



HOUSE OF COMMONS—Feb. 28

On the motion of Lord Maidstone, the order of the day for the attendance of Mr. O'Connell in his place was now read.

The Speaker inquired if Mr. O'Connell was in his place.

Mr. O'Connell rose and said—"I am here, Sir."

The Speaker—"Please to stand up."

Mr. O'Connell then rose.

The Speaker—"Mr. O'Connell; you have permitted yourself to be brought into the House of Commons at a public meeting with respect to which the House has come to the following resolutions:

"That the expressions in the said speech containing a charge of foul play against the Members of this House in the discharge of their official duties, are a foul and scandalous imputation of the honour and character of this House.

"That Mr. O'Connell having avowed that he used the said expressions, is guilty of a breach of the privileges of this House; therefore that he be reprimanded in his place.

"That it is necessary for me to remind you, that you have exposed yourself to the severest censure and displeasure of this House. You have endeavoured to vindicate your conduct by the urging that you were impelled by a strong sense of the defective constitution of the present tribunals for the trial of contested elections, and that you sought to promote a remedy for that evil by stimulating public opinion. It is unnecessary for me to remind you, that at the time when you used these expressions which have been condemned, this House had re-organized, with severely any difference of opinion, the expediency of attempting to apply a real remedy to the evil of which you complained, and that your energies and talents would not have found a more useful employment than in endeavoring to forward that measure. You have also alleged in your excuse, and it is true, that others have used expressions as strong as those which you employed with respect to this House. In general this House has been of opinion that it consisted its real dignity, and obeyed the dictates of prudence, in relying for its protection and defence against misrepresentation and calumny, in the endorsement of the zeal and fidelity with which it has discharged its duties. The case, however, is different, when one of the Members of this House seeks to disparage and degrade the House in public estimation, by charging a number of its members with foul perjury.

No one knows better than you do, that the laws and constitution of this country have invested this House with power and authority so large, that its acts must have an important effect on the well-being of the State, and that no power can be beneficially exercised, unless administered by those who enjoy the respect and confidence of the public. It is the first duty of the Members of this House to contribute by all proper means to sustain that character, which is essential to the interest of the House itself, as it is to the interest of the country. It is, happily, the time should arrive when this House shall be stripped of its moral influence and character, and the respect of the people, its means of resistance will be so weakened to resist unjust demands, that this great assembly, now so popularly constituted, will be tossed and driven by every successive current, to the great prejudice of the public interest. It is therefore with great pain that I have been compelled, in the discharge of my duty, thus to animadvert on the conduct of a Member, who has sought to disparage this House, by impeaching the conduct and honor of its members, and to bring to the commands of this House, I should reprimand, as I now do, Mr. O'Connell.

On the 23rd of February, Lord Melbourne presented, in the House of Lords, a petition for the vote by ballot. His lordship said that the existence of a strong feeling in favor of the ballot could not be denied, and that if one-half, or one third, or even one tenth of what was asserted respecting the influence employed in connection with the election of such a feeling could not be wondered at. He added, however, that he could not give his assent to the prayer of the petition. No argument in favor of it, he contended, could be drawn from the successful working of the system in other countries.

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The next question in this affair was, on a motion by Lord Howick to proceed to the order of the day, offered after Lord Maidstone's two resolutions. On this motion the vote was ayes 254, noes 263. Majority against ministers 9.

On the next day, the motion to reprimand was carried by a majority of 20; and Mr. O'Connell was ordered to attend and be reprimanded on the 28th.

On the 27th, in the House of Lords, the case of the children came up again. Lord Melbourne said that the facts had been investigated, and found to differ considerably from the original statement. The confinement was not solitary in the full sense of the word, as the children attended school twice a week, and went to the Chapel on Sundays.

A select committee was appointed to inquire into the matter.—N. Y. Com. file.

HAYTI.—We published a few days since the new treaty entered into at Port au Prince, on the 23rd ult. between France and the Republic of Hayti.

At the date of our latest Paris papers, it was supposed that actual hostilities had probably been resumed by the French squadron, which had been sent to Hayti for the purpose of enforcing the terms of the claim of France upon the republic.

The history of this claim may have been forgotten by some of our readers. The colonists who escaped from St. Domingo at the time of the destruction of the black, and the heirs of those who were murdered, for a long time solicited from the French government some indemnity for the loss of their property.

Soon after the restoration of 1814, during the reign of Christophe, and the presidency of Pétion, overtures were made to both those chiefs for an adjustment, but without success.—Afterwards, when President Boyer had succeeded to Pétion, and to Christophe, who died in 1820, a regular mission was sent by the French government to Hayti, to obtain some acknowledgment of a qualified sovereignty in the French government, and also an indemnity for the colonists. The first demand was peremptorily refused, but the President was willing to negotiate on the subject on his own terms.

At length, after long negotiations, an ordinance was issued by the French government, by which the entire independence of the French part of the island of St. Domingo was acknowledged, in favour of the French colonists, of 150,000,000 francs. This indemnity was to be paid in five equal annual instalments of 30,000,000 francs each. This ordinance was accepted by President Boyer, and was ratified by the Senate. The first instalment of thirty millions was raised by loan and paid over to the colonists.

The period for the second instalment came round, and found the republic not only unable to pay it, but entirely without funds for meeting the interest on the loan by which the first had been satisfied. Beside failing in these obligations, she revoked the stipulations entered into in favour of the French trade, and from that time to this, France has obtained nothing from these able republicans, but of other threats or coaxing. Two treaties have been at different times signed, by which France consented to a reduced rate of indemnity, but not one of these engagements has been complied with on the part of the Haytiens, probably from an entire inability so to do.

Previous to the sailing of the late expedition, a proposition was made to the French government to reduce the indemnity to one half the original amount, 75,000,000 francs, including therein the loan of 30,000,000, to pay the forty-five millions in forty-five annual payments of a million, and to pay a million each year of account of the loan. To these terms the French government refused to accede, and it was understood that the officers in command of the expedition should be authorized to bring the affair to a definite termination.

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SPAIN.—The whole of the strong words thrown up in front of Gibraltar for the last four months, and which the factions boasted were to prevent the Christians ever passing a mile into their territory, as they term every inch of ground under their dominion, are totally destroyed. General O'Donnell and his Staff, with General Juanuch, embarked on board the Salamander, at St. Sebastian, while the Columbian proceeded direct from the Azores to the island. To these terms the French government refused to accede, and it was understood that the officers in command of the expedition should be authorized to bring the affair to a definite termination.

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I could not ascertain how many were killed on the parade, but I observed from twenty to twenty-five wounded men led up the mountains by their comrades. Should after circumstances enable O'Donnell to move on Tolosa, the road may be said to be clear for him now by the way of Deva. The troops disembarked about four o'clock, having completely destroyed, not only the works, but every house in which a blockading force could be quartered for the rainy season about to set in.

Colonel Lassus has not as yet departed. Dispatches have been received for him here from Madrid.

I forgot to mention that the conduct of the troops was orderly; nor was there a single instance of either person or property being plundered in Serona, although it is a very well provided village. A police patrol was established in it during the time it was occupied by the Christians.

SOUTH AMERICA.—Accounts from Buenos Ayres, on Jan. 20, have reached us by the Britos. Capt. Adams, on the 27th Dec. previous, the Legislature of the province commenced their session, and received the usual Annual Message from the President. In regard to their relations with the U. States, he says:

"The unexpected difficulties which the government informed you in the last message, having been removed, it has named a Minister Extraordinary to the Cabinet of Washington, who will shortly proceed on his mission. It sincerely desires good intelligence between that republic and the Confederation. And obliged to fulfill the sacred duty of energetically demonstrating against the violent and atrocious conduct of the Captain of the sloop of war Lexington, at the Falkland Islands; it hopes that the standard of this country will be completely redressed by the government of a nation as jealous of its honor, as distinguished by the justice and liberality of its principles."

On the subject of the Falkland Islands, he further observes:

"The question with Great Britain respecting the unexpected occupation of the Falkland Islands, remains in the same state as was announced to you in the preceding year. The justice of these claims of the Confederation imposes upon the strict duty not to abandon them. The negotiation will continue its course, as opportunity, as the government happily has not yet any reason to suspect that in the termination of this negotiation, power will usurp the rights which the civilization of the age assigns to justice."

The Argentine Republic have made common cause with Chili in the war against Peru, the accounts which had just reached Buenos Ayres of the conclusion of a treaty of peace between General Santa Cruz, the Protector of Peru, and the Chilean General Blanco, who commanded the Chilean army which had just reached Lima, and who had just been defeated, although by a decree which is published, it appears that the President of Chili had refused to ratify it.

In the mean time it is stated that amidst the serious difficulties by which the Chilean government was surrounded, an occurrence had taken place calculated still further to embarrass it.

The papers state that the British brig Packet, bound for Callao, was refused clearance, on the ground that her destination was an enemy's port; and that, notwithstanding she actually sailed under the protection of the commander of the British naval forces on the station, she refused clearance, and the Chilean schooner of war Colocolo was sent in her pursuit, whereupon the British Commodore also refused clearance, and neither of the vessels had yet returned. In the mean time, it is asserted that local authority had ordered the consignee, a French merchant, to leave the country in 24 hours, but that he refusing to comply had taken refuge in the residence of the French Consul, who declined giving him up.

We also find that a Peruvian Squadron, taking advantage of the absence of the Chilean fleet with the expeditionary army, refused clearance, and attacked the Island of Juan Fernandez, where they destroyed every thing within their reach and sent off the Chilean Governor and officers in the American whaler ship Washington.

On the civil war raging in the Oriental State, the Montevideo papers to the 17th January contain nothing decisive. The Anarchists under Fructos Rivera had up to that time succeeded in evading a general action with the troops sent against them by the Government.

The French brig of war Alert, 52 guns, had got on a reef shortly after leaving Montevideo. By the assistance of H. B. M. brig Sparrowhawk, she was brought into port, but being in a sinking state, was run on shore in the mud.—N. Y. Courier and Eng.

Communications.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHRONICLE.

Outrageous Assault upon L. A. Wilton, Esq., Q. C. Sir, As numerous versions, and not all of them correct, are in circulation, of the assault lately committed by Master James Wetmore, upon L. A. Wilton, Esq., Q. C. Member of Assembly for the County of York, and late one of the Delegates to the Convention for examining the "Crown Land Commissioners' Accounts, I send you an account of the transaction, which may be relied upon.

It is not often that a young man has found himself more rapidly thrown forward into public life, than Mr. Wilton; and it is not often, that our little Pedlington has seen a young man, presume so much upon an elevation, more the result of accident, than the reward of his own abilities, as the individual alluded to. Our little Pedlington has one instance somewhat similar, in Aaron Ingleswood, of Ivanhoe Esq.

When elected a member for the County, he was "seen to be a swell;" when he got to London, he had quite outgrown his New Brunswick kit; and when he had been to Court and kissed the King's hand, after his numerous interviews with Lord Glenelg and Sir Geo. Grey, he would still more and more; so he did when he was appointed Queen's Counsel; and when appointed Commissioner to examine the Crown and Commission-ers' Accounts, he would still more and more.

WILMOT vs. WETMORE.—The particulars respecting the gollant fight between the parties, will be found in another column.

ash stick, and struck Master Wetmore over the head and ears. The gentlemen seeing this, declaring that he did not hold him to be thus beaten, let him loose. This was a most unbecoming scene.

Master Wetmore finding himself at liberty, again set upon the Major—not with his whip, but his fist, which he laid about him so vigorously, that the noble Major took to his heels, and fled; but while running into the office, received a kick from Master Wetmore on his seat of honor. This was a most unbecoming scene.

As these proceedings are to be brought before a Court of Law, whether the Supreme Court or Quarter Sessions is not determined.—Mr. Wilton insisting that his rank as Member of Assembly and Queen's Counsel, and Captain of a Troop of Cavalry, with the rank of Major, and his having the late King's hand, entitle him to look on himself in the Supreme Court, I shall say no more at present,—except, that if Mr. Wilton the gallant Major such circumstances to be thus hounded in a Court of Law, he would be very of Major Plunkett."

[FOR THE CHRONICLE.]

In this enlightened age, when liberalism is the order of the day—the only passport I may say, to favour, to rank and to influence with the people; that it may be deemed superfluous to inform the public; that the application of this principle is not confined to the appointment of the Executive Council alone, but that even the Magistrate does not escape its all pervading influence. The Royal Gazette recently announced the appointment of four individuals, as Justices of the Peace for this County; one whom was naturalized only so late as the sitting of the Court of Nisi Prius for this County, in November last. I do not question the right of the Crown to the sole prerogative of appointing to office; neither do I call in question Mr. Albee's qualifications, in some respects, to discharge the duties of a Magistrate; but I certainly do object to the ultra liberal principles, which could sanction the appointment of a British subject, of only four months standing, to a place of trust and responsibility in this Province, and who is still the citizen of a country, whose institutions and inhabitants are alike hostile to all well regulated Governments, and particularly to that of Great Britain—as fully evinced in the late Rebellion in the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada; I do not hesitate to affirm that the whole County must view such an appointment, and particularly at this period, with feelings of disapprobation, and as a tacit insult offered to its inhabitants.—If the western section of Charlotte requires an additional share of the Magistracy, surely suitable persons of British birth could be found to discharge the duties of that office, with credit to themselves and satisfaction to the public; and that doubtless the blame lies not with His Excellency, but rather with his advisers; yet certain I am that should he again visit this County, his reception would be very different from the cordial and respectful one, of last September. It is certainly much to be regretted that Sir John Harvey who assumed the Government of this Colony under far more favourable auspices than the present, has suffered himself to be intimidated by an influence more fatal to his political peace and reputation, than the embrace of the Bon to his hapless victim. The people of New Brunswick, which vessel he had not dismissed and water logged in latitude 33 N. and longitude 45 W. and had taken all the crew of the vessel six days previously.

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the Noble Lord said to have been very satisfactory to all present and to afford a pleasing anticipation of what will be the conduct of His Excellency in the arduous mission he has undertaken.—Mercury.

Montreal, March 27.

The Officers appointed to a particular service, who have recently arrived from England, have been assigned, by a general order of yesterday, the following stations, to which they are directed to proceed, on receiving their instructions. They are to communicate with the Commanding Officers of the Volunteer corps, in the section of country to which they are appointed, and to report to the Commander of the Forces—

Lieut. Col. R. Nickle, Quebec.  
" Hon. G. Cathcart, Montreal.  
" E. F. Gascoigne, Montreal.  
" R. R. Loving, Toronto.  
" W. Marshall, Kingston.  
" W. F. Turner, Cornwall.  
" C. Head, St. John and Hemmingford.  
" C. C. Taylor, Missisquoi.  
" A. M. Fraser, St. Lawrence.  
" J. Campbell, Cochrane and Prescott.  
" P. Young, Nugaru.  
" Anstruther, Pennington.  
" Capt. G. Barron de Rottenburg, Toronto.  
" J. B. Creagh, Beauport.

Several military gentlemen, appointed to serve in this command, have arrived in the latest packet ships from England. We subjoin the names:—In the Westminster, from London, J. R. TAYLOR, Esq. Medical Staff; in the Rover, from Liverpool, Major L. CARVER, in the Toronto, from London, Messrs. R. F. JACOBSON and WILLIAM HOLMES, Staff Surgeons; and in the Birmingham, from Liverpool, Capt. E. R. WRIGHT.—Gazette.

New York, April 4.—We greatly rejoice that we have nothing of moment to communicate respecting Canada, save that the entire frontier seems at present to be perfectly tranquil. His Excellency, the Earl of Gosford has paid a visit to Washington, previous to his departure for Europe. His Lordship was received there with every demonstration of respect; among other marks of which we may notice his dining with the President of the United States. Lord Gosford has returned to this city, from whence he will shortly sail. On Monday, His Excellency, Sir Francis Head, sailed for England in the packet ship Cambridge. He was accompanied down the bay, by Lord Gosford and upwards of a hundred other gentlemen who testified their respect for him to the last moment of his being among them.—Emigrant.

From the Nova Scotia.

NOBLE CONDUCT OF AN AMERICAN CAPTAIN.

Her Majesty's ship Hercules, Halifax Harbour, 25th March, 1838.

Sir,—May I beg the favour of your giving insertion to the following statements:

On my passage from England to this port, when in latitude 42 N. and longitude 52 W. we observed a small sail on our starboard, apparently with the desire of speaking this ship. I immediately closed with her, and found it to be the American Ship "Commerce," commanded by Capt. Perry, and that his object in communicating with us, was to beg that we would receive on board part of the crew of the "Elizabeth Caroline," of St. Stephen's New Brunswick, which vessel he had not dismissed and water logged in latitude 33 N. and longitude 45 W. and had taken all the crew of the vessel six days previously.

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