

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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Jan. 19.

On Sunday last sailed, with a favourable wind, the Sierra Leone Fleet, consisting of fifteen sail, under the charge of Lieut. John Clarkson, of the Royal Navy, having on board 1,200 free Blacks, that have chosen to emigrate from this country to Africa, in the hope of its being more congenial to their habits and constitutions, under the protection of the Company lately incorporated by Charter in Great Britain, for the establishment of a free Colony there.

We cannot help remarking, on this occasion, the favourable circumstances that have concurred to enable the Government here to carry into effect, so expeditiously, the orders from home respecting this business, which did not arrive until the 7th of October last. Since then one thousand of those people have been apprized of the benevolent intentions of Government, to set them down free of expence, at Sierra Leone; they have been collected and brought, coastways, from New Brunswick and the out ports of this Province, for embarkation, without meeting any accident, or extraordinary delay. The arrangements made for transporting them in a comfortable manner, and the constant attention paid to their situation and circumstances, from their arrival until their departure, reflects the highest honour upon the President and Council, and the Gentlemen who have acted as Agents in this benevolent undertaking.

We had the curiosity to go through the fleet, the day previous to their sailing, with the Agent of Government, who we learned was going for the purpose of enquiring, whether any of the Blacks had changed their minds, and were inclined to remain in the country, and likewise to know, whether they were satisfied with their accommodations and the treatment they received on board the transports since their embarkation; and we were both pleased and surpris'd to find, that a perfect consistency and uniformity in their conduct prevailed, throughout the whole: Not one among them discovered any other inclination than a desire of proceeding, as soon as the wind should permit; at the same time expressing, in the warmest manner, their gratitude to Government and

the Agents of the Sierra Leone Company, with three cheers from each vessel.

Notwithstanding the inconveniences that must unavoidably attend a removal from their habitations, on ship board, at this season of the year, and the number of aged people among the free blacks that have rendezvoused here for embarkation, only 18 have died, chiefly from colds, and two thirds of those have been upwards of 50 years old.

The following is a list of the fleet which sailed for Sierra Leone:

Ship Venus, Evans—Ship Parr, Kelly—Ship Sierra Leone, Tufton—Ship Eleanor, Redman—Brig Betsey, Ray—Brig Beaver, Rundle—Brig Mary, Mattocks—Brig Lucretia, Coffin—Brig Somerset, Brown—Brig Mary, Barnard—Brig Morning Star, Fullerton—Brig Catharine, Nicholas—Brig Prince William Henry, Coffin—Schooner Felicity, Wickham—Schooner Two Brothers, Smith.

Jan. 21.

Wednesday being the anniversary of her Majesty's birth, at 12 o'clock, a Royal Salute was fired by the Artillery, which was followed by three volleys from the troops of the garrison, drawn up for that purpose on the Parade. At half past 12, there was a Levee at the House of the Commander in Chief. At one, Royal Salutes were fired from his Majesty's Ships in the harbour.

*Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Bermuda, to his friend at New-York, Nov. 10.*

"Last week a small yawl about 14 feet keel came into this harbour with the Captain and crew of a French ship, which foundered and sunk about 1100 miles to the eastward of this island. They, in number 15, with the Captain, took to this little boat, with one small sail, and in a most wonderful manner were preserved thirteen days, during which time they navigated at least 700 miles on the ocean, and were at last picked up by an English brig from Nova-Scotia, to Grenada, and brought so near this island that they again took to their boat, and arriving here were treated with great humanity and tenderness."

## MARRIED.

Jan. 17. Mr. John Rofs to Miss Susanah M'Nab, daughter of Mr. Peter M'Nab of this town.

## DIED.

Jan. 30. Mrs. Hannah Townsend, aged 47 years.

7. Mr. Walter Wilkins, aged 92.

10. Mrs. Mary Rowe, aged 27, wife of Capt. Edward Rowe, of this town.

22. Mr. William Harrison, aged 36.

30. Mrs. Jane M'Culloch, aged 46.