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IMPORTANT TO AMERICAN COASTERS.

The following letter has been handed to us by Allen Francis, Esq., U. S. Consul at this port, and as its contents are of interest to masters of American coasting craft plying between Puget Sound and these colonies, we publish it in full for their benefit :

CUSTOM HOUSE, ¡Port Angelos, Jan. 6th, 1864. Sta:-Please give notice that the revenue laws forbid any except registered vessels going to a foreign port. They also forbid vessels under thirty tens importing merchandise subject to duty. There is no restriction upon registered vessels under thirty tons as to exporting. They are simply forbidden to import, under penalty of forfeiture of vessel and

Shippers should know these requirements so as not to endanger their merchandise upon wessels not qualified by law to carry it. From this date I shall enforce the law as to the above particulars. This notice is

given, because under my predecessor unreg-datered vessels were allowed to trade at Victoria, and all wessels were allowed to import. At the commencement of my administration also—attention not being called to the subject—the same vessels continued to trade as aforetime. Since learning the facts, I hasten

To Allen Francis, Esq., U. S. Consul, Vic-

"Audi Alteram Partem."

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST—SIR :- Notwithstanding the obvious fact that your views and mine on the Corporation question are as far asunder as the poles, I give you credit fer sufficient magnanimity to open your columns even to a political opponent, and hence I venture to address you again on the allabsorbing topic of the day.

The failure of the ill-advised effort to induce the Legislature to patch up that most unworkmanlike job of legislation, the "Incorporation Act," instead of evoking anathemas on the heads of the members who so effectually disposed offit on Friday's session should, in my hamble opinion, saise them immensely in the estimation of their constituents, and at the same time excite a smile of, pity for the misguided minority who had the bardihood to suppose that the House of Assembly could be induced to lend itself to any acheme, however well concealed, aiming directly or indirectly to bring the Supreme Court of the Colony into contempt; and that such was one, at least, of the objects of the defeated Bill, no one who has read its pre-amble, can affect to doubt.

To an unconcencerned "looker-on in Vienna," who has no personal feelings to subserve, no political " axes to grind," the discussion on the Corporation question has proved very entertaining, if not instructive. But what is sport to him may be no joke to the parties actually concerned; and there-fore having the highest personal respect for the worthy gentleman, who, by no fault of his own is placed in the somewhat anomaleus position of a usurper of the civic chair, I trust that the same gentlemen who refused to be bullied into passing a hasty and ill-drawn measure the other evening (and in doing so manfully braved the wrath of an incensed Government official) will lose no time in passing a legal Bill of Indemnity for the Mayor and other members of the el-devant Council (past and present) which has not yet been done, as I should hardly suppose that any one would claim that the bill passed as such, before the recess, is a properlydrawn degal instrument, or would have any

validity if relied on in a court of law. The attempt to mix up personalities in this question and to convey the impression that to dispute the validity of the Incorporation Act, and as a consequence, the proceedings of the officers elected under it, is to cast a personal reflection upon those officers, and even, as asserted by some over-zealous par-tizans, to imprigne their official integrity, would be beneath notice, were it not calculated to distract public attention from the real question at issue. That question I take to have been, not whether Mr. Harris and the late and present Council have or have not faithfully discharged their official duties, but whether the law ander which they acted was sufficient to constitute them a lawful corporation, and to clothe them with certain powers, such as the collection and disbursement of a

municipal revenue, &c., &c. Public opinion is divided on this question, but I believe the majority of the well-informed and the legal profession (with one or two exceptions, amongst which, of course, is the

highest legal tribunal in the colony has pronounced its judgment to the same effect, and the Legislature has by its recent action proved its conviction that the act was fatally defective, and required not simply amendment but total renovation. The question then being in reality finally settled, all par-ties instead of abusing each other, should co-alesce to devise, first, a good and sufficient Indemnity Bill for the innocent officials who have unwittingly subjected themselves to possibly troublesome and expensive litigation, and secondly, such an Incorporation Act as, seven if not perfect for all time, shall be sufficient for the time being, and at all events shall not carry absurdity on its face.

Among the arguments or rather assertions of the advecates of the existing Incorporation Act as, skidegate Copper Mining Co., \$40 asked, no offers. Socke Copper Mining Co., \$7 @ 80 asked, no offers. Gas Co., \$135 asked, no offers. Bute Inlet Co., \$45 @ \$50 asked, no offers. Muir Quartz Mining Co., \$7 @ 80 asked, no offers.

of the advecates of the existing Incorporation Act (including the inserutable "Scrutor" in Thursday's Chronicle, of whom more anon, and even the senior member for the city.) I have noticed one that certainly deserves the classic epithets that have become parliamentary in the mouths of honorable members of parliament and city council durthis controversy, such as "bosh, balderdash, and clap trap." I allude to the oft repeated assertion that any bill, no matter how glarpracticable its provisions, if it receive the assent of three estates of the realm, at once becomes (as it is termed) " a constitutional law," and may not be disputed nor subjected to the test of judicial enquiry! How such an absurd doctrine can have arisen and for one moment be gravely maintained by any Englishman endowed with common sense, I cannot understand, as the most casual inspection of the law roports would afford exam-ples without number, of cases in which acts in the courts as invalid or unconstitutional. And, by way of illustration, let us suppose a case—to wit—Suppose an act of parliament directly subverting any of the vital principles of Magna Charts or the Bill of Rights should pass, and receive the royal sauction, will the honorable senior member for Victoria "or any other man" convince me that validity or unconstitutionality may not be tested in Her Majesty's Courts of Law, and that the judges, unawed by the capped of royal or parliamentary prerog-And, by way of illustration, let us suppose a Law, and that the judges, unawed by the usurpation of royal or parliamentary prerogative or power, would hesitate to pass judgment upon it, without fear or favor. Such a doctrine may hold good in an absolute monarchy, but in constitutional England, to attempt its enforcement would be itself tantamount to a revolution-or, at all events, produce one. The erudite "Scrutor," (in Thursday's Chronicle) in a sort of law lecture which, by a strange misnomer, he denominated "a plea for the Corporation," enlarges on this doctrine very lucidly, as well as on other matters, but unhappily for me. presume I must confound myself with the proscribed body of "astute lawyers." for al-though I waded through through the plea with commendable patience, I really could

not, for the life of me, make out his non-de plume of "Scrutor." I was fain to conclude that it was a typographical error—a mis-print for the noun "scruta," and which certainly would be a most appropriate signa-ture to his lucubrations. I would respectful-ly offer a mild suggestion to "Scrutor," that as " a little learning is a dangerous thing, he

should henceforth select a non de plume from some language with which he is better acquainted than that of ancient Rome, and at the same time try to write plais, common sense, is intelligible English, which he certainly has not done in the article referred to. I suppose he will soon have an opportunity of making the effort, as he told us there were yet many points that he wished to touch upon, and I trust he will not disappoint us cause—" non tetigit, quod non ornavit!"

VICTORIA, Jan. 9th, 1864.

COMMERCIAL.

FROM SAANICH .- The schooner Discovery Rudlin, arrived from Sayward's Mill yesterday with a cargo of lumber to W. P. Sayward & Co The sloop Native arrived from South Saanich, with a cargo of produce, his sampled not shower a

AT NANAIMO -The ship Saracen and bark Cambridge are taking out ballast, and will begin loading about Monday next. The Saracen will load 1600 tons, the largest cargo that ever left the port. The bark Ocean Bird, which left Victoria esterday week, has not yet arrived. Fears are entertained at Nanaimo that she has met with some accident.

FROM NANAIMO.-The schooner Alpha, Capt George, arrived from Nanaimo last night at nine o'clock, with 70 tons of coal for R. Brodrick. The Alpha had very rough weather going up last author of the bill,) are agreed that the object week, thick, rainy, and blowy. She started on tions to its sufficiency are well taken; the her down trip on Monday.

SAILED.—The mail steamer Pacific, Captain Burns, left Esquimalt yesterday morning, at half-past ten for Portland and San Francisco, taking a good many passengers, and some freight.

VANCOUVER COAL MINING CO.—This Company lately declared a dividend of five per cent. upon

their transactions for eight months. COAL ARRIVALS .- The schooners Surprise and Amelia, with 70 tens coal to J. T. Little, and Victoria Packet with 20 tons, to Brodrick, arrived in the harbor yesterday from Nanaimo. The North Star and Industry are discharging at Esquimalt.

SHIPMENT OF TREASURE.—Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co. shipped by the Pacific yesterday for San

FOR THE NORTH.-The sloop Kingfisher, Ste vens, cleared yesterday with a miscellaneous cargo for a trading voyage to the north west coast of

FOR HONOLULU, S, 1.-The barks N. S. Perkins and Constitution are nearly ready to sail with lumber from Puget Sound for Honolulu, S. I .-They will both leave in the courss of a day or two, weather permitting.

FOR NANATMO.—The steamer Emily Harris sailed last night at 8 o'clock, to load with coal for Messrs. Dickson, Campbell & Co.

FROM NANAIMO .- The schooner Meg Merrilies, Pamphlet, arrived at Esquimalt on Saturday with a cargo of 75 tons of coal, for Dickson, Camp-

FOR AUSTRALIA, -The ship John Day, lumber laden, is now lying at Port Angelos, waiting for passengers for Australia. STOCK AND EXCHANGE BOARD.

Sansum Copper Mining Co., 20 shares sold @ 25 cents per share discount.

Sangster Copper Mining Co., 100 shares sold, @
\$1 40. buyer 30 days. Gold Harbor Mining Company, half share sold @

Skidegate Bay Mining Co., 1 share sold @ \$38.
Queen Charlotte Mining Co., \$70 asked, no offers.
Skidegate Copper Mining Coy., \$45 asked, no

By order.

VICTORIA, V. I., 7th Jan. 1864. Skidegate Copper Company, 2 shares @ \$45 free of call. langster Copper Company, 75 shares @ \$100, regular way. Sangster Copper Company, 75 shares @ \$105, regular way. Sangster Copper Company, 25 shares @ \$120, reing its absurdity nor how inoperative and im-Hope Silver Company, 5 shares @ \$20, regular way. Cowichan Copper Company, half share @ \$15 Queen Charlotte Mining Company, \$65 asked,

\$65 offered.

Sansum Copper Company, 25 cts. @ \$1 premium asked.

Eureka Copper Company, \$60 asked, no offers.

Sooke Copper Company, \$6 @ \$7 asked, no transactions. Gold Harbor Quartz Company, \$25 asked.

A. F. MAIN,

By order, VICTORIA, V. I., 9th Jany., 1864. Sansum Copper Company, 10 shares @ 50c. dis., seller 30 days.

Sansum Copper Company, 5 shares sold @ 20c. premium. Sangster Copper Compy, 300 shares sold @ \$1 25, Sangster Copper Compy, 300 shares sold @ \$1 25, regular way.

Sangster Copper Compy, 200 shares sold, @ \$1 25, regular way.

Sangster Copper Compy, 100 shares sold @ \$125, seller 30 days.

Sangster Copper Compy, 200 shares sold, @ \$130, buyer 30 days. buyer 30 days.

Sangster Copper Compy, 110 shares sold, @ \$140, regular way.

Sangster Copper Company, 50 shares sold @ \$150, buyer 30 days.

Sangster Copper Compy, 100 shares sold, @ \$150, buyer 10 days.

Sangster Copper Company, 50 shares sold, @ \$155, buyer 30 days.

By order, A. F. MAIN,

Per schr Growler, from Port Angelos, Peter Mc-Quade—1400 bush oats 2 tons hay 60 sheep 28 hogs 24 qrs beef 15 doz chickens 7 sacks wool 1 horse.—Value \$1,983.

Per steamer Eliza Anderson, from Puget Sound —I horse 23 hd cattle 29 hogs 10 dead hogs 3 bxs eggs 1 do butter. Value \$1,260.

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MARINE INTELLIGENCE. ENTERED.

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mo. Sehr Industry, Walker, Nanaimo. Schr Surprise, McKay, do.
Schr Amelia, Jack, do.
Stmr H. B. Libby, Libby, Port Angelos,
Stmr Eliza Anderson, Finch, do.
Schr Mary Ann, Shaw, Nanaimo.

Slp Lady Franklin, Warren, Salt Spring Island Schr Laura, Dring, Cowiehan. Stmr Emily Harris, McIntosh, Nanaimo. Jany 7—Schr Alpha, George, Nanaimo. Jany 7—Schr Alpha, George, Nanaimo. Schr Matilda, Boyle, Scoke, Jany 8—SlpNative, Smith, Saanich, Schr Discovery, Rudlin, Cowiehan. Stmr Gtter, Swanson, Plumper's Pass. Schr J R Thorndike, Thornton, San Juan.

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Jany 9—Schr Surprise, McKay, Queen Charlotte's Island.

Statement of Vessels departed from Nanaimo, V. I., during the month of December, 1863, showing the respective cargoes taken by each, dec.:

12th Sch M Merrillies, Pamphlet 64
HMS Forward, Lascelles... 18
16th, shp Rosedale, Phillips... 596
17th Sch N'rth Star, McCulloch 70
Schr Alpha, George... 69
18th Sch Surprise, McKay ... 51
Sch Vic. Packet, Yessen... 21
Sch Industry, Walker ... 53
22d. Brk F Palmer. Lamb ... 300
23d Slp Alarm, Hollins ... 15
24th Brig W D Rice, Williams 280
Schr R Charlie, Hewit ... 25
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26th Stmr E Harris, McIntosh 64
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Stst Surprise, McKay 50
Stmr G S Wright, Lewis 23
Sch Mary Ann, Howry 54

Total......3302 10 RECAPITULATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 819T DECEMBER, 1868.

Tons. Cwt.

Total - - 21,550 12
Total shipments for the year 1862, - 18,177 17% Increase in favor of 1868, - - - - 8,872 141/2 The above was shipped as follows:

To Victoria and Esquimalt, 18205 7-20 tons.

To San Francisco, ... 5671

For the use of H. M. Ships a other
Steamers, 1994 10-20 tons.

To Portland, 490

To New Westminster, ... 189 15-20 tons.

The number of vessels that have received cargoes during the year is as follows:—1 ship, 10
barques, 2 brigs, 71 steamers, 211 schooners, and
58 sloops, attogether
In 1862 the number of vessels that departed from Nanaimo with cargoes of coal, was so that there is an increase this year (1863) in the number of

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In this city, on the 7th instant, the wife of the Rev. Chas. T. Woods, M. A., Principal of the Collegiate School, of a son. In this city, on the 7th inst., the wife of Mr. J Yesterday, the 4th inst., in this city, the wife of Mr. J. H. Merrett, of a sen.

tine qui nestat Drep. o reze dieda ;

In Victoria, on Saturday merning, the 9th inst., at nine o'clock, Jane, the beloved wife of Mr. Thomas Lea Fawcett. In this city, Jany. 6th, at 4 o'cleck p. m., of pleurisy, Mr. Benjamin Jenkins, of Branchton, Canada papers please copy.

Church of Scotland. DIVINE SERVICE IN CONNECTION with this Church is held (temporarily) in the City Council Hall, Broad street. Morning at 11 'clock; Eyening, half past six o'clock. de30 Force 4-3 0 1-0 1-0 1-2 2-3 4-0 2-0



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(HARLES G. WYLLY, Assessor of Vancouver Island. Assesson's Office, Victoria, January 9th, 1864.

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seek, alone, the good of thei and sacrifice their own leisu the sole aim of assisting to e mote commercial prosperity influenced by the voice of th sensible of the qualities whi successful in private business take part in public affairs. men in all ages have entere life without, at the outset, an wond that of doing good. who, in whatever station cast, are never free from the ambition to distinguish whatever they are called upo done in the front ranks. Su make good soldiers, but are tacticians, and their success mainly depend upon the co adept at the ontset of their Few men who have taken up the cravings of ambition, biassed view of public aff spirit is infused into all their influences their whole life, ar pends upon the party to wh themselves, whether or not their public life shall be be country. Some few there are public life as an adjunct to the ness, and with a view to their disement. It is not a necess that these "adventurers in p should make bad law-giver of their own interests with th try in which they live, will them from going very far fi their views are frequuently cr fined. The public weal, if n opinion, subservient to their terest, is so intimately connec they will not readily acknow ness of any political views their narrow imagination to their own individual interests

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