

against the parties, and placed it in the hands of a constable to execute. Mr. Cooper was a son of Lord Shattsbury. Mr. Wood is said also to be closely allied to a noble family.

INDIA STEAM VESSEL.—On 23d, January, was launched from the Dock Yard of Messrs. Gordon and Co. Debtford the steam vessel *Enterprize* destined for the passage between this country and Calcutta. This fine vessel, which is nearly 500 tons burthen, was committed to her proper element in gallant style, amid the enthusiastic shouts of a numerous company assembled on the occasion.

Immediately after launching, the vessel was taken into Messrs. Gordon's dry dock, where she is to be completed and fitted with engines by Mr. Mandslay, and it is to be hoped, that from the extraordinary exertions which have been made by all concerned in her, she will be ready to sail from this country early in March.

She will be fitted entirely for passengers, upon a most liberal scale, and is to be commanded by Lieutenant J. H. Johnson, R. N. as an active and zealous officer, well acquainted with the navigation of the Indian Seas, and according to the calculations made, there is every prospect of her reaching Calcutta within two months after her leaving Portsmouth.

With respect to fuel and machinery, every thing has been provided in such a manner, that not the least apprehension on these points can be entertained.

As this is the first attempt to make a distant voyage by means of steam, a proportionate interest will be excited in the undertaking. It will form a new era in navigation—as the use of sails was first considered as a most dangerous experiment, so future ages will witness the passage, of steam vessels over the ocean, with as little astonishment as we of the present day talk of a voyage to the West Indies.

NEW ERA.—The first export of wool from England for two centuries, took place 26th Feb: 50 bags of coarse quality were exported last week to the United States of America. It will be remembered, the export of wool has been prohibited for two hundred years in England, till the last session of parliament, when a bill was brought forward, allowing the export of wool on the payment of a duty of one penny per pound. Under the new act the export has taken place.

Melancholly Shipwreck.—The Brig *Cambria*, from Falmouth, for Vera Cruz, returned to Falmouth on the 4th, with between 5 and 600 men, women and Children, who were taken out of the Kent East Indiaman, which she fell in with, on the first March, on fire. She was bound to Bengal, and took fire from the bursting of a barrel of spirits which was in the hold. She had on board at that time, 637 souls. The *Cambrian* which was near at the time, saved 301 officers, non-commissioned officers and privates, of the 31st Regiment, 46 women and forty eight children, 19 male and female passengers, the Captain of the Kent, and 139 of her crew, in all 554.—Sixty-four soldiers, one woman, 21 children and four of the crew of the Kent, were on board the vessel when she blew up. Fourteen soldiers were afterwards picked up by the *Caroline*, which vessel reached the wreck two hours after the accident, when she found the fourteen clinging to pieces of the wreck.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, }
April 30, 1825. }

The following communication from Huskisson, President of the Board of Trade in England, to Mr. Rush, the U. S. Minister there is published for the information of those concerned.

Mr. Huskisson to Mr. Rush.

GREAT GEORGE STREET, }
4th of March, 1825. }

DEAR SIR.—I have the pleasure to send you here with, answers to the two queries contained in your letter of the 15th ult. Directions will be given to our Custom House Officers in the West Indies, and in our North American colonies to treat American vessels, having only passengers and baggage on board, as vessels in ballast.

WM. HUSKISSON.

RICHARD RUSH, Esq. &c. &c.

Queries.—Is a Steam Boat of the United States, arriving at a British Colonial port, say St. Johns New Brunswick, with passengers and their cargoes, liable to tonnage duty?