



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

At a General Meeting of the Members of the Chamber of Commerce of this City, held agreeably to public notice, at the Exchange in the Market-Place, on Wednesday, the 29th inst.

JOHN KEES, Esquire, in the Chair, and J. WOODWARD, Secretary to the Meeting.

The Annual Report on the Revenue of this Country, and the various Resolutions relating to the same, were presented to the Society, and after a long and interesting discussion, the Committee proposed that the Report should be published, and sundry Resolutions relating to the same, were passed.

The Committee then unanimously elected LAURENCE DONALDSON, Esq., President; HUGH MACKAY and ELIZABETH DE W. RATCHFORD, Esqs., Vice Presidents; and J. WOODWARD, Esq., Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT. The Committee of the Chamber of Commerce beg leave to submit the following Report of their proceedings during the past year to the General Meeting of the Chamber, agreeably to the rules of the Society.

Deeply impressed with the conviction that great and permanent good would result to this, and to all the North American Provinces, from the construction of a Canal to connect the waters of the Bay of Fundy with those of the St. Lawrence, your Committee, following in the steps of their predecessors, considered it their duty not to pass in their exertions, they accordingly forwarded, through His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to the Most Gracious Majesty a Petition praying that a competent Engineer might be sent from Great Britain to survey the route, and to report to His Excellency on the subject, and to recommend the course to be pursued.

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WEST INDIES.—We are sorry to learn that the Small Pox was still raging at Barbados, and that several deaths therefrom had occurred in Bridgetown. The Legislature had passed an Act forbidding the dissemination of that disease by inoculation with small-pox.

The Proclamation which the Governor had found it necessary to issue relative to incendiarism, has had a very wholesome effect—Complaints of the idleness of the laborers are pretty general. The Governor has been obliged to address them by proclamation on the subject.

The exports from Grenada for the year ending 31st December last, as compared with the table for the year 1838, show a deficiency of 5,848,677 lbs. of sugar, and 219,782 lbs. of rum.

The British army in Afghanistan had taken by storm the fort of Peshawar, with the loss of 16 killed and 34 wounded. The British Government had sent a detachment of 6000 men to the aid of the British army.

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