

to the theme of admiration; and general must be the satisfaction that the enemies of our country have sustained a signal defeat, which will likely be followed by their utter annihilation.

PRESCOTT, Nov. 14, 1838.

SIR.—With reference to my letter of the 12th inst., I beg to report, for the information of his Excellency the Commander of the Forces, that Captain Sandom, commanding the Royal Navy in Upper Canada, having arrived from Kingston at two o'clock yesterday morning, in the armed steamboat Victoria, accompanied by the Cobourg, a combined attack upon the enemy's position, near Johnstown, was decided upon. I, accordingly, moved off, in two columns, at a quarter before seven, A. M. The left, destined to turn the enemy's right, was led by Col. D. Fraser, and was accompanied by thirty men of the Royal Marines, Capt. George Macdonell's company L. G. Highlanders, Capt. Jones' and Fraser's companies of 2d Regiment of Grenville Militia, and one hundred men of Colonel Martle's Regiment of Stormont Militia. The right column was led by Lieut. Colonel Gowan, of the Queen's Borderers, and was composed of forty-four men of the 83d Regiment, one hundred and fifty of the Queen's Borderers, and one hundred of Colonel Martle's Regiment. The enemy was strongly posted behind stone walls on rising ground; but the impetuosity of the troops overcame those obstacles, and in an hour they were driven into a wind mill and stone house adjacent. The former is particularly strong, and finding, after a constant fire of some hours from the armed steamboats, and of musketry, that no impression could be made on the building, considered it more prudent, in order to avoid a further risk of life, to draw off the greater part of the troops, at three, P. M.; leaving strong piquets, to prevent the escape of those in the building until the assistance of heavy guns could be procured. In this affair, the officers and men of the regular troops, as well as those of the Militia, evinced the characteristic firmness of British soldiers. The rifle fire of the enemy was particularly true and steady. I have not yet received the returns of killed and wounded; but I regret to say that the loss was severe. Lieutenant Johnston, of the 83d Regt. a most gallant officer, was killed, and Lieut. Parker, of the Royal Marines, a young officer of great promise, was shot through the arm. Lieut. Dulmage, of the 1st Regiment Grenville, was killed, with the advance of the left column, and Lieut. Parlow, of the 2d Dundas, and Ensign Macdonell, of the Loyal Glengarry Highlanders, was wounded, as also in advance. The killed and wounded of all ranks, are computed at forty-five—few of the former are, however, in the number, and of many the latter are not in danger. The loss of the enemy, especially in officers of note, was great. Generals Brown and Phillips were killed, and thirty-two prisoners were taken.

It is most gratifying to me to have it in my power to report the zeal with which the Militia of the District rallied on the first sound of invasion round the standard of their country, as well as their perseverance in the various duties required from them.

I feel much indebted to Capt. Sandom, R. N., for his zealous co-operation. On Monday, Lieut. Fowel, in charge of the armed Steamboat Experiment, particularly distinguished himself, by his exertions to destroy, in front of the town, a large steam-vessel, and two schooners, in possession of the patriots.

I have the honor to be, etc.

PLOMER YOUNG.

Colonel Particular Service.

P. S.—I do not imagine the buildings will be tenable long after the guns are placed in position.

Captain Goldie, A. D. C. etc. etc.

NEWS BY THE GREAT WESTERN have been received at New York, 20 days later than by previous advices. An abridgment of the more interesting items we present below.

The Liverpool, steamer, sailed from Liverpool at the appointed time, October 20th. She was seen on the 21st at 8 A. M. with her engine stopped, and blowing off her steam. She was seen again on the same morning at 11 A. M. Tuskar bearing W. N. W. distant about 9 miles, going at between 9 and 10 knots an hour against a strong head wind and sea. The Liverpool had fifty-one passengers. It is supposed she, not having arrived at New York at the latest dates, had put back.

It was reported that a short extra session of Parliament would be immediately held, in consequence of Lord Durham's resignation, of which intelligence was carried out by the Great Western.

Dispatches from the British Government for Lord Durham, were sent off by the steamer Liverpool—they were answers to those sent out by the Great Western.

Dr. Lashington has succeeded the late Sir John Nicol as Judge of the Admiralty Court. The salary is £2500.

A new commercial treaty has been entered into between Great Britain and Austria, which is spoken of as highly advantageous to the interests of British commerce, and otherwise of importance. One of the principal provisions of the treaty places Austrian ships arriving at British ports, from ports in the Danube, on the same footing, in respect to ship and cargo, as British vessels—that is to say, dispensing with the British navigation laws.

The Duke of Devonshire has given up his claim to about £20,000 arrears of tithes due to him as lay impropriator of certain parishes in Ireland.

Messrs. Curling and Young, of Limehouse, builders of the British Queen, have begun a steam-ship of 2000 tons, being 100 more than the British Queen. She is not to be so long as that vessel, but much wider.

LONDON, Oct. 23. EARL SPENCER.—The journey of Earl Spencer to Windsor had caused some excitement in the city in the early part of the morning, the opinion was that he was going to Canada in the place of Lord Durham, since which, it is reported that he is to take the place of Lord Glenelg, as Secretary for the Colonies.

The sale of fancy work at Tain, for the benefit of the Cape Breton Highland Emigrants, has been crowned with success. The handsome sum of £80 sterling was realized—a truly seasonable supply for our poor countrymen, and a proof of the benevolent exertions made by the ladies of Tain.—*Inverness Courier*.

PORTSMOUTH, Oct. 23.—The Champion, 18, Commander St. Vincent King, arrived this morning from the North American and West India station. The Edinburgh, 74, Captain Henderson, got away yesterday. She goes to Jamaica, and is to be attached to Sir Charles Paget's squadron. About 150 disposable seamen and marines, to form the crew of the Niagara and Bull Frog on the lakes in Canada, have been sent out in the Edinburgh and Pique.

The Barossa transport has left Spithead for Cork; she will there embark some detachments of troops for the regiments in the West Indies, and then proceed to Barbadoes, a dra't from the 8th and 89th regiments at Gosport having gone from hence.

Royal Tar Steamer in the Bay of Biscay.—The Royal Tar left the river on Friday, 12th instant, for Lisbon and Gibraltar. On reaching the Bay of Biscay she met a heavy sea and stiffish breeze, which strained her to that degree that she was half full of water before the captain and crew were aware of it. If there had not been six pumps to go to work with she must have gone down. There were 65 passengers on board; and when it was reported that the ship was sinking, the scene of dismay and uproar that ensued baffles description. The passengers have landed at Falmouth, there to await the arrival of another steamer.

Among the names of the passengers who came out in the Great Western are the Hon. W. Crane of N. B. and Mrs. Crane. To that gentleman, to Judge Haliburton of Windsor, to Joseph Howe, Esq. of this town, and to a few other gentlemen, the provinces are much indebted for the warm interest which they displayed while in England, in reference to the conveyance of the monthly mails to this port by steam ships.

MARRIED.

At London, on the 27th Oct. at St. John's Church, Fotherham, the Hon William Crane, of Sackville, in the county of Westmorland, New Brunswick, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Thomas Jones Wood, Esq.

DIED.

On Friday evening last, Mrs. Mary Forrester, in the 76th year of her age.

At Dartmouth, on Friday morning last, Mrs. Jane Jackson, wife of Mr. B. Jackson, in the 60th year of her age, leaving a large circle of friends to lament her loss.

At Pietou, 15th instant, in the 39th year of his age, the Rev. Kenneth John McKenzie, recently pastor of St. Andrew's Church of that place.

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