

**NEW BRUNSWICK.**—The *St. John Observer* of the 7th instant, informs us, that notwithstanding the positive injunction to his Excellency, contained in Lord Glenelg's Despatch, to give his assent to the Civil List Bill, if it came up from both Houses *unaltered*, he has demurred in doing so. Either therefore, the minority in the Legislative Council has had sufficient influence over his Excellency to induce him to disobey this injunction,—or the Colonial Secretary, of ever-varying policy, has sent out private instructions contravening his own public Despatch. Whichever of these suppositions be correct, we have here a fresh instance of the workings of irresponsible governments, of which the Colonies seem destined never to see the end. The hon. G.A. Street, of the Executive Council, has been sent off in great haste to London, no doubt to defeat the object of the Bill altogether, and secure the overpaid officials in their unholy gains for a few years more.

**P. E. ISLAND.**—The Legislature of this Colony has been in session since the 24th ult. On the 30th the Governor sent a message to the House of Assembly, accompanying certain documents, connected with meetings which had been held at Hay River, and other places, for illegal purposes, as was alleged, to which the names of three of the members of the House were affixed—these were W. Cooper, J. McIntosh, and J. W. Le Laheur. On the 3d inst., the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration his Excellency's message of the 30th ult., when it was resolved that the aforesaid three members had "been guilty of a false and scandalous libel on this House, and a gross breach of its known privileges." The three then severally explained their motives and conduct, expressed their contrition, and disavowed any dangerous or disloyal intention. The House then dictated an apology, which, being called upon to make they severally refused, when they were ordered into the custody of the Sergeant at Arms.

We are sorry that the press of our Legislative news prevents us from giving the history of these Meetings; but as we know it will be interesting to some of our readers, we will attend to it as early as possible.

**UPPER CANADA.—CLERICAL HONESTY.**—The Wesleyan Methodists of Upper Canada, having received in 1853, some grants of money from the Casual and Territorial Revenue, to aid them in building new Churches, have at some late meetings of Conference, passed resolutions, declaring that it is neither wise nor scriptural to accept of such grants, and that their baneful and injurious effects are abundantly exemplified in the experience of their Church in that Province.

**MEXICO.**—A war between the United States and Mexico is spoken of. The American Minister has left Mexico, and arrived at Pensacola; the difference is said to have originated in a demand of the Mexican Government of the evacuation of Nacogdoches, by the U. S. troops, and satisfaction for permitting their citizens to enter the ranks of the rebels in Texas.—Santa Anna had been denounced as a traitor, and a price set upon his head if ever found in Mexico;—hence the reason why he came to the United States. Bastomiento was elected President, and advices had been received that California had declared itself independent.

**YARMOUTH, N. S.**—At a Public Meeting which was held at Yarmouth on the 24th ult., Resolutions were unanimously passed in favour of quadrennial Parliaments; for the extinction of the public debt; the granting of Annual salaries to public officers; that the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown be placed at the disposal of the Legislature; that the salaries of the principal officers of the Customs, Secretary of the Province, Attorney General, and the Judiciary, should be greatly reduced;—and lastly, that steps should be taken by the Legislature to obtain a repeal of the restrictions and duties, on Foreign Books and

re-prints. These several Resolutions were to be followed up by appropriate Petitions.

**THE MAGISTRACY AGAIN.**—Since our last publication, several rumors have reached us of some hole and corner work, which is said to be going on at head quarters, for getting a batch of new magistrates made. We have already recorded our opinion on this subject, and we would conceive, that if it were possible, the men we have heard named, are even more unfit than many of those now in office,—and we are sure that if it were left to the choice of the people, as it ought to be, not one of them would ever be thought of. Men who have so little standing in the community, and who attempt to scramble into office by such underhand and dishonourable means, are not to be trusted, and every constitution it means should be at once resorted to, with a view to prevent the accomplishment of their insidious designs.

We want to see no more magistrates made in this County until the system be changed, we have already too many of the sort they are, and we sincerely hope his Excellency will be better advised, than to add to the number of our irresponsible rulers. He could not confer a greater boon on the County, than to withdraw some of those now held to the great injury of the people.

Only 3 days since, a poor man was in our office, who had been dragged before the *secret* tribunal of one these worthies, for a debt of *ten pence halfpenny*, which the defendant said he did not know he owed, or it would have been paid; it originated in a mistake made by the plaintiff himself, in balancing up an account some years before. Judgment was of course given against the poor man, and he was bilked into the bargain of some six or seven shillings costs, beside the loss of a day from his family and home. What will men not do for the fees of office.

**BURGLARY.**—On the night of Tuesday week, the shop of Mr John Proudfoot, of this town, was forcibly entered, and a number of articles of no great value, carried off. No discovery has yet been made of the offenders. The frequency of these burglaries of late, produced a public meeting of the inhabitants on Saturday last, when it was resolved that a night-watch of the inhabitants be established which has been carried into effect.

We thank "A. Z." for his opinion of our labors; the sentiments contained in his communication are undoubtedly sound, but there are expressions in it we would not like to print on the responsibility of a fictitious name.

Our parliamentary summary this week, will be read with some degree of interest.

We regard the division on the Chaplain question, as of the utmost importance, in as much as it shows that the present House is sufficiently strong to carry any rational measure of reform; and also, as it shows to what side our members from this quarter will adhere, in the day of trial. We admire the manly and open manner in which Mr Howe handles and denounces existing abuses in the Government. If we had thirty such men in the House, Nova Scotia would soon be regenerated; we hope he will beware of the traps of the lawyers, of whom there are too many in the House. Jealousy of his rising talents, as well as their tortuous policy in regard to reform measures generally, will incline them to ensnare him in the meshes of the law, or misrepresent his language to the country. He has nothing to fear in pursuing a straight forward policy in uprooting every abuse. The intelligence of the constituency are with him, and will undoubtedly support him in every constitutional effort for ameliorating the condition of his native country.

MR J.A. PIERCE, Editor of the *Miramichi Gleaner*, has been brought before the Bar of the House of Assembly of New Brunswick, for alleged breach of privilege:

**ASTRONOMICAL NOTICE.**—Those who take pleasure in contemplating the "Starry Firmament," and are not deeply skilled in Astronomy, will be gratified to mark the progress of the planets Mars and Jupiter, among the constellations. These planets are now in the Sign of the Zodiac called Leo, are above the horizon before dark, and can easily be distinguished by their size and brightness, from the fixed stars; and also from each other by their colour. Mars being to the north-east of Jupiter, and of a ruddy hue; Jupiter of a pure white and larger. It will be worth attention to observe their conjunction with the moon; that of Jupiter will take place on the 18th, that of Mars on the 21st inst., and their conjunction with one another on the 23d of March.

**FIRE.**—On Saturday the 4th instant, the house of Mrs D. Howe, on Barrington street, Halifax, was consumed by fire.

On the 7th instant, a log house, near Windsor, was destroyed by fire, and two children perished in the flames.

On the 21st ult. a barn situated near the centre of the town of Yarmouth, and owned by Dr J. Bond, was burned down.

**LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.**—At the last meeting of the Institution, the Rev Mr McKimlay read his Essay on Mechanics' Institutes, which gave general satisfaction to a very large audience. In the Paper, which occupied about two hours in delivery, the Lecturer took a luminous and comprehensive survey of the beneficial effects entailed on society in general, by the extensive dissemination of knowledge, and traced the existence of such Institutions as being eminently instrumental in the furtherance of this philanthropic design.

#### MARRIED.

At New Glasgow, on the 9th instant, by the Rev. David Roy, Mr James Simpson, of Merigomish, to Miss Christian Reid, of Little Harbor.

On the 10th instant, by the Rev. James Ross, Mr. John McLauchlin, Roger's Hill, to Miss Alice Moore of River John.

On Thursday last, by the Rev. Charles Elliot, Mr. John Jardine, to Miss Susan Langille, both of R. John.

At Earltown, on the 2d inst, by the Rev. W. Sutherland, Mr Kenneth Baillie, to Miss Marion McKay.

#### DIED.

At Manchester, on Tuesday the 31st January, Mrs Elmor Hadley, wife of Mr Joseph Hadley, in the 74th year of her age.

#### WRAPPING PAPER.

THE Subscriber has received a consignment of wrapping paper, which he will sell at the following low prices, viz:

Small size, 4s. 6d. per ream.

Large do 6s. 9d. " do.

THOS. G. TAYLOR.

#### FIRE INSURANCE NOTICE.

THE Protection Insurance Company of Hartford, having instructed their Agent at Halifax to effect no new Insurance, nor to grant any further renewals from this date; notice is hereby given, that all Insurances against fire heretofore effected through the Agency of the subscriber—either under the original policies, or by renewed receipts—which may terminate or expire henceforth, from this date, can only be continued by a new and formal application, (as to amount, rates of premium, &c) as in the case of original Insurance; and such as have heretofore been insured at the "Aetna" and "Protection" Offices can thus be effected, *de novo*, at the office of the "Hartford" Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn. by the subscriber, their Agent at Halifax, for Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland. It is requested to be particularly understood, that the Agent does not feel himself bound to continue, after a yearly policy has expired, any Insurances at the same rate as before, as the character of the risk may change, or the views of the Company alter as to premiums; and at present he has positive orders to increase the rate of premium on a certain class of risks as they shall severally be offered for continuation.

J. LEANDER STARR.

Halifax, 6th Feb'y 1837.

N. B. The Subscriber having resigned the Sub-Agencies of the above named Insurance offices, those making applications in future, relative to Insurance, will please do so by letter (post paid), or personally to Mr Starr, Halifax.

J. DAWSON.