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Washington, Dec. 6, 1831. Andrew Stevenson, Esq. of Virginia, was chosen Speaker of the House of Representatives, by a majority of one vote over all others.

From the New-York Advertiser, Dec. 10. In conformity with our annual custom, we have placed the Message of the President of the United States to Congress in our columns, and we have the more pleasure in doing so since the language of those parts of it which refer to the relations with England is so liberal and friendly.

COMMUNICATIONS. FOR THE WEEKLY OBSERVER. Mr. Editor.—Having by means not necessary here to advert to, become acquainted with the fact that a certain class of persons, viz. those of the Provincial Revenue Law of the advantage he has derived in several instances by making sale of some considerable quantities of bottled Wine for exportation.

in answer to such reasoning, I will ask here is the public interest protected against the exporter supposing a part of the wine to be sold in the Province, and the remainder exported in either bottled or draught liquor, and afterwards exported in the form of brandy.

Value of the Province, by £2 profit to the Merchant, and 2s. freight to the Shipowner. 6 5 0 I will suppose the same imported in the cask and exported in bottles.

FOR THE OBSERVER. Mr. Editor.—I have of late observed a commendable spirit of reform pervading the public mind in the City of New-York, and particularly with respect to the public and private production of the press, and the manner in which it is conducted.

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THE OBSERVER. ST. JOHN, THURSDAY, DEC. 20, 1831.

We are without later dates from Europe than those noticed in our paper of last week.

The New-York papers by the last Mail, bring us the Message of President Jackson to both Houses of the American Congress. We have copied it in its entirety into our paper of this date, believing that in the large amount of other intelligence, it will afford matter of interesting discussion, and prove acceptable to most of our readers.

There is perhaps little to admire, and less to imitate, in Republican institutions or usages; but we cannot forbear observing that the Messages, by which the Houses of Congress of the United States are met at the commencement of their sessions, are for the most part peculiarly adapted to the free spirit of an intelligent People.

BARBADOS FUND.—The Subscription in this city to that fund, now amounts to £2020.—From Miramichi the respectable sum of £128 is received, and more it is confidently hoped, will follow.

The unusual severity of the weather for the season is the subject of remark not only among ourselves, but in our sister Colonies, and in the United States. Even in the Southern latitude of the city of Washington, the thermometer on the 1st December stood at 30.—We doubt whether so much steady cold weather has been known in these Provinces at this early period of the Winter, for at least 20 years.

Among the Books imported this autumn by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge are Prayer Books with the names of King William and Queen Adelaide, inserted in the Prayers for the Royal Family—the first we have seen of this reign.

Sale of Ships on Lake Ontario.—The Government Ships built at Kingston, U. C. during the last war, consisting of the St. Lawrence, 102 guns; Kingston, 56; Burlington, 42; and Montreal, 24;—also the frames of the Wolfe and Canada, on the stocks, pierced for 110 guns each, are advertised for sale at Public Auction on Kingston, on the 18th January next.

SHIPWRECKS, ACCIDENTS, &c. The annexed paragraphs comprise a melancholy catalogue of the loss of property by shipwreck, the loss of life, and 'hair-breadth escapes'—such a catalogue as we are seldom called upon to record in one week, and nearly all occurring within the limits of our own Province.

The steam boat Herietta, in returning from St. Andrews East-point, on Saturday last, experienced very boisterous weather. In a sudden squall her foremast was snapped short off close to the deck, but the sail was saved, and no other damage sustained.

The schooner Mary Ann, about 70 tons burthen, belonging to Quincy, Scott, master, from Eastport for Quebec, on the 5th inst. went ashore on or near the falls at Digby, N. S., and was totally lost. There were four persons on board, two of whom, Mr. Joseph Vaughan, half owner of the vessel, and son of the late Mr. David V. Quaker, and Daniel Vaughan, son of Mr. John V. Quaker, were washed from the vessel when she struck, by the tremendous swell, and although good swimmers, were drowned.

On the same day, the schooner Sophia, M'Asby, master, from Digby for this port, with a load of Country produce, was driven past the harbour, by the violence of the gale, and carried down as far as the Wolves, where she struck on a rock between the islands. In this situation, deeply loaded and tossed about by a heavy sea, she sprung a leak, which in order to save their lives, the crew found it necessary to run the vessel ashore on one of the islands.

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haunted; they succeeded in conveying a line from the Brig to the Island, which they made fast to a spar, by means of which the remainder of the crew succeeded in reaching the shore.

On Monday a violent easterly wind, attended by a very extraordinary tide towards evening, broke up all the ice which had formed across the harbour, and drifted up the river, threatening immense damage to every species of property exposed to its influence. At the flood, the wind suddenly changed to the north west and drove the whole mass of ice and drift timber to the southern shore of the harbour, where it upset the store of Mr. M'Keon, and drove it together with a considerable quantity of salt and tarred provisions, nearly 200 yards from its place.

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AUCTION SALES.

TO-MORROW, (Wednesday,) at 11 o'clock, will be sold by the Subscribers of their Auction-Rooms 100 Pieces Printe Calicoes and Fur-nitures:

On TUESDAY the 27th instant, by the Subscribers, at his Store: 20 BARRELS BROWN SUGAR; 5 Barrels COFFEE; 5 Barrels BLISTER OIL;

FOR SALE. THAT commodious and well finished BRICK HOUSE, in Church street, owned and occupied by the subscriber, and well known as a Confectionary; together with a Bake House connected therewith, 16 by 40 feet, having a very superior Oven; and a Wood House, &c.

NOTICE. MR. SYLVESTER, Surgeon Dentist, takes this opportunity of informing the inhabitants of St. John, and its vicinity, that he intends leaving the City in the early part of January next;—those Persons, therefore, desirous of his services, are respectfully requested to call at Mr. M'KAY'S Boarding House, Market Square, previous to that period.

THE SUBSCRIBER Offers for Sale the following articles, viz: 100 Pieces of half blue SHAD; Put up for Family Use No. 1 MAZEY'S; Family Use; Kirt's Picked SALMON; 500 Quills COPPER; In shipping 100 Bbls. ALEWHILE; 1 cask; COD OIL by the barrel or cask; Turk's Island and Liverpool SALT, part of which is in barrels.

CALICOES. 550 Pieces assorted New Patterns, PRINTED COTTONS; 100 Ditto FURNITURE Do. J. & H. KINNEAR. 13th Dec. 1831.—4

TO LET. From the first day of May, 1832.—A FINE Premises in King-street, occupied at present by Mr. Honnor, consisting of a Dwelling House, one Shop, with store room, &c.—under each in good repair, and in the rear a large Yard. Further particulars will be made known by applying to J. JOHNSTON.

REMOVAL. THE Subscriber has removed his Office to the Room at the corner of King and Cross-streets, immediately over the Store of Mr. Groom, Jeweller, and opposite to the Office of the New-England Life Insurance Company. ROBERT F. HAZEN, Attorney at Law.

FROM NEW-YORK. A Few Barrels of Good APPLES; Ditto do. GREEN TEA; Half do. White BISCUIT; Ditto do. Water do. DITTO do. Soda do. Soda CRACKERS; Bbls. Western Canal FLOUR; Ditto do. Rye do.; Ditto do. CORN MEAL; Pars do. do.—Selected expressly for use of Families. ALSO—100 Bbls. first quality SWEET BREAD; 50 Ditto do. FLOUR do.; 10 Kegs TOBACCO; 30 Dozen CORN BROOMS, assorted; 2000 Bushels ONIONS.—And for sale at the Store of JOSHUA HUGHSON, Peter's Wharf, December 6.

THE SUBSCRIBERS, Have received per the WILLIAM PIERCE, from Liverpool, and per the BOSTON, from Belfast—a general assortment of BRITISH MERCHANDISE; 16 Cwt. of first quality STARCH; 50 Boxes of SOAP; 1 Bale of English Sole LEATHER; A Few Barrels fresh Jamai COFFEE; Together with their usual supply of GROCERIES and LIQUORS, will be sold at lowest prices for satisfactory payments. St. John-street, Dec. 3. PARKS & HIGAN.

WALKER & MACARA, Have received from London, via Halifax, and Jamaica from Liverpool: A GENERAL ASSORTMENT of DRUGS and MEDICINES; PATENT MEDICINES; SPICES; PERFUMERY; DYE STUFFS; SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS, &c. &c. Market-square, 29th November.

HATS, CAPS, AND GLOVES. Just received per ship WILLIAM LEE, from Liverpool: A quantity of Water Proof Hatters Hats, Men's, Youth's, and Boys' black and buff and 1 and 2 Hats; Moss and Beys CAPS.—Together with their former stock of London Hats, and those of their own Manufacture, they offer a cheap and useful article, which will be sold at the lowest price. RYERLY & SIBTHORP, 41, 43, 45, & 47, Cash and the highest prices given for Hats, Caps, and Gloves.—Hats dressed, Bonaire dressed, &c. Ground Pasteur's Paints for sale.

MADEIRA WINE. 4 HIDS. of Very choice Old London Ale—1 Lid. Sicily and Red WINE. For sale by CROOKSHANK & WALKER, December 13.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL EXAMINATION of the Central Madras School will take place on FRIDAY next, at 10 o'clock, A. M. December 20. J. W. BOYD, Secretary.

MISS CROSS, begs leave to inform the LADIES of this City, that she has commenced the Dress MAKING Business, at her Father's residence in Princess-street, directly opposite the house at present occupied by THOMAS T. HANFORD, Esq. where she solicits a share of public patronage. Dec. 20.

N. B. Ladies' and Children's CLOAKS made in the neatest and most fashionable manner, at the shortest notice.