

News of the Day.

The House of Commons.—We are glad to observe that the Glasgow papers, that appeal to the public on behalf of these unfortunate ladies, has had the desired effect. Among those who have aided liberally none is more conspicuous than the family of Sir William Maxwell, who have contributed £15, including an amount of £1 by Major Maxwell. It is to be hoped that a sum will be raised sufficient to purchase such quantities as will place them beyond the reach of want for the remainder of their lives. *Edinburgh Observer.*

Bermuda, Jan. 24.—Sailed on Tuesday last, His Majesty's Ship *Cruiser*, and on Friday H. M. S. *Gannet* on a cruise. Both these vessels have been ordered by Commander Sir Thomas C. Clarke, to cruise in the neighbourhood of these Islands, for the purpose of affording to every vessel that may fall in with them, there being every reason to apprehend from the continuance of the late tempestuous weather, which has swept the American coast, to direct north of us, and from the number of distressed American vessels that have already reached our ports, consoling as well as European traders, that other, perhaps, a far worse state than this of these, are still near Bermuda. This humane and considerate act of attention towards the commerce of a foreign nation, will, we feel assured, be duly appreciated. *Royal Gazette.*

St. George's a Free Warehousing Port.—An order of His Majesty in Council, bearing date 26th October, 1866, constituting the Port of St. George in the Bermudas, a Free Warehousing Port. We have been favoured with a copy of this order from His Majesty's Customs. It contains the provision, that no thing entering the island shall except any goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from the said Port of St. George, or from any other British possession in the West Indies, or in the Continent of South America, or into the Bermudas Islands, from the payment of the duties now chargeable thereon, in such places under the said Act.

Literary Composition.—Sergeant Talbot is said by some to have been 17, by others 24 years in writing, re-writing, altering, and polishing his tragedy of *Ion*, and certainly it bears great evidences of care and taste, and as high a degree of perfection as can be found in any human production. A popular author of the present day, in the preface to one of his plays, says, "the piece which these remarks precede was commenced on a Thursday, and acted on the following Monday." No wonder we have but few Shakespeareans! Byron seldom or never wrote more than two or three stanzas, even of *Dan Juan*, in one day; he thought over them, revised them, and altered the words and images, until each became a world of thought. Moore, the poet, has taken more than six weeks for a little song not more than twenty lines in all; but then his lyric poetry will live for ages after he shall be laid in the grave. Sir Walter Scott is the only writer of our day who has written rapidly and well, with the exception perhaps of Sir Edward Lytton; but the former was too conscious of the defects of his works from too scrupulous position, that he declared he would never voluntarily occur the name of himself in connection with what would necessarily occasion. Perhaps no work was ever written really well and rapidly; the ridiculous story of Dr. Johnson having written his *Rasselas* in a week, or, as some of his bigoted biographers say, in three days, is not only a mental but a manual impossibility. He was not a quick writer, even when engaged upon his most perfect and dainty productions; and the composition of this, the most elaborate and highly finished of them all, must have cost him the labour of several months. It is said he wrote it to pay the expenses of his mother's funeral, and from this it has been inferred that it was begun and completed in less than a week; but he could scarcely have transcribed it in a less period than this, and a lawyer's clerk writing by the light of a hundred words, could hardly be allowed the task in the time which had been allowed for the author for all the intellectual effort and care which it inevitably involved. In literature it may be adopted as a good general rule, "the more haste the worse speed," and although we do not think that Mr. Talbot's tragedy may not have been written as well in a less period than twenty-four years, it is certain that no hastily composed tragedy has had a permanent existence.

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lar, but because a worthy man, and the Editor of an excellent Newspaper, is called on to suffer in the cause of free discussion. We have no room to go into detail, or to argue this point at length, but we are very certain that the Patrons and friends of Mr. Pierce will rally round him on this occasion, and make his incarceration a triumph rather than a disgrace. We differ with him entirely in the view taken by the *Gleaner*, of New Brunswick affairs just now, but that does not alter our opinion of the hardship of his case, and the folly of his persecutors. *Newscotian.*

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St. John's to St. John, via Newburg,	400
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