



The Observer.

SAINT JOHN, NOVEMBER 9, 1852.

THREE DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

The mail steamer Africa arrived at New York on Thursday, with English dates to 23d ult., and 183 passengers.

A letter is published from Joseph Hume, M.P., chief of the liberal party, deprecating any movement in favor of the bill.

In Manchester a Free Trade banquet will be held on the 2nd Nov., at which upwards of fifty members of Parliament will be present.

Parliament is to assemble on the 4th of November. It is understood to be the intention of the opposition to test the strength and intentions of the government by a direct vote on the subject of Free Trade, before Christmas.

It is stated that the government have no intention of reviving the active powers of the Church Convocation.

A London, Liverpool, and North American Screw Steamship Company is announced, with a capital of £600,000. A charter has been applied for and will probably be secured.

A fatal duel occurred at Windsor last Friday, in which the Captain General, of the French navy, was killed.

The British Southern whale fishery had broken up their establishment at Auckland Islands, and will abandon the coasting trade to the Americans.

Gen. Mendham, Peruvian Minister of Finance, had arrived in England on a special mission.

The Earl of Derby was inaugurated Chancellor of the University of Oxford, by the death of the late Duke of Wellington.

Preparations for the funeral of the late Duke of Wellington go on apace, partly under the superintendence of Mr. Chubb, the engineer, who is charged with the duty of fitting up St. Paul's to accommodate the largest number of spectators that can be arranged.

Madame Terezyne, one of the patriotic Hungarian ladies, and well known in Austria, Germany, and Hungary, as an attractive singer, intends making an artistic tour in America, and will give her first concert in Boston.

A letter has been received by the Admiralty from Capt. Inglefield, commanding Lady Franklin's steamer Isabella, in which he states that he had met the Godshaven, Disco, boat of Greenland, to repair slight damages suffered from a gale off Cape Farewell. He proposed (Aug. 12) in a day or two to sail direct for Santa's Sound.

The squadron under Sir Edward Belcher had passed Goodshaven June 12th, having left it on the 10th, but finding Wiggatt passage closed, returned southward to take the open sea.

No ships have been seen returning southward from Melville Bay. It is presumed they were successful in making an early north passage.

The British minister at Rio Janeiro has been instructed to inquire into the ill treatment of English boys serving in the Brazilian navy.

On Wednesday last Mr. Cunard and deputation had an interview with Sir John Pakington, C. S. Secretary, on the subject of the Halifax Railway.

The London Times says it is reported that the Ministry have resolved to advise the Queen to permit the Houses of Convocation to meet in the same hall as the House of Commons, and to sit for the despatch of business and the discussion of such matters as may come before them—a permission which has not been hitherto granted for a period of a hundred years.

The Times considers it a very dangerous measure, it being a concession to the wishes and efforts of the high church party, to which the great mass of the protestant feelings and principles of the nation are opposed.

State of Trade in Ireland.—Business seems to be greatly improving. The duties on articles consumed in the country are estimated to amount to nearly £2000 in excess of the same period last year. The Irish Bank returns are also equally indicative of increasing prosperity.

The increase of circulation in the London Standard is estimated, as compared with the same period last year, to be 100,000 copies.

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The Emperor's title is intended, it is supposed, to be Emperor of Algeria, King of Rome, Protector of the Holy Places, which last, it is said, is intended to give him a pretext for meddling in the affairs of the East. The project of constituting Algeria a kingdom is not more than ever talked of, and it seems, one of those which the President is particularly tenacious.

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