

ceeded him, is a brave officer of the Cochrane school. He was with Lord Cochrane in the brilliant affair of the Esmeralda, during which he received several severe wounds, and was the chief officer under his Lordship in the service. With such a commander there is little doubt of some dashing co-operation on the part of the fleet.

We still continue in the same state with respect to direct information from Portugal. It is reported that some plan of the ministers with respect to the emancipation of the slaves, will be made known in the course of the present week, and that some doubts as to the policy of carrying the measure so far as was first intended, has arisen in the cabinet, in consequence of information furnished Lord Goderich, at the Lordship's request, by the West India Society. It is also stated that the delay in the production of the ministerial plan has been caused by this change of feeling; and that further information upon several points has been asked for of the parties connected with the West Indies, and afforded. These latter appear more satisfied than they have hitherto been that the measures about to be propounded will not be adverse to their interest as was anticipated. It is still affirmed that compensation will form the basis of the plan, and that a sum of 115,000,000 will be raised to effect this.—*Herald.*

THE NEGRO'S RIGHT TO HIS OWN PERSON INVESTIGATED.—Now, one word as to the right of the master. There are persons whose notions of justice are so confused and confounded by slavery, as to suppose that the planter has something like an hereditary title to the person of the slave. We have been so long accustomed to talk of "my slave," and "your slave," and what will fetch if sold, that we are apt to imagine that he is really *yours* or *mine*, and that we have a substantial right to keep and sell him. Then let us, just for a moment fathom this right. Here is a certain valuable commodity; and here are two claimants for it—a white man and a black man. Now, what is the commodity in dispute!—the body of the black man. The white man says "it is mine" and the black man says "it is mine." Now the question is, if every man had his own, to whom would that black body belong? The claim of the black man to his own body is just as natural as the white man's. Nature gave it to him. He holds by the grant of God, a title which admits not, at every other species of title admits, suspicion of violence, of fraud, or irregularity. Then we come to the claim of the white man. What is the foundation of his right? It shall be the best that can be conceived. You received him from your father. Very good. Your father bought him of a neighbouring planter. Very good. That planter bought him of a trader at the African slave-market; and that trader

bought him of a man-merchant, in Africa. So far you are quite safe. How did the man-merchant acquire him? *He stole him*—he kidnaped him. The very root of your claim is robbery, violence, and inconceivable wickedness. If your slave come direct from Africa, your right to his person is absolutely nothing. But your claim to the child born in Jamaica is (if I may use the expression) less still. The new born infant has done—can have done—nothing to forfeit his right to freedom. And to talk about rights, justice, equity, and law, as connected with slavery, is to talk downright nonsense.—*Extracted from the speech of T. F. Buxton, Esq., in the House of Commons, May 15, 1832.*

FALMOUTH, March 2.—*The Weather.*—Since our last publication severe gales of wind have, for the most part, prevailed, accompanied by heavy rains. These have proved particularly destructive to shipping, in the loss of property and life, by which many persons have been completely ruined, and numbers of families deprived of their chief stay and consequent support. The disasters have principally occurred among the coasting vessels.

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The ship *Jean Hastie* arrived at Halifax in 20 days passage from Greenock, furnishing Scotch dates down to the 23rd of March, several days later than those received by the *March* packet. The Bill for establishing a system of coercion in Ireland, had passed a second reading in the House of Commons, 363 to 84. Meetings of the people have been very general in Great Britain and Ireland, and petitions forwarded to their representatives, strongly protesting against the coercive measures about to be adopted, which is calculated to dis sever the ties of affection and confidence which forms the surest pledge for the permanence of the union between the two countries.

The schooner *Earl Grey*, Capt. James, sailed this day for Pictou, N. S. taking the *Inland Mail*, being the first time this season by water.

Persons appointed to take the Census.

Names.	Districts.
Patrick Cody,	Townships, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12, do. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, do. 18, 19 & 25, Pr. T. & Roy. & Islands in Rich. Bay.
Samuel Green, Thos. McNutt,	do. 26, 27, & 28, do. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, & 67.
Philip Irving, Wm. Mc'Neill,	do. 29, 30, 31, 32, 65, & St. Peter's Island.
Thos Todd,	

Saml. Boyer,	do. 33 & 34, & that part of 33, 36, & 37, North of Hillsboro'.
Chas. Haszard,	do. 48 & 49, & that part of 35, 36, & 37, South of Hillsboro'.
John Jardine,	do. 38, 39, 40, 41 & 42.
John McGowan,	do. 43, 44, 45, 46, 47.
Rev. J. McLennan,	do. 50, 57, 58, 60, 62.
J. L. Lewillin,	do. 51, 59, 61, 63, 64, & 66.
Alex. McDonald,	do. 52, 53, 54, 55, & 56, Geo. Town & Roy. & Pannure, & Boughton Islands.
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