

## EIGHTH SUMMARY.

**Meeting of Parliament.**—We subjoin a copy of the circular issued yesterday to the ministerial members of Lord John Russell:—

"The meeting of Parliament being fixed for Thursday, the 16th of Jan. It is the liberty of request, your attendance in the House of Commons on that day, and of apprising you that business of the greatest importance to the interests of the country may be expected immediately on the opening of the session."

**The cholera has broken out** among the troops sent against Joudpore and Kurnaul in consequence of which the camp at the former was precipitately broken up on the 3d Oct.

**The Atlantic Steamers.**—The British Queen was advertised to leave London on the 1st Jan.—she would probably remain at Portmouth until the 4th, and her news cannot therefore be expected for some days. The Liverpool leaves Liverpool on the 20th, (four days after the meeting of Parliament,) for New-York, and thereafter alternately on the 20th of each month; the new steam ship New-York, of 1400 tons burthen, belonging to the same company, will commence plying early in 1840, and thus afford a departure on the 20th of each month, to and from Liverpool and New-York. The Great Western may be expected at New-York in February.

The French are making strenuous efforts to subdue the power of Abdel Kader in Africa and large reinforcements are proceeding to Algiers with all expedition. The honor of France is concerned in humbling this barbarous chief, and that immediately, whatever disposition she may make of the possession hereafter.

Sir John Colborne—now Lord Seaton—was expected at Windsor on a visit to Her Majesty.

The French Ministry have appointed Commissioners to proceed to their West India Islands to report on the best means of drawing up a law for emancipating the negroes.

Tom Dibdin, the songster, yet lives, is 80 years of age, and nearly a mendicant.

Lord Hill, Commander in chief of the Army, has severely reprimanded Col. Thomas, Major Maclean, and other officers of the 20th Regt. and Captain Ainslie, of the Royal Dragoons, for attending a party political meeting, at which language highly offensive to the Queen was used by some of the speakers.

**Fire in Jamaica.**—An arrival at an American port from Jamaica, brings intelligence of a great fire at Savannah la-Mar, by which thirteen buildings were destroyed, & property valued at £150,000, and no insurance.—It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

**Jamaica.**—We have great satisfaction in giving insertion to an article from the *Jamaica Royal Gazette*, relating to the political state of that colony. Sir Charles Metcalfe, whose judgment, good sense, and constitutional principles, led his friends to place the fullest confidence in him, has been so fortunate as to overcome all difficulties with the Legislature of the island, and the House of Assembly has proceeded to business with a zeal and patriotism at once honourable to them and gratifying to the British nation. It was fortunate that the conservatives of England made a stand in favor of that colony last year, and prevented the cabinet from inflicting upon it an act of great injustice, viz, that of suspending its legislative functions.

Thirty four thousand men are employed on the banks of the Nile, in constructing a bridge to cross it, which is the first undertaking of the kind—besides 840

carfts, and 500 carpenters, from Alexandria.

## UNITED STATES.

## LOSS OF THE LEXINGTON.

The Steamer Lexington left New-York for Stonington on Monday, at 3 o'clock, p. m. having, it is believed, about one hundred and fifty passengers. A large quantity of cotton was placed upon her decks. At 7 o'clock, when about two miles from Baton's the cotton took fire near the smoke pipe.

The boat was headed for the shore as soon as the efforts to extinguish the fire proved unsuccessful—She was provided with three boats, yet such was the panic which took possession of all minds, that they were hoisted out while the boat was still under headway and immediately swamped.

The engine a few minutes after gave way, leaving her utterly unmanageable. The scene which then ensued is described as most appalling.

Capt. C. Hilliard, of Norwich, a passenger, from whom we have gathered these few particulars, states that soon after the engine stopped, the passengers began to leave the boat on boxes, bales, &c.

In company with one of the firemen he was so fortunate as to secure a cotton bale, to which he lashed himself. He remained upon this bale, the wind blowing off Long Island, until 11 o'clock this morning, when he was taken up by the sloop Merchant, of Southport.

His companion in the meantime had been released by death from his sufferings. Two others were taken up by the sloop, a fireman and the pilot of the boat. Both were irretrievable. It is surprising that any should have survived the exposure.

There is too much reason to fear that the three are the only survivors. The boat drifted up the sound with the tide, and was off this harbour about midnight. Capt. H. states that she sunk about three o'clock as he marked the time by his watch.

Another individual has been saved making 4 in all.

A dreadful Steamboat explosion took place on the Arkansas River, on the 13th Nov.—10 lives were lost, and a number of persons severely scalded.

The frigate United States, recently fitted out at the Boston Navy yard, at an expense of \$2,000 dollars, has been condemned at New York as unfit to go to sea.

Michigan papers state that there are in the two Canadas, 3000 colored troops, most of whom are runaway slaves from the U. S.

The Massachusetts Agricultural Society have awarded a Premium of \$100 to David Lee Child Esq. for his successful culture and manufacture of the sugar beet.

Flour took a slight rise at New York after the arrival of the last Liverpool packet, and 13,000 barrels had been taken up for exportation to England.—Western canal is quoted at \$6 25; southern (inferior description) \$5 75 to \$5 87 1-2; Corn Meal \$3 75; Rye Flour \$4.

The decision of the District Court of the United States now sitting at New Haven, has been pronounced in the case of the Africans of the Amistad. Judge Judson declares the negroes to be free, with the exception of the boy Antonio, who is a native of Cuba, and has expressed a desire to remain. The opinion of the Court decides the following points:—That the schooner, being taken on the high seas, the District Court of the state of Connecticut has jurisdiction of the case—that Capt. Gedney's claim is properly prosecuted in that court—that his claim for salvage is just, to be estimated at one third of the appraised value of the vessel and cargo, and that the claim of Green and Goddard, of Sag

Harbor, who pretend to have first taken possession of the vessel and cargo, cannot be allowed.

**The Cherokees.**—Letters received at New Orleans from West Arkansas, Dec. the 17th, state that four of the persons suspected of having been concerned in the murder of the Ridges and the White family, had been arrested by the order of General Arbuckle and delivered to the U. S. Marshal at Fort Smith.

**CLERGY RESERVES.**—The Governor-General of the Canadas has, by message communicated to the Legislature of the Upper Province the important fact—that the Queen's Government have declined to bring the subject before the British Parliament for consideration—it being deemed proper that the question should be settled in the colony itself. In pursuance of this course, his Excellency has, by a second communication to the Legislature, proposed that the remainder of those lands shall be divided, according to terms heretofore to be defined, between the Churches of England and Scotland and such other denominations of Christians in the province, as are recognised by law.—N. Y. Albion.

Intelligence has reached us in the course of the week of the capture of Matamoros in Mexico, by the force of the Federal party assisted by a body of Texans. The siege continued three days, during which great slaughter took place. The Texans engaged in this warfare are not fighting in a national capacity—they are hardy adventurers who have joined the insurrectionary party in Mexico as auxiliaries, and are acting entirely for themselves. The Texan Government, it is said, have disclaimed all participation in the transaction. Texas desires peace with Mexico—not war.—ibid.

## CANADA.

**Desertion.**—Five soldiers deserted from this garrison last Friday night, and in crossing the ice on the American channel, three of them broke in and were drowned, another retreated and was brought back to Kingston, and one got over to the States.—Kingston, U. C. Herald, Jan. 7th.

**The Seat of Government.**—We are persuaded, that in so far as the inhabitants of Quebec, generally, are concerned, the seat of Government being amongst them is rather detrimental than otherwise. It is a sea port and a commercial town, that Quebec must prosper, and the habits of some of the Government people, who usually give the tone to society in the colonies, are inconsistent with those of men of business. One shipbuilder at Quebec, who attends diligently to his business, circulates more money than all the Government officers who would remove with the seat of Government. Whatever may happen, Quebec has nothing to fear for its future importance. It is the Gibraltar of the Mediterranean of North America; the healthy shipping port of the most extensively navigable river in the world. These are advantages which no one can take away, and it we can rear up a moral, industrious, intelligent and peaceable population, their prosperity is certain, and there is none that they need envy. As our southern brethren of "the Saxon race," have heretofore chosen a time for quarrelling with England when the Canadas were badly prepared, we think it would be prudent, at all times, to keep a clear passage down the St Lawrence, as all future Governments may no be so fortunate as was Sir Guy Carleton in escaping to Quebec in 1755.—Here, at least, they will always find a safe place of refuge within the reach of England, unless, indeed, her sons do the lion's hide and hang a calf skin on their recreant limbs.—Quebec Gazette.

## From the Halifax Times.

House of Assembly, Jan. 4. Yesterday the Hon J. B. Uniacke moved for a Committee to take into consideration the state of the Fisheries—and introduced for that purpose the following resolution:—Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the state of the Fisheries, and the privileges of the people of the Province to resort to fishing grounds and to investigate the encroachments of foreigners thereon, and the violation of subsisting treaties and the laws of this province, with power to send for persons and papers, and to correspond through the legitimate channels with the Executive Governments of the adjoining Colonies, and such persons as they think fit, with a view of obtaining a united system for protecting valuable resource. Also to report some effectual means for protecting the trade and revenue of the country, by the employment of small armed vessels or otherwise.

The following gentlemen were named in the Committee: Messrs. Uniacke, Morton, Young, Huntington, and Forrestal.

**From the Observer.**  
**FIRE.**  
Wednesday, 22d Jan. 1840.  
Between 11 and 12 o'clock last night, the appalling cry of Fire was again resounded through the streets, which was soon found to proceed from Barns in the rear of the dwelling houses of Messrs. Kinnear, and Wm Hutchinson West side of Germain street, between Queen and Saint James's streets; there being several barns in a cluster, and two at least of them being on fire before discovered, it is difficult to know precisely in which it originated. People having generally retired to rest, the night cold and water scarce, the fire speedily communicated to the Row of Dwelling houses in front, and in about two hours and a half five large and valuable Dwelling houses and a number of Barns and out buildings, together with large quantities of Fuel, &c. were burnt to the ground.—The following houses were destroyed:—  
Two story house owned and occupied by the Hon Wm. B. Kinnear.  
Two story house owned and occupied by Mr. Wm. Hutchinson.  
Two story house owned and occupied by Mr. Kinnear.  
Two story house owned by Mr. Thomas Raymond, and occupied by Captain Hare.  
Three story house owned by Mr. Joseph Salts, and occupied by himself and Mrs. Mary Salts, Mr. Wm. Seely, and Mr. Charles Robinson.—Carpenter's Shop in the rear also burnt.

The Military were in attendance, as usual, and rendered very efficient services. The tide was fortunately coming in, which yielded a supply of water, though at some distance from the scene of destruction.  
Died at Charlotte Town, on the morning of the 11th instant, after a lingering and painful illness, of two years continuance, the Rev. Charles Macdonald, Roman Catholic Clergyman of Charlotte Town.

**Seizure.**—A coasting schooner of about 50 tons, called the *Three Brothers*, owned at Sappody, was seized in the early part of the week by the Revenue Officers of this port. She had on board American Gin, Brandy, Shoes, Bacon, and other smuggled goods, to the value of several hundred pounds.—Cant.

**THE STANDARD.**  
SAINT ANDREWS, SATURDAY JAN. 25, 1840.

**Charlotte County Bank.**  
Hon. HARRIS HATCH, President.  
Director next week J. W. Street.  
DISCOUNT DAY—THURSDAY.  
Hours of business, from 10 to 2.  
BILLS AND NOTES for Discount must be lodged with the Cashier on or before WEDNESDAY, and they must lie over until next week.

**Rams and Work House.**  
Commissioner next week—Wm. Babcock.

**Saint Andrews Bank.**  
WILLIAM PORTER, Esq. President.  
Director next week J. Marks.  
BILLS AND NOTES for Discount must be lodged with the Cashier on or before THURSDAY, and they must remain in his hands until the following discount day.

**DISCOUNT DAY—FRIDAY.**  
Bank open from 10 till 3.  
**LATEST DATES.**  
LONDON.....Dec 13  
LIVERPOOL.....Dec 11  
EDINBURGH.....Dec 8  
PARIS.....Dec 5  
TORONTO.....Jan. 4  
MONTREAL.....Jan. 4  
QUEBEC.....Jan. 15  
HALIFAX.....Jan. 15  
NEW YORK.....Jan. 15

By an arrival at New York, we have received London papers to the 14th, and Edinburgh to the 8th December. The intelligence is not important.

The English December mail arrived here on Thursday evening. The packet had a passage of 41 days to Halifax.

Parliament assembled on the 16th; the public mind was intensely alive and full of expectation in relation to the matters that would immediately come before that body. That, and the trial of the Welch rioters, were the two engrossing topics. The Mayor of Newport, who so bravely distinguished himself in the fatal outbreak, has been knighted, and is now Sir Thomas Phillips.

**Notice.**  
WHEREAS my wife MARY left my bed and board last SUMMER, and has for a long time behaved herself with great impropriety, and whereas I have since agreed to allow to the said MARY by a mutual agreement between us a separate allowance, and in virtue of such agreement have paid to the said MARY the amount payable by such agreement up to the present time. THIS is to declare to give notice to all persons not to pay the said MARY on my account as if I will pay no debts of her contracting.  
AARON GRAY.  
Saint Stephen, Jan. 13th 1840.

Tuesday next the 28th inst, is the day appointed for the meeting of the Legislature of this Province.

We have inserted a short account of another fire at St. John, and also some of the details of the American steamer Lexington, in another column.

We regret that there was not room in our last paper for the Toasts at the Agricultural dinner, on the 14th inst. In the list of officers of the Agricultural Society we omitted to mention that Wellington Hatch, Esq. was chosen Treasurer, and Mr. D. D. Morrison, Secretary.

**FATAL ACCIDENT.**—We regret to learn that Mr. THOMAS WATSON, while riding from Penfield to Beaver Harbor, on Wednesday evening last, was thrown from his horse and severely wounded. He was taken up by a person a short time afterwards who was passing, and brought to the house of Mr. Spence. Medical aid was immediately procured, but all efforts proved ineffectual, and he expired in a few hours. Mr. W. was a brother of R. Watson Esq. of St. Stephen, and has left a large family to mourn their loss. He was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him.

We are informed that the Pilot boat *Hornet* was driven ashore at Burnt Point on Thursday evening last, and partly filled and drifted away in the ice. She was owned by Mr. Sargent Melony an industrious and steady young man, one of the Pilots of this Port. Any information respecting the vessel will be gratefully acknowledged by the owner.

Since writing the above we are informed she was picked up.

The St. Andrews Literary and Scientific Club, made a commencement on Monday evening last; a question was discussed, and the Lecture of Mr. D. S. MORRISON on "Instinct," was highly creditable to the lecturer, and afforded much gratification to the several members present. The Society has commenced under the most favorable auspices, and has our reiterated wishes for its successful operation.

## MARRIED.

At St. George, on the 1st inst, by the Rev. Samuel Robinson, Mr. John Melroy, to Miss Maria J. Seely, both of that Parish.  
At Sussex Vale, on the 5th Dec, by the Rev. H. N. Arnold Joseph Cameron Legget, Esq. of Landale Lodge, a descendant of the Cameron of North Britain, to Charlotte Lucretia, fifth daughter of Henry Leonard Esq. and grand daughter of the late Hon. George Leonard.

## DIED.

On the 10th Oct. on board H. M. Schooner *Shagpat*, at the Isle of Pines, in the 16th year of his age, GEORGE, third son of Mr. B. Pittsmons of this Town. He was highly respected by his Officers, and is deeply regretted by his friends here.—COMMUNICATED.  
On the 19th Aug. aged 34, Andrew Law, youngest son of Mr. Wm. Law of Dodington Northamptonshire; on the 11th Sep. aged 31, Matilda, the eldest daughter; on the 13th Sep. aged 35, Ambrose the eldest son; on the 30th Sep. aged 25, George the second son; on the 14th Oct. aged 56, William Law the father, and uncle of Capt. Law of this town; and on the 12th Nov. aged 19, Harriet, the second daughter. The mother and daughter are the only surviving members of a family in which the hand of death has been at work with such fearful rapidity.—Liverpool Mail.

## Shipping Journal.

**PORT OF SAINT ANDREWS.**  
Jan. 30, Brig St. Andrews, Hilton, Demerara, Ballast, Wm. Babcock & Son.  
24, Sloop Union Lass, McMaster, Eastport, Sum. Sails.  
**No Clearances.**  
Arrived at Durdak, 15th Novr, Thetis, Porter, Saint Andrews.

**WANTED.**  
A COMPETENT TEACHER, to take charge of a SCHOOL in SAINT STEPHENS, CHARLOTTE COUNTY. The Branches to be taught are LATIN, GREEK, PRACTICAL MATHEMATICS, English Grammar, Geography, with the other customary Branches of an English Education. The Salary will not be less than £150 per annum.—Certificates of character and competency to teach, will be required.—Applications post-paid, to be made to JAMES FRANK Esq. Saint Stephen, or D. S. MORRISON, Esq. Saint Andrews.  
Saint Andrews, Jan. 21, 1840.  
The Editors of the *Saint John Courier*, and *Halifax Novascotian*, will please insert this Advertisement six times, and send their bills to this office.

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Saint Stephen, Jan. 13th 1840.

## NOTICE.

ALL Persons indebted to the undersigned are requested to make immediate payment, or their respective liabilities sued without discrimination, the undersigned present circumstances rendering imperative to adopt this course.  
MARY

Jan. 24, 1840—

## CARD.

An English Family having a pleasant part of Boston, and being commended by several Noblemen and men, in their own country, as well as persons in the United States; will receive Ladies as Boarders, and will be treated in every respect as the family. No efforts will be made to render their home comfortable, but to promote their progress in those studies which are necessary for the education of a thorough English Education in the Latin, French, and Italian Language and Drawing.—Refer to The Rev. Jerome Alvey, D. D., St. Hon James Allan Shaw, Esq., R. W. Crookshank, Esq., A. L. Street, Esquire, The Hon. G. F. Street, Esq., Secretary General.  
Jan. 16 1840

## TO BE SOLD.

By Public Auction, on the 1st day next, if not previously disposed of, at 10 o'clock, the LOT known and as follows being Lot No. 31—later A Division in the Town Plot of St. fronting on Water Street 80 feet, a long back 160 feet, together with 2 Houses &c. For further particulars, apply to J. W. Street Esq. or the proprietor, premises.

HUGH McGRATH, Auctioneer, Jan. 16

## MORE GOODS.

W & S M GILMOR, have received additional to their former Stock per season, from London via St. John's and Kidderminster, Carpets, Lumbering, plain and Figured Groceries, Black Bombazine, Black Crape, Veils, plain and Embossed Satin and Embossed Percales, Bobbin silk, Net for Veils, Blouse Lace, Lace Insertion, Balmain Silk Stock, Thread and Gimp Edgings, Black Genoa Velver for head bands, Ribbon, purple Silk, combed Jean Stays, Woollen Fringe, Cotton night Caps, Binding, Sarsnet, Sars and Garbans, Brighton Bonta, Sampler Work, marking Cotton, wire Ribbon, Penknives, pearl Buttons, Spectacles, &c.  
609 doz Coates' very superior cotton Ropes in 100, 200, 300, yards.

St. Andrews, Jan. 16

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

To be sold by public auction on Monday the 20th July next, at the Court of Saint Andrews, between 11 and 4 o'clock.

ALL the Right, Title, Interest, Claim and Pretensions of the late John A. Denham of HERTFORDSHIRE, the North Western part of Lot N. 3, Street, Burkes Division in the Town of Saint Andrews, together with the house now occupied by JOHN MAX all other buildings and improvement the same having been taken by writ Execution issued out of the Supreme Court of the Province to satisfy James V. S. Esq. a debt of £24 1s 6d due to the said James V. S. Esq., &c.

COLIN CAMPBELL, Sheriff of St. Andrews, 10th Jan. 1840.

**NOTICE.**—I would respectfully request such as are indebted to me, that I and my Printing establishment, and it have been under my sole control since January 1839, to money descriptions to the paper, ink, work, and all other articles, and at the same time and have been individually repaid the liabilities so incurred with the effect of this announcement is to inform who are indebted to me, that I shall effect or liquidation of their accounts, such, for which there is a just person myself.  
A. W.

**London Mould & Spermin Soap.**  
Imported per Monmouth, from London.  
50 Boxes London Yellow Soap, 25 do London Mould and Spermin Soap.  
For sale low by J. W. ST.

**GENTLEMEN VISIT SAINT JOHN.**  
On business, who wish to visit the great Hotel, can be accommodated in apartments and publicable at Mrs. A. near the head of King Street, two doors St. John Hotel.  
St. John Nov. 11, 1839.

**For SALE,**

Or to LET after the 1st day of March, the brick House, Lot at the town of St. Andrews, belonging to John Andrews, Esq. If sold, the term will be reasonable. Apply to the undersigned, at his office, or to the Saint Geo. And St. Andrews, Oct. 7, 1839.

**STOVES.**

Received on 6th inst. per schooner 20 Cylinder Stoves, suitable for Sh. Offices, or Bedrooms.  
ON HAND  
80 COOKING STOVES, of various approved patterns.