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 AND CREONICLE. Saturday, February 13, 1869 We presume that the honorable Ontlemen who day after day meet ross James Bay to deliberate upon the Colony, are aware of the rates of postage we as a people are pre sent out of the Colony. And ye e are half-inelined to believe tha nding all are equal sufferers with the rest cf the Colonists, have bestow ed a moment's thought apon the sub ng a scheme to secure this Colony milar privileges, or as enjost If any rates as other Colonies enjoy. If any bourable gen tha biet he has hought upon the eu ject be has a begin to fear lest the session shonld begin to fear lest the session shool important being had. Perhaps a gentle reminder to-day from the "fourth induce thoinq iry by some honorable gentleman as to how it happens that for every let er weighing not over
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Puget Sound the same rate is exacted? Why the rate to England is twentyfive cents per half-ounce? to Austra-
lia, 40 cents? These would be pert nent quories to put to the Government,
and we shall proceed to show why. In the first place, a letter posted just
across the Straits at Port Townend for any part of the United States only sure its delivery in any part of the Repablic withont farther charge. I tamp pays it through; if Australia 22 cents ; if Eogland, 12 cents. Bit if the deatination be British Columbia, 15 cents is the rate. The same rates for every hulthounce mailed, If we payment of three cents mails a letter inion; six cents to any part of the United States; and twelve cents in sare its delivery anywhere in the his Colony and the Imperial author ies pay $\$ 750$ per month as a subsidy a line of bteamehips for carrying maile bolwean Victoria and sa rancisco; and the Post omice at San ent thither by mail, the same as i on'd it it were the America froished the sobsidy The Colon in axed twice for the same delivery. Squeers would say; "Here's richness fo Colony should pay from 50 to 100 per are in postage are han a lony; neither can n to pay fifteen cents for a letter transmitted to the nearest post-office in the eighboring territory, a distance of about fifty miles, when a letter may be desficee to any part of the country nnder American rule. Will some honorable gentleman put the question to the lead He County Court.-This Court at on Tuesay, Jadge Pemberton presiding. A num.
ber of cases were on the docket, but only one-a suit for damages-had been partially appear in his seat at the Conncil and the Court was adjourned until tod day at $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. A large number of suitors and witnesses were in attendance, who were pat to seriou incoovvenience by the postponement. This is one. of the beanties of the present system as well as in a judicial capacity.
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Island Reconveyance Ordinance was read a irat time- - Mr Hamphrey's resolation to was carried.- A smart debate arose on Mr | Alston's motion regarding Indian aflairs, re- |
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| antiog in the resolution being carried -Mr | Walkem read the Reports of Committee on ll of whioh were adopted. The report them of so much importacies that we repr duce them in another part of this paper.- $\mathrm{Dr}_{\mathrm{r}}$ Helmeken introduced a resolation, to be re-

ferred to the Oommittee on Drawbacks, reommending that all foreign voyages be con all foreign-going vessels of over 50 tons Therthen be sapplied with atores free of duty.
The Drawbocks Bill was read a second time and ordered for committee on Monday,-Tbe committee on the Scbool Bill made some
Curther advance, then rose, reported progrese and asked leave to sit again.-Dr Helmcken asked the Ohief Commissioner what inform rion was in possession of the Governmen
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between the Executive and Imperial Govo rament was still in progress, bat he might that Esquimalt was the proper site for the
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was he could not say. The Conncil then adjourned till 1 p. m. on Monday noxt.
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