

light with contempt, on those whom nature has made our *superiors*, never dreaming that a *moment of adversity*, by stripping of the vulgar gaze, would expose us to that well-merited contempt which our supercilious conduct, in the hour of our imaginary greatness, justly deserves!

I wish well to the *principles of the society*: 'tis of its *abuses* I complain. Let not the Members of the Society imagine it is with the feelings of a *misanthrope* I make these remarks: I am indifferent to what they may think, this, they well know:—but surely when I see private heart-burnings convulse the society—jealousies disorder it—when the tongues of some of its members, usurpingly heap slander on their brethren—when *malvolence* huris kindness and forbearance from their place—when the *fundamental* rules are repeatedly violated—when *loquacious* orators employ the time that should be devoted to some useful purpose with their frothy effusions—when I see the *principle* object of the society neglected, I must say, "There is something *rotten* in the state of Denmark;" and knowing all this, I think it my duty to convince the public, more especially when the society becomes the trumpeter of its insignificant annual donation of thirty pounds, though more than half of it was not appropriated as it was said; and even one of that *impropriety*!

I sincerely hope these remarks will have the effect of correcting the abuses contained of, and of precluding the necessity of a more detailed exposure of them from  
Sir, Yours, &c.

*Bénévolens.*

To the Editor of the *British American*.

SIR,—Having been convicted before Benjamin De St. Croix, Esq. J. P., under statute of this Island, for harbouring a soldier at improper hours, as will appear in an article in the Royal Gazette of the 8th inst. In justification, therefore, of my conduct, and in order that the public may be impressed with an idea, that I keep house for the entertainment of *soldiers*; and as it is in truth and reality a house for the reception and comfort of the weary traveller, and other respectable individuals, who may occasionally call in, I will brief-state, that on the evening of the 20th inst, between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock, to my great astonishment, a soldier entered the house—he appeared to be perfectly sober, and conducted himself peaceably, during the time he remained; he was considered as quite an intruder, and was repeatedly requested to withdraw, knowing the impropriety of soldiers being out of barracks at that hour of the night—notwithstanding such entreaties, he did not seem inclined to retire, and rather than

have recourse to harsh means, which might cause noise and disturbance, he was permitted to remain until three other soldiers entered the house and took him off.

Two days elapsed, when I received a summons for *this offence*, and was sentenced to pay Twenty shillings with costs of suit. I am Sir, Yours, &c. &c.

JOHN JEFFS.

## THE BRITISH AMERICAN.

JUNE 1, 1833

Our file of papers by last mail, furnish English dates down to the 13th of April, and London two days previous, although ten days later, they contain little of interest in addition to our former extracts. The Easter holidays having terminated, Parliament had again assembled. The city of Coventry, celebrated for its frequent and litter-contested elections, has been again in "agitation," in consequence of the acceptance of Mr. Ellice of the Secretaryship of war, which vacated his seat. Mr. Ellice has been again elected by a majority of 303 votes. His opponents were Mr. Morgan Thomas and Mr. John Cobbett, son of Wm Cobbett, the present sitting member. The Rt. Hon. E. G. Stanley has been re-elected for Lancaster, without opposition.

*The Influenza*.—This disease has been so prevalent in London for the last two or three weeks, that it is said many members of the medical profession are as busily occupied now as they were during the period when the cholera called for their immediate skill and attention. Ten cases have proved fatal. The cause of the disorder is generally attributed to the influence of the North-easterly winds, which are at present armed with a malarious property.

The President of the United States was assaulted in the cabin of a steam-boat at Alexandria, on the 6th inst. by a Lieut. Randolph, who had lately been dismissed from the service.—The harsh treatment he received from the Naval Department, is said to have been the cause. Randolph having thrust one hand in the President's face, was in the act of striking him with the other, when he was prevented by the spectators.

The *accouchement* of the *Duchess de Berri*, was expected to take place between the 1st and 5th of May.

The report in circulation some time ago, that the *Calypso Packet*, which sailed from Halifax in January last, had been blown into one of the West India ports seems unfounded, an extract from an English paper says:—

"We fear that no doubt can now be entertained as to the fate of the Halifax packet that sailed in January, and has not since been heard of. The government has

frequently been remonstrated with upon the danger of employing these packets, as they are utterly unfit for service. Three of them, we believe, have been previously lost, and yet the lives of crews and passengers are to be still hazarded by the employment of these "death ships," as they were originally stigmatised by nautical men.

## Shipping Intelligence.

ARRIVED.

Brig *Amelia*, Davies, London.  
Schr. Earl Grey, James, Bathurst.  
Harriet, M Kay, Miramichi; salt.  
William, Deagle, Halifax.  
Brig *Breakwater*, Lovering, Plymouth; 14 passengers.  
Schr. Nancy, Deagle, Halifax;  
Messenger, Richards, Arichat.  
Brig *Ellen*, Marshall, Bideford; 2 passengers.  
CLEARED.  
Boat *Lady of the Lake*, Wetherby, Arichat; potatoes.  
Schr *Harriet*, M'Kay, Miramichi; potatoes and oats.  
Jemima, Hartz, Miramichi; Bread, oats barley, lard and oatmeal.  
John Alexander, Salmond Halifax; lumber, oats, potatoes and shingles.  
Brig *Pandora*, Power, Miramichi; ballast.  
Sloop *Harriet*, Le Jeune, Halifax; potatoes and oats.  
Schr. *Isabella*, Fitzgerald, Miramichi; ballast.  
Brig *Ebenezer*, Marchal, Bideford; lumber.  
Schr. *Margaret Ellen*, Dingwell, Bay Verte; ballast.  
True Friend, Mc Donald, Miramichi; ballast.  
Messenger, Richards, St John's NED; oats, potatoes, 1 ox and 2 sheep.  
Argyle, M Donald, St. John's Nfld.; scantling, shingles, boards, laths, barley and potatoes.

## THE WELLINGTON HOTEL

TO LET.

THIS Establishment has been long known as the first public House, and best adapted for the accommodation of Travellers of any in the Island. The present occupier is desirous of leaving the Premises, in consequence of the House (as a Public Establishment,) requiring more care and attention, in order to secure that patronage its owner for a long succession of years enjoyed, than he can possibly devote to its management. The House is roomy, and indeed so well known by the Inhabitants in this place, and those persons in the habit of visiting it, as to need little or no comment. The Building was thoroughly cleansed and painted, interior and exterior, twelve months ago, at the expense of the present occupant. There is, also, attached to the Premises, a large Garden, well stocked with a variety of Fruit Trees. Terms and other particulars made known on application on the premises. A large portion of Bedding and Furniture, is let with the Premises.

Charlotte-Town, June 1, 1833.