

Stanmore, to the House of Commons, praying that unmarried females should be entitled to vote for members of Parliament, and to sit upon Juries, Sir F. Trench said it would be rather awkward if a jury half males and half females were locked up together for a night, as now often happened with juries. This might lead to rather queer predicaments.—Mr Hunt replied by observing that "he knew well the Hon. and Gallant Member was often in the company of ladies for whole nights, but he did not know of any mischief resulting from that circumstance."—"Yes," responded the Gallant Baronet, "but not locked up without a light."—By this we are to understand—and it behoves all parents who have unmarried daughters to look well to this—that as long as there is a light there is no danger.

### THE STAR.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1834.

Pursuant to notice in the "STAR" of the 5th, and also to Hand-bills posted on the 8th instant, a meeting took place at Messrs MOORE & BRANSCOMBE'S on the evening of the 10th instant. The following persons were present viz.—

Messrs T. Chancey, S. O. Pack, J. Elson, John Jacob, Wm. Brown, Francis Taylor, Edmund Dwyer, James Legg, Charles McCarthy, jr. John Bransfield, John Bransfield, of Rd. Nicholas Ash, Richard Bransfield, jr. Francis Howell, Thomas Butt, Thomas Pike, of Tim. Michael Doyle, John Gittings, Edward Pike, (beach), Richard Taylor, Francis Pike, (beach), Joseph Taylor, Wm. H. Taylor, Wm. W. Bemister, Robert Ayles, John Nicholl, jr. Simon Levi, Felix McCarthy, sen. and Edmund Handrahan.

Mr Chancey having been called to the Chair, it was resolved that Mr Newell be Secretary to the Insurance Society for 1834.

That Messrs John Elson and Robert Pack, be Treasurers as last year.

That a separate Scheme be formed for the Insurance of Vessels at the Ice, to continue from the 4th March to the 10th day of May.

That the Owners of all vessels to be insured shall sign the Rules and the Power-of-Attorney to the Secretary, on or before the 5th day of March, and give to the Secretary at the time of their signing, the name of the vessel to be entered in the Scheme, thereby binding themselves to the Scheme that such vessel shall be entered, and liable to pay for the loss of any vessel on the Seal fishery.

The Secretary having read over to the meeting, the names of the Surveyors for last year—Mr Jacob stated to the meeting that those named as Surveyors for Bay Roberts, were not, in his opinion, competent to form a correct opinion as to the value of vessels, and several statements having been made, by other persons, to prove to the meeting, that the valuation of vessels by the Surveyors was in many instances very incorrect, it was proposed that the Owners of vessels do give into the Committee of the Society their valuation of the vessels to be insured, and that the Committee be invested with power to approve or disapprove of the

same, and to give to the best of their judgment, to all the vessels in the Scheme, a fair comparative valuation, but that all vessels should be subject to the inspection and approval of Surveyors, as usual, before such vessels sail for the Ice. This proposition having been subjected to a good deal of discussion, without the meeting coming to a decision on the subject.—

The Chairman adjourned the meeting until Wednesday next, the 12th instant, then to meet at the same place, at 7 o'clock in the evening. All persons interested are requested to attend.

T. NEWELL,  
Secretary.

Carbonear, Feb. 11, 1834.

[Communicated.]

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE STAR.]

SIR,—Having, last evening, attended a meeting held at Messrs Moore and Branscombe's for the purpose of forming an Insurance Scheme; I could not but be surprised to find, in this town, which is rapidly improving in its public institutions, persons who would oppose themselves to a manifest improvement in the constitution of their Insurance Scheme. The Surveyors formerly, have been authorised to value the vessels they survey, and numerous complaints have been made by the Owners of vessels, that some were under-valued, and some over-valued.

It was proposed that the Owners should, themselves, value their vessels, and that such valuation should be subjected to the decision of the Committee.

This met with a great deal of opposition, principally from one of the Surveyors, who appeared to oppose the proposition because it happened to be brought forward by a gentleman from Port-de-Grave, who having for several years past, had a large stake in the Scheme, attended the meeting principally for the purpose of informing it, that the interest of the Insurance Society suffered very much by its not having at Bay Roberts, Surveyors who were judges of the value of vessels. Now, it is well known, that if the Committee be appointed to fix the valuation of the vessels, and such valuation be agreed to by the Owners, that there would not be much need of having Surveyors at all, because the Law of Insurance, presumes, in all cases, a warranty that the vessel insured be properly fitted and sea-worthy for the proposed voyage, and if it be proved that any want of such sea-worthiness exist, with the knowledge of the owner, the insurance will be vitiated.

The Surveyors are merely an additional security, and are appointed for the purpose of guarding against the carelessness of masters, or the supineness of persons who hold schooners, on hire, or by contract.

The Surveyor that opposed the improvement, appeared also to think that the Secretary was paid too much, by getting Fifteen Shillings from each vessel, to remunerate him for conducting the business of the Society, and offered to do the business himself, for Five Shillings.

Now he is one of the three Surveyors, who get together, Nine Shillings from each vessel for doing a thing, that is not indis-

pensable. This is more than half the sum the Secretary gets for doing that, without which, a Society of the kind could not exist, and his duty must be done in the proper manner, and he must understand his business, and do it in a legal manner, or he may subject the Society to unnecessary losses, and indeed make it an illegal Society. All this, the said Surveyor may probably do, or get some person to do for him, for Five Shillings, but, the cheapest things are not always the most economical.

I am, Mr Editor,  
Your obedient Servant,  
A PLANTER.

INQUESTS.—The following Inquests have been held before J. STARK, Esq., Coroner:—

At this place on the 24th ult., on view of the body of a female bastard child born of a young girl named Patience Martin—the body had been buried in the Church Yard, but from various reports in circulation, the Coroner issued his warrant and had the body disinterred, and a Jury assembled to enquire into the causes of its death.—Doctor Stirling attended the inquest and having completely dissected the body, and tried all the tests which Medical science affords in such cases, gave it as his opinion that the child had never respired.—Verdict "Still born."—It appearing that the child, was full grown, the Coroner felt it his duty to state that the crime of Infanticide was but too common in this Island, and it therefore behoved every good member of society to use every lawful endeavour to bring the unnatural mother to justice; it was clear that the mother in this case had been guilty of concealing the birth, but as the law now stood the jurisdiction of the Crown in cases of concealment had been abrogated, he should however, acquaint the Magistrates with the case in order that further proceedings might be instigated.

At the Gaol of this place on the 27th ult. on view of the body of Pearce Hennessey, a convict under sentence for larceny and who had been removed from the Gaol at St. John's, (where he had recently been released from the Hospital) to this place.—Doctor Stirling, the Medical attendant upon the prisoners, gave it as his opinion that the deceased died from a collection of matter on the lungs.—Verdict "Died in Prison of Empyema."—The deceased was a Roman Catholic, and had been attended in his sickness by the Very Rev. Mr Dalton, who zealously administered to his spiritual wants.—The Jury in this case consisted of six householders of this place, and six prisoners in the Gaol: it appeared that the deceased had received every kind of attention that could be expected from Mr Currie, the Gaoler, and his family, who had sat up several nights in one of the Debtor's Cells, to which place he had been removed on his complaint assuming a serious character.—Conception Bay Mercury, Feb. 7.

MARRIED.—On the 29th ult. by the Rev. James G. Hennigar, Wesleyan Missionary, Mr Samuel Parsons to Miss Mahala Taylor, both of this place.