

Brunow and count Nesselrode having arrived in this country, on a mission relative to the affairs of the east.

**The Star.**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1840.

DOWNING STREET,  
16th October, 1839.

SIR,

I am desirous of directing your attention to the tenure on which Public Offices, in the gift of the Crown, appear to be held throughout the British Colonies. I find that the Governor himself, and every person serving under him, are appointed during the Royal Pleasure; but with this important difference.—The Governor's Commission is in fact revoked whenever the interests of the Public Service are supposed to require such a change in the administration of local affairs. But the Commissions of all other Public Officers are very rarely indeed recalled, except for positive misconduct. I cannot learn that during the present or the two last reigns, a single instance has occurred of a change in the subordinate Colonial Officers, except in cases of death or resignation, incapacity, or misconduct. This system of converting a tenure at pleasure into a tenure for life, originated probably in the practice which formerly prevailed of selecting all the higher class of Colonial Functionaries from persons who at the time of their appointment were resident in this country; and amongst other motives which afforded such persons a virtual security for the continued possession of their places, it was not the least considerable, that, except on those terms, they were unwilling to incur the risk and expense of transferring their residence to remote and often to unhealthy climates. But the habit which has obtained of late years, of preferring, as far as possible, for places of trust in the Colonies, persons resident there, has taken away the strongest motive which could thus be alleged in favor of a practice to which there are many objections of the greatest weight. It is time therefore, that a different course should be followed; and the object of my present communication is to announce to you the rules which will be hereafter observed on this subject in the Province of Newfoundland.

You will understand, and will cause it to be made generally known, that hereafter the tenure of Colonial Offices held during Her Majesty's pleasure, will not be regarded as equivalent to a tenure during good behaviour; but that not only such Officers will be called upon to retire from the public service as often as any sufficient motives of public policy may suggest the expediency of that measure, but that a change in the person of the Governor will be considered a sufficient reason for any alterations which his Successor may deem it expedient to make in the list of Public Functionaries,—subject of course to the future confirmation of the Sovereign.

These remarks do not extend to Judicial Officers, nor are they meant to apply to places which are altogether ministerial, and which do not devolve upon the holders of them, duties, in the right discharge of which the character and policy of the Government are directly involved. They are intended to apply rather to the Heads of Departments, than to persons serving as Clerks, or in similar capacities, under them.—Neither do they extend to Officers in the service of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury. The Functionaries who will be chiefly, though not exclusively, affected by them, are the Colonial Secretary, the Treasurer or Receiver General, the Surveyor General, the Attorney and Solicitor General, the Sheriff, or Provost Marshal, and other Officers, who, under different designations from these, are entrusted with the same or similar duties.—To this List must also be added the Members of the Council, especially in those Colonies in which the Legislative and Executive Councils are Distinct Bodies.

The application of these Rules to Officers to be hereafter appointed, will be attended with no practical difficulty. It may not be equally easy to enforce them in the case of existing Officers, and especially of

those who may have left this Country for the express purpose of accepting the Offices they at present fill. Every reasonable indulgence must be shown for the expectations which such persons have been encouraged to form. But even in these instances it will be necessary that the right of enforcing these Regulations should be distinctly maintained, in practice as well as in theory, as often as the public good may clearly demand the enforcement of them. It may not be unadvisable to compensate any such Officers for their disappointment, even by pecuniary Grants, when it may appear unjust to dispense, with their services without such an indemnity.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient  
humble servant,  
J. RUSSELL.

Governor PRESIDENT,  
&c. &c. &c.

On Christmas day last, an Inquest was taken at Carbonear, before JOHN STARK, Esq. Coroner, on view of the body of *Michael Meany*, fisherman. Several witnesses were examined, from whose evidence it appeared that the deceased had been enjoying himself rather freely among his friends on Christmas eve—he was traced to several respectable houses and ultimately to his Diety House, where he went to sleep upon the floor, at eleven o'clock at night—at three next morning he was discovered to be dead. Verdict, "Found Dead." The deceased was a native of Ballyberrigan, near Youghall, County Cork, where he has a wife and family now living—he bore a good character, and was considered a quiet inoffensive man.

**Died,**

On Saturday last, after a short but painful illness, aged 16 months, *EVELINA*, youngest child of Mr. W. S. COMER.

At Crocker's Cove, Carbonear, after several years illness, which he bore with Christian fortitude, Mr. FLORENCE MCCARTHY, aged 83 years, leaving a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

**Ship News.**

Port of Harbor Grace.  
CLEARED  
Jan. 7.—Ann, Brooks, Bristol, oil.

**FOR SALE**

By Public Auction,

**On Friday**

Next, The 10th Inst.,

At 11 o'clock,

AT THE STORE OF

**The Subscriber,**

About 100 Bags 1st, 2d,  
& 3d quality Danzic

**BREAD,**

ALSO,

A few Cwt. DAMAGED

**Bread,**

To be put up in Lots to  
suit Purchasers.

ANDREW DRYSDALE.

Harbor Grace,  
Jan. 8, 1840.

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And speedily will be published,  
(Price 1s. 6d. Currency)

THE  
**Newfoundland**  
**ALMANAC,**

(Calculated expressly for this Island)

FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

1840,

Being BISSEXTILE or LEAP YEAR, and  
the third year of the reign of

Her Majesty Queen VICTORIA.

In addition to the matter usually found in similar publications, viz., the time of the sun's rising and setting, the moon's Changes, the moon's age, &c., this Almanac will contain much information exclusively local, and never before published in an authentic form, which it is expected will render it generally useful.

N. B.—As only a limited number will be struck off, it is requested that persons desirous of obtaining copies will make timely application to Mr. A. M'IVER, by whom the work will be sold.

Times Office,  
St. John's,  
December 25.

**PROCLAMATION.**

IN obedience to a Precept of the  
Worshipful the MAGISTRATES,  
bearing date the 28th instant, and to me directed,

I hereby give Public Notice.

That a GENERAL QUARTER SESSIONS OF THE PEACE, will be holden at the  
Court-House, in HARBOUR GRACE,  
on

**Thursday,**

The Eighth of January, now next ensuing at the hour of Eleven in the forenoon of the same day; and the Keeper of Her Majesty's Gaol, the High Constable, and all other Constables and Bailiffs within this District are commanded that they be then there to do and fulfil those things, which by reason of their Offices shall be to be done.

Given under my Hand, at Harbor Grace, in the Northern District of Newfoundland, this Thirtieth day of December, in the Reign of Our Lord 1839.

B. G. GARRETT,  
High-Sheriff

**For Sale**

BY

RIDLEY, HARRISON & Co.

The Cargo of the Brig JANE.

Capt WALKER, from Danzig.

1030 Bags Biscuit, A B & C

400 Bls Superfine Flour

100 do Prime Mess Pok

Harbour Grace,

Dec. 13, 1839.

ALL Persons having claims on the Estate of the late WM. DIXON, of Harbor Grace, Trader, deceased, are requested to furnish their accounts duly attested to the Subscriber, and all Persons indebted to said Estate are to make immediate payment to.

C. F. BENNETT,  
Administrator.

St. John's,  
November 19, 1839.

WILLIAM STIRLING, M. D.  
And Surgeon,

HAVING returned from the University of Edinburgh, has to acquaint his Friends and the Public generally, that he is now Practising the different branches of his Profession in conjunction with his Father, at whose residence, he may at any time be consulted.

Harbour Grace,  
23d Sept., 1839.

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**JUST RECEIVED,**

ex-ANN from BRISTOL,  
**AND FOR SALE.**

A well assorted Stock of

BRITISH

**Manufactured**  
**Dry Goods,**

60 Pieces PAPER HANGINGS

90 Coils CORDAGE, and  
50 Tons Best Newpart

**RED SAND**  
**COALS.**

ALSO,

Of former Importations,

Bread, Flour, Pork  
Holstein Butter (repacked)

Oatmeal

Peas, Rice

Gin in Cases, &c., &c.

At accommodating and  
Low Prices

BY

THORNE, HOOPER & Co.

Harbour Grace,

Nov. 13, 1839

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from NEW YORK,

70 Barrels Superfine FLOUR } From  
50 Half Do. Do. Do. } New  
50 Barrels Fine Do. } Wheat  
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77 Do. Do. PORK  
50 Do. Very Fine APPLES  
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30 Puncheons MOLASSES  
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20 Barrels PITCH  
20 Do. TAR  
4 Do. Bright VARNISH  
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Harbour Grace

October 9, 1839.

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Anchors, Cables, Sails, Rigging,  
Boats, &c., &c., &c.

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Harbour Grace,

Oct. 16, 1839

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