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interests of Turkey and Egypt. These striking events are all of so recent occurrence, they have followed each other in such rapid succession, and some of them are so singular and unexpected, that it is impossible to foresee in what light they will be viewed by the Cabinets of Europe. To Britain and France, we are inclined to think, some of them will be highly satisfactory, but by the Autocrat of Russia and his allies, they will be regarded with very opposite feelings.

Turning to the colonies, we hear that Sir John Colborne, after a career of distinguished honour and renown, during which he has twice saved the Canadas from destruction, is to be removed from the Government, to pave the way, we are afraid, for a third rebellion, and his place to be supplied by Lord Clarendon, an entire stranger, who has no practical knowledge of Colonial affairs. Such a change as this could not have happened at a more unseasonable hour, than at the time when the disaffected in the Canadas, feel so much encouraged by the disturbances of the Charities in England.

The news from the sister province during the past week, are of a very gloomy character. A large fire, (the particulars of which will be found in another page,) has destroyed a vast amount of valuable property in the city of St. John, creating much disappointment and suffering, among many of the most respectable, and independent, and enterprising merchants of that city, and reducing a great number of persons to complete beggary. The Lieut. Governor of the province has been requested to convene the Legislature without delay, to afford the means of relief to the sufferers, and with his usual frankness, and promptitude, and condescension, he has assured the inhabitants of St. John, (whither he instantly repaired, after the calamity, from the capital,) that he will cheerfully render them all the assistance he has in his power.

We cannot be too thankful to a kind Providence, for the many blessings we enjoy in this highly favoured Province, or too prompt and liberal in affording assistance to our suffering Brethren in New-Brunswick. A Public Meeting was held on Monday last, and a numerous and respectable Committee appointed to collect subscriptions for the relief of the sufferers by the calamitous Fire in St. John.

The Hon. S. CUNARD, who has lately arrived in Halifax, his native Town, from Britain, has become immediately the object of popular favour and consideration. During the past week he has received a complimentary Address from the Inhabitants of this Town, which we shall publish with his Reply in our next number. A piece of Plate is to be presented to him, and those who have leisure and are fond of social enjoyment, will have an opportunity to day of dining with him, and participating in the usual amusements of a Pic Nic Party on McNab's Island, the healthy and fashionable resort of our Townsmen and their families during the summer months.

ADDRESS OF THE SYNOD OF CANADA TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

To His Excellency Sir George Arthur, K. C. H. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding Her Majesty's forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency, We the ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, in Synod assembled, beg leave to express to your Excellency our warm sentiments of loyalty and attachment to the British Crown and Constitution, and our earnest desire that the connexion between this colony and the British Empire may remain inviolate and perpetual.

We rejoice that the attempts lately made by unprincipled and lawless men, to disturb the peace of this and the adjacent Province have been so signally defeated; and we have no doubt that should such wicked and desperate attempts be again repeated, they will be instantly repelled by the wisdom of your Excellency's administration, and the loyalty and valour of the people.

Believing as we do, that the advancement of truth and righteousness is one of the great ends of civil government, as ordained of God, we trust, as we humbly entreat, that your Excellency will vigilantly

exert all the power of the Government to promote these objects—especially in the adoption and maintenance of an efficient system of religious, moral, and intellectual instruction, adapted to the wants and circumstances of the country. And as a means of promoting order and morality among the people, we would call your Excellency's attention to the necessity of caution and discernment in the appointing of Magistrates and persons to fill public and responsible offices—that these honours and offices may be bestowed only on intelligent and good men who will be faithful to their trust; as upon this greatly depends the preservation of good feeling and respect towards the Government, the maintenance of the efficient authority of the laws, and the suppression of vices, such as Sabbath-breaking, profaneness and intemperance, which, in proportion as they prevail in any community, must be detrimental to its best interests. That Almighty God may ever defend and protect your Excellency, bestow upon you every temporal and spiritual blessing, and prosper your administration is our sincere and constant prayer.

In name and by appointment of the Synod, ROBERT M'GILL, Moderator.

At Kingston, July 9, 1839. To which His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:— NIAGARA, 1st August, 1839.

GENTLEMEN, The expression of your sentiments of loyalty and attachment to the British Crown and Constitution, and of your earnest desire, that the connexion between this country and the British Empire may remain inviolate and perpetual, are highly gratifying. That the attempts which have been made by lawless and unprincipled men, to disturb the peace of Canada, have been so signally defeated, is a subject, indeed, of thankfulness; and from the past, the best assurance may be drawn, of the determined valour, with which Her Majesty's subjects are resolved to defend their soil.

I most cordially concur with you, that the grand end of Civil Government is the advancement of truth and righteousness; and that, whilst those Institutions are the wisest which have the greatest tendency to such an end, the most weighty responsibility is involved in the selection of public functionaries, since so much depends on their integrity and intelligence. As I highly esteem the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and know that their hearty support is of great importance to my Government, your kindly sentiments towards myself are highly acceptable.

GEORGE ARTHUR. To the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

On Friday a Committee, consisting of the Hon. H. H. Cogswell, hon. the Solicitor General, hon. H. B. Uniacke, M. B. Almon, Esquire, and J. Leander Starr, Esquire, waited upon Mr. Cunard with the following resolution, which was read by Mr. Cogswell.

FRIDAY, Aug. 16th, 1839.—A meeting of the Subscribers to the fund for the purchase of Plate, to be presented to the honourable Samuel Cunard, as a mark of the high estimation in which his enterprising spirit, in the establishment of Steam communication between Great Britain and this Province is held by them, took place this day, the Hon. Thos. N. Jeffery in the chair, when it was

Resolved, That the Hon. H. H. Cogswell, Hon. J. W. Johnston, Hon. J. B. Uniacke, M. B. Almon, Esq. and J. Leander Starr, Esq. be a committee to carry into effect the object of the Subscribers.

T. N. JEFFERY, Chairman. Mr. Cunard expressed his gratification at this mark of esteem of his fellow townsmen, and of the pride and pleasure with which he should receive their liberal present.

We understand the Committee above named will, at an early day, procure from London, a piece of Plate, for the acceptance of Mr Cunard, to be then presented to him in due form.—Journal.

ST. JOHN FIRE.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants held this day (Monday,) at the Exchange Coffee House, to take into consideration the distress which must have been occasioned to a large number of families at St. John, N.B. by the awful conflagration which had taken place in that city. The High Sheriff was requested to take the chair.

Resolved, That James S. Clark, Esq. be requested to act as Secretary. The Chairman having addressed the meeting, stated the object for which it had been called, when the following Resolutions having been submitted were unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, that the meeting sincerely sympathise with the sufferers by the late disastrous fire at St. John, N. B. and are anxious to alleviate the distress of those who may stand in need of assistance.

Resolved, That a Subscription list be now opened, a Committee of twelve Gentlemen appointed to obtain farther contributions, and that the Chairman of that Committee hold the necessary correspondence with his Worship the Mayor of St. John. Resolved, That the hon. Michael Tobin, hon. J. W. Johnson, Messrs. Joseph Howe, B. E. Black, Lewis Bliss, E. Kenney, D. Allison, T. Grassie, James Moren, Daniel Starr, W. K. Milward, and C. W. Wallace, be that Committee.

Resolved, That a list be also left at the Stationary Stores of Messrs. Belcher, M'Kinlay, and Munro, and the two Reading Rooms. The thanks of the Meeting being voted to the Chairman, it adjourned.

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JAMES S. CLARK, Secretary.

We feel convinced that the above appeal to the liberality of the inhabitants of Halifax will not be made in vain.—Journal.

Sir John Colborne has been recalled from Canada. The Montreal Herald, of the 13th inst. says:—We learn that it is but too true that our excellent Governor General has received an intimation that his services are to be dispensed with; and that his successor, the Earl of Clarendon, is expected to arrive in a frigate at Quebec within a fortnight or three weeks.

One Thousand Dollars were recently subscribed in New-Brunswick for the sufferers by fire at Eastport, and sent to that place. Part of the money had been expended, but the citizens of Eastport, on receipt of the calamity at St. John's, made up the original amount, and returned it with a highly creditable letter, expressive of their sympathy.—Times.

PASSENGERS.

In the Maryland from Newfoundland, Mr. & Mrs. White, and Mr. Haywood. In the Sally Evans, for Bermuda, Capt. Vesey, Messrs. Hunt, Ontonbridge, and Evans. In the Acadia from Boston, Mr. R. Lawson, Rev. Mr. Bethune. Mrs. & Miss Austen, Mrs. Talbot, Mrs. Delton, Messrs. Braine, Doore, B. Wier, Rev. Mr. Briar and Lady. 2 children. Mr. C. M. Cleary. In the Jubilee—Mr. & Mrs. Leitch, and child; Mr. and Mrs. Byers; Capt. Rice, R. V. B. Lady and 3 children, Miss Lidd, and 4 in the steerage.

MARRIED.

On Thursday evening last by the Rev. Addington Parker, Mr. CHARLES H. RIGBY, to MARY ANNE, daughter of the late James Driscoll, Esq. Royal Navy.

DIED. On Thursday evening last, in the 30th year of her age, after a long sickness which she endured with truly christian patience and resignation, MARY, wife of Mr. Hugh W. Blackadar.

Sunday Evening last, after a long and severe illness which she bore with patience and resignation to the Divine will, REBECCA, daughter of the late Peter Smith, of H. M. Dockyard.

Monday morning, ELEANOR, consort of Mr. Gasper Boast aged 89 years.

At Annapolis Royal, on the 27th inst. after an illness of twenty three years, Mr. HENRY J. HARRIS, son of the late Mr. Samuel Harris, aged 83 years. His widowed mother and family mourn the loss of an affectionate, dutiful and kind son and brother.

Drowned at Shelburne, 25 inst. WILLIAM H. TOTTIE, youngest son of the late John Tottie, merchant of that place, in the seventh year of his age, an active and promising child.

MARINE NEWS. PORT OF HALIFAX.

ARRIVED. Thursday—Am. brig Maryland, Smith, St. John's N. F. 10 days—salmon, herring, wine, &c. bound to Boston; Flower, Cape Negro—dry fish, oil and salmon.

Friday—Schr. Providence, Port Medway, lumber; brig, Sophia, Young, Nassau, 17 days—cigars, wine, anneised, pine apples, mahogany, &c. to Deblois & Merckel; schr. Mahone, Bay Packet, Cronan, Labrador, 10 days—salmon, oil, sealskins, furs, &c. to D. Cronan, Edward & Margaret, Dove, Margaret, Trial and Venus, on the Labrador coast.

Saturday—Schr. Bee, Yarmouth—dry fish; schr. Esperance, Gagnon, Montreal, 18 days—pork, flour &c. to S. Binney.

Sunday—Am. schr. Appawan, Atkins, Boston, 3 1-2 days—flour, pork, &c. to W. B. Hamilton; barque Capray, Barrows, Port Antonio, 26, and Bermuda, 9 days—ballast, to J. & M. Tobin—left brig Somerset and Grand Turk at Bermuda; Am. brig Acadia, Jones, Boston, 3 1-2 days—assorted cargo, to D. & E. Starr & Co. Wier & Woodworth, R. Noble & others; Emily, Hilton, St. John, N. B.—salmon and alewives, to S. Binney and T. C. James.

Monday—Am. ship American, Fletcher, Liverpool, G. B. 43 days—salt, dry goods, &c. bound to New York, short of provisions and water, put into Caplin Bay, 9th inst. and sailed again 14th inst. Am. barque Marenzo, Gillespie, Londonderry—203 passengers, bound to New York—cargo, iron and 57 days, 121 passengers & provisions; Packet ship Halifax, McClellan, Liverpool, G. B. 47 days—salt, dry goods, &c. to A. Clear, Liverpool, G. B. 47 days—salt, dry goods, &c. to A. Black and others; H. M. Frigate Crocodile, Captain Milne, Havanna, 14 days.

Tuesday—Brig Humming Bird, Godfrey, Trinidad, 22, and St. Thomas, 15 days—to Salsus and Wainwright—passed Bermuda 17th inst.; schr. Mary Ann, Cape Breton, dry fish; Mary, N. F. 10 days—deals; brig Jubilee, Pierce, St. John's, Ganete, Picton, 6 days—deals; brig Jubilee, Pierce, St. John's, N. F. 10 days—oil, salmon, and herring, to J. Allison, & Co. and others; brig. Atlantic, Lewis, Grenada, 18 days—rum.

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