



THE COURIER

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 1851.

The Steamer "America" arrived at Halifax on Monday afternoon, but no general news has been telegraphed.

We promised to look into farming matters occasionally, and we think we cannot do better to-day than recommend to the agriculturist a methodical arrangement of his various labors, since nothing tends so much to simplify and facilitate the work of the farm. This is a rule which, indeed, will apply to every business; but it is, perhaps, more absolutely necessary to the farmer than to any other whatever. A certain person being asked how he contrived to get through with so great a variety of business in so short a time, and with so much accuracy, replied that he never did more than one thing at a time. It may not perhaps be possible for farmers to be as definitely methodical in all their operations upon the farm, because there are various interruptions necessarily arising from weather, disease, and other contingencies and accidents rendering regularity in his best schemes for the conducting of his labor; but when there is a disposition towards regularity and method, much can be done in spite of these interruptions. However, the farmer has at least the mercantile part of his profession completely in his power; he can buy and sell by any given rule that may be most convenient for him, and to render this the more easy, we would recommend to all farmers to keep a regular set of books, in which all their transactions, cash or otherwise, may be properly entered. It is not to be supposed, indeed, that all farmers are, or can be, regular accountants, or that they can keep books exhibiting all the minute mechanism of the counting-house, but they can all keep, or cause to be kept, such books as may be necessary for their simple affairs. They can easily have a book in which may be entered all their cash transactions, Dr. or Cr.; and another in which their several buyings and sellings may all be noted, so that they may be referred to at any time. We would also recommend a careful preservation and proper arrangement of receipts and other documents referring to the farm or to household transactions, and that no money should be either received or paid away without giving or receiving a receipt, in the case may be. Were some such arrangement as this observed among farmers and cattle dealers, many a dispute would be avoided, and many a lengthened and expensive litigation avoided. We often hear Countess complain that they never can get more than an ex parte statement from their clients, and that, among farmers in particular, their statements are so warped, confused, and contradictory, that it is impossible for any lawyer, however skillful and industrious, to discover whether his client be right or wrong in his appeal to a Judge. This puzzle and mortifies an honest lawyer; for there really are such men, whatever writings and general libellers of human nature may say to the contrary; and renders him altogether unable to give a sound advice, however willing he may be to avoid ambiguity and chicanery. It brings him, as well as his client, into Court in a false position, and not infrequently throws a shadow of doubt upon the brightness of his intentions and the general character of the profession, which neither the one nor the other deserves. We fear much that, however possibly a certain character may be attributed to lawyers, their morals are not very greatly improved by any lengthened intercourse with the generality of their clients. But were proper books kept and proper documents obtained upon every transaction, and afterwards carefully preserved, so that they might be submitted for the inspection at any time of all whom they might concern, much trouble and anxiety, as well as much expense, would be prevented, and the Judge would no longer be overwhelmed with a load of business which they can scarcely, with all their skill and activity, find time to overtake.

As I have taken out this morning, about five o'clock, in the stable in rear of the double cottage occupied by Messrs. Lyman and Vennor, Henry Street, by which the whole of the outbuildings were destroyed. The wind being high at the time, the flames soon communicated with the dwelling, but by the exertions of the firemen, who speedily got under way, however, before considerable damage was done.

This is the title of one of the articles in the Edinburgh Review, and contains matter of great importance, so far as the relative position of Great Britain and the Colonies is concerned. It is a long and able article, and is a most valuable contribution to the public mind. The Colonies should be considered as a measure of economy. Under the old mercantile system, they tell us, that the Colonies were not left to their manufactures, and supplied productions which we could not obtain at all in our own country. The Colonies were not left to their manufactures, and supplied productions which we could not obtain at all in our own country.

Mr. Speaker's language was very justly and ably supported by Mr. Tupper. The House of Commons, however, has not yet decided upon the merits of the Colonies. The House of Commons, however, has not yet decided upon the merits of the Colonies.

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