

vies informed the inhabitants of Belle Creek and Flat River, that he would be happy to afford himself the pleasure of making known his line of conduct during the short time he had the honor to represent them in General Assembly, and appointed Friday, the 19th inst., the day of explanation, requesting the same might be made known to the magistracy and others connected with the present unpopular Government.

On the appointed day he met a numerous and respectable body of his Electors, together with the Magistrates, and having fully and satisfactorily explained to the people the line of conduct he had pursued, which was, he had reason to believe, in accordance with their well understood wishes, and calculated to work out their long disappointed hope. He pointed out to them the self-interested views of the officers of the present system, shewing they were sacrificing the interests of the country to their personal aggrandizement, and proved the charges brought against him to be false and unfounded—excepting the charge of being a supporter of the introduction of Responsible Government. Mr. Davies called upon his opponents to produce the requisition and substantiate the charges they had promulgated. No defence having been made, (except by Alexander McLean, Esquire, which went for nought,) the notorious getters up of this pretty piece of deception were glad speedily to withdraw, calling down the execrations of the people upon their heads.

The Meeting then thanked Mr. Davies for his straightforward and independent conduct in the advocacy of their rights, and intimated their wish of presenting the same in the shape of an Address, which Mr. Davies said he would be happy to receive, stating that at a future public meeting, to be held at Mr. McRae's, Murray Harbour Road, on Tuesday, 23d instant, he would then and there be prepared to disabuse the public mind as to his proceedings. This meeting having taken place, as appointed, which was respectably and numerously attended, (although the weather was stormy,) from three to four hundred Electors being present, and Mr. Davies' explanation being satisfactory, congratulations were offered by them, as well as by the people of Belle Creek. Immediately afterwards an eloquent and explanatory address, on the benefits of Responsible Government, was delivered by Mr. Archibald McNeil. Mr. Davies was then enthusiastically cheered, and caressed by the people.

The following Address was then presented him by the Electors of Belle Creek, Flat River, Pinette, Belfast, and Murray Harbour Road, respectively signed by five hundred and forty two persons! (Electors!) a pretty significant fact that shews the absurdity of any movement which the Tory Magistrates or others may contemplate against Mr. Davies:

TO BENJAMIN DAVIES, Esq., M. P. P.

SIR.—We, the undersigned Electors of the 3rd District of Queen's County, having been informed that certain parties in our District have recently held meetings for the purpose, if possible, of shewing the course you have taken as a Representative of the People to be derogatory to the views and wishes of your constituents, respectfully beg to tender you our best thanks for the independent manner in which you have voted in the House of Assembly; and when we reflect upon the straight-forward course you have pursued, despite the malice of your enemies and ours, it leads us more than ever to believe your determination is to advocate our rights and privileges impartially and fearlessly. Thanking you for the political course you have pursued, and trusting that you will unflinchingly walk in the same path, we assure you our best support will always be afforded to you, however much your opposers may attempt to lessen you in our esteem.

PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION IN FAVOR OF MR. DAVIES.

Held at the House of Mr. McPhail, Newtown.

At a numerous attended meeting of the inhabitants of Newtown and Montague, held on the 20th instant, a series of Resolutions were unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Charles Gillis being called to the Chair, it was moved by Mr. John Roach, seconded by Mr. Matthew Morresey, *Resolved*—That this meeting is assembled to give the fullest expression of its thorough satisfaction at reviewing the conduct, which the Representative of this District, Mr. Benjamin Davies, exhibited in the House of Assembly.

Moved by Alexander Anderson, seconded by John Gillis. *Resolved*—That our sentiments heartily concur with the principles of the hon. gentleman advocated in voting no confidence in the present Executive of this Colony, and in supporting the action of the House of Assembly for Responsible Government.

Moved by Walter Kelly, seconded by John Condy. *Resolved*—That we regard the Resolutions of the House of Assembly, respecting the Stoppage of Supplies, as in accordance with our well understood wishes, and that therefore any inconvenience we may suffer from that measure is perfectly voluntary on our part—proceeding from our will, as expressed by the Liberal Majority.

Moved by Edward Naddy, seconded by Patrick Erweck. *Resolved*—That we deem such an extreme measure need not have been resorted to, if the Lieutenant Governor had acted in conformity with the general wish of the people of this Island.

Moved by John Ready, seconded by Michael Bryan. *Resolved*—That the thanks of this meeting are due to Mr. Davies for having uncompromisingly voted for the Stoppage of the Supplies until Responsible Government be established as in the neighbouring Colonies.

Moved by Patrick Power, seconded by John Kelly. *Resolved*—That as it is understood that a Petition, to some unintelligible quarter, derogatory to the political conduct of Mr. Davies, has been circulating through this District; and as it is understood, that this Paper is in contradiction to the general wish of the Island, and special wish of this District, we totally disavow and repudiate the sentiments contained in such Petition.

Moved by Patrick Callahan, seconded by James Kelly. *Resolved*—That we moreover consider the persons who promoted the object of the said Petition to have acted from very discreditable private motives.

Moved by William Morricey, seconded by Timothy Shea. *Resolved*—That the Secretary of this meeting be requested to transmit the foregoing resolutions to the Examiner office for publication.

The foregoing resolutions being carried with the evident pleasure of the whole meeting, Mr. John Fraser was then called to the Chair, and the thanks of the meeting returned to the former Chairman for his dignified conduct in the Chair. After some observations from a few gentlemen the meeting separated.

THOMAS GRIFFIN, Secretary.

PUBLIC MEETING AT ORWELL.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Orwell and Vernon Rivers, held on the 20th instant, at the House of Mr. Donald Curry—Mr. Donald McDonald being appointed Chairman, and Mr. John McDougall Secretary—the following Resolutions were unanimously agreed to:

Moved by Archibald McDonald, seconded by Alexander McDougall. *Resolved*—That this meeting has been convened for the purpose of expressing our entire satisfaction and approval of the conduct of Benjamin Davies, Esq., our worthy Representative as a member of the Legislature, as manifested by that gentleman in the House of Assembly during the last Session thereof.

Moved by John McLeod, seconded by Alexander McRae. *Resolved*—That we heartily concur with the principles advocated by Mr. Davies, in voting no confidence in the present Executive Council of this Colony, and supporting the views of the majority of the Assembly, in their constitutional demand for Responsible Government.

Moved by James McDonald, and seconded by Donald Currie. *Resolved*—That this meeting regards the Resolution of the House of Assembly, respecting the stoppage of the Supplies, as being strictly in accordance with the spirit of the British Constitution, and also in accordance with the views and wishes of the vast majority of the people of this Colony; and any inconvenience, therefore, which may accrue to the Public, from the adoption of such an extreme measure, shall be cheerfully submitted to by this meeting.

Moved by Mr. Curry, seconded by Duncan McDougall. *Resolved*—That it is the opinion of this meeting that such an extreme measure might have been avoided, had the Lieutenant Governor acted in conformity with his instructions from the Colonial Minister and with the general wish of the people of this Island, as expressed through their Representatives in Parliament.

Moved by John McDonald, seconded by Joseph McDonald. *Resolved*—That this meeting has learned with regret and astonishment that a certain document in the shape of a petition has been in circulation through this District derogatory to the political conduct of Mr. Davies, and as it is understood by this meeting that the said document is contradictory to the wishes of every man of sound political sense in this community, we most unequivocally disavow and repudiate the sentiments contained therein; and we are moreover of opinion that the parties who originated the same have been actuated by the most disreputable private motives.

Moved by Ronald McDonald, seconded by Stephen McDonald. *Resolved*—That the thanks of this meeting are due and are hereby given to Mr. Davies, and to every member of the Liberal majority, for their firm and independent conduct during the late Session of the House of Assembly.

DONALD McDONALD, Chairman.

CLEANINGS FROM LATE PAPERS.

PRESENTS FOR HER MAJESTY.—The Rosamond steam vessel from Tangier, has landed at Plymouth some native African animals and birds, sent as presents from the Emperor of Morocco to the Queen of Great Britain. They consist of a lion, lioness, tiger, five gazelles, and two pair of ostriges. The three former are confined separately in strong close wooden boxes, with small iron gratings on either side to admit light and air. The lion and lioness are young, and appear to be good specimens. The spots on the tiger are not yet distinct, and it thus has for the present a leopard-like appearance. The gazelles, so called, seem rather to be an intermediate species between an antelope and a goat, combining the graceful agility of the former with the vigorous strength of the latter; they are of a rich tan-brown colour, and in fine condition. None of the animals arrived at maturity. The ostriges, when erect, carry their heads nearly seven feet high; their plumage is of

the ordinary black and white, but they are not at present in perfect feather, and the bodies of two are cased in clothing to protect them from the uncertain temperature of a northern climate. Having had a comparatively short passage by steam, both the animals and birds retain their native freshness. Two intelligent Arab keepers, who speak Spanish, have come to England in the Rosamond. They approach without fear the lion, lioness, and tiger; and these ferocious beasts allow their swarthy attendants to fondle them and to handle with impunity their formidable teeth and powerful jaws. The feline animals are placed in the Samuil Store, and the others are in the Melville Store. They will remain at the Victualling Yard until further orders are received from Her Majesty.

A HUSBAND KILLED BY HIS WIFE AT SHADWELL.—At the Thames Police Court, on Monday, Jane Kirtland was charged with the wilful murder of her husband William Kirtland, who was better known by the name of Cutler, in which he carried on business for many years as a butcher, at 153, High-street, Shadwell.—It appeared that the prisoner and her husband led a very unhappy life for some time past, and he had been compelled to take out peace warrants against her in consequence of the violence of her disposition. The neighbours had also been frequently called into the house to settle their domestic brawls. The last quarrel, which ended fatally for the deceased, occurred on the evening of the 23rd ult., when the prisoner took up a chopper and cut her husband across the right arm, inflicting a very deep wound. Inflammation supervened, and he died on Sunday in the London Hospital.—James Kirtland, a very intelligent boy, the son of the prisoner, who was very deeply affected, said he was present during the quarrel between his parents. His mother was the worse for liquor, and his father called her a drunkard.—His father was chopping a spare rib of pork, and his mother said if his father called her that name again she would chop him. The offensive expression was repeated, and his mother took up the chopper, and struck his father across the arm with it.—The prisoner said that some meat had been sent to her husband's sister contrary to her wish, and that she had accused her husband of studying his own family more than herself and her children, and that was how the quarrel began.—Mr. Medhurst, a hair dresser, said he lived in the house adjoining the late Mr. Kirtland's shop, and that the deceased came into his shop with his arm bleeding, on the evening of Saturday week, and said his wife had done for him at last. His arm was then hanging powerless by his side. There had been an unhappy difference between the deceased and his wife, and they had struck each other. Mr. Parish, officiating house-surgeon at the London Hospital, said the deceased was brought there on the night of the 23rd, with a very deep wound on the back part of his right arm, which brought on erysipelas and death.—The prisoner was asked if she had anything more to say, and she coolly answered, "No not at present."—The prisoner was remanded for a week.

SUSPECTED MURDER OF TWO WOMEN.—Information has been received by the Superintendent of Police at Chesham, Bucks, relative to an alleged murder of two women; which induced him to examine a certain spot at Maiden-grove Scrubbs, which resulted in the discovery of remains which, on medical inquiry, were ascertained to be those of two females, leaving no doubt that some foul crime had been perpetrated. From the vague nature of the communication (which is anonymous) nothing positive can be ascertained. It, however, alleges that the females were from the neighbourhood of Watlington, Oxfordshire, and active inquiries are now being made to ascertain what females are missing not satisfactorily accounted for.

Lord Rosse has recently been making observations with his great telescope, and has added three new spiral nebulae to his former valuable discoveries.

ROYAL NAVY.

SCURVY ON BOARD TEMPERANCE VESSELS.

Naval Department, Aden, Feb. 26, 1830.

SIR.—I take the liberty of enclosing the copy of a letter, from Dr. Vaughan, who has medical charge of the naval hospital at Aden. Since the letter was written, two more ships under Temperance rules have entered the port with their crews suffering severely from scurvy.—I have the honour to be,

(Signed) S. B. HAINES.

Captain I. N. and Political Agent.

To Captain G. A. Halsted, R. N., Secy., Lloyd's.

"SIR.—I am desirous of giving publicity to the fact, that during the past twelve months I have had occasion to treat more cases amongst the crews of English ships visiting this port than during any of the preceding five years that I have conducted the medical duties of the station.

Scurvy is almost exclusively confined to vessels laden from England, and, as you are well aware, several ships have almost been disabled by it, from both officers and men suffering; the worst cases seem invariably to be in such vessels as do not allow a ration of spirits.

I would, therefore, most earnestly suggest to superintenders and owners of vessels the propriety of allowing a portion of spirits daily, and that the quality of the provisions supplied to the ship be strictly attended to, as