

House of Commons had voted, because Mr. Hastings could not possibly know the fact. Lord Kenyon said, it was fully competent to Mr. Hastings to point out ANY ABSURDITY or INJUSTICE in his prosecutors, and he would naturally, when he could, avoid the use of names.

Mr. Burke got up, but Mr. Hastings said he had been long used to the abuse of THAT Manager; that he threw himself upon their Lordships; he had carefully studied to avoid one word that would be disrespectful to their Lordships, for whom he entertained every sentiment of veneration; and of the last and present House of Commons, he wished to speak in as guarded a manner as he could, taking care, however, that the broad and striking facts of which he had to complain, should be known to their Lordships, and to the world.

He was immediately allowed to proceed to complete the sentence we have given, though Mr. Burke again attempted to interrupt him.

The next strong complaint was personal against Mr. Burke. Their Lordships would recollect, said Mr. Hastings, how the Manager had opened this prosecution; that he told you of certain horrible cruelties committed by Deby Sing, which inspired every hearer with horror. The Manager knew, that if all these stories had been true, it was impossible to affix the criminality upon me. The fact is, my Lords, that I had entertained an unfavourable, possibly an unjust opinion of Deby Sing, and when the districts of Rungpore and Dinapore were farmed to him, I yielded my opinion to that of Mr. Anderson and Mr. Shore, who had better opportunities of knowing him. When complaints were made against him, I was the first to propose the most rigid enquiry into his conduct, and I verily believe it was from me that Mr. Patterson imbibed an ill opinion of the man.

Mr. Patterson, with whom the Manager wished to go down to posterity, has with a generosity that did him honour, expressed the sincerest concern that his reports should have operated to my prejudice, and he expressed his conviction that I acted as a man of humanity throughout the whole business. A most strict and solemn enquiry was instituted into the conduct of this man during my government, but was not completed in my time. I have since read the proceedings, and though Deby Sing was not innocent, yet his guilt bore no sort of proportion to the magnitude of the crimes alleged against him; but neither his guilt nor his innocence could in any degree affect me. Your Lordships know, that the Manager was urged and pressed in the strongest possible terms to frame this Accusation into a charge, but he declined it. Your Lordships know the impression which this atrocious calumny made against me, and the effects it produced upon the audience. This is another of the heavy grievances of which I have so much reason to complain.

The close of Mr. Hastings' Speech was one of the most impressive compositions we have ever heard, and proves that he still preserves that distinguishing feature in his character of rising with the difficulties with which he has to contend.

He said he had gone through his observations upon Charges, the evidence adduced upon which filled seven folio volumes. That to do this properly, taking in the labour of abbreviation, would have required months. He was conscious, therefore, that he must have omitted to notice many material points, and he added the following passages, as nearly as we can recollect them, in these words.

"I most reluctantly press upon your Lordship's time, and shall hasten to conclude with a few general observations upon the nature of this impeachment, as it relates to those principles which constitute the moral qualities and character of all mankind. If the tenor of a man's life has been invariably marked with a disposition to guilt, it will be a strong presumption against him, on any alleged instance, that he was guilty. If, on the contrary, the whole tenor of his life was such, as to have obtained for him the universal good will of all with whom he had any intercourse in the interested concerns of life, the presumption would be as well grounded, that he was innocent of any particular wrong imputed to him, if those who are the alleged sufferers by that wrong, make no complaint against him. But what shall be said of complaints against a man who was in trust for the interest of the greatest commercial body in the world, who employed and directed the services of thousand of his fellow citizens in great official departments, and extensive military operations, who connected Princes and States by alliance with his parent kingdom, and on whose rule the peace and happiness of many millions depended? of complaints made in the names and on the behalf of all those descriptions of men, who ALL unite their suffrages IN HIS FAVOUR. Such complaints, with such a presumption AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF THEIR TRUTH, may have existed in the history of mankind; but the history of mankind cannot produce an instance of their being received on such a foundation, until the late and present House of Commons thought fit to create one, in my impeachment.

The Remainder in the next.

CHARLOTTE-TOWN.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28.

Since our last the mercury in the Thermometer, (Fahrenheit's scale) has been as low as 12 under 0. The coldest day last winter the mercury fell no lower than eight under 0. In the winters of 1789 and 1790 it was twenty four below 0.

The inhabitants of Germany, Russia, and other cold countries of Europe, wrapt in their cloaks of fur, make choice of the Evening for their Cariole Amusements,

while we, says a correspondent, very injudiciously prefer the day time, when the refulgent beams of the Sun reflected from the surface of so light a body as the snow, cannot but prove extremely prejudicial and detrimental to our eye-sight.

MARRIAGES.

Mr. Ronald M'Donald, to the very agreeable Miss Nelly M'Donald, both of Grand Tracadie.

Mr. James Dingwell, of Saint Peter's, to Miss Peggy Saunderson, of the same place.

Mr. Angus M'Fee, of this place, taylor, to Miss Kitty M'Eachran.

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To be Sold, at Public Auction, By the Coroner of the Island of Saint John, on Friday, the 24th of February, 1792, at Mr. Richardson's Coffee House, Charlotte Town, at the hour of XII o'clock.

That desirable and

truly valuable Tract of Land, situate on the south side of St. Peter's Bay, being part of Lot or Township, Number Forty, the front whereof extends on the said Bay between Morrell River and the Little Maria river about one mile and a quarter, then running back south, on parallel lines, to the southern boundary of the said Township upwards of six miles, comprising those two pleasant Farms occupied by Mr. William Webster, and Mr. John Morrough, and containing in the whole four thousand seven hundred Acres, or thereabouts.

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