

who complained of having, of late, been subject to very great annoyances in the streets by various individuals, especially since the night (about two months ago) when two men were apprehended on a charge of murder committed in Water-street. It appears that the High Constable has since that time thought it necessary to carry a pistol for his own better defence, and for this act of prudence he had also been assailed. The Chief Justice took occasion to express his determination that the officers of the Court should be protected in the discharge of their duty; and observed that the High Constable was perfectly justified in carrying a pistol, of which, however, he trusted no indiscreet use would be made. The Chief Justice further intimated that if any case of assault against an officer should come before him, he would visit the parties convicted of it with the severest punishment. We were not present at the time when the observations were made, but we believe the foregoing to be the substance of them; and we hope they will have a salutary effect. The observations of the Chief Justice were warmly applauded.—*Ledger Dec. 24.*

TO THE REV. CHARLES BLACKMAN.

REV. D. SIR,

Observing by the *Patriot* of the 28th inst. that a great and marvellous alteration has taken place in your views and principles relative to the "duty which a Clergyman owes to his Church, his People, and his God" and perceiving also that you have become a Commissioner for the carrying out of a measure which you, a little while ago, denounced in the most unmeasured terms—quoting both Greek and Latin in support of your convictions, I am anxious to learn by what mental process you have arrived at your present conclusion. How is it that what appeared unprincipled to you a few months since should appear so very consonant to good faith and reason now? Alas Sir, what miracles cannot the atmosphere of a Court perform—what changes does it not effect in men and things!! You produced Scripture for your former opinions, what have you to support your present views? Is the text altered or has the "inflection of the Greek verb" assumed a new form?

I am, Sir,

With much pain and uneasiness,
Your obedient Servant,

AN OBSERVER.

30th Dec. 1839.

"LONDON, October 9th, 1839.

"Reverend and Dear Sir,—The Bishop of Newfoundland was particularly anxious to visit you in the present season if a suitable conveyance could have been found for him, and he deeply regretted, as I also equally regret, his disappointment. He has sailed for Bermuda, which is under his episcopal care, and hopes, with the blessing of God, to see you early in the next summer.

"His appointment and departure have awakened a feeling which I cannot forbear to express. It is full of affection towards that most interesting portion of my late charge in which you labour—a portion which I could not surrender without a painful struggle. It was painful also to be separated from a Clergy from whom I had uniformly received every mark of affectionate respect, and every cheerful, cordial co-operation, in every humble effort to promote the glory of God, the prosperity of the Church, and the welfare, temporal and eternal, of those who were committed to their care.

It was painful also to be separated from the Lay members of our Communion, who formed the flock of these clergy—from Lay brethren who had, upon every occasion, manifested the most kindly regard for their Bishop, and an earnest desire to do their part in promoting those high and holy objects which are dear to all of us. I never spent a week in Newfoundland without many calls upon my gratitude to the Great Shepherd of the Flock, for the comforts which he permitted me to enjoy, while humbly endeavouring to discharge my pastoral duty as His messenger to that portion of His

fold. But I daily felt a growing inability to give the care that was due to every part of my extensive diocese, in which, God's mercy, our Churches and congregations are continually increasing, and therefore felt bound to improve an opportunity which was most unexpectedly opened to me for procuring much more episcopal attention to Newfoundland and Bermuda than I could ever hope to afford. It is my duty to repress all personal regret when the prospect of such benefit to the Church is before us, and fervently to pray that the richest blessings of Heavenly mercy may attend your Bishop in all his anxious desires and continual endeavours to promote the honour of God, the extension and security of the Church, the comfort and usefulness of his Clergy, and the welfare of the people who are committed to them.—Allow me to bespeak, what I am sure you will be ready to afford, the same respect and affection for your present Bishop which I always experienced.—My prayers, as heretofore, shall be daily offered for Heavenly direction to him, and to yourself; to all who are dear to you, and to all for whom you labour in the Lord. May such labour be continued without remission, and always marked by a blessing from the Lord.

"I beg you to make known to all the members of your congregation, of every class, the feelings which I cherish towards them; and assure them that with such feelings I shall ever remain their affectionate friend as

"Your affectionate Brother
"JOHN NOVA SCOTIA.

REV. C. BLACKMAN.

"P.S.—I enclose a copy of a letter which I am now sending to each of my clergy,—and venture to request your attention to petitions from Newfoundland without loss of time, as I know your Bishop approves of them, and will write to you on the subject as soon as he can."

Ship News.

Port of St. John's.

ENTERED

December 29.—Devon, Dench, Opoto, salt

21.—Aquaforte, Winsor, Greenock, coal.

24.—Mazepa, Jordan, Hamburg, pork, butter, oatmeal and peas, hams, bread.

Hebe, Duncan, Lisbon, salt and sundries.

CLEARED

December 18.—President Cram, Barbadoes, fish.

Red Rover, Bruce, Liverpool, cod and seal oil.

Columbia, Blamey, Liverpool, seal and cod oil.

Mars, Blake, Bristol, seal and cod oil and sundries.

20.—Ann Johnston, Corbin, Bahia, fish.

Aretic, Barbados, fish.

Porcia, Hatchard, Brazil, fish.

Hero, Cooney, Greenock, seal and cod oil, herring.

John Stuart, Le Buff, Viana, fish.

Scotia, Caldwell, Trinidad, fish.

24.—Barbara, de Roche, Halifax, fish.

Mercury, Humphries, Cuba, herrings, fish.

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ALMANAC,

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FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

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

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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 Bis Superfine Flour

100 do Prime Mess Pork

Harbour Grace,

Dec. 19, 1839.

Tenders for Sperm Oil.

TENDERS will be received by the Subscriber until TUESDAY, the 21st day of DECEMBER next, from persons willing to Contract for the Supply of

Four Tuns (Imperial) of
Sperm Oil,

Of the best description, for the use of the Light Houses in this Colony—each Tender to be accompanied by a sample of the article which the party Tendering his willing to furnish—and the lowest Tender for Oil of a suitable description will be accepted.

The Contractor will be required to deliver Two Tuns on or before the 1st day of June, and the other Moiety of Two Tuns, not later than the 1st day of August, 1840.

The Oil to be in good merchantable Casks, in size not exceeding Sixty Gallons—and to be landed at such convenient place in St. John's as the Commissioners of Light Houses may direct; the Contractor paying freight, duty, and all other expenses.

Payment for each respective lot will be made on its delivery in conformity with the terms here set forth.

(By order of the Commissioners of Light Houses.)

A. SHEA,
Secretary.

St. John's,

November 5, 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,
29d Sept., 1839.

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A well assorted Stock of
BRITISH
Manufactured
Dry Goods,

60 Pieces PAPER HANGINGS

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Bread, Flour, Pork
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At accommodating and
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70 Barrels Superfine FLOUR } From
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77 Do. Do. PORK

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October 9, 1839.

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Oct. 16, 1839

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