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A plot has lately been discovered by which a band of swindlers have imposed upon many banks on the Continent. They have succeeded in getting out of the hands of the banks, a large number of forged letters of credit purporting to proceed from Glyn & Co. in London street here. There were four or five of these letters, and they were all in perfect order. A banker in Liverpool, however, suspected, and it ended in putting the swindlers to flight. The letters he follows since made a confession, but so far the others have yet eluded justice.

The interesting topic of the week has been Prince Albert's presence at the annual meeting of the "Society for the Extinction of the Slave Trade," which was held two days ago, at Exeter Hall. The Prince, accompanied by the Princess, made a speech, which, being the first of the kind, is somewhat of a curiosity. It was long, and he presided at the meeting of the Society from a conviction of its paramount importance to the great interests of humanity and just claims of the oppressed. He alluded to the long and persevering exertions of England to abolish the African trade in human beings, at once for the sake of the African himself, and for the sake of the African continent. But I sincerely trust that this great country will not relax its efforts until it has finally and for ever put an end to a state of things so repugnant to the spirit of Christianity and to the feelings of humanity. The Prince then alluded to the efforts of the British Empire, in this respect, that Providence will prosper our exertions in so holy a cause; and that under the auspices of our Government, we may at no distant period be rewarded by the accomplishment of the great and noble mission which we have undertaken.

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From Jamaica.—We have received files to May 6th. The Dispatch complains bitterly of the measures trying now to create a negro revolution, since the days of 1811, whereas their professions before the emancipation act, were that they only wished to evangelize the colored races. Sir Charles Metcalfe, the new Governor, is pursuing a conservative and firm policy, and is resolved to put down all factions, even though clothed under a religious cloak. The missionaries are fond of referring to the negroes to stir up work in certain localities were not dissatisfied. The Lord Bishop is highly praised for his conciliatory calculations to his flock.—New York Star.

Reverend the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland, took his departure with the intention of visiting a short and pleasant passage to St. John's and strength equal to his usual labors in the full performance of the duties of his high and holy calling, on his arrival at this new scene of his Episcopal labors, he was warmly greeted by a large number of his parishioners, and he was much pleased to find that his health was in a state to enable him to pursue his usual duties with vigor and spirit.

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