

The Jury retired at about 10 o'clock, (at night.) They returned in about half an hour, and gave a verdict of—Elexon, Not Guilty,—Clarke, Guilty—with a strong recommendation to mercy.

Elexon was immediately discharged with a suitable admonition from the Chief Justice, Clarke was remanded. He was brought down the last day of the Term, Thursday, and sentenced to Death.

During the Trial much noise occurred among the crowds who were assembled in the passages and vicinity of the Court House. The Court House held but a few of those who were anxious to hear the trial,—some who were outside thought the shutting of the Court doors improper, and evinced their feelings by knocking,—others, chiefly boys, very indecorously amused themselves by turbulent noises. The civil force in attendance was thought inadequate to preserve order,—and a few of the military were brought to keep the doors. This gave some offence,—the civil force consisted of some six or eight constables.

Intelligence from Jamaica states, that H. M. Schooner Shipjack, has brought in a slaver, the Portuguese, bright Ulysses, after a chase of 12 hours, with 529 slaves on board.

One hundred and thirty cases of yellow fever occurred on board H. M. S. Vestal, at Barbadoes, between the 10th of November, and 18th December. The master, the second master, and 25 seamen, fell victims to it. The 72nd and 76th regiments had suffered, and continued to suffer, severely.

Yellow Fever prevailed in Jamaica to an alarming degree.

A fire occurred in St. John, N. B., on the night of Jan. 21, and five valuable houses in Germain-street were destroyed, together with several out-buildings. There was insurance on all the buildings except one.

The New Brunswick Legislature was to meet on the 20th January.

Dr. Gesner had made a proposition to the St. John Corporation, to light the City with gas.

A coasting schooner owned at Shepody had been seized, having on board a quantity of American articles, to the amount of several hundred Pounds, and which had not gone through the usual process at the Custom House.

Wood was from 30s. to 34s. per cord.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—Mr. A. McKinlay, continued his lectures on Heat, last Wednesday evening. The experiments, as usual with the Lecturer, were successful and very illustrative of his subject. Next Wednesday evening Mr. McKinlay will conclude his series on Heat.

UNITED STATES.

FEARFUL CALAMITY.—Another dreadful occurrence, involving loss of many lives, has happened in the U. States' waters. The Lexington left New York for Providence on the 13th January, with between 100 and 200 passengers; a large quantity of Cotton was on deck. About four hours after starting, at 7 o'clock in the evening, and when about two miles from "Eaton's Neck," the cotton took fire near the smoke pipe. The boat was immediately directed towards the shore, and her three boats hoisted out. The speed of the boat caused the swamping of the boats, and soon after her engine gave way. She was thus unmanageable, and on fire, of a winter's night, nearly two miles from the shore. A more appalling situation can scarcely be imagined. As an only and dreadful resource many of the passengers committed themselves to the deep, on boxes, bales of cotton, and other floating materials. One passenger, Capt. Hilliard, who adopted this alternative, and who describes the scene, was picked up at 11 o'clock the next morning by the Sloop Merchant. Another who was on the same bale with Hilliard, perished during the night. Two others, a fireman and a pilot of the boat, were picked up by the sloop; and it was believed that these were the only survivors. It is matter of astonishment that any could have survived the dreadful exposure. The boat drifted up the Sound with the tide, and sank about 8 o'clock. Several attempts were made to reach the sufferers, from the shore, but none of the efforts appear to have been successful, except by the Sloop Merchant.

Captain Hilliard states that he heard the cry of fire, ran on deck, and saw the fire bursting through the wood work. The Captain of the boat was at the wheel steering for the shore. An unsuccessful attempt was made to rig the fire engine. About 20 persons leaped into each boat, and lowered them down; they filled immediately. The Life-boat was thrown over, caught the water wheel and was lost.

A notice subsequent to that from which we glean the above, is subjoined:—

Another Survivor.—The steamboat Statesman, which was despatched on Thursday morning by the proprietors of the Lexington, to cruise in the Sound in search of the bodies and the trunks of the passengers, has returned this morning, having searched the shore of Long Island, a distance, taking into consideration the depths of the bays and inlets, of nearly ninety miles. Five bodies have been recovered, three of which were taken from the quarter boat, found ashore, but little damaged, at a place called Miller's Landing; near which place the second mate of the Lexington, David Crowley drifted ashore upon a cotton bale on Wednesday evening, having been forty-eight hours exposed to the severity of the weather, after which he made his way through large quantities of ice and snow, before gaining the beach, and then walked three quarters of a mile to the nearest house. His fingers and both feet were frozen as stiff as marble, and he was without coat or hat. The frosted part of his feet and hands being immersed in cool and lukewarm water, had become soft and much swollen, and what the result would be was doubtful.—July, 18.

MARRIED.

At St. Mary's Church, N. Y., on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. Mr. Quarter, Mr. Julius Boudet, to Miss Margaret Talbot of this town.

At Stewiack, on the 10th inst, by the Rev. J. Smith, Mr. Wm. Fulton, to Miss Isabella Rutherford, both of that place.

On the 26th Dec. by the Rev. Dr. Gray, Mr. Wm. Wade, of Halifax, to Miss Isabella, second daughter of Mr. James Freeborn, of St. John, N. B.

DIED.

Suddenly, at St. John, N. B. on Wednesday the 22nd inst, in the 46th year of his age, Mr. G. H. L'Eponie of this town.

In the Poors' Asylum, Robert Fisher, aged 41 years, and Wm. Haughton, aged 26 years, both natives of England.

At Truro, on the 22d instant, Mr. David Page, Senr. aged 70 years.

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