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THE OBSERVER.

St. John, Tuesday, July 31, 1860.

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with the rapidity of lightning, without sustaining any hurt, on the middle of the river, the centre of which is at present occupied in that vicinity. The other three members of the family, namely, Mr. Chauncey's mother, seventy-nine years of age, and two children, 11 and 12 years old, lost their lives.

The late London papers say that Morrison, the Hygeist, took fifty pills on the day of his death, and refused to see a physician. He said if the pills would not cure him, nothing would.

APPEAL IN PUBLIC OF HER MAJESTY AND PRINCE ALBERT.—It being understood that the Majesty and Prince Albert were to be present at the opening of the new bridge over the river, the following notice was published in the Halifax Recorder and English papers.

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was written he replied he had not. "Was it then?" asked one of the gentlemen present. "I cannot say," he replied, "but I know it brought me to my eyes." A Bible was lying before him on the table. When asked who had not observed the text, he said, "What is that?" he replied, "Oh, he said sharply, 'I should not affect to be a Quaker.' He seemed bitterly disappointed when told that it would be tried by a special commission, for some time refusing to believe that he should be placed at the bar of the Old Bailey, like a common felon." Well, he said at length, "I should have thought, if my words have caused a special commission, so lately as Thursday last the prisoner expressed his positive determination to plead guilty."

The Canada Re-Union Bill had passed the House of Commons, and gone through a second reading in the House of Lords. It was expected that the Bill would pass.

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May, and from Singapore to the 16th of April. The Chinese were busy in preparing for the purpose of destroying the British shipping. The British Lord John Churchill, of 44 guns, had joined the fleet. The American merchants at Canton, apprehensive of the consequences of the expedition, were upon the point of selling that city; they had declined any further consignments, thus putting a total stop to the trade.

The Emperor of China had died, and Peking was in a state of the utmost confusion. A letter from Jellabhad of the 28th of April confirms the report that the Russians had entered Amur, and of their intention to march to Bokhara. The king of the latter had liberated all the Russian slaves, and formed an alliance with the Russians.

Portsmouth, July 1.—The Pique, 36, Capt. Boxer, is to proceed to Spithead from Sheerness, to be held in readiness for immediate service, if required. The Inconstant frigate, Capt. Pritchard, is under the same orders in Plymouth Sound, destined, however, by rumour, for Quebec.

LONDON MARKETS, July 3. WHEAT.—We have scarcely any English wheat fresh since Monday; it has met a good demand at an advance of 1s. to 2s. per quarter. Free Foreign is also in great demand, several parcels of Bonded Wheat have also changed hands, at an advance of 2s. per quarter.

VISIT OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL. The steamer Nova Scotia proceeded to Windsor yesterday morning to be in attendance for the purpose of conveying His Excellency the Governor General and suite, our Lieutenant Governor, Sir John Harvey, and other high official persons, to this City.—We learn that the distinguished party would embark at Windsor at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and are expected to arrive here early to-morrow morning; when they will be received with all due honor, and will be received by the municipal authorities of the City.

PROGRAMME OF THE ORDER PREPARED BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL. At the steam ferry landing, to-morrow (Wednesday) at half past 9 o'clock, a.m. The Mayor, Magistrates, Merchants, and Military Staff, will be at the Landing Place, foot of Princess Street.

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From the Halifax Royal Gazette, July 13. We would earnestly press upon the consideration of the People of Nova Scotia, the Answer of His Excellency the Governor-General to the Address of our Fellow-Townsmen. It is a warm, and, indeed, affectionate appeal to the good sense and patriotism, and to the generous feelings which should animate the breasts of British Subjects. His Excellency's desire to reconcile all differences—to lead the People of these Colonies from fruitless and endless disputes upon the oriental points of Government to the consideration of their real and practical interests, the amelioration of their Laws, the advancement of their commerce, and the improvement of their Country, evinces the strongest paternal anxiety for our welfare.

There was a splendid Review of the Troops on the Exercise Ground at 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon.—Their Excellencies the Governor-General, Sir Colin Campbell and Sir Charles Fitzroy, were present.

The following Address of the Inhabitants of Halifax was yesterday, at half past one o'clock, presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, by a Committee composed of the Hon. Michael T. Dunlop, Esq. and John How, Hugh Bell, J. B. Unicek, and S. Binney, Esquires.

We, the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, offer our congratulations to your Excellency on your arrival in Nova Scotia, and beg leave to express the high sense of our attachment to the British Colonies, and our affectionate regards to the British Provinces of North America.

The important consideration of all subjects connected with the welfare and social advancement of these Colonies, which is invariably the object of the Government of Great Britain, demands an expression of gratitude; and we should like to represent the feelings of Nova Scotia, if we did not know that your Excellency of high respect for you as the representative of our Sovereign and the Head of this Government.

It is our pride to belong to a Nation rendered so conspicuous by the commanding influence she possesses throughout the World; and while we cherish the hope that affection and attachment for the person and government of our Sovereign, will secure for us and our children a continuance of the blessings we enjoy under our unvaried Constitution, we feel assured that the wise and liberal measures of your Excellency, will cement those ties which now bind us together, contribute to our welfare and prosperity, and remain a lasting testimony of your ability and experience.

To which His Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer: I beg you to accept my warm acknowledgments for your Address.

In obedience to the Queen's commands I have visited Nova Scotia, and although my stay within this Province has not been so long as I have anticipated, I have been enabled by the sacrifice of other duties, to I shall consider myself amply rewarded if my presence here shall tend to your future advantage, by enabling me to reconcile the differences which unhappily appear to have existed, and to remove misunderstandings in which alone I feel satisfied they have originated.

It is in obedience to these commands, and in the spirit of the declarations of Her Majesty's advisers, and myself, that I have been enabled to visit these Colonies, and to be in attendance upon the opening of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia, and to be in attendance upon the opening of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia.

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