

a bon-mot in her mouth to excite a laugh, and that I never find at home, my wife being to me neither comfort, nor consolation, nor joy, taking no pains to be kind or complaisant, and receiving me with a cold and disdainful mien when I return home, and seek to kiss, caress, or joke with her; so that I am obliged to quit her of necessity, and seek my recreation elsewhere." Yet, notwithstanding these friendly relations with her, Rosny was obliged to be as rigid with her as with others, in opposing her demands of money and edicts. There is a very humble and pressing letter, written by Mary de Medecis, on one occasion to Rosny begging of him to pay a gratification of 600 francs, which the king had made to her gardener, on whose merits, she thinks it necessary to expatiate. Negotiations with the royal mistress, during squabbles betwixt her and her lover, was another employment of Rosny, and one that he felt to be of such extreme difficulty and peril that he carried it on as much as possible by letters, never allowing a verbal message to pass between them, and never writing an account of a conversation without submitting the letter for her revision.—*Life of Sully.*

THE STAR.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1834.

In the Council, on Tuesday the 18th inst., the hon. Speaker in moving for leave to bring in a Bill for removing doubts respecting the introduction of the Law of England into Newfoundland, gave it as his opinion "That the law of England generally, including the statute law to the 5, G. IV. so far as they affect property and civil rights, are the law of Newfoundland now, and therefore if that be an inconvenient state of things the legislature have the subject fully before them and can alter it."

Mr Cozens it will be seen in another column is now firmly seated in the House.—We have not now room for comment, but shall take an early opportunity of saying a few words on the circumstance.

We perceive by the Patriot of the 18th inst., that a meeting has been called in St. John's to frame a petition to His Excellency the Governor, to dissolve the present House of Assembly. Among the resolutions passed is the following.

That these Resolutions be published in the London Times and Morning Chronicle Newspapers.

BRIGUS.—On Sunday morning last, the 23rd inst., between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock, a store belonging to Mr J. N. Harris, on the south-west arm of Brigus, was discovered to be in flames. The alarm was immediately given, and in less than a quarter of an hour, nearly 600 persons had assembled on the spot, and rendered all the assistance in their power; but short as was the time before they arrived, the destructive element had almost done its work. The store as well as an adjoining stage was almost destroyed. The exertions of the persons assembled, however, saved the premises of Messrs R. Brown & Co., which, but for

them, would have shared the fate of Mr Harris's property. Mr Harris's loss comprises, besides the buildings, a new vat, provisions for several sealing vessels, as also their sails. The loss is estimated at above £1000. The fire was supposed to have been caused by the negligence of a person who slept in the store for the protection of the property.

Messrs S. and J. Percey, and W. Rabbits, as well as Mr Brown and his young men, exerted themselves extremely to stop the progress of the flames; indeed all present are deserving of the highest praise for the willing manner in which they performed their parts, in endeavouring to impede the progress of the fire.

The above account was related to us by an eye-witness.

Yesterday, at 7 in the morning, was launched from the beach at Clown's Cove, near this town, a fine Schooner named CORDELIA. She is intended for the Seal fishery, is the property of Messrs T. CHANCEY & Co. of this town, and was built by Mr Thomas Parsons, Clown's Cove—her register is 91 tons.

MARRIED.—On Wednesday last, by the Rev. J. G. Hennigar, Wesleyan Missionary, Mr Joseph Parsons, of this town, to Miss Catherine Parsons, of Clown's Cove.

Last evening, by the same, Mr Fox, mason, to Miss Julia Lilly, both of this place.

DIED.—On Sunday the 16th inst., Mr John Dean, aged 56 years.

Shipping Intelligence.

HARBOUR GRACE.

CLEARED.

Feb. 19.—Brig Kingarloch, Thornton, Cork for orders: 53 tuns, 2 bhds., 14 galls. oil and blubber, 1000 qtls. fish.

The committee appointed by the House of Assembly waited upon the hon. J. B. GARLAND, on Saturday the 8th inst., with the following resolution—Mr Brown, as Chairman of the Committee, prefaced its presentation nearly as follows:—

"I have much pleasure, Sir, as Chairman of this Committee, in presenting you with the undivided thanks of the House of Assembly of this Island, for the dignified manner in which you filled the Speaker's Chair; thereby gaining honour for yourself, respect for the assembly, and securing the confidence of the public. Having been placed, by your unanimous election as Speaker of the House of Assembly, in the highest situation to which the people of the Colony could call you, it is to us a source of much regret, that His Majesty has not been pleased to assign you the priority of rank in the Legislative Council, which your former station in the Assembly pre-eminently entitled you to:—*Resolved unanimously.*—That the thanks of this House are due and be presented to the Honourable JOHN BINGLEY GARLAND the late Speaker of this House, for the able and impartial manner in which he discharged the duties of that important office.

Ordered.—That Mr Peter Brown, Mr Kent, Mr Paok, Mr Carter, and Mr Sweetman, be a Committee to wait on the said Honourable JOHN BINGLEY GARLAND, with the said vote of thanks.

Mr GARLAND replied:—

"Mr Chairman and Gentlemen of the Committee:—

"To have been called to preside over the first General Assembly of this Island, while the honour and dignity which such an event conferred on me were never lost sight of, a consideration of the responsibility which its acceptance involved, and of the ability and acquirements requisite for an able discharge of its functions, also brought with it, to my mind, a moral consciousness that the qualifications of him on whom so distinguished a lot had fallen, were inadequate to that post which had been assigned to him.

"But anxious, even in any rank, to offer the aid of talents or experience, feeble as either might have been, to bring into action that political change which from conviction I had brought myself to conclude might eventually operate to the welfare of this Island in all its varied relations, I have in the station from which I have been lately called away, endeavoured to discharge those functions with all the ability and impartiality which I could morally or physically exercise; and if the consciousness of that imperfection was then great, I have now, however, a private satisfaction superior to that which the external honours attached to the station might have more publicly conferred on me—that of knowing, by the vote of the present House of Assembly, presented by yourselves, that my efforts, however inadequate to the good of the public cause, or imperfect in the minor points connected with my late Office, have been indulgently dealt with; and that my intentions, rather than my merits, have been the subject of consideration.

"To the Assembly of a Political Collective Body, my earnest and respectful thanks for this demonstration of its sentiments, I trust you will, on my part, as earnestly and respectfully deliver; and the honour which such a resolution may throw over the aspect of my future life—be the lot of that life what it may—will only more powerfully excite me and mine to the exercise of any power which may conduce to the prosperity and welfare of an Island which I may almost consider my Native Land.

"To the Honourable Gentlemen of the Assembly, individually, I have to say more than I can well express.—As they are daily witnesses of my imperfections and failings, so they bore with them indulgently, and supported me, when support and direction were too requisite. And as a last favour which their former President can prefer to you, Gentlemen, he would request that you will express to one and all of them, that their uniform and attentive consideration towards me in bearing with the asperities of my natural temper, no less than with the insufficiency of my acquired qualifications, when before them as their organ, will, while their respective names stand recorded in the cells of my memory, never fail to excite any other feelings than those of gratitude and friendship.

"J. BINGLEY GARLAND."