

effort for the suppression of smuggling that they are at present. At present the Law recognizes and indeed legalizes the Traffic; but it was, he conceived, the duty of the Legislature, to make the traffic irreparable; and the moment they did so, one of the greatest difficulties in the way of a prohibitory enactment would be removed, and the law could be successfully carried out.

The Hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY said there could be no diversity of opinion as to the evil of intemperance. But he was afraid that the time for such an enactment was not yet come as he did not think the public mind was prepared for it. Finding, however, that it was the wish of a large majority of his constituents that the experiment should be tried, it was his duty to comply with their wishes with respect to this matter.

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The Order of the Day for the Second reading of this Bill was discharged, and the further consideration thereof deferred until next Session.

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The usual Address of Thanks to the Lieut. Governor, for his various Communications and Messages was, on motion of Mr. H. Haviland, agreed to by the House. Committee to deliver Messrs. H. Haviland, Macgowan and Clark.

The following Resolution was, on motion of Mr. H. Haviland, unanimously adopted: Resolved, That no Private Bill, to be passed hereafter, shall be published in the Statute Book at the public expense.

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The House divided on the motion of amendment: Yes—Hons. Mr. Montgomery, Attorney General, Colonial Secretary, Messrs. Haviland, Conroy, Macsochen, Macaulay, Messrs. H. Haviland, Yes, Macgowan, Beer, McLeod, Fraser—13. No: Hons. Messrs. Whelan, Lord, Warburton; Messrs. Mooney, McGill—5. So it was carried in the affirmative.

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And a motion being made, that the said Petition be read, and the motion was negatived—the remedy being elsewhere.

ATTACK UPON ENGLISH VESSELS ON THE DANUBE. Letters from Constantinople fully confirm the previous reports of four English vessels having been fired upon by the Russian batteries on the Danube. The Bedington first reported, received no less than seventeen shots, and sank in eight minutes; the Crescent received seven, and the Annie three shots. The two latter were boarded and the crews taken prisoner, but were, on the following day, released. The master and crew of the Annie then took possession of their vessel, and arrived safely at Constantinople. The Crescent, however, was so severely disabled that it was found impossible to bring her into port, and she was afterwards seen stranded within three miles of the batteries.

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All Greeks who would not place themselves under the protection of the Porte had been ordered to leave Constantinople before the 15th of April. The Russians were beaten in another encounter at Sinaitz, losing 4,000 men.

The Petition (which we gave verbatim in a former number) is said to have been signed by 5,074 Electors; and, as the magnitude of the number carried in support on the face of it, there is accordingly a correspondent degree of pains taken by those calling themselves the Executive Committee, to impress upon the mind of His Excellency, that all this long list of signatures are bona fide those of the persons whose names they purport to be.

The first of these offices indisputably requisite in the popular branch of the Assembly, was held by a member of the Legislative Council, which had the Solicitor General been in the Lower House, might have been tolerated, but this last officer was a member of neither House, another gross violation of the system, and when the latter Gentlemen succeeded to the Attorney Generalship on the resignation of Mr. Young, and attempted to procure his return as a member of the Assembly, he was defeated, but still, in defiance of the principles of Departmental Government, continued in his office; and which was worse and more unpardonable, elevated (if it may be so called) to a Seat in the Legislative Council, thus clearly proving it was impossible to carry out to their full extent, the requisites of the system that they now complain is for the first time, attempted to be infringed.

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We understand that the Legislative Council have ordered the Bill for the prohibition of the Liquor traffic to be printed and to lie over until next Session.

The Bill for the establishment of a Police force has been thrown out by the Council.

At New London, on the 23d of April, Mr. William Mark, in the 84th year of his age. The deceased has resided for many years in New London, and was universally respected and beloved by his neighbours and acquaintances for his amiable and charitable disposition.

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