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**Pestilence in America.**—A mortal plague, said to be the same as the "Black Death" which raged so fatally in England and in Europe some five or six centuries ago has broken out in the western and southwestern borders of the United States. As yet it has been exclusively confined to the Indians. It attacks the head and loins suddenly, and with dreadful pain; and in about two hours the victim is a corpse. The body then swells enormously, and turns instantly black. Some idea may be formed of the fearful progress and havoc of death on the prairies from the fact that within a few weeks more than 33,000 savages died. Of a lodge of 1600 Mandans, (a noble tribe,) only thirty-five remained alive. 10,600 Assineboins have died and deserted wigwams, newly made mounds or putrifying corpses, attended only by the croaking raven and the screaming eagle make the mournful desolation of the Indian forests and prairies. The crows and black feet, so eloquently described in Irving's "Astoria" and "Rocky Mountains," have suffered dreadfully; and more than one of the smaller tribes have been summoned, men, women, and papoose to the tribunal of Manitoulin, the Great Spirit not one remaining to tell that they were once a nation of warriors! The disease is supposed to have originated from small pox amongst the traders and from them to have been communicated to the Indians, where it soon appeared in the aggravated form of "The Black Death."

From a parliamentary return just published (No. 365) it appears, that the poor-law unions formed in England and Wales include a total population of 8,668,270—averaging 17,302 in each union measuring on an average 78 square miles and having 35 guardians.

Great excitement has been caused in London by the trial of Robert Myers, in the Central Criminal Court, on a charge of feloniously setting fire to his house, in High-Street, Marylebone, with intent to defraud the Union Fire Office. The accused had formerly been in very extensive business, as a linen draper, in Oxford-street, but having become embarrassed, he had removed to the above-named premises. The trial commenced on Friday, and was not terminated till Monday evening, when after the Lord Chief Justice Tindal had summed up, which he commenced doing at six o'clock, and concluded at eight, the jury retired for two hours and a half, and on their return into court pronounced a verdict of guilty. On Saturday the prisoner was sentenced to be transported for life.

**NEW BRANCH OF COMMERCE.**—A salesman from Spitalfields market is now in Guernsey, purchasing brocoli to send to London. He has as we are informed, already bought upwards of 8,000 heads at from 1s. 9d. to 2s. 2d. per dozen. An inhabitant of Guernsey has alone embarked in a similar speculation, and is on the point of going to London with several thousand heads of the above mentioned vegetable which were this day shipped on board the Eolus.—*Guernsey Star.*

**New Line of Steamers betwixt Liverpool and Glasgow.** In reference to an advertisement in this paper, relative to a new line of steamers intended for the Liverpool station and which, we notice are to be built of iron, we understand that the leading advantages which these vessels will possess are greater strength, safety and speed than can be obtained in vessels built of timber by being divided into five sections, with partitions of iron as strong as the sides of the vessel. They will not only be safety vessels as regards fire, but also as respects striking upon a rock, or getting into collision with another vessel;

inasmuch as, although one, or even two, of the sections were cut and filled with water, the remaining sections would maintain the vessel afloat. We understand, that the speed of these vessels is guaranteed to surpass considerably that of any vessel at present entering the Clyde; and so perfectly adapted will they be for the Liverpool trade that they will arrive at, or depart from the Broomielaw at any stage of the tide, or even at low water; and, from the circumstance of their leaving this at a regular hour every afternoon, so as to arrive at Liverpool the following morning by business hours, the communication betwixt this and London, via the Birmingham Railway, will be brought within the compass of less than 30 hours. We are also informed, that these vessels will have second cabins with sleeping berths, of the accommodation of a class of society who have not hitherto possessed the opportunity of enjoying that comfort on the station betwixt Glasgow and Liverpool.—*Glasgow Argus.*

**Extraordinary Leap.**—A Yankee sailor, Samuel Scott by name, has been for some time advertising that he would astonish the good folks of Liverpool, by leaping into the water from the mast-head of a vessel called the *Dondo*, now lying in the Victoria-basin. The feat appeared to be so extraordinary at to be almost incredible; and the sceptically inclined were disposed to regard it either as an entire hoax, or at best, as a practical "Jonathanism." Yesterday was the day appointed for the performance of the feat; and long before half past 12, the time at which it was announced to take place, an immense assemblage of persons of all sorts and sizes had come together for the purpose of witnessing it. Shortly before one, the sturdy republican made his appearance. He mounted to the mast-head in gallant style, and after a few notes of preparation, he twirled his hat into the air, fired off a pistol and precipitated himself with the greatest possible sang froid into the element below. He was immediately picked up by a boat, and conveyed safe and sound to terra firma, amidst the cheers of the multitude. Several of the yokels expressed their disappointment that he did not, as he had given them to understand in his 'bill,' 'change his dress under the water, and re-appear in the garb of a woman;' but the greater number appeared to be highly delighted at what he had actually accomplished.

The feat was repeated by him with equal success at two o'clock in presence of even a more numerous assemblage. A collection we understand was made among the spectators for the hero. The height from which the leap was taken must have been considerably above 150 feet. The leaper is stated to be a thorough-bred Yankee, and a republican to the backbone. We have heard much of the leaping propensities of the Jonathanians, and of the wondrous feats

performed by them in the "land of liberty," but this beats them hollow.

**The Shipping Interest.**—It may interest some of our commercial readers to be made acquainted with the system pursued in France in navigating their vessels. In that country the merchant and the shipowner are distinct parties. The remuneration of the crew is not a fixed monthly sum, but is contingent on freight. After all expenses are paid, victuals included, the net proceeds of the freight are thus divided:—the ship takes two-thirds, and the crew one-third, and this one-third is apportioned in the following manner:—The captain receives two shares; the mate one and a half, and each of the sailors one share. By this plan the captain of a vessel of 150 tons makes an annual income of about £150. This system identifies the crew with the interests of their employers, constituting in fact a quasi partnership, and to it, in a great measure, may be ascribed the prosperous condition of the French mercantile marine. The subject is not unworthy the careful consideration of the young firms which have recently started up amongst us, for whose information we have been induced to write this brief article. We understand that the vessels which import cattle into this island, are navigated on this principle.—*Jersey Paper.*

**The New Law of Wills.**—From and after the 1st January last every Will, whether of real or personal property, must be in writing, and be signed by the testator, or by some person in his presence, and by his direction. The signature of the testator must be made, or at least acknowledged, by him in the presence of two or more witnesses present at the same time, who must subscribe their names as witnesses to the execution of the will in the presence of the testator and of each other. As the act does not require any particular form of attestation to be used, it seems that any words of sufficient import will answer the purpose. It may be further necessary to bear in mind that every will made in future will be revoked by the subsequent marriage of the party making it, without the birth of a child supervening.

By a recent Order in Council, Dutch vessels entering English ports have been placed on the same footing, and are to possess the same advantages, as English vessels. This boon is also granted by the King of Holland to English vessels going to Dutch Ports.

**Ancient Bridal chaunt.** Madame de Stael, in her touching romance 'Delphine,' has preserved the ancient bridal chaunt of the peasants of Languedoc, and describes in eloquent language the effect it produces on a stranger when sung in full chorus by the villagers. Her description is, no doubt, colored to the hue of her own impassioned narrative; but those who know the effect of their ancient songs upon a simple but affectionate people will not think it greatly exaggerated. The first verse is sung by the bride, and is sung by the bride, and is literally as follows:

Grant me then, my mother,  
For my husband, my lover;  
I will love him tenderly  
As thou hast loved my father!

The mother replies in nearly the same words,

Thy mother grants thee  
For thy husband, thy lover;  
Thou wilt love him tenderly  
As she has loved thy father.

The father then takes up the strain and to the same air repeats—

My daughter, imitate thy mother!  
For thy husband take thy lover,  
And cherish him tenderly,  
As she has loved thy father.

I have made no attempt to give a rhymed version of the above, for fear of destroying its simplicity, but have contented myself with rendering it word for word and line for line from the original.

**Humanity of the Bedouins.** The Bedouins treat their slaves with great kindness, and it is considered mean and unmanly to beat them. The Bedouins are kind to all created beings, to man and to beast. They live like brothers together, and I have never hitherto seen them use an angry gesture or heard them utter a harsh expression towards each other; they appear to be of a mild, cheerful disposition possessing a softness of temper and good nature which make them pleasing companions.

Johnson, the lexicographer, once made a bet with Boswell that he would go into a fish market, and put a Billingsgate woman into a passion without saying a word that she could understand. The doctor commenced by silently indicating with his nose that her fish had passed the state in which a man's alfacories could endure their flavour. The Billingsgate lady made a verbal attack, common in vulgar parlance. The doctor answered, "You are an article, madam." "No more an article than yourself, you villain." "You are a noun, woman." "You—you—you," stammered the woman, choking with rage at a list of titles she could not understand. "You are a pronoun." The beldame shook her fist in speechless rage. "You are a verb—an adverb—an adjective—a conjunction—a preposition—an interjection," solemnly continued the doctor, applying the harmless epithets at intervals. The nine parts of speech completely conquered the old woman, and she plumped herself into the mud, crying with rage at being thus at-

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**Cold in London and Paris.**—The day of greatest cold was the 29th January in both places, but the minimum temperature was much lower in Paris. In London the thermometer fell, on the 20th, 20 degrees below the freezing point; but in Paris it fell on the same day 34 degrees below it. In London the highest temperature on the 20th was 41 degrees below the freezing point; in Paris the highest temperature on the same day was 31 degrees below it. In London the mean temperature of the month was one degree above the freezing point, in Paris it was eight degrees below it. It will be perceived that the severity of the cold in Paris was, in every point of view, greater than in London. It is remarkable, also, that the frost not only commenced on the same day in Paris as in London, but that the cold varied in very nearly the same manner, though in different degrees. The increase of temperature perceptible in London on the 16th commenced in Paris on the 15th, and was of the same duration. On the 22d and 23d, in London, the thermometer rose to 40 degrees, and on the same day, in Paris, it likewise rose to above 40 degrees. This increase of temperature was, in like manner, followed by a return of frost, which continued till the 29th, when the thermometer rose to 44 degrees in both places.

**A Screw Loose.**—It is well understood amongst well informed political circles, that there is what is commonly termed a screw loose in the British cabinet, and that it has required the whole of Lord Melbourne's energies to keep his subs together since their defeat upon the question of the O'Connell reprimand, as Lord John Russell had tendered his resignation, and could with but great difficulty be prevailed upon to remain in office for the present, as a matter of cabinet expediency.

**Henry V.**—It is now said that the French ministry has received certain information from Spain, that, besides the commissioners accredited to Don Carlos by the absolute powers an agent from the Duke of Bordeaux, claiming the title of Henry V., had arrived at the Carlist head quarters and was officially recognised. This circumstance it was felt, would tend to increase the embarrassments of this question.

The **Commerce** asks, in a manner which would imply a previous knowledge of the fact, whether it be true that the French cabinet has received information from Algiers that the peace there was upon a more uncertain footing than ever, and that Abdeul Kader even contemplated an expedition to Constantine. The same print asks in the same breath whether Marshal Vallee has not threatened to throw up his command and post as governor general, if the reinforcements lately demanded by him are not at once despatched to Africa.

**Hanover.**—The German Journal of Frankfurt announces that the King of Hanover had annulled the elections of Lüneburg, Hildesheim, Stade and Harburg. The Deputy of Gottingen, M. Hugo, had not been allowed to take his seat in the house. The electors

of the city of Hanover, convoked for the third time on the 20th, had refused to proceed with a new election, in compliance with the Royal Rescript, which had declared their Deputy unduly returned. The Municipal Council passed a resolution by a majority of 41 against 1 that the new election be proceeded with. The principal cities of the kingdom, consequently will not be represented in the States.

During the resumed discussion on the clauses of the Irish Poor Law bill, on Friday night, on Mr. O'Connell remarking on the parts relating to vagrancy, Mr. Walker said he thought the law ought to be very severe against "trading mendicants!"

**Education.** At a meeting of the clergy of the diocese of Kilmore, held on Thursday, it was resolved, "That petitions be presented to the Imperial Parliament, protesting against the national system of education as it has been lately modified, and praying for a system of education Protestant and Scriptural principles."

**Diversion.** Some of the ministerial hangers-on speak of the O'Connell affair as a "diversion," and so far as, for a time, drawing off attention from all other subjects may be so called, it has certainly been the case; but in its other and more general sense, what may be play to them is death to the victim, who, it is said, complains in "curses not loud but deep," of having been sacrificed on the occasion by some of those whose vassalage, upon all occasions, he contends he had a right to calculate upon.

**Radical Squabbles.** Poor Feargus O'Connor has fallen into disgrace among his brother patriots. A manifesto, expressly directed against him, has been issued by the "Working Men's Association," with Feargus's former friends, Cleave and Hetherington, at their head. These red-hot "men of the people" address their brother thus: "You have failed in all your attempts; you christened public meetings as 'great associations'—to suit your purpose, your constituents being your own presumptuous boastings; with much more of a similar cast. The best thieves are proverbially those who are themselves not over-scrupulous in matters of other men's property, and no one can better unfold the radical tactics than the radicals themselves. What a beautiful illustration do the words in italics supply as liberal practice! But we must say that we consider Feargus to be very scurvily treated. "A friend should bear a friend's infirmities;" and if Feargus is a little too fond of self-exaltation, it is a fault shared with some of the first men of the party (e.i. my Lord Brougham), and should have been overlooked. We have seen Feargus over and over again so warm in the "cause of the people" as to be obliged to strip himself of his coat and neck-cloth at his "great associations in favor of Hetherington and untaxed knowledge;" and yet it has come to this! Alas for the ingratitude of mankind!

**French Fudge.** The Siecle states, as an accredited report, that the Queen of England, setting aside the old forms of etiquette, has addressed an autograph letter to

King Louis Philippe, inviting the Dukes of Orleans and Nemours to be present at her coronation; but that as his Majesty does not wish to be separated from both his sons at the same time, the Duke de Nemours alone will be allowed to accept the invitation. The journal adds that the civil list will contribute most liberally towards the means of enabling his royal highness to appear with distinction at what will be a splendid rivalry in magnificence.

It is rumoured that the government is about to present the inhabitants of Harwich with two or three 74 gun ships of war, for the purpose of breakwaters, which will form a beautiful promenade, exceedingly inviting to the many visitors who are in the habit of visiting this very pleasant and delightful watering place, and which will protect government and other property.

**THE ADVANTAGES OF POVERTY.**—It is well that poverty should have some advantages; and according to Jeremy Bentham it has. He says what is it that makes a man fit for business but application? Who applies most—the man with a large fortune or the man with a small one? Which is most likely to devote himself to dissipation—he who has the means of it, or he who has none? Which to lay in the greatest stock of merit—he who sees nothing but merit that can give him consideration, or he who has already in hand that of which merit could give him but a chance?

A Modern Don Juan has been shewn up in the American papers, having escaped from prison, where he was put for marrying thirteen wives! He was seen a few days afterwards by a gentleman, who anxious to secure the reward for his apprehension, enticed him to dinner, and then slipped out to procure a constable, but great was his horror, on returning home, to find the culprit had absconded with his wife!

THE STAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 1838.

**TO CORRESPONDENTS.**—If the Correspondent who has inclosed to us for publication "The barefaced clap-net," would transmit his name, and pay postage, we would feel obliged, and be the more likely to attend to his request: at the same time we would just remind him, for his consideration, of one of the "twelve good rules," viz. "report no old grievances."

We regret to find that Mr. FITZGERALD who went round the Bay to purchase seed potatoes on the public account, has returned unsuccessful; such is the extreme scarcity of this article that not a barrel can be had at almost any price. The few who were so fortunate as to procure their seed have nearly finished their setting.

SHIP NEWS

Port of Carbonear. ENTERED.

May 12.—Triumvirate, Green, Hamburg, 180 bls. & 40 half bls. pork, 300 bls. flour, 20 bls. peas, 10 bls. oatmeal, 220 firkins butter, 70 sacks oats, 1275 bags bread.

Port of St. John's. ENTERED.

May 9.—Bermudian, Bermuda, arrow-root.  
11.—Emulator, Dartmouth, potatoes, cordage.  
Jabez, Porto Rico, molasses, sugar.  
Margaret, Porto Rico, molasses.  
Collector, Halifax, molasses.  
President, Halifax, molasses, oats.  
Coquette, Porto Rico, molasses, sugar.  
Borealis, Copenhagen, bread, flour, pork, cordage.  
12.—Emma, Ross, whiskey.  
Fulmar, Newcastle, coal.  
14.—Visiter, Copenhagen, bread, flour, pork.  
William Parker, Hamburg, bread, flour, butter, pork.

Bermuda, Porto Rico, molasses, sugar.  
Liberty, Teignmouth, salt, potatoes, manufactured goods.  
Avalon, Cadiz, salt.  
16.—Sarah, Hamburg, bread, flour, butter, pork.  
17.—Improvement, Bermuda, rum.  
18.—Fame, Porto Rico, molasses.  
Robert, Cadiz, salt.  
Alexander, Guysborough, butter, cattle.  
Thomas Seon, Porto Rico, molasses, sugar, coffee.  
Nile, Liverpool, soap, candles, coal, tar, hams, nails.  
Cato, Newcastle, coal.  
Surprise, Hamburg, bread, flour, pork, beef, butter.  
Queen, Hamburg, bread, flour, pork, butter, oatmeal.

CLEARED.

May 10.—British Tar, Quebec, rum.  
Iceni, Brazil, fish.  
Brook, Pernambuco, fish.  
Paget, St. Vincent, fish, pork, beef.  
Swan, Oporto, fish.

For LIVERPOOL.

To Sail about the 15th June.

The five Brigantine



ELIZABETH,

PHILIP J. HUNT, Master,

Will take a few Tons on FREIGHT, if early application be made to

THOS. RIDLEY & Co.

Harbor Grace, May 30, 1838.

Notice.

ROADS AND BRIDGES, HARBOR GRACE.

TENDERS will be received by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for ROADS and BRIDGES in and about the Town of HARBOR GRACE, until FRIDAY the 8th day of JUNE next, at Noon, from Persons willing to Contract for the Erection of the under-mentioned BRIDGES,

viz. :—

A WOODEN BRIDGE over Bear's Cove Brook, Twenty Feet wide and Seventeen Feet span in the clear; with Stone Abutments.

A STONE BRIDGE over Thistle's Brook, Fifty Feet wide, diameter of the Arch Six and a half Feet.

A STONE BRIDGE over Fox's Brook, Thirty Feet wide. Diameter of the Arches Seven Feet.

A STONE BRIDGE over Martin's Brook, Thirty Feet wide.

Persons TENDERING, will attend at the COMMERCIAL ROOM, on the Eighth of June.

Specifications for the above BRIDGES to be seen on application to

GEORGE THORNE,

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for Roads and Bridges, Harbor Grace.

Harbor Grace, 18th May, 1838.

NOTICE.

Roads and Bridges.

TENDERS will be received at the Commercial Room, on THURSDAY the 31st Instant, at NOON, for cutting down the Timber level with the surface of the new line of ROAD from the River Head of Harbor Grace to Island Cove, Twenty Feet wide, and for removing the Timber therefrom, the Tenders to state the rate per half Mile, naming the half Mile Tendered for.

THOMAS RIDLEY,

Chairman of the Commissioners of Roads and Bridges from Harbor Grace to Island Cove and Bread and Cheese Cove.

Harbor Grace,

May 10, 1838.

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**Notice.**

TENDERS will be received at my Office until

**SATURDAY**

The 2nd June, At noon,

From Persons willing to Contract for the Making of a

**BRIDLE ROAD**

Twelve Feet wide, on the new line of ROAD, from Crocker's Cove Brook to the Brook in Freshwater.

A Specification of the Work to be done can be seen on application to me.

T. NEWELL,  
Secretary to the Commissioners.

Carbenaer,  
May 22, 1838.

**Notices**

**Michael McLean Little**

THANKFUL for the encouragement and support he has received from his Friends and the Public, in his line of business, has to assure them he will endeavour to merit a continuance of their favours. He has now on hand a fresh supply of

Garden Seeds, Shoop Goods, Groceries, &c. &c.

With a neat Assortment of LONDON TOYS

Which are now open for the inspection of his Friends, Orders for which will be thankfully received and punctually attended to.

St. John's,  
April 24, 1838.

**MICHAEL DALTON,**

Tailor, Pelisse and Habit-Maker,

BEGS most respectfully to inform his Friends and the Public that he has taken the Shop recently occupied by the late Mr. William Jackman, where he hopes by assiduity to Business, to merit the Patronage of the Public; and engages to execute his work with neatness and despatch.

Carbenaer,  
April 25, 1838.

**NEWFOUNDLAND**

Northern District,  
Brigus, to wit.

COURT OF SESSIONS,  
JANUARY 9TH, 1838.

THE Justices in Sessions, have this day, under the Colonial Act 4, Wm. 4th, cap. 9. Sess. 2, intitled "An Act to regulate the Standard of Weights and Measures in this Colony, and to provide for the Surveying of Lumber," appointed Mr. SAMUEL WILLIAM COZENS, of BRIGUS, to be an Assayer of Weights and Measures for the aforesaid Northern District.

ROBERT JOHN PINSENT, J. P.  
Chairman of the Court.

I hereby give Public Notice pursuant to the Act abovementioned, that my Office containing the Standard Weights and Measures is situated at my Store in Brigus aforesaid, where I shall be in daily attendance.

SAMUEL W. COZENS.

Assayer of Weights and Measures  
Brigus,  
January 9, 1838.

On Low Terms for CASH,  
To Close Sales of Sundry

**CONSIGNMENTS**

- 7 Puncheons Superior Molasses
- 10 Barrels Fresh Corned Beef (New York)
- 1 Hogshhead Sugar
- 2 Butts Prime Leaf Tobacco
- 3 Barrels Pitch
- 0 Barrels Tar
- 2 Three Almude Casks Port Wine
- 6 Qr.-Chests Congo & Souchong Tea
- 10 Barrels Superior Boiling Peas.

WILLIAM DIXON & CO.

Harbor Grace,  
Feb. 21, 1838.

**PORTUGAL COVE ROAD.**

Stage Coaches, 'Victoria,' 'Velocity,' and 'Catch.'

THE Proprietors of these Coaches having made arrangements conducive to the greater comfort and convenience of Passengers by having Luggage-Carts &c. &c. to accompany them, beg leave to inform the Public that they have now commenced running. Starting from the Commercial Hotel for the Cove every Morning at 9 o'clock, and for St. John's immediately after the arrival of the Packets.

**TERMS**

Passengers ..... 5s.  
Luggage over 20lb weight cannot be carried without a reasonable charge.  
N.B.—All Letters, Parcels, Luggage, &c. &c. intended for Conception Bay to be left at the Commercial Hotel, where Passengers will please apply to secure their Coaches.  
St. John's,  
May 13, 1838.

**TO BE LET**

That neat and commodious

**Cottage**

with Out-houses, Gardens, Meadow Lands &c. Formerly occupied by the late Mr. Joseph Innott. Immediate Possession will be given. Apply to

Mrs. CHARLOTTE CAWLEY.  
Harbor Grace,  
May 16, 1838.

**Notice.**

TENDERS will be received by the SUBSCRIBER, until TUESDAY the 5th day of June next, at Noon, (when they shall be opened at the Commercial Room,) for the undermentioned WORK, viz:—

For Making a ROAD from the River Head of HARBOR GRACE, to the School-House Hill SPANIARD'S BAY: the Road to have side DRAINS the whole of the distance, leaving a clear space between the Drains of Twenty Feet; the said Drains to be Two Feet wide on the top, sloping towards the bottom, where the Drain is to be Eighteen Inches wide at the depth of Two Feet. The Road to be banked Twelve Feet wide in the Centre, and made of Stones and coarse Gravel: the party Tendering, to state the rate per Mile, the part of the Road Contracting for, and also what abatement would be made supposing the Road to be banked but Ten feet wide in the centre.

For Making CROSS DRAINS to be Three Feet wide and Two Feet deep; covered with large Spruce Wood and Gravelled over: Tenders to express the rate per Drain for as many as may be required.

For Erecting BRIDGES of Fifteen Feet in length by Twelve Feet in breadth over

**Northern Cove Brook and Bread and Cheese Cove Brook.**

Each of these BRIDGES to have Six Beams of Fifteen Feet in length and Eight Inches diameter, overlaid with cross pieces of Spruce Wood Four Inches in diameter, to be fastened with suitable Nails, and covered with Gravel; to have Hand-rails on each side, and substantial Stone Abutments.

Further particulars may be known on application to Joshua Green, Esq., Surveyor to the Board.

W. C. ST. JOHN,  
Secretary to the Board of Commissioners for Roads and Bridges from River Head of Harbor Grace to Spaniard's Bay.

Harbor Grace,  
15th May, 1838.

**Dr Arnott's Stove**

DRIVER and METFORD beg to inform the Nobility and Gentry, that they Manufacture the celebrated Dr. ARNOTT'S Stove. This invention combines the greatest economy, safety and cleanliness, with the most effective operation of any mode of heating yet discovered, and is adapted to places of Public Worship, public establishments, halls, vestibules &c. May be seen in operation at their Stove Grate Manufactory and Iron Works.

Southampton, March 9, 1838.  
[Dr. ARNOTT'S Stove.—We see by advertisement that this useful and economical Stove is now manufactured to any

size, by Driver & Metford, of this town. The article has been so highly approved of by all who have seen or used it, that it is quite unnecessary for us to say a syllable in its favor.—Hampshire Telegraph, March 12, 1838.]

[From the contiguity of Southampton to Poole, orders from hence may readily be executed for this celebrated Stove.—Ed. STAR.]

In the Northern Circuit Court, (L.S.) Harbor Grace, April Term, 1st Victoria.

In the matter of Robert Slade, senr., Mark Seager, Robert Major, and Rolles Biddle, of Carbenaer, in the Northern District, Merchants Insolvents.

WHEREAS it hath been made to appear to this Honorable Court, (at the return of a Writ against them by EDWARD PIKE) that Robert Slade, senr., Mark Seager, Robert Major, and Rolles Biddle, of Carbenaer, Merchants, and Co-partners, are unable to pay to all their Creditors Twenty Shillings in the Pound, this Court doth this day declare them Insolvent. It also appearing that a considerable part in value of the said Creditors are resident in England, and have no legal representatives in this Country;—and it likewise appearing that it is necessary to appoint Provisional Trustees, until a meeting of the Creditors can conveniently be held for the purpose of nominating Trustees to the Estate of the said Insolvents. It is this day ordered by this Honorable Court, that Robert Slade, senr., Mark Seager, Robert Major, and Rolles Biddle, and all Persons their Creditors, whose Debts amount respectively, to the sum of Twenty Pounds and upwards, do either in Person, or by their Lawful Agent, assemble at the Court House, at Harbor Grace, on the First day of next Term, at Eleven o'Clock in the forenoon, in order to choose two or more Creditors to be Trustees of the Estate of the said Insolvents:—And in the interim this Honorable Court appoints ROBERT PACK, Esq., JOHN WILLS MARTIN, Esq., and WILLIAM HARRISON, Esq., Merchants, residing at Carbenaer, Provisional Trustees, of the Insolvent Estate of the said Robert Slade, senr., Mark Seager, Robert Major, and Rolles Biddle; and the said Robert Pack, John Wills Martin, and William Harrison, are hereby authorised to Discover, Collect, and Receive the Estate and Effects of the said Insolvents, subject to such Orders and directions, as this Honorable Court shall from time to time make herein.

By the Court,

JOHN STARK,

Chief Clerk and Registrar.

Harbor Grace,  
30th April, 1838.

THE Co-partnership Trade hitherto carried on by us under the firm of BENNETT, MORGAN & Co. is this day Dissolved by mutual consent.

All Persons having claims on said Trade are requested to present the same for payment, and all Persons indebted thereto are requested to make payment to C. F. BENNETT, who alone is authorized to receive the assets of said Co-partnership Trade.

C. F. BENNETT,  
GEORGE MORGAN.

Witness,  
GEORGE BRADY BECK,  
THOMAS BENNETT,

St. John's Newfoundland,  
1st February, 1838.

The Business for the future will be carried on by C. F. BENNETT.

THE Public are hereby notified, that my signature to the Advertisement contained in the Gazette of Tuesday last, announcing the Dissolution of Co-partnership of BENNETT, MORGAN & Co. was obtained from me under a misconception of the term of its duration, not having in my possession at the time the Deed of Co-partnership between us:—I now find by reference to a copy of the Deed of Co-partnership, which I have since obtained, that the Co-partnership does not terminate until the first day of January, 1841.

GEORGE MORGAN.

Feb. 10, 1838.

WANTED, a PERSON to act as an Assistant at the Harbour Grace, Island Light House.—Application to be made at the Office of this Paper.  
Harbour Grace,  
April 25, 1838.

**On Sale**

BY  
**MICHAEL HOWLEY**  
Sealers' Scalping Knives  
Men's Great and Pea Coats  
Hour, Half-hour and Log Glasses  
Blanketings, Serges  
Flannels, Yarn Stockings  
Gun Locks and Gun Lock Vices  
American Coasting Pilots  
Nails, from 1½ to 5 inches  
Scupper Nails, Pump and Tin Tax  
Men's Boots and Shoes  
Waist Belts  
Canvas Frocks & Trowsers  
Iron Pots & Kettles  
Hatchets, Shovels  
Saws, Claw Hammers, Lanthorns

**ALSO, ON HAND,**

Rum, Brandy, White Wine  
Molasses, Sugar  
Green and Black Teas  
Coffee, Pepper  
Pork, Tobacco, Dip Candles  
Leather, &c. &c.  
Carbenaer,

**G. P. JILLARD**

HAS RECENTLY IMPORTED,  
From Manchester, Birmingham, and Bristol,  
**AND OFFERS FOR SALE,**

**On reasonable terms,**

White, Blue, and Brown Serges  
Flannel, Union Baize  
Calico, Shirting, Check  
Stout Cotton Duck, Double warp ditto  
Cambrie, Mull, Jaconet, Book, Crossbar and Coloured MUSLINS  
White and Coloured Net, Quilling ditto  
Lace, Edging and Tatting in great variety  
Printed Cottons, Rich CHINTZ  
Coloured Morino, Plain Stuffs  
Ribbons and Persians  
Gentlemen's Fancy Cravats and Stiffners  
Men's, Women's and Children's Silk, Kid, and Leather GLOVES  
Ditto ditto Worsted and Cotton Hose  
Twist, Sewing Silk, Sewing Cotton, Tape and all sorts of

**HABERDASHERY**

Imperial, Braid, Dress, and Sice Combs  
Pocket Combs, Ivory small tooth ditto  
Violin & Violinello Bows & Bow-hair  
Ditto ditto Strings, 1, 2, 3, 4  
Umbrellas, Pins and Needles  
Elastic Knitting Pins  
Gilt, and Silver-end Thimbles  
Slates, and Slate Pencils  
Table Knives and Forks  
Steels and Carvers  
Penknives, Scissors, Razors  
Awblasses, Shoe Knives, Nippers  
Cinder Sifters, Chamber Buckets  
Mops, Brushes, Pattens  
Wire Rat and Mouse Traps  
Irish and English Spades, Rakes  
Wood Screws, Brads, Door-springs  
Files of all sorts, Shoe Rasps  
Imperial Weights from 4lbs. down  
Ditto Pewter Measures  
Britannia-metal Teapots, Coffee Biggins,  
Plated and Britannia-metal Tea & Table, Spoons, Ladles, Sugar Tongs  
Caddy and Salt Spoons  
Cases Mathematical Instruments  
Pocket Compasses  
Superfine Kerby Hooks  
Buttons of all descriptions  
Beads, Smelling Bottles  
London VINEGAR in cask and bottles  
PATENT MEDICINES  
Castor Oil, Epsom Salts  
Pocket Pistols and Ducking Guns with Percussion Locks and Caps  
Gentlemen's Boots and Shoes  
Ladies' Ditto Ditto  
Children's Ditto Ditto

WATCHES, Watch Guards  
WEDDING and Fancy RINGS  
TOGETHER WITH  
A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF  
**JEWELLERY**

Harbor Grace,

**TO LET**

For a Term of Twenty-six Years, or the Interest SOLD.

OF those Extensive WATER SIDE PREMISES, at Harbor Grace, lately in the occupancy of the Subscriber, admeasuring on the South side of the Street about One Hundred and Sixty-seven Feet front, on which there is erected a WHARF, and STORE 30 by 28 Feet, and the use of a VAT if required that will contain about 7000 Seals. The situation is in a Central part of the Town, and well adapted for a Coal and Lumber Yard. ALSO, about Forty-three Feet front to LET on BUILDING LEASES, on the North side of the Street, East of Mr. Power's House.

As HARBOR GRACE has now all the advantages of St. John's, being a FREE PORT, this PROPERTY may be worth the attention of a Capitalist.

For further particulars apply to Mr. ANDREW DRYSDALE, Harbor Grace, or at St. John's, to

PETER ROGERSON.

POETRY

STANZAS

On Contemplating the Heavens at Midnight.

Tell me, ye brightly-burning orbs of night,  
Now shining down on our terrestrial sphere,  
If to your realms the SPIRIT takes its flight  
When it throws off its mortal covering here?  
Does it take wing and to the skies aspire,  
And breathe forth songs in heaven to some melodious lyre?

Tell me, fair moon, that sails't in æther's space,  
Art thou some world, peopled with creatures free,  
Where sundered spirits shall meet face to face,  
Lifting the veil of immortality?—  
Shall we THIS know, ev'n as on earth we're known,  
And shall affection clasp hearts made again its own?

Tell me, ye clouds, that o'er the azure heaven,  
Float like the streamers of some bridal vest,  
When, by the breeze of midnight, ye are driven,—  
Say, do ye canopy some place of rest,  
Some peaceful bourn to which the spirit flies,  
To join the lost of earth and re-umite its ties?

Ye CANNOT answer! and it is not meet  
Such mysteries should be solv'd by us.  
Why should man,  
With blinded gaze and travel-wearied feet,  
Attempt to penetrate what angels scan  
With heavenly eyes but dimly?—let him bend,  
Adoring what nor sense nor sight can comprehend!

A SISTERS' TRIBUTE.

When first a curly-headed boy  
Thy soul with music was enchanted,  
In feeble efforts would annoy  
Before the science was implanted.

Then tiresome was thy tiny life,  
Whose shrill, harsh notes to thee spoke gladness,  
I bade thee hush! in words of strife,  
When hearts were near oppressed with sadness.

Many a truant chase had I,  
To quell thy noise and boyish riot,  
To silence thee—when those would sigh  
Who sought in vain for earthly quiet.

I little thought the passion then  
We tried to keep in due subjection  
Would lead thee, honored among men,  
And guide thy taste to such perfection.

Years rolled along—thy talent shone  
Like new-born light through darkness breaking;  
Fond ears have listened to each tone,  
Seraphic sounds from heaven speaking.

In groups thy hearers have advanced,  
In exactly delight hath found them,  
And all have stood, awhile entranced,  
As though some magic spell had bound them.

And thou hast oft, in twilight's hour,  
Recalled a tear—in vain concealing—  
For, by thy talismanic power,  
Thou could'st reveal the soul of feeling.

If proud vexation came with care,  
To contradiction anger lean us,  
If thou but played one favourite air,  
Dissensions lingered not between us.

Those airs I may not hear again,  
For sickness hath subdued with sorrow  
The hope that languishes in pain  
To hear thy dulcet notes to-morrow.

And though the transient sparks of life  
May gleam no more on joys terrestrial,  
Thine harmony, from flute or fife,  
Shall breathe to me of sounds celestial.

Shall mingle with the seraph choir  
And bind us still to one another,  
When, joining with the angel's lyre,  
We meet in better worlds, my brother!

A sister's love upholds thy fame,  
Science more perfect cannot makethee;  
Then for thy babes and honored name  
May smiling fortune soon o'ertake thee!

WONDERFUL.—The Speaker of the House of Commons saw members on Friday at his mansion on Carlton House Terrace, upwards of 250 being present! —Globe.

Economy of Time.—The day at present fixed for hearing appeals against the poor rate assessments, in one of the most extensive districts in Dorchester, is Good Friday!

ASSIZES.—An ancient, and in these peaceful times a very singular, custom still prevails at Newcastle-on-Tyne, in connexion with the assizes for the northern circuit. Before the judges set out on their journey from Newcastle to Carlisle, the mayor has to present their lordships with a certain piece of money, for the purchase of daggers to defend themselves with on the road.

Marb of Intellect.—At a meeting held, last week, at Shipston, one of the speakers, addressing the meeting after the first motion, said "he supposed it was carried *crim. con.*"

If your wife be of opinion that absolute monarchy is better than constitutional government, be resigned, you cannot say your sovereign was not your own choosing.

Faux and Vaux.—A lady remarking that there was very little difference between Faux and Vaux, was told that the only difference was, that one failed, and the other succeeded in blowing up the Lords.

Carbonear, 21st May, 1838.

We have to report for the information of those Persons who signed the Petition from Carbonear, to His Excellency the Governor, that the committee appointed at the Public Meeting in this place, for the purpose of getting up that Petition, forwarded it on the 14th inst., by a Deputation to his Excellency and that the Gentlemen of the Deputation waited on His Excellency and received the following answer to their application:

GENTLEMEN,

"The present Deputation being composed entirely of Members of the House of Assembly who must be supposed not only competent to judge of the matter set forth in the Petition you have just presented, but also especially anxious to prevent any unnecessary Expenditure of the Public Money, I shall certainly assume the responsibility of issuing Warrants for the purchase of Seed Potatoes in accordance with its prayer and your desire, and I can only hope that those who receive assistance on this occasion will be duly impressed with the conviction that it is given in consequence of extreme distress and is not to be looked upon as a precedent for future general guidance—as I conceive that there is no part of Her Majesty's extensive Dominions where forethought, self-exertion and a spirit of independence of eleemosynary aid should be fostered with more care than in Newfoundland."

"Government House,  
18th May, 1838."

We would also avail ourselves of the present means of advertising those Persons who have Seed Potatoes For Sale, as well as those who have no means of procuring any; that, as the season is far advanced; an early application to the commissioners for the POOR, will be very necessary, so as that the intention of the Petitioners, and the benevolent acquiescence of His Excellency the Governor to the prayer of their Petition, may be made available to the relief of the Destitute.

JAMES POWER,  
Chairman.  
THOMAS NEWELL,  
Secretary.

STOP READ!

At considerably Reduced Prices.

The Subscriber

HAVING JUST RECEIVED  
HIS FALL SUPPLY OF

The under-mentioned Articles, recommends them as worthy the attention of the Public, as he intends to dispose of them at a very low figure above the Invoice Cost, viz.:

- Linen Bed Tick
- Printed Cottons
- French Gingham
- Bombazets, Plaids
- Thibet Wool Shawles
- Plain Middle Ditto
- Fancy Ditto
- Cross-bared, corded & book Muslins.
- Jaconet and Mull Ditto
- Ladies' Work'd Lace and Muslin Collars
- Colored Jacoets
- Laced Edgings
- Men's Braces
- Men's stout Yarn Hose
- Men's Worsterd Ditto
- Men's Lambswool Ditto
- Women's Black Ditto Ditto
- Men's Cuff'd and Milled Gloves
- Men's Fleece'd Ditto
- Women's Fine Ditto
- Women's Black and White Cotton Dc.
- Cotton and Regatta Shirts
- Men's Drawers
- Boy's Cloth and Plush Caps
- White and Grey Shirtings
- White Counterpanes
- White Flannels
- Women's White and Colord Stays
- Men's and Woman's Shoes and Boots
- A few Martin Boas
- Swansdown Ruffs, Wadding
- Men's Beaver Hats
- Men's Guernsey Frocks
- Canvas Frocks
- Whitney Blankets
- Petershams, Pilot Cloths
- Superfine Brown, Blue & Olive Cloths
- Moleskins!
- Tea Trays
- Rum, Moissases, Sugar, Teas
- Pork, Butter
- Soap by the box
- Upper and Sole Leather
- Earthenware, Pipes
- Tobacco and Snuff, in large and small quantities
- And Sundry other Articles.

GEORGE W. GILL.

Carbonear,  
November 22, 1837.

ALL Persons having any Claim on the Estate of ROBERT DOBIE, of Kirkaldy, (North Britain), but late of Brigus, Surgeon, Deceased, are requested to present the same to the subscriber; and all Persons indebted to the said Estate, are required to make immediate payment to

JULIA DOBIE,  
Administratrix.

MIDDLE-BIG AT PACKET

ROBERT and JOHN HINDS, of Middle-Bight, begs most respectfully to inform their Friends and the Public, that they have a safe and commodious Four-sail BOAT, which they intend running the Winter, as long as the weather will permit, between Middle-Bight, Brigus and Port-de-Grave. One of the Owners of the Packet will call every Tuesday morning at Messrs. PERCHARD & BOAG's for Letters and Packages, and then proceed across the Bay as soon as wind and weather will allow; and in case of their being no possibility of proceeding by Water, the Letters will be forwarded by Land, by a careful Person, and the utmost punctuality observed.

They beg to state, also, that they have good and comfortable Lodgings, and every necessary that may be wanted, and on reasonable terms.

TERMS:

- Passengers .....5s. each
- Single Letters.....1s. "
- Double Ditto .....2s. "
- Packages in proportion.
- Not accountable for cash or any other valuable property put on board.
- Letters will be receive at Mr. McTeer's Bookseller, for the above Places, and for Harbor Grace and Carbonear.
- January 20, 1838.

Indentures

FOR SALE at this Office.  
Harbor Grace, April 4.

Notices

CONCEPTION BAY PACKETS

St John's and Harbor Grace Packets

THE EXPRESS Packet being now completed, having undergone such alterations and improvements in her accommodations, and otherwise, as the safety, comfort and convenience of Passengers can possibly require or experience suggest, a careful and experienced Master having also been engaged, will forthwith resume her usual Trips across the BAY, leaving Harbor Grace on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY Mornings at 9 o'Clock, and Portugal Cove on the following days.

FARES.

- Ordinary Passengers .....7s. 6d.
- Servants & Children .....5s.
- Single Letters .....6d.
- Double Do. ....1s.

and Packages in proportion  
All Letters and Packages will be carefully attended to; but no accounts can be kept for Postages or Passages, nor will the Proprietors be responsible for any Specie or other monies sent by this conveyance.  
ANDREW DRYSDALE,  
Agent, HARBOUR GRACE  
PERCHARD & BOAG,  
Agents, St. John's  
Harbour Grace, May 4, 1835

NORA CREINA

Packet-Boat between Carbonear and Portugal Cove.

JAMES DOYLE, in returning his best thanks to the Public for the patronage and support he has uniformly received, begs to solicit a continuance of the same favours.

The NORA CREINA will, until further notice, start from Carbonear on the mornings of MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, positively at 9 o'clock; and the Packet Man will leave St. John's on the Mornings of TUESDAY, THURSDAY, and SATURDAY, at 9 o'clock in order that the Boat may sail from the cove at 12 o'clock on each of those days.

TERMS.

- Ladies & Gentlemen .....7s.
- Other Persons, from 5s. to 3s. 6d.
- Single Letters .....6d.
- Double do.

And PACKAGES in proportion.

N.B.—JAMES DOYLE will hold himself accountable for all LETTERS and PACKAGES given him.

Carbonear, June, 1836.

THE ST. PATRICK

EDMOND PHELAN, begs most respectfully to acquaint the Public, that he has purchased a new and commodious Boat which at a considerable expence, he has fitted out, to ply between CARBONEAR and PORTUGAL COVE, as a PACKET-BOAT; having two cabins, (part of the after cabin adapted for Ladies, with two sleeping berths separated from the rest). The fore-cabin is conveniently fitted up for Gentlemen with sleeping-berths, which will he trusts give every satisfaction. He now begs to solicit the patronage of this respectable community; and he assures them it will be his utmost endeavour to give them every gratification possible.

The St. PATRICK will leave CARBONEAR, for the COVE, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at 9 o'Clock in the Morning, and the COVE at 12 o'Clock, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, the Packet-Man leaving St. JOHN'S at 8 o'Clock on those Mornings.

TERMS.

- After abin Passengers 7s. 6d.
- Fore ditto, ditto, 5s.
- Letters, Single 6d
- Double, Do. 1s.

Packages in proportion to their size or weight.

The owner will not be accountable for any Specie.

N.B.—Letters for St. John's, &c., &c. received at his House in Carbonear, and in St. John's for Carbonear, &c. at Mr. Patrick, Kiely's (Newfoundland Tavern) and at Mr. John Cruet's.

Carbonear,  
June 4, 1836.

TO BE LET

On Building Lease, for a Term of Years.

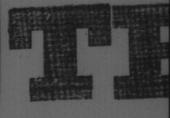
A PIECE of GROUND, situated on the North side of the Street, bounded on EAST by the House of the late captain STABB, and on the east by the Subscriber's.

MARY TAYLOR,  
Widow.

Carbonear, Feb. 9, 1837.

Blanks

of Various kind for SALE at the Office of this Paper.



Vol. IV.

HARBOUR GRACE.

Purification  
An important lately made by from steam en- tive, marine, o as large furni may be consu from which it for its utility? simplicity of which the v may be acco siderable cl; plished; not increased, bu ing of fuel m use. When applied to the nes of the large town; day will be ed to fire pla boast an cle nnumere ab lines of de the steam; well as leav at once ab means. It's first instanc for which theo to nece use coke. invention o arranging th and positio fuel is regu viation up without th any appsta instrument the manage carbon. an gasses are- of combus charged w atmosphere proceed th which inc mination less combu combustio smoke is chimney. thrown up dense smo of the fu pears. bel of the chi the fire is Another mentioned ashes wh vessels wh board, m be again the fire. ed, noth is the in Chanter, fore a lar tlemen, a factory found en