### SUMMARY OF NEWS.

#### BY THE R. M. STEAMER.

The Steemship America, arrived here on Satur day evening last at 8 c'clock, from Liverpuot We give below à summery of the news.

Trade is inactive in most departmente Pro dane markete dull-prices declining. Brenderaff dail; the best Western Casal Flour to quo'ed at 28c 6d a 24c. Share market steady and improving. Money more in request and better terms procured. Conculs 954 to 95 5-8 -for money and accounts.

Parliament was opened by commission on the Slet alt-the Queen's Speech delivered by the Lord Chancellor from the threne. The Speech commences with lamenting the death

of the Quena Downger; and follows by congratulating the Country spon the continuation of peace with Foreign Powers-the arrangement of differen ces between Russia and Tarkey; noffices progress of acgetiations with other Countries for the relazation of restrictions on shipping. Her Majesty also expresses her pleasure in the improved condition of Commerce and Manufactures, and sincere gralifeation in the increased enjoyment of comforts

A most astounding project has just been ansespeed in London—the formation of a Italiway from Caline to Monten in the midet of lodia!distance 3,800 miles-cest £38,000,000!!

Another expedition in Sourch of Sir. John Frankfin is resolved upon.

Lord John Russell has given a full exposition of his views in regard to general Colonial policy. He concluded his Speech by stating that the prin ciple upon which the Colonial policy of the Goversment was founded was the maintenance of the face trade eveters to the fullest extent.

Awres, Fine .- The most destructive fire ever remembered in the neighbourhood occurred at the village of Ashwell, Herte, on Saturday nigh last destroying property to the amount of from 25,. egol, to \$0,000/., consisting of the houses, build ings, and produce of six of the largest farms in the

The neighbourhood & Liverpool was visited during the days of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with the most severe storm encountered since 1839. A great number of vessels was wrecked on the coast.

ROYAL ENGINEERS-Capt Henderson, commanding the corps at Gravesend, has accipted the appointment of Inspector of Convicts in Western Anstralia, and will shortly sail for that nettlement Another Steamer to the Cunard Line.

GREENOCK, Feb 1 .- The Asia steamer was Samehed yesterday afternoon from the buildingyard bere of Masers. Robert Steele and Co. She was named by Miss Hell, desighter of Dr. Hill of this town. The Asia is 265 feet in length, 37 in breadth, depth of hold 27 feet, and measures 2.226 tone N M -being 400 tone larger than those last built for her uwners; she is 17 feet longer and four wider. In his construction every application of skill and science has been combined that could contribute to her strength and speed. She is the property of the B. and N. A. Steam Navigation Company, and is to be commanded by a few doys to receive her engines at Mr Napier'

The intelligence from Ireland is still most heatrending. Cultivation seems ategnant, and trade is more depressed than in the worst of her sufferings. The tide of Emigration to the United States, has again set in, but unfortunately for the people, the means is not now left to escape from destitution.

Another and workhouse casualty by which 27 homan beings-femains-lost their lives, in given in the Limerick papore—as many more were seriopsiv wounded.

DUBLIN, Wednesday Morning -- For the last 15 hours it has been blowing a hurnane only exconded in violence by the terrible storm of Januarv. 1839. The wind is from W.N.W., and up to the time of the deparch of this letter there is no symptome of its abstement. The Holyhead mail, doe at half past 10 last night, has not yet arrived, and itis much to be feared that the dam-

ARMY REDUCTIONS-Three of the Regiments now in Ireland -two of infantry and one of cavaley - are to be removed at once, in consequence of the arrangements in progress for the reduction of the Military force. The military establishment at Athlone is to be g ven up, and consider. able reductions are to be made in the army medical and other departments

The French ministry sustained a defeat in the Legislative Assembly on Saturday on a bill for the transference of the other public officers of the de partment of Loiret, from Monthriso to St. Luenne

tin ; a considerable number of persons assembled but no, we remained until the 25th when we force being resorted to.

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Twenty five Lives Lost on the Ice in Hol. tante of Haren, in the eastern part of Hanoverian Friesland, amoenting to twenty five, went on the The river at this part is rather broad. They had aceroely commenced their diversion when a part of the ice give way and five of them disappeared the orgere hastened to their accistance, when they unfortunately met with the same fate. The caused by the calamity.

Innia .-- We have received by extraordinary express in anticipation of the everland mail. our The news is pany. Colonita of the 24th December. more interesting. Drs Campbell and Hooker have been liberated from their confinement by the Rajah of Sikkim. Two or three smart skirmish a have taken place between the refractory inhab tante in the Eusafzaie country, who had refused to pay their taxes, and the troops under Col. Bradsh w in all of which the British troops have come off victoriously, though opposed by a much erronger force. The Governor-General, who was in im-proved health, was expected at Bombay in a few days. Sir Charles Napier was at Luhore. Trade at Bombay, both in exports and imports, dull. At Culcuits it was brisk, especially is indigo.

ANOTHER AFFAIR WITH PIRATES-In an attack upon a nest of Prates, on an island in the River Gembis in December last, by the boats of Her Majesty's ship Contaur, and steamer Teazer, Lieut Crocket, of the marines was killed, and Mr Young, midsnipman, and eight sailors and marines wounded.

THE DIFFICULTY WITH GREECE .- The afficulty with Greece, has result d in a total supension of relations he ween the two powers he British envoy and the admiral had made several demands upon the Greek Government respecting indemnity to certain British subjects. and the surrender of two selands. The Government positively refused to admit the claim The English admiral granted a delay of twenty-four hours, but nothing was done, and the English envoy meantime declined the mediation of any foreign representatives, and persisted in his demands, but allowed a further de'ay of 24 hours before resorting to extreme measures. The Sounte and Chamber of Deputies met, protested against the Bruish Government's demand, and agreed to Captain Jadkins She is to proceed to Glasgew in support the King. Sir Wm Parker then declared the whole coast in a state of blockade, as far as regards (ireek ships only, and all ships of war ander the Greek flog were ordered to be captured. It is said that several had been taken.

> There seems to be every reason to hope that the Greek question will be settled in no amicable manner. England has agreed to accept the sole mediation of France, and there seems no resson to doubt that Greece will also consent.

## ARTIC EXPEDITION.

Behring's Straits.

Through the kindness of Mr. Barrow, F. R. S., of the Admiralty, we are enabled to lay before our readers the tollowing interesting letter to that gentleman from Commander Moore, of her M. S. Plover : -

· Her Majesty's ship Player, Kotzebue

Soun 1, Sept 28th 1849. " Many thanks for your very kind letter of he 14 h February, 1849, and at the same time. mage done to shipping along the coast and at sea I am most grieved to receive the melanchely must have been very serious. At this early hour news of your beloved and honoured father's It cannot be ascertained to what extent the city death. Every one on board was much grievand suburbs have suffered from the effects of the ed at it. You must excess my short note to you. Lintended sending you a long account. but Copt. Kelleit, of the Herald, sails much sooner than lexpected -- that is, to-day. I did not think he would have sailed before the 1-t f Onober. After leaving the Sandwich Islands I proceeded with favourable winds the vith salmosted by their Society, hove many Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English Grammar, and thick weather, and arrived off St. Law- during the real half Century of the Christian era. and Geography. rence Island on the 9th of October, the wind S. E., with every chance of bring at Kaizebue Sound the next day, but the wind come round to the N. N. E., and the correst runn-The Bill was introduced by the government, and through. We were then running upwards | Pancy Aracles and increasing and increase ved Mathematical and Classical Departments. emetance has given risu to further remove of a coup d'etat, in the shape of an avasion of the Assembly by order of the Pru silent of the Republic act of course, in dissolution; but the serious of the have been so frequent of late that but help att.

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to out down a tree of liberty in the Place St. Mir- dy at a moment's start, should the wind shift; round the tree, and decorated it with flags, were driven into a most sing inner harhour, and on the police attempting to disperse the and obliged to secure the ship, much against mob, one of the officers was struck, upon which my will, but we cannot go against wind and swords were drawn, and one or two persons set weather, and with such a miserable, dull-sailv rely wounded ; the troops were called out, and ing craft, that can only proceed as if time succeeded in dispersing the mob without further were no object. I have had much to put up with here, but truly glad and thankful, wit The weather has been extremely cold in France It'e help of Providence, pointing out snug was and other paris of the Continent. Several persons ter quarters and thus preventing me from pair, which has t-proof Cellar, and a ver faling have been frozen to death.

I have sent a training of this West of West of Anna constructions STABLE. new harbour to the Admiralty. The account the Saw Will is not conveniently situated, of the natives will be most interesting. We is fite doub with a new set of running Goar, on an and.—The Datch journale relate the following have gained their greatest friendship, and I improve penalty on the liver, and for mately or put terrible accident from the giving way of the ice in was enabled to travel all over the country, and the free of last summer. GEO M. MACK was in hopes we should have reached Kotze. bue Sound by sledges, but after six weeks' revere travelling, arrived within 20 miles of East 'Ems with a view to divert themselves by eksting | Cape, and found the ice was broken up there, STAR LIFE ASSURANCE. and the natives could not go acros-. W found them far different to what we read about, and all along the coast to Point Barrow. Many a tear was dropped by them whole of the bodies were afterwards recovered when we laft, and their feeling towards us quite dead. Nearly the whole of the sufferers was most kind and hospitable. I was always were married men, and great distress has been having them to dine with me; and through kindness, and treating them with determination. I can assure you now that whatever ship should touch there will meet with kindness from them. Deer I get plenty of; fish at times, despatches from Bombay of the 2rd, January, and and it was a great thing for my ship's con-

> We all succeeded very well with their language, and only sorry to find it different on this eide. A few only can understand us, but we have established just as good a feeling here, and every chance of supplies of deer; but a dangerous place for the ship, and we could not find a single place to the northward. If we could have put the ship into Wain- has made considerable progress, without yet havwright Inlet it would have been a great thing ing a claim, the rates are generally lower than for me. I then could have gone as I intend- any other London or Scotch Company, and the ed in the boats. We got to 72.51 N., and proportion of profit divided among the assure were then stopped by the ice. My large boat greater by for than any off er, " being 90per cent, got well round Cape Barrow, and when the 10 per cent only to the Stockholders, rendering it two small boats started for the Mackenzie no at once both a Stock at 1 mutual Society without ice was to be seen. I have been expecting any risk to the assured; their first Bonuses declarlook for his return I have, all the time I cent amount on the amount of Policy. And on tw have been in this sen, found the current alter with the winds. I hope long ere this that Sir over 62 per cent, on the mount paid in, the mar-John Franklin has arrived safely in England tality among the lace assumed by this Society were and all his brave companions. They must found to be I per cent less than had been calcuhave had plenty to go through. I send this lated for The ab we are Lacts in favour of the short note sooner than none; my next shall "Star" which cannot be confroverted, and should be longer. The Herald is just going to be recommend it to the few arable consideration of off, and I must finish."-Morning Herald. , all parties i tending to inque Policies effected

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