

THE SANDWICH ISLANDS AND THEIR RELATIONS TO THE UNITED STATES.

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The Sandwich Islands, which are distant from the American coast 2,800 miles. The inhabitants are a fine race physically; the chiefs are powerful, and are generally six feet high. Their King and nobles are hereditary. The taboo translated "prohibition," but more peculiarly meaning "consecration"—was a powerful engine in the hands of the King, who was also the chief priest; any breach of it being punished with death.

The importance of Method. Method, in everything, is incalculably valuable! It promotes comfort. It saves a large expenditure of time. It avoids needless inconveniences. It is of great moment in relation to mind and character; and it is essential to the despatch of all business; for what is well arranged, easily and wisely proceeds.

CAPTAIN M'CLURE.

Commander M'Clure and his men found shelter from many perils in a harbour which they called by a good Arctic name, the Bay of Henry, close by the passages in Barrow's Strait; the existence of which solved the problem of the north-west passage.

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Why is a filter like the fortune of a spendthrift?—Because, like it, it soon runs through, and leaves a great many matters behind to settle.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

The Europa has arrived at N. York, with a week's late intelligence; but our English files have not yet come to hand. The Telegraph wishes a brief epitome of the news, from which we learn that Lord Palmerston, as had been anticipated, has consented to return to the Home office.

ADVICES FROM SHANGHAI TO THE 4th of November has been received, and from Hong Kong to the 8th. The Imperialist were bombarding the former town, but the insurgents were in good spirits, having plenty of powder, rice, &c. Mr. Reynolds, an Englishman, was captured by the Imperialists when he was aiding the rebels and they were talking of executing him. It is stated that the British Consul refused to interfere. The Sloop-of-war, Saratoga is the only American ship of war at Shanghai.

EXTRAORDINARY NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA. The following extraordinary intelligence is contained in a letter received by Joseph Abraham, Esq., of Hobart, Tasmania, dated the 20th.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN NEW YORK.

The enormous pile of buildings fronting on Broadway, known as the Metropolitan Hall, and including the new and old LaFarge Hotel, was totally destroyed by fire this morning. Several adjoining buildings on Broadway and Mercer street were also greatly damaged.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN PORTLAND.

Portland Custom House Destroyed by Fire—Portland, Jan. 8.—About six o'clock this morning, a fire broke out in the Custom House, and by eight o'clock the entire building was in ruins. Besides the offices of Customs the building occupied the Post Office, reading room, Atlantic Bank, U. S. Court room, Natural History Society's rooms, J. S. Bailey's book store and book store was saved, but the contents of the Custom's offices, the splendid collection of the Natural History Society, Judge Ware's valuable law library, the reading room, court room, and other offices were totally destroyed.

AT 9 O'CLOCK ON THE 25th A HEAVY ICE STRUCK

At 9 o'clock on the 25th a heavy ice struck herannahs, carrying away both smoke stacks, all the upper m'oon, and saving the quarter deck and washing overboard a large number of passengers, including Col. Washington, Major Taylor and wife, Capt. Field, Lieut. Smith, two ladies, names unknown, three civilians also unknown, and 150 U. S. troops. At the same time three were killed, namely: Brooks, a waiter, the barber of the boat, and the carpenter's brother, named Duckett.

Mutual Evening School delivered an Address, "The subject carried out of the ground." On Frida Charles F. Book of Job. The Sp... of 14 years. His Excel... of the... Warrant No. 674, at 1... On Frida... NEWS. We delay... in ord... Mail, with... Post Office... Tuesday ev... Nigger... at 6 o'clock... The... of the... morning... and a... Toronto.