

THE STAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 1838.

not as obvious as those of corporeal stature; we should not then have so many race-horses in the mill, and cart horses on the race course.

From the Liverpool Courier, April 18.

THE WAR IN THE CAUCASUS.

An Officer who has resided several years amidst the barbarous hordes of the Caucasus, and witnessed the truly heroic resistance offered by those mountaineers to the Russian power, has communicated to us the following interesting details respecting the nature of that war which is little known in Europe, and is so different from our notions of military strategy.

The mountaineers of the Caucasus make war like the nations of antiquity and the Arabs of our days, not for any political object or views of the conquest, but for the mere sake of the booty which is to be the price of the victory. They are jealous of their independence, but are reconciled to the vicinity of the Russians, because it affords them opportunities of plundering, and enriching themselves. Whilst Russia is making great and unsuccessful efforts to terminate a struggle which costs her so much blood and money, and ruins her military fame, the Circassians are only seeking to prolong the war. Nothing could annoy them more than a resolution on the part of the Russian chiefs to abandon their present line of blockade, and fall back into the interior, as they should then only have before them poor and scattered tribes to plunder.

The Circassians, it may easily be supposed, are strangers to discipline, and have not the material necessary for resisting in the field. They endeavour always to surprise their enemy, unexpectedly invade the Russian lines, and retreat the moment they have to encounter a superior force, or are afraid of being cut off. Their expeditionary corps consists of between 400 and 500 well-mounted and armed horsemen, followed by as many horses, with back-saddles to receive the booty, who obey their master's gesture and voice as would the best trained dogs.

Nothing can resist the charge of these ferocious hordes, who disperse the Russian squadrons like dust, and break in the densest infantry hollow squares. The Circassians, like the Arabs, give no quarter during the battle. They decapitate every Russian prisoner, and reduce the Poles to slavery; this is the only distinction they draw between voluntary enemies and forced adversaries.

When the expedition is over, the Circassians drive before them the horses loaded with booty, who make their way through the brushwoods, and elude all pursuit. They then retreat themselves slowly, and ever ready to give battle, until they reach their inaccessible mountains, and secure the plunder in a place of safety.

The Russian generals had called to the army of the Caucasus for the purpose of restraining, if not subduing, those free mountaineers, a number of Mahomedan Cossacks, who fight with equal intrepidity. The latter did not belie their reputation, but the Circassians soon defeated the Russians in their purpose by a skilful expedient. They promised liberty and a share of the plunder to every Mahomedan horseman who abandoned the service of Russia; and two entire regiments, allured by this promise have we understand deserted, to the Circassians. The war in the Caucasus has, occupied, during the last ten years, the best generals of Russia, decimated her regiments, and exhausted her finances.—A convoy of gunpowder and ammunition sent every year to those mountain tribes would be sufficient to prolong the revolt and keep the Russian power in check.—*Courier Francais.*

RAILWAY EXPENSES.—The public have very little idea of the enormous expenses attendant upon the making of a railway. One pair of gates, made by Mr. Wallis, for the London and Birmingham Railway, have cost £130; the hinges alone, cost nearly £60. They are to be erected at Stichford.

The dinner to Sir Francis Burdett is likely to go off with considerable eclat. Amongst the guests, it appears by the announcement, will be Lord Sandon, Lord Maidstone, Sir George Sinclair, and other distinguished noblemen and gentlemen.

The German papers are filled with further accounts of the deplorable effects of the late inundations in Hungary.—Upwards of forty towns and villages below Pest were under water.

The Oxford commemoration has been postponed to next year, in consequence of the Queen's coronation having been fixed for the 26th of June, when the festival at Oxford was to have commenced.

The Hon. the Northern Circuit Court closed its sittings in this Town on Saturday last, and His Honor Judge LILLY, proceeded to St. John's, viz Portugal Cove, in the Express Packet on Monday.

CROWN SIDE.—David Mulcahy, was indicted, tried and found Guilty of entering the Stores of Messrs. Thomas Ridley and Thomas Harrison, Merchants, with intent feloniously to steal—a great number of skeleton and false keys, and a considerable quantity of stolen property, were found in his possession. Sentence, That David Mulcahy shall be banished from the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies for the full period of Seven years, and that he shall remain imprisoned in Her Majesty's Gaol at Harbor Grace, until an opportunity offers for conveying him out of the Colony. The stolen property was delivered up to the rightful owners. The skeleton and other keys, large and small, amounting altogether to upwards of thirty in number were under the orders of the Judge, completely broken and destroyed.

John Perkin (an old offender) was indicted, tried and found guilty of an assault.—Sentence, That John Perkin shall be imprisoned in Her Majesty's Gaol at Harbor Grace, for Three Calendar months; A warrant and detainer has already been lodged charging the Prisoner with a larceny at St. John's, so that the instant he has served his time in Jail here, he will be removed to St. John's to take his trial—he sometimes goes by the name of Ryan.

Mary MacDonald was indicted for an assault, tried, and found to be lunatic. This poor unfortunate female, has, by the command of His Excellency the Governor, been removed to the Hospital at St. John's, where, no doubt she will have every comfort and medical advice that can be devised to remove her malady.

CIVIL SIDE.—The total number of causes upon the Docket this Term only amounted to Sixty-six, being a great diminution of the usual business before the Court. Various causes have been assigned for the decrease of law business in our Courts, but we are inclined to believe that parties know their own rights much better now than they did upon the establishment of the Circuit Courts. No appeals have been entered and we believe His Honor Judge LILLY has given entire satisfaction to the suitors and to the public.

INQUEST.—An Inquisition was taken at Carbonear on Saturday last, before John Stark, Esq., Coroner, on a view of the body of George Bishop, a seaman, belonging to the brig *Triumvirate*, capt. GREEN, after a lengthened inquiry, the Jury returned a verdict of "Found Drowned." The Coroner in approving of the Verdict, took occasion to warn all the shipmates of the deceased, against that extreme species of drunkenness in which the deceased had indulged, and which ultimately led to his death by his jumping off the wharf and attempting to swim on board. The Coroner issued his Warrant for the burial of the deceased in St. James's churchyard,

Sale by Auction

(By Order of the Provisional Trustees of the Insolvent Estate of SLADE, BIDDLE & Co. and under the Authority of the Hon. the Northern Circuit Court.)

TO BE SOLD, BY PUBLIC AUCTION,

TO-MORROW

(THURSDAY.) The 24th Inst.,

At 11 o'clock in the forenoon, On the Wharf and at the Stores of Slade, Biddle & Co.

AT CARBONEAR,

- 700 Hogsheads SALT
- Olive OIL
- Pig LEAD
- Second hand Sealing Guns
- Fish CASKS
- HOOPS
- PLANK
- Yarn Gloves
- Twines
- Fish Hooks
- Tinware
- Anchors

Also,

One FIRE

ENGINE.

N. STABB, Auctioneer.

Carbonear, May 19, 1838.

PROCLAMATION.

IN obedience to a Precept of the Worshipful the MAGISTRATES, bearing date the 11th 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 BRIGUS, on TUESDAY, the 29th day of this present Month of May, 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 Twenty-first day of May, in the Reign of Our Lord 1838.

B. G. GARRETT, High-Sheriff

Carbonear, 21st May, 1838.

We have to report for the information of those Persons who signed the Petition from Carbonear, to His Excellency the Governor, that the committee appointed at the Public Meeting in this place, for the purpose of getting up that Petition, forwarded it on the 14th inst., by a Deputation to his Excellency and that the Gentlemen of the Deputation waited on His Excellency and received the following answer to their application:

GENTLEMEN,

"The present Deputation being composed entirely of Members of the House of Assembly who must be supposed not only competent to judge of the matter set forth in the Petition you have just presented, but also especially anxious to prevent any unnecessary Expenditure of the Public Money, I shall certainly assume the responsibility of issuing Warrants for the purchase of Seed Potatoes in accordance with its prayer and your desire, and I can only hope that those who receive assistance on this occasion will be duly impressed with the conviction that it is given in

consequence of extreme distress, and is not to be looked upon as a precedent for future general guidance—as I conceive that there is no part of Her Majesty's extensive Dominions where forethought, self-exertion and a spirit of independence of eleemosynary aid should be fostered with more care than in Newfoundland."

Government House, 18th May, 1838.

We would also avail ourselves of the present means of advertising those Persons who have Seed Potatoes for Sale, as well as those who have no means of procuring any; that, as the season is far advanced; an early application to the commissioners for the POOR, will be very necessary, so as that the intention of the Petitioners, and the benevolent acquiescence of His Excellency the Governor to the prayer of their Petition, may be made available to the relief of the Destitute.

JAMES POWER, Chairman.
THOMAS NEWELL, Secretary.

Notice.

ROADS AND BRIDGES, HARBOR GRACE.

TENDERS will be received by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for ROADS and BRIDGES in and about the Town of HARBOR GRACE, until FRIDAY the 3rd day of JUNE next, at Noon, from Persons willing to Contract for the Erection of the under-mentioned BRIDGES,

viz.:-

A WOODEN BRIDGE over Bear's Cove Brook, Twenty Feet wide and Seventeen Feet span in the clear; with Stone Abutments.

A STONE BRIDGE over Thistle's Brook, Fifty Feet wide, diameter of the Arch Six and a half Feet.

A STONE BRIDGE over Fox's Brook, Thirty Feet wide.

A STONE BRIDGE over Martin's Brook, Thirty Feet wide.

Diameter of the Arches Seven Feet.

Persons TENDERING, will attend at the COMMERCIAL ROOM, on the Eighth of June.

Specifications for the above BRIDGES to be seen on application to

GEORGE THORNE.

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for Roads and Bridges, Harbor Grace.

Harbor Grace, 18th May, 1838.

NOTICE.

Roads and Bridges.

TENDERS will be received at the Commercial Room, on THURSDAY the 31st Instant, at NOON, for cutting down the Timber level with the surface on the new line of ROAD from the River Head of Harbor Grace to Island Cove, Twenty Feet wide, and for removing the Timber therefrom, the Tenders to state the rate per half Mile, naming the half Mile Tendered for.

THOMAS RIDLEY,

Chairman of the Commissioners of Roads and Bridges from Harbor Grace to Island Cove and Bread and Cheese Cove.

Harbor Grace,

May 10, 1838.

No

TENDERS in my Office

SATURDAY

The 2nd

From Persons for the Making

BRIDGE

Twelve Feet line of ROAD over Brook Freshwater.

A Specification to be done, call on me.

Carbonear, May 22.

Michael

THANKFUL and my Friends of business, have endeavoured to favour He supply of

Garden St. Carbonear

With a

LEON

Which are no of his Friends be thankful attended to.

St. John's, April 24, 1838.

Michael

THANKFUL and my Friends of business, have endeavoured to favour He supply of

Carbonear, April 25, 1838.

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Assayer Brigus, January 9,

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Harbor Gr Feb. 21,