

afterwards made prisoners.—Two of the 85th Regt. while attempting to make their escape in a boat from Chippewa were fired on by the coloured guard, and killed.—Six more prisoners at Kingston, were to be killed by the Sheriff according to human laws made in the dark ages.—The Brigands and Rebels, it is reported, had crossed the Lines from Alburgh and were burning all before them. The mail courier states that he saw ten or twelve fires when he was at Phillipsburg. Late papers do not confirm this account.

According to the Missisquoi Standard, the burning of the houses and barns at Rouville, was marked with the most savage barbarity. The inmates of some of the dwellings were not allowed the time necessary to clothe themselves, but were driven into the wilds without shoes on their feet and scarce a garment on their bodies.—And such diabolical conduct is called retaliation!

FROM THE BRITISH COLONIST POSTSCRIPT.—Intelligence has been received in town this morning, of another attempt on the part of the pirates, to effect a landing in Canada. On Monday evening last, while Col. Kerby was walking along shore, from Fort Erie Baracks towards Point Abino, he observed some persons approaching him on the ice. He immediately returned to the barracks, and having got his men under arms, marched against the invaders, who turned about and retreated.

About fourteen sleighs came out from their hiding place in the woods, when they saw the others retreating, and followed them very quickly. Col. Kerby ordered his men to fire upon them, but with what effect we have not heard. It is supposed that the intention of the party was to approach the garrison during the night, and fire it—Dec. 27.

UNITED STATES.—The Governor of Maine in his Message to the Legislature on the boundary question speaks most favourably for American interests as to the late exploring expedition of the Commissioners and surveyor. 'There is no difficulty' he says, 'in tracing a line westwardly along distinct and well defined highlands, dividing waters according to the words of the treaty.'—A large mob at Oswego prevented a file of soldiers from taking two brass field pieces. After the mob had repeatedly fired the cannon, they burnt the Collector and the U. S. Marshall in effigy! What an enlightened age we live in! What with effigies in Canada, and effigies in England, and effigies in the United States, we begin to think the present period is the sensible era of effigies.—The troubles at Harrisburgh have ended, and the mob has triumphed. Six of the Whig senators, following the example of the three traitors in the lower house, have either sold themselves to the administration, or been bullied into their ranks. So says an *anti-administration* American paper.—The steam ship Royal William was to sail from New York on the 16th inst.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The announcement of Dr. Sawers, as lecturer on Physiology, raised within us expectations of a high order. We remembered his former most instructive lectures before the Institute, and we felt assured that, in the present instance, we should enjoy a rich intellectual feast. Nor were we in the least disappointed—every part of the lecture on last Wednesday evening bore traces of deep thought and patient investigation. Perhaps, indeed, the general tenor of the lecturer's remarks was too recondite for a promiscuous assembly; but in these days of superficial knowledge a fault of that kind may admit of toleration. A combination of talent must meet in the individual who would aspire to be a distinguished lecturer,—such a combination as rarely falls to the lot of one individual. Many of those qualifications we think, are found in Dr. Sawers. To a mind capable of grasping his subject, is joined in that gentleman, an easy, expressive mode of communicating solid instruction to an audience. There is a friendliness in his tone of speech, and an evident desire to benefit you, which insensibly wins upon you as he proceeds, and which in a little time effectually fastens your attention. He has no airs, no *hauteur*, no pomposity, but his whole demeanor before you impresses you favorably towards him. There is a simplicity of manner about the Doctor which we cannot well describe, but which to us is always peculiarly fascinating in a public speaker. He has the tact in a remarkable degree of simplifying what is abstruse; he will introduce a difficult position, he will dwell upon it—and in the course of his observations you will have a change of words, or a variation of the form of the idea, so that before he passes on to another topic he will have presented the position in a number of different lights. Such a talent is indispensable for a good lecturer. To lay down one abstract proposition after another, without dwelling upon each with a sufficient variety of illustration, etc. may dazzle the ignorant, but will never instruct the student. As the late lecture consisted mostly of general observations on matter, space, time, heat, electricity, etc. as introductory to his science, an opportunity was not furnished to bring fully into play this peculiarity of Dr. Sawers' plan of lecturing, and indeed the only plan which can effect any lasting good from the mere delivery of lectures. As the Doctor proceeds in the present course of his lectures, and enters into the interesting details of the several parts of his subjects, we have no doubt that we shall receive as

much gratification in this way as we did in listening to his former course. On next Wednesday evening Dr. Sawers will continue his lecture on Physiology.

OPENING OF THE SESSION.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

The loyalty for which Nova Scotia has always been conspicuous, was never more cordially expressed than in your joint Address congratulating Her Majesty on her accession to the Throne; nor more pleasingly exhibited than in the rejoicings which took place in all parts of the Province on the occasion of her Coronation.

Such being the general feeling towards our beloved Sovereign, I could not open the present Session in a more acceptable manner than by acquainting you that Her Majesty received with gratitude and satisfaction the assurances of your devoted attachment to Her person and government, and that in promoting the interests of her faithful subjects in this Colony, the Queen will discharge one of the most grateful duties of the station to which it has pleased Divine Providence to call her.

I am happy to be able to congratulate you on the continued prosperity of the Province. At the present moment we have ample cause to be thankful to the Almighty for an abundant Harvest—a successful Fishery—an improving commerce and revenue—and for uninterrupted tranquillity. In full enjoyment of this last and great blessing, we cannot but deeply lament that our loyal brethren in the Canadas are not equally favoured, and I am assured that, while admiring the noble stand which they have successfully made against the late nefarious attempts to sever their connection with the Parent Kingdom, you will sincerely feel for the sufferings of the Families of those brave men who have fallen while defending the authority of their Sovereign, and their own dearest rights.

You cannot have failed to observe with high satisfaction that every act of Her Majesty's Government relating to these colonies, has clearly indicated her firm resolve to withstand all attempts to destroy or weaken her supremacy over them.

It affords me gratification to state, that it is contemplated to substitute Steam Packets for the sailing vessels now employed in the conveyance of the Mails between Great Britain and Halifax. To secure the attainment of all the advantages anticipated from this arrangement, the co-operation of the Legislatures of the several Colonies to be benefitted by it is essential, and I obey Her Majesty's commands in submitting the matter to your consideration, and inviting you to assist in improving the mail routes, and to afford such other facilities as may depend on you, with a view to increased expedition between this place, New Brunswick, and Quebec.

Her Majesty trusts that this measure, involving as it does considerable additional expenditure by the Mother Country, will prove beneficial to the Public, and give satisfaction to the Colonies.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

I have ordered the accounts for last year, and the estimates for the present year, to be laid before you, and I have the fullest reliance on your readiness to make due provision for the several branches of the Public Service.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

Your Address complaining of the habitual violation by American citizens, of the treaty subsisting between Great Britain and the United States, on the subject of the Fisheries, has engaged the serious attention of Her Majesty's Government, and you will be happy to learn that it has been determined for the future to station an armed force on the coast of Nova Scotia, to enforce a more strict observance of the provisions of the treaty on the part of the Americans, and that Her Majesty's Minister at Washington has been instructed to invite the friendly co-operation of the Government of the United States for that purpose.

The most attentive consideration has also been given to your several other Addresses of last Session, and it will be my duty to lay before you the replies which Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to return to them.

As many of the members who come from a distance must be inconvenienced by being detained long in Halifax, I rely on your continued assiduity in the discharge of your respective duties, and you may be assured of my ready concurrence in all measures which may appear conducive to the real advantage and welfare of this happy Province.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

The Hon. SPEAKER having taken the chair, his Excellency's Speech was read by the Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER suggested that a Committee should be appointed to prepare an Address in answer to the Speech.

Mr. Howe said, that perhaps some members might wish to

have the Speech delivered at the close of last Session read, so that both might be answered at the same time.

Mr. DOYLE said he would second such a proposition. Mr. HOWE—after a moment's delay—said that as the Speech alluded to would become matter of some discussion, he thought it might as well be before the House, but he had no intention of embarrassing proceedings. He would now move that a Committee be appointed to prepare the Address.

A Committee consisting of five gentlemen was appointed—Messrs. Huntingdon, Unack, Howe, Doud, and Young.

A Committee on Public Accounts was appointed, as follows:—Honorable Mr. Dewolf, Messrs. Goudge, Chipman, Taylor, and Annand.

A Committee on expiring laws was also appointed.

An adjournment was proposed, to give opportunity to the Committee on the Address to sit, when Mr. DOYLE rose and said, that he wished to know whether one of the gentlemen on that Committee, Mr. Huntingdon, continued a Member of the Executive Council, and if not, whether he had been removed or had resigned; if the latter, what were his reasons.

Mr. HUNTINGDON, in a low voice, was understood to say, that he had not expected to be called on publicly, in the House, to state particulars on that subject,—but since the question had been put, he would answer it;—he did not belong to the Executive Council,—he had resigned; one reason was, that he was dissatisfied with its present form,—he doubted that it was properly constituted; in accordance with the Royal instructions.

The 9th of February was fixed as the last day for the reception of private Petitions.

The House adjourned.—*Novascotian.*

The fourth lecture on the Divine Origin and Authority of Christianity, will be delivered by Thomas Taylor, next Lord's Day evening, at 7 o'clock.

The Mail for England, by H. M. Packet Star, will be closed to-morrow evening, at 5 o'clock.

MARRIED.

On Sunday morning last, by the Ven. Archdeacon Willis, Mr. Joseph Wilson to Miss Mary Ann Bolton.

On Saturday evening last, by the Rev. Thomas Taylor, Mr. Matthew Walker, to Miss Mary Anne Laurillard, of this town.

DIED.

At the 7½ Mile House, Windsor Road, on Saturday last, Ann, wife of John McGrigor in the 54th year of her age.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED.

Sunday, 13th—schr. Stranger, McDonald; Boston, 3 days; homp. to T. & L. Piers, and others.

Monday, 14th—Am. brig. Acadian, Jones, Boston, 3 days; general cargo to S. Cogard, and others; schr. Morning Star, Walker, New York, 6 days; etc. to J. Allison, and others; packet Stranger, Crawford; Lunenburg, 1 day; Edward & Samuel, Balcomb, Liverpool, N. S. 1 day; Waterlily, do.

Tuesday, 15th—Endeavour, Houghton, Liverpool, N. S. 1 day; brig Sarah, Williams, St. Lucia, 29 days, ballast—to J. Leishman; brig Condor, Lanigan, Kingston, 36 days—ballast, to J. & T. Williamson.

Wednesday, 17th—schr. Vernon, Cunningham, Shelburne, 4 days, ballast.

CLEARED.

Saturday, 12th—Dove, McNeil, B. W. Indies, fish, etc. by D. & E. Starr & Co. 14th, Mary, McFarlane, Souris, herrings, by D. McLennan; brig Hypolite, Morrison, B. W. Indies, fish, shingles, etc. by C. West, & Son. 15th, brigs Herald, Berwick, New Orleans, pickled fish, butter and grindstones, by Fairbanks & Allison; Rival, McNutt, Kingston, fish, lumber, etc. by W. Pryor & Sons. 27th—Spanish brig Conception, Medun, Malaga, codfish, Creighton & Grassie. 18th, schr. Cinderella, McNeil, B. W. Indies, fish, etc. by D. & E. Starr & Co.

EDWARD LAWSON,

AUCTIONEER AND GENERAL BROKER, Commercial Wharf. Has for sale,

- 50 hds Porto Rico SUGAR,
- 200 barrels TAR,
- 30 Tierces Carolina RICE,
- 50 bags Patna RICE,
- 200 firkins BUTTER,
- 10 puns Rum, 10 hds Gin,
- 10 hds BRANDY,
- 10 hds and 30 qr. casks Sherry WINE.

January 18, 1839.

UNION MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NOVA SCOTIA.

JOSEPH STARR, ESQ. PRESIDENT.

AT the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of this Company, the following Gentlemen were elected to serve as Directors for the ensuing year—viz.

James A. Moren, Joseph Fairbanks, J. Strachan, Wm. Stairs, David Allison, John U. Ross, Daniel Starr, Hugh Lyle, John T. Wainwright, James H. Reynolds, S. B. Smith, and Wm. Roche, Esqrs.

The Committee of Directors meet every day at 11 o'clock, A. M. at the office of the Broker, directly opposite the Custom House.

Jan. 18.

GEO. C. WHIDDEN, Broker.

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Preached at Halifax, on Sunday, November 18th, 1838; and published by request. By W. F. FEULOX, Author of Sacramental Exercises.

January 1.