

The Weekly British Colonist

Tuesday, August 22, 1865

COUNCIL OF THE COLONIAL OFFICE

The adjourned meeting of the Council was held at 7.30 p.m. Present—Councillors...

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A communication was read from the Mayor stating that as there was no business before the meeting...

Mr. Thorne's notice of motion of want of confidence in the Mayor came up for consideration.

Mr. Carey moved that the motion be postponed till Monday evening next...

Mr. Hibbert seconded Mr. Carey's resolution. He was anxious to bring the matter to a speedy termination...

Mr. Fell thought Mr. Carey's resolution was an advisable one. The matter was one of importance...

Mr. Thorne said he was heartily sorry for the decision his brother councillors had come to.

Mr. Carey observed that there was no intimation in his motion.

The Chairman told Mr. Thorne that the Mayor had promised in his note to attend the next meeting.

Mr. Thorne—Oh, yes! I suppose so. He promised that a fortnight ago.

Mr. Thorne—Oh, yes! you always get a point, but that's where you stop, and you never get beyond.

Mr. Thorne's motion not being seconded fell to the ground, and Mr. Carey's resolution was carried.

Mr. Carey remarked that a gentleman had been appointed to collect the unpaid taxes.

Mr. Thorne said he should not pay the tax, and neither the collector nor his governors could make him do it.

Mr. Carey asked if any reply had been received from the Colonial Secretary...

The resolution was carried, and on motion of Mr. Thorne the meeting adjourned till Monday evening, at 7 o'clock.

The OYELONE—A merchant in this city received by the mail steamer a letter from his San Francisco correspondent...

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ENGLAND AND THE "REBELS"

SENT BY EARL RUSSELL TO THE LORD COMMIS-SIONERS OF THE ADMIRALTY

My Lords—I have the honor to state to your lordships that since the date of my letter of the 11th ult. the President of the so-called Confederate States has been captured...

In this posture of affairs her Majesty's Government are of opinion that neutral nations cannot but consider the civil war in North America as at an end.

In conformity with this opinion, her Majesty's Government recognize that peace has been restored within the whole territory of which the United States of North America before the commencement of the civil war were in undisturbed possession.

As a necessary consequence of such recognition on the part of her Majesty's Government, her Majesty's several authorities in all ports, harbors and waters belonging to her Majesty, whether in the United Kingdom or beyond the seas, must henceforth refrain from mission to any vessel of war carrying a Confederate flag to enter any such ports, harbors and waters, and must require any Confederate vessels of war which, at the time when these orders reach her Majesty's authorities in such ports, harbors and waters, may have already entered therein on the faith of proclamations heretofore issued by her Majesty, and which, having complied with the proclamations may be actually within such ports, harbors and waters, forthwith to depart from them.

But her Majesty's Government consider that a due regard for national good faith and honor requires that her Majesty's authorities should be instructed as regards any such Confederate vessels so departing, that they should have the benefit of the prohibition heretofore enforced against pursuit of them within 24 hours by a cruiser of the United States lying at the time within any such ports, harbors and waters, and that such prohibition should be then and for the last time maintained in their favor.

If, however, the commander of any Confederate vessel of war which may be found in any port, harbor or any waters of her Majesty's dominions at the time these new orders are received by her Majesty's authorities, or may enter such port, harbor or waters within a month after these new orders are received, should wish to divert his vessel of war to any other port, harbor or waters, he should remain without a Confederate flag within British waters, her Majesty's authorities may allow the commander of such vessel to do so at his own risk in all respects, in which case he should be distinctly apprised that he is to expect no further protection from her Majesty's Government, except such as he may be entitled to in the ordinary course of the administration of the law in time of peace.

The rule as to twenty-four hours would, of course, not be applicable to the case of such vessels.

I have addressed a similar letter to the Secretaries of State for the Home, Colonial, India and War Offices, and also to the Lords Commissioners of her Majesty's Treasury, requesting them, as I do your lordships, to issue instructions in conformity with the decision of her Majesty's Government to the several British authorities at home or abroad who may be called upon to act in the matter.

I am, etc. Russell.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S OPINIONS AS TO NEGRO SUFFERINGS—DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY

From the Washington Chronicle.

Last Tuesday afternoon, (13th June), a committee appointed by the yearly meeting of the New York Friends to present a memorial to the President and Cabinet, had an interview with President Johnson. After referring with simple eloquence to the manner of the death of President Lincoln, they came to the question of the enslaved millions in the South, and then made the following appeal: "We therefore respectfully yet earnestly petition that in the reorganization of those States which have wantonly rebelled against the Federal authority, the influence and power of the Government may be so exercised as to secure to all persons, without distinction of color, an equality of rights and franchises. Thus would we carry out in spirit those self-evident truths contained in the Declaration of Independence, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that, among those rights are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

In response, President Johnson said he would not make a speech, but would talk to them in the spirit of friendship and fraternal regard. He wished to talk to them as though they were all members of the same family. He told them of the difficulties in the way of conferring the right of suffrage as his experience was that the States of the South, whose habits and feelings he perceived thoroughly to understand, but one great act might be said to be fully accomplished by the war, after the restoration of the Union, and that is the complete abolition of slavery. There were many other things that would require time to accomplish, and among these might be the question of suffrage. The President referred to his own experience in the rebellion and to the fact that while he had suffered personally and pecuniarily and in other ways, he had no complaints to make, but would do his best to bring peace and order to the country.

The kind, frank and familiar manner with which he met and treated this committee of Friends made a profound impression upon them, and they left Washington yesterday fully convinced that they could repose implicit confidence in Andrew Johnson. They felt and saw that he was animated by a true Christian spirit, and by those teachings of the immortal Jefferson to which they referred in their memorial. After a fervent benediction had been pronounced by one of the female members of the committee, they called upon the Cabinet. Secretary Stanton was especially frank and sympathetic, showing fully his knowledge of the great questions

involved in the struggle and a religious determination to do his share of the work.

The following are the members of the committee: Aaron C. Mason, Hudson, N.Y.; Samuel Willets, N. Y.; William T. Cook, Long Island; Nathaniel S. Merritt, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rachel Hicks, Long Island; Mary Jane Field, N. Y.; Lucy Thompson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mary K. Merritt, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Brother's Sermon on the Death of Lincoln.—It will be remembered that Henry Ward Beecher was at Charleston at the time of the murder of President Lincoln. The first Sunday after his return home he addressed a sermon to an immense audience, wherein he spoke of the life and character of the great departed, and of his unexampled services in the cause of freedom. He concluded his discourse with the following touching and yet splendid peroration: "And now the martyr is moving in triumphal march, mightier than when alive. The nation rises up at every stage of his coming. Cities and States are his pall-bearers, and the cannon speaks the hours with solemn procession. Dead, dead, dead, he yet speaketh! Is Washington dead? Is Hampden dead? Is David dead? Is any man that was ever fit to live dead? Disenthralled of flesh, risen to the unobscured sphere where passion never comes, he begins his illimitable work. His life is now graded upon the infinite, and will be as good as no earthly life can be. Rise up, ye people, that have overcome! Your swords, O people, are his spears; your bells and bands and muffled drums sound triumph in his ears. Walk and weep here; God makes it echo joy and triumph there. Pass on! Four years ago, O Illinois, we took from thy midst an untried man, and from among the people; we return him to you a mighty conqueror. Not thine any more, but the nation's; not ours, but the world's. Give him place, O ye prairies. In the midst of this great continent his dust shall rest, a sacred shrine to myriads who shall pilgrim to that shrine to kindle anew their zeal and patriotism. Ye winds that move over the mighty places of the West, chant thy requiem! Ye people, behold the martyr whose blood, as so many articulate words, pleads for fidelity, for law, for liberty!"

Another Turf Victory.—The celebrated French horse Gladiateur has added another wreath to his list of victorious emblems. In the recent Grand Prix—the French Derby—he beat all his competitors with ease. So delighted were the impulsive Frenchmen over his achievement, that they surrounded the animal and his rider (Grimeshaw) and subjected them to a perfect avalanche of hugs and kisses.

Nanaimo.—The steamer Emily Harris, which arrived on Saturday morning early from Nanaimo and the settlements, left again during the forenoon for Nanaimo taking 12 or 14 passengers, amongst whom was Archdeacon Gilson. The E. Harris has been beached and cleaned. She brought down two Indian prisoners.

The Next Mail Steamer.—A telegraphic dispatch announces that the steamship Oregon left San Francisco for Victoria on the 17th. We are again in the dark as to whether she is to come here direct or not, but presume that she will as usual first proceed up to Portland, in which case she will be due on the 20th.

Dramatic—Very Important!—Under this head we find the following paragraph in the S. F. Call.—SALT LAKE, Aug. 7.—Mr. Potter's Dramatic Troupe, of ten artists, with Mrs. Julia Dean Hayne, arrived here by coach Saturday, from Boise, to perform an engagement here. [Pretty trash to telegraph.—Eds. Call.]

To Neutralize Offensiveness in many forms we use disinfecting agents. Impure breath, caused by bad teeth, tobacco, spirits, or catarrh, is neutralized by SOZODOL. It is a healthy beautifier, and a great luxury as a dentifrice. The repulsive breath is by its use rendered fragrant as a rose, and coldness by friends or lovers will be no longer noticed. Sold by all druggists.

COMMERCIAL

FOR NANAIMO.—The steamer Emily Harris, Capt. Carleton, left yesterday morning about 8 o'clock for Nanaimo, where she will be beached for repairs.

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Monday, July 21. The bark Cambridge, of the Hawaiian Packet Line for Oregon, sailed June 24th with a cargo of Island produce, valued at \$23,000; and the schooner Albenis, of the Victoria Line, also sailed the same day with a cargo of sugar, molasses, etc., valued at \$25,000. The barkentine Constitution arrived July 21st from Puget Sound with lumber to H. Backfield & Co. The bark A. A. Eldridge was loading for Portland, Oregon.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.—The brig Brewster, Capt. Carleton, arrived yesterday in 21 days from San Francisco, bringing a miscellaneous cargo consigned to the Hudson Bay Company, at whose wharf she will commence discharging to-day. Her weight and consignees' list appears below.

FRASER RIVER SHIPMENTS.—In addition to the shipment of \$196,309 made by the Bank of British Columbia to the Bank of British North America shipped per Sierra Nevada \$35,240.92, making a total of \$231,550.92.

VICTORIA MARKETS.

SATURDAY, Aug. 19. A slight improvement in the market for places during the past week. Oats and Wheat are firm and Flour has advanced about 50c per bbl.

Jobbing rates are under: FLOUR—Extra, \$3.00 50 lbs; Superfine, 2.80 50 lbs; Oregon brand, \$2.80 50 lbs; OATMEAL—\$2.00 100 lbs; CORNMEAL—\$1.50 100 lbs; BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—\$3.00 50 lbs; RYE—\$1.00 50 lbs; RICE—\$7.00 50 lbs; BEANS—White, 46c; Bayos and Pinks, 36c; WHEAT—\$1.00 50 lbs; OATS—\$1.00 50 lbs; BARLEY—\$2.00 50 lbs; MIDDINGS—\$1.00 50 lbs; HAY—\$1.00 50 lbs; TEA—\$1.00 50 lbs; COFFEE—\$1.00 50 lbs; SUGAR—Raw, 16c; Refined, 16c; BUTTER—Best, 40c; Ordinary, 35c; CHEESE—\$1.00 50 lbs; BACON AND HAMS—\$1.00 50 lbs.

Imports.—Per str. SIERRA NEVADA, from San Francisco—3 pigs tobacco, 4 do cigars, 19 do boots and shoes, 1 cs shirting, 3 cs hats, 1 do hoops, 4 cs clothing, 1 beer pump, 17 cs paper, books, 20 do cakes, 1 do butter, 10 cs axes and hatchets, 3 cs oil, 1 do soap, 1 do soap and starch, 1 do sashes, 1 do chests, 2 do silk, 1 cs slate furniture, 1 cs books, 21 cs candles, 3 cs dry goods, 5 do hardware, 2 do leather—Value, \$12,625.

Per str. SIERRA NEVADA, from Portland—24 kegs butter, 28 bxs eggs, 56 bxs eggs, 56 bxs apples, 2 quans ham—Value, \$4,680.30.

Per str. ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—9 bxs fruit, 8 pigs mds, 134 lb sheep, 19 hd cattle, 1 ton which, 1 coop chickens—Value, \$2,667.

Per schooner ONWARD, from Bristol Bay—25 tons codfish.

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August 16—Sip Mary Roberts, Roberts, Port Angeles

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