, but we think Mr. Carter could not do a better thing. Miramichi is the only place in New Brunswick, of any note, that has not a local Bank, and were one established and conducted with prudence, we do not hesitate to say that much good would necessarily follow; as it would materially facilitate our advancement by aiding the industrious and enterprising resident,—put a wholesome currency into circulation—and last—but not least in the estimation of shareholders—leave a very handsome profit to be divided among them. We trust, therefore, the information we have obtained is correct; and should Mr. C. pay us a visit, we think there is not the least danger to be apprehended of the success of his mission.—*Id.*

QUEBEC, 2d September.

THE REVIEW.—Yesterday morning Lt.-Gen. Sir John Colborne, according to previous arrangement, inspected the 1st Royal, the 66th Regiment, and 79th Highlanders, on the plains of Abraham, the duties of the garrison were taken at day break by the Royal Artillery, so that every man belonging to each Corps, (the sick in hospital excepted,) was upon the ground. The hue was formed on the high ground, near the centre of the Plain and facing the race stand. At 10 o'clock the Lieut. Gen. came on the ground, attended by the Deputy Adjutant and Deputy Quarter Master General, and the officers of his personal Staff, and passed down the line receiving the customary compliment.—He then took his station in front of the line, when the Regiments, breaking into columns of Companies, marched past in slow and quick time, the Officers saluting as they passed the general.—The manoeuvres then commenced, and a variety of evolutions were performed, the Regiments forming lines under cover of the flankers, thrown out and acting as Light Infantry; these manoeuvres continued till a little after eleven, when the rain began to fall so heavily, that the Review was put an end to, and the troops returned to their Barracks.

It is now upwards of eight years since there has been a Brigade Review here, and notwithstanding the morning was lowering and gave every indication of the rain, which afterwards came down so heavily, the road was thronged with carriages, horsemen, and pedestrians, and when the line was formed, there was a greater number of persons assembled on the field of exercise than we have ever seen on any former occasion, amongst these were many strangers, who expressed themselves much gratified with the fine appearance of the troops, and the regularity and precision of their movements, whilst to Britons it was a soul-stirring spectacle to see in this distant Colony, three Regiments, assembled by the chance of the service, whose banners, when unfurled, displayed the proud records of victories won in so many hard-fought fields, and two of which, as well as their gallant General who commanded them and several of the Staff, shared in the glories of WATERLOO, under the greatest Captain of the age.—*Mercury.*

THE 79TH HIGHLANDERS.—This gallant corps will embark for England on Saturday morning at eight o'clock, should the weather prove fair, and we learn that Sir John Colborne, with that humanity for which he is distinguished, has determined to take upon himself the chartering of another vessel, to convey a portion of the regiment, that the health and lives of these gallant fellows may not be endangered by being stowed in less space than, from motives of prudence, not of humanity, a slave dealer could allot to his living cargo.—*Id.*

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