

possibility of an Election, and the consequent disqualification of these Gentlemen to present themselves as candidates to the constituencies of their respective counties, it would have been highly impolitic for them to have taken office under that Government to which, as members of the Assembly, they stand so strongly opposed.

THE CIVIL LIST.

The *Islander* has again attempted to mystify and mislead the public by its garbled statements and miserable sophistry on the subject of the provision contemplated by the House of Assembly for the payment of the Civil establishment of the Colony.

It is complained by the *Islander* that the Civil List Bill of the recent Session does not include several officers under Government. Very true. The Civil List Bill of the former year, passed under the auspices of the Tory party, did not include all the officers. But the fact which the *Islander* appears to be most desirous of establishing, is this—that the Liberals have added, or intended to add, to the permanent expenditure of the Colony, an increase of £200. The statement we have already published shews this to be false. Great stress has been laid upon the provision for the Colonial Secretary. That officer received under the Bill of last year £150, and by former Statute £400, making in all £550, this sum being in consideration of his services as Secretary, Registrar, and Clerk of the Executive Council, exclusive of the fees drawn by him as Private Secretary, amounting to £90. The *Islander* has put down the Secretary's salary under last year's Bill at £400, omitting the £150 formerly given by the Home Government and last year paid by the Colony. The Civil List Bill of this year appropriates £450 to that officer, transferring to him the duties of Road Correspondent—an office that has cost the Colony £40 a year—and taking from him the Registrar of Deeds, uniting that office with the Surveyor Generalship at a salary of £200—the latter post alone costing the Colony, last year, £100; and instead of their being a loss of £200, there will be actually a saving of £270, (including the Prothonotary's salary of £90,) according to the *Islander's* own shewing, leaving out of the calculation, as it should not be included, the bonus of £500 to the Chief Justice, that being paid only for the present year.

**MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.**—On Wednesday evening last Mr. MYERS lectured before one of the largest audiences that has been collected together during the present Session of the Institute, on Music. As might have been expected, the Lecturer evinced a perfect knowledge of the history of the Art, to which his observations were chiefly and very properly confined; but we confess we were unprepared for the exquisite touches of feeling, the chaste, and truthful, and eloquent commentary which distinguished several portions of the lecture, rendered the whole eminently worthy of the marked attention bestowed upon it, and grateful to the ears of every lover of the divine Art. After the lecture, Mr. MYERS entertained the audience by playing several beautiful and popular pieces on the Flutina—an instrument of rare and brilliant powers, combining the softness and sweetness of the Dulcimer with the flexibility of the Piano Forte, and the compass of the Trumpet. His selections of music were confined to no particular class or country—English, Irish, Scotch, German, Italian and Swedish airs being equally accessible to the mind of the talented performer. In testimony of the pleasure afforded the Institute, and in appreciation of his talents, Mr. Myers was unanimously elected an honorary member. It is his intention, we are happy to learn, again to appear before the public in this community, before leaving the Island, as he purposes doing early in the present season.—Mr. JOHN LE PAGE is announced to lecture this evening on "The Philosophy of Human Nature."

**DEBATE ON THE CIVIL LIST.**—We have not thought it necessary to encumber our columns with the Report of this Debate, supplied to us by Mr. Irving, because the leading facts connected with it, have been already given to our readers through the editorial department of our paper.

**TO CORRESPONDENTS.**—"A Looker-on," third letter, will appear in Saturday's No.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE FROM EUROPE.

The English Mail, which was brought to Charlottetown by the Courier on Monday evening, arrived at Halifax, per Steamer "America," on Thursday last, in 11 1/2 days from Liverpool. We insert below such items of news as the latest Journals afford:

ENGLAND.

**WRECK OF THE ROYAL ADELAIDE STEAMER, OFF MARGATE.**—We regret exceedingly being called upon to announce one of the most melancholy casualties at sea which has occurred upon our coast for some years past. The City of Dublin Steam Packet Company's Ship, Royal Adelaide, Captain Batty, plying between Cork and London, left the former city on Wednesday week, with a full cargo of goods and about 250 passengers—touched off Plymouth on Thursday evening—left that port for London on Friday morning at three o'clock,

and was totally lost on the Tongue Sand, at Margate, at eleven o'clock on Saturday night, when, there is too much reason to fear, every soul on board perished. Several signals of distress were seen to ascend from the unfortunate steamer in quick succession; but as these soon ceased, it was thought she had got out of her difficulty, and hence no assistance was sent off from the light-house. Alas! she had sunk. The first positive intelligence of the mishap was conveyed by the captain of a screw steamer, who wrote:

Not a vestige of any of the boats belonging to the Royal Adelaide has been discovered, from which it is inferred that they were launched, but not being able to live in the terrible sea that prevailed at that time, have all foundered. Several bodies have been picked up.

**GREAT STORM.**—On Friday and Saturday last, a destructive storm raged along the eastern coast, which has caused the wreck of several hundred vessels. The havoc, however, was not confined to the eastern coast.

The *North West Chronicle* says:—There was a heavy gale of wind on Friday night last, at Beaumaris, and it did much damage to the shipping at anchor in the straits, and was the cause of a melancholy loss of life.

Along the Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, and Northumbrian coast, casualties almost innumerable are reported.

We have, too, disastrous news from the Irish coast. Several Liverpool vessels have suffered. On Saturday evening, Ardmore Bay was the scene of a shipwreck of a melancholy nature, which terminated in the deaths of nine of the unfortunate crew, amongst them the captain and mate. The brig Grace, of Newcastle, was the unfortunate craft.

There is at present residing in Southampton, an old man named Wade, the last survivor of Captain Cook's companions in his voyages round the world. He is ninety-nine years of age, and is in possession of all his faculties. He was present at Captain Cook's death, and himself received a spear wound from one of the islanders.

It is stated to be the intention of the government to put an end to "special pleadings" in the superior courts at Westminster, and thereby to diminish the present great expense in the law proceedings.

Little more than £20,000 has, as yet, been subscribed to meet the expenses of the industrial exhibition of 1851, estimated at £150,000.

After a space of more than three hundred years, Nuns are again in the university town of Cambridge! On Monday the 11th ult., the schools of the Roman Catholic mission were re-opened under the superintendance of two Nuns of the order of the Infant Jesus, from the convent of Northampton.

**REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE OF JERUSALEM.**—It is stated in the *Berliner Allgemeine Kirchen Zeitung*, that the Jews have obtained a firman from the Porte, granting them permission to build a temple at Mount Zion. The projected edifice is to equal Solomon's temple in magnificence. Millions of money are said to have been collected for the purpose in America alone.

**DEATH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.**—We regret to have to announce the death, on Wednesday morning, of Lieutenant-General Sir J. Macdonald, the Adjutant General, after a few days illness. His loss will be much felt in the office which he occupied, and the duties of which he performed in the most efficient manner. The Colonelcy of the 42nd becomes vacant by his death. —*Globe.*

**EXTRAORDINARY EXPLOSION OF A LOCOMOTIVE ENGINE.**—One of the locomotives belonging to the London and North-Western Railway blew up on Tuesday last, under somewhat extraordinary circumstances. The engine was one built on Stephenson's long boiler and outside cylinder principle, and had just come out of the shed into which she had been taken for repair. The driver had, with the assistance of another person, been reversing his engine,—the gear working very stiff,—and was about to give the engine steam in order to push a luggage engine out of the way, when the boiler burst with terrific violence. Nearly twenty-five hundred weight of the shell was thrown over some buildings, and to a distance of about two hundred yards in another direction. Two or three wheels of the engine were forced off by the explosion. The fire-box was not torn asunder; and to its withstanding the shock is to be ascribed the miraculous escape of the driver and his assistant, who were on the foot plate.

IRELAND.

**THE CLEARANCE SYSTEM.**—The *Newry Examiner* states, that "between twenty and thirty families were recently ejected from their holdings on the Mornington property, situated on the sea-shore, three miles from Drogheda, in the county of Meath." A correspondent of the *Limerick and Clare Examiner* gives some harrowing details of a wholesale eviction and house-levelling scene in Meelick, on the property of the Marquis of Conyngham, when twenty-three houses were levelled, the inmates having been forcibly ejected.

**DESTRUCTION OF TWENTY-TWO COTTAGES BY FIRE.**—On Friday morning, about eight o'clock, a fire broke out in the house of a poor man named Vereker, in the village of Crinkle near Parsonstown. As many of the adjoining houses had thatched roofs, they were soon in flames from the basement to the roof, notwithstanding the efforts made to extinguish the flames. As the wind blew very strong in a south-easterly direction, the fire continued to gain a rapid ascendancy; and, notwithstanding the most strenuous exertions, it was near four

o'clock before it was got under, but not until twenty-two cottages were completely destroyed. They were principally occupied by poor persons, the greater portion of whose household effects have been destroyed or damaged. No portion of the property destroyed was insured.

A parliamentary paper just issued shows that the number of poor in the receipt of relief in Ireland, fell from 591,662 in December, 1848, to 281,626 in December, 1849.

SCOTLAND.

**EMIGRATION FROM THE CLYDE.**—The Broomielaw presented, during the last week, an unusually animated appearance, from the number of emigrant vessels which have either left or are getting ready to proceed to their respective destinations. On Monday, the Conquering Hero cleared out of the harbour for Port Natal, having on board a considerable number of passengers, all of them bound for that quarter of the world. They were almost all, to appearance, in respectable circumstances, comparatively few belonging to what may be termed the humbler ranks of life. The same day the Caledonia, Montreal trader, dropped down to the Tail of the Bank, with a valuable cargo, but with a rather limited number of passengers, the tide of emigration not appearing to flow much in that direction. On Tuesday, the Albion, another of the Montreal traders, also cleared out, on her outward voyage, and would have been followed by the Cambria, in the same trade, but, from the limited depth of water, owing to the low tides which have recently prevailed, she grounded in mid-channel, and was compelled to wait for the next tide. The Canada, it is probable, will sail at the same time, so that the four vessels, all of which are well known in the trade, will have a fair start on their long race across the Atlantic. The same cause that prevented the Cambria from getting out of harbour, also detained the Sir Harry Smith, which was advertised to sail on Tuesday.

**LORD JEFFREY'S MONUMENT.**—About £2000 has been contributed for the proposed monument. Edinburgh, as we are informed, has contributed about £1300; London about £400; and Glasgow about £100.

INDIA.

We (*Times*) have received by express, in anticipation of the overland mail, our usual India letters and papers. The dates are—Bombay, 2d March, and Calcutta, 20th February. By these accounts it appears that a very uneasy feeling continues to prevail throughout and concerning the Panjab. The late assassinations at Lahore and Peshawur, together with reported attempts elsewhere, have given rise to the impression that the Sikhs, unable to get up a fight with us in the open field, are resorting to the system of private assassination. On the 2d of February, about 1000 men of the Affredie tribes, attacked the camp of a party of sappers employed in making a road through the hills between Peshawur and Kohat, at a pass about eighteen miles from the former; twelve of our men were killed, six wounded, and the camp plundered. To avenge this massacre a strong force under Colonel Bradshaw, with the Commander-in-Chief and Sir C. Campbell in company, marched from Peshawur on the 9th, notice having been previously given that the villages of the offenders would be destroyed, and that murder would be always thus avenged. The force returned on the 14th, having been completely successful. Six villages, and a great number of the enemy have been destroyed. There was a good deal of skirmishing on the 10th and 11th, and also in returning through the passes on the 13th.

Ensign W. H. Sitwell, of the 31st N. I., was cut to pieces; Lieutenant F. H. Hillard, 23d N. I., and three or four European soldiers, were severely wounded. Coke's Panjab Infantry suffered greatly.

Murder and robbery are rife at Peshawur. Two artillerymen were set upon and killed on the night of the 6th of February, about 500 or 600 yards outside the fort. The thieves are frequently fired at, but only one has hitherto been shot.

The north western papers report disturbances at Wasseerabad and Umritsur, and anticipate them in the neighbourhood of Bannoo. A gunpowder plot is said to have been discovered at Lahore. Attempts to assassinate the Deputy Collector at Deena Nuggur, and Mr. Blythe, Assistant Commissioner at Buttal, are reported. Both gentlemen are said to have been wounded, some of the attendants of the first killed.

The troops engaged at Chillianwalla are to have a bar, along with a medal, granted for Goozeral.

UNITED STATES.

**DREADFUL STEAMBOAT DISASTER AT BUFFALO.**—At half-past two, P. M., Saturday last, the Steamer Troy, Capt. Wilkins, from Sandusky, attempted to enter Buffalo harbour, but ice preventing, steered for Black Rock. When just entering Niagara River, off the head of Black Rock pier, her boiler exploded, with a terrible report, blowing a part of her upper machinery and sending her passengers overboard. The whole fore part of the boat above the boiler was made a mass of ruins. There were about forty passengers on board; those in the cabin at the moment were not injured, but none of those above or near the boiler escaped. The wreck floated down to Black Rock pier and was secured near the ferry landing. Small boats at once went to the succor of the passengers blown overboard, some of whom got upon cakes of ice and floated down the river till they were taken off. Physicians immediately went on board to relieve the sufferers.