

We copy the following valuable statistical summary from the 'Pearl' of Friday week—

POPULATION OF BRITISH (FORMERLY SLAVE) COLONIES.
(Compiled from recent authentic documents.)

Colonies.	White	Slave	Free Col'd.	Total
Anguilla,	365	2,288	257	3,110
Antigua*	1,980	29,839	3,835	35,714
Bahamas*	4,240	9,238	2,931	16,499
Barbados*	15,000	82,000	5,100	102,100
Berbice†	550	21,300	1,150	23,000
Bermuda*	3,900	4,600	749	9,249
Cape of Good Hope†	43,000	35,500	29,000	107,500
Demerara†	3,000	70,000	6,400	79,400
Dominica†	850	15,400	3,600	19,850
Grenada	800	24,000	2,800	27,600
Honduras†	250	2,100	2,300	4,650
Jamaica†	37,000	323,000	55,000	415,000
Mauritius†	8,000	76,000	15,000	99,000
Montserrat†	330	6,200	800	7,330
Nevis†	700	6,600	2,000	6,300
St. Christophers	1,600	19,200	3,000	23,800
St. Lucia†	980	13,600	3,700	18,280
St. Vincent†	1,300	23,500	2,800	27,600
Tobago	320	12,500	1,200	14,020
Tortola†	480	5,400	1,300	7,180
Trinidad†	4,200	24,000	16,000	44,200
Virgin Isles	800	5,400	600	6,800

Total 131,257 831,105 162,733 1,125,095

The number of slave apprentices emancipated on the first of the month is as follows:

Barbadoes	82,000
Dominica	15,400
Jamaica	323,000
Montserrat	6,200
Nevis	6,600
St. Vincent	23,500
Tortola	5,400

Total 462,100

* These islands adopted immediate emancipation, August 1, 1834.
† These are crown colonies, and have no local legislature.
‡ In these islands, the apprenticeship has been abolished by the local legislatures, from the first of August 1838.

There has been a report circulated since the arrival of the Packet, that the Falmouth and Halifax sailing mail packets are about to be laid aside for the substitution of steam transmission. It is said that the packet which would sail on Saturday, August 4, from Falmouth, is the last of the series.

We sincerely hope that arrangements will be made so as to secure the earliest possible landing of the mail at Halifax, without it being carried to New York, and sent thence by a branch packet to us. We believe that if a proper representation was made by the right persons in the right quarter, this desirable object would be effected by the giant steamers touching here on their passage out and home.

THE Steam Frigate *Medea*, sailed hence for Quebec, on Saturday last, with his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on a visit to Lord Durham, Governor General. A guard of honour were posted on the Queen's wharf, and his Excellency embarked at 11 o'clock, under a salute from the fort on St. George's Island; accompanied by Captain and Miss Campbell, Lt. Col. J. L. Starr, Provincial Aid de Camp, &c. The *Medea* excited great attention, and solicited general admiration while lying in the harbour. She is to call at Charlotte Town on her way to Quebec, to receive on board Sir Charles Augustus Fitzroy, Lt. Gov. of Prince Edward Island.

BERMUDA, July 28.—Her Majesty's Ship *Vestal*, Capt. Carter, in 22 days from Quebec, anchored at Murray's anchorage, on Tuesday evening last.—The following persons, under exile by an Ordinance from Lord Durham and the special Council of Canada, have arrived in the *Vestal*:—Wolfred Nelson; Robert Shore; Milnes Bouchette; Bonaventure Viger; Simeon Marchessault; Henri Alphonse Gauvin; Toussaint Goddu; Rodolphe Des Rivières; Luc Hyacinthe Masson.

They will, we understand, be landed to-day—and we are happy to hear, that the same enlightened spirit which seems tempering justice with mercy in the administration of the law in Canada, has influenced the authorities here, in their

dealings with these misguided gentlemen. We hear they are admitted on their *parole of honour*, to a residence in the main island, and will experience no interruption in their excursions to any part of it—Ireland Island and St. George's not being included within these limits.—*Bermudian*.

FIRE AT NEW YORK.—A fire broke out in New York about half-past three o'clock of the morning of Aug. 1, in the Soap Factory of Bauermeister & Schepelin, situated in the rear of 160 Hammond street, and before the progress of the conflagration could be checked, the major part of the block, bounded by Hammond, Washington, Perry, and West Streets, were destroyed. About 50 houses were wholly or partially destroyed, and at least 100 families have been losers upon the occasion. An aged man, called Samuel Kilpatrick, residing in one of the buildings, who was in bed at the time the fire commenced, was burnt to death.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

MOST DISTRESSING CATASTROPHE.—*Nineteen Persons Drowned*.—It is our painful duty to record one of the most distressing events which it is presumed ever happened in our immediate vicinity.—This morning as a boat containing 24 or 25 persons was passing through the little falls, it struck upon *Hunt's rock* and immediately filled, and melancholy to relate, nineteen persons including children, were drowned. The following are the names of the sufferers—all of whom resided in Portland or at York Point, viz.:—Mrs. Maniton, (wife of Mr. Sampson Maniton) and 4 children—Mrs. Richard Haynes and 4 children—Mrs. Triniman, (wife of Captain Robert Triniman,) and 2 daughters—Miss Maria Hale, (sister to Mrs. Triniman and Mrs. Maniton)—Miss Sarah Adams, daughter of the late Mr. Josiah Adams—Mrs. Osborne, (widow) and son—Miss King, an aged woman, a native of England—and Thomas Stevenson. Miss King was brought to the shore alive, but was so exhausted that she expired.—None of the bodies had been found when we obtained our information, except that of one of Mr. Haynes's children.—*St. John, N. B. City Gazette, August 2.*

GREAT BRITAIN:

THE Falmouth Packet brig *LAPWING*, 28 days, arrived on Saturday week, bringing files of London papers to the 5th, and Falmouth to the 7th instant—

The Coronation of Her Majesty took place as appointed, on the 28th of June. The display on the occasion is represented as one surpassing in splendour and magnificence any thing ever before witnessed in the Kingdom, and notwithstanding the immense assemblage of persons present (from 300,000 to 400,000) the greatest order prevailed, and no accident of consequence is recorded. All appear to have been anxious to vie with each other in expressions of loyalty and attachment to their sovereign. "The 28th of June," says the *Mercantile Gazette*, "will be a memorable day in the annals of Great Britain. Millions of hearts have beaten with pure and ardent impulses of loyalty and affectionate attachment to the youthful QUEEN, and many and fervent prayers have been put up for length of life and happiness, as the attendants of her reign. May she long maintain her grateful dominion over a prosperous and devoted people!"

The whole of the English papers are filled with detailed accounts of the ceremony.—We would gladly devote a portion of our columns to the same purpose; but our limits bid: it will be found in every provincial paper. The following extracts are of general interest—

THE ROYAL CROWN.

The crown in which her Majesty appeared at the ceremony of the coronation, was made by Messrs. Rundell and Bridge. It is exceedingly costly and elegant; the design is much more tasty than that of the crown of George IV. and William IV. which has been broken up. The old crown, made for the former of these monarchs, weighed upwards of 7lbs. and was much too large for the head of her present Majesty. The new crown weighs little more than 3lbs. It is composed of hoops of silver, enclosing a cap of deep purple, or rather blue, velvet; the hoops are completely covered with precious stones, surmounted with a ball, covered with small diamonds, and having a Maltese cross of brilliants on the top of it.

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