

RESOLUTIONS submitted at a Meeting of the principal Inhabitants, convened at Government House by his Excellency Sir John Harvey, on this day, the 10th of June, and adopted unanimously.

1st.—Resolved, That this meeting are deeply impressed with the awful visitation which yesterday befell the city of St. John's, by which nearly 2,000 houses, embracing the whole of the mercantile establishments, with but one exception, have been reduced to ashes, and nearly 12,000 individuals deprived of a home.

2d.—Resolved, That it is necessary, in order to guard against that distress which exposure to the weather and an improvident use of the small quantity of provisions that have happily been saved may occasion, that a Committee should be appointed; under whose management, in co-operation with his Excellency Sir John Harvey, relief may be afforded to those who are destitute, and means taken to guard against imposition.

3d.—Resolved, That the Committee above mentioned do consist of the following persons:

A Clergyman of each religious denomination.

The Honourable William Thomas.
The Honourable Charles Bennett.
The Honourable John Kent.
The Honourable Lawrence O'Brien.

Lieutenant-colonel Low, K. H.,
Major Robe, R. E.,
Major Wright, R. A.,
Assist. Commissary-general Weir,
Deputy Ordnance Storekeeper Winter,

Ex-officio
Members.

Thomas Glen, M. G. A.,
Nicholas Stabb,
Richard Howley,
James Hatton,
George Brooking,
Charles Bowring,
Thomas Job,
Robert Prowse,
James Clift,
Nicholas Mudge,
J. B. Bulley,
John O. Mara,

Esquires.

Of whom three shall form a quorum.

4th.—Resolved, That this meeting are aware that the well-established credit and stability of the trade of St. John's, coupled with the natural and inexhaustible resources of its fisheries, will speedily enable it to resume its usual current; but that in the mean time it is necessary that publicity should be given to the demand for provisions and building materials which at present exists in this market.

5th.—Resolved, That this meeting have learned with great satisfaction that his Excellency has issued a proclamation, convening a meeting of the Legislature for the 16th instant; and they are assured that such remedial measures will then be submitted to that body as will tend to the partial relief of present suffering, and the permanent improvement and increased security of the capital of this island.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Newfoundland,
11 June 1846.

Sir,

I AM directed by his Excellency Sir John Harvey, Governor of this Island, to communicate to you the painful intelligence of the almost total destruction of the town of St. John's by fire, on the 9th instant.

The whole of the mercantile establishments, with but one exception, on the north side of the harbour, have been utterly consumed, together with the greater part of the provisions and other stores which they contained; the few mercantile premises on the south side being of comparatively little importance.

By this calamitous event, nearly 12,000 persons have been rendered houseless, and a majority of them utterly destitute.

For these, and on their behalf, an appeal is earnestly made through you to the sympathy of the citizens of Boston.

I beg leave to enclose herewith a copy of a series of resolutions submitted to and unanimously adopted at a meeting of the principal inhabitants of St. John's, held at the Government House yesterday, and presided over by his Excellency the Governor.

I have, &c.
(signed) J. Woad,
Pro Secretary.

Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at
New York and Boston.

RESOLUTIONS unanimously adopted at a General Meeting of the Inhabitants of St. John's, held at the Factory on the 10th June 1846.

1st.—Resolved, That it is the opinion of this meeting, that in order the most effectually to meet the exigency arising from the present calamity, a Session of the Legislature should be immediately convened, and that a deputation be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor, instantler, to pray his Excellency to convene the Legislature at the earliest possible period, for the consideration of the best means of arresting the present suffering.

2d.—Resolved, That his Excellency be requested to adopt the best means of affording protection to the person and property now exposed in the town and neighbourhood.

3d.—Resolved, That a Provisional Committee be appointed to solicit from the clergymen of the several congregations, from the officers of the Irish and Native societies, the con-

ductors