

Committee of Charity.—Messrs. George Coles, Donald Beaton, John Collings, W. Douse, Patrick Walker.

The following Resolution was unanimously agreed to:—
Resolved, That those members who are in arrears do come forward, and pay their respective dues into the hands of the Treasurer, on or before the Fifteenth day of Feb. next, in order that the names of the members of the Society may be published, shewing who may be considered members, agreeably to the rules of the Society.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The Rev. J. Waddell will resume the subject of Electricity on Wednesday evening next, to be accompanied by experiments. If the weather is favourable, some amusement may be expected.

LAND SURVEYING.

To the Editor of the Colonial Herald.

SIR;—I recently noticed, in the Royal Gazette of the 26th Nov. last, a communication from some person styling himself OBSERVER. The writer has so unnecessarily and discourteously sought to bring into disrepute the professional characters of all who have practised Land Surveying in this Island for the last twenty years, that I think his observations should not be allowed to pass without comment or reply, nor his pretensions without examination.

This OBSERVER says: "From Astronomical observations on both sides of the Meridian Line, used by surveyors for adjusting their compasses, it appears to make a considerable angle with the true Meridian."

The Meridian Line used by Surveyors for adjusting their compasses is that which shews the magnetic position of the needle in the year 1764. The angle between this Meridian and the true one is 15 deg. 30 min. Now, as all licensed surveyors in this Island must adjust their compasses by the said Meridian of 1764, it follows, of course, that, although very few compasses exactly agree in their bearings, our surveyors, allowing them all to be equally skilful, must certainly agree in practice; for each individual allows for the variation of his own compass, whatever that may be. This agreement in the practice of our surveyors is the first fact which I wish to establish, in my reply to OBSERVER.

Our friend of the Gazette, after having pretended to discover an error in the line of what, until enlightened by him, we considered to be the true Meridian (and, reflecting upon the fallibility of man, the truth of this pretension we are not concerned to deny), next proceeds to say:—"It is just possible that my calculations are incorrect; but if they are confirmed, as I believe they must be, by the observation of any person who is more interested in the matter than I am, it will be quite certain, that besides the many sources of error to which the magnetic needle is unavoidably subject, one is involved, from this cause alone, amounting to nearly two acres on a line of 100 chains, in all surveys of lands executed in this Island for the last twenty years."

Now, although with OBSERVER I admit that the magnetic needle is subject to error, I maintain, that, with the aid of the needle and our other usual implements for surveying, a survey of 100 acres can be made, not involving an error of even one-eightieth part of an acre.

OBSERVER ought to know that many of the surveys made in this Island constitute very irregular figures, and that we attempt to find their contents without the help of any meridian at all; yet he asserts that, in every such survey, there must, (in consequence of the error stated by him to exist in the Meridian Line,) arise an error amounting to nearly two acres.

I am of opinion, and even modestly so, that for every one bearing the character of a competent Surveyor who can be found to support the latter of the two foregoing assertions, one hundred of unquestionable skill in the art might be produced to maintain the former.

With respect to the alleged error in the Meridian Line, I shall now merely further remark, that, to make a triangle equal to 2 acres, on a base of 100 chains, it can only amount to an error so inconsiderable as 13½ minutes. Observe, our friend OBSERVER speaks of "a considerable angle."

The two little questions subjoined, I take leave to offer for the amusement of one of OBSERVER's leisure hours; assuring him that, if he solve them, and, at the same time, prove the assertions contained in his communication to the Gazette, I shall certainly admit that he is the only true Surveyor in the Island; if not, I shall consider him the most presumptuous of all shallow pretenders.

Allow me, Sir, to add, by way of a N.B. to OBSERVER, that it would have been as easy for me to address him by his real name, as by his assumed cognomen.

I am, Sir,
Your obdt. Servt.
D. H.,
L. L. S.

Morel, January 6th, 1840.

Quest. 1.—Suppose a Surveyor is required to run a line, through a wilderness, from any given point, directing his course, as nearly as he can judge, to a certain land-mark; and that, after running 125 chains in a direct line, he finds himself within sight of the said land-mark; and at the distance of 8 chains from it, measured at right angles to the line he had run: I require him to shew, by calculation, independent of protraction, the true course of the said land-mark from the said given point.

2. Suppose a Surveyor to make a Survey in a wilderness, as follows:

	D.	M.	C.	L.
1 Station bears N. 69	15	W.	Dist.	33 80
2 do. N. 17	0	W.		21 00
3 do. S. 88	45	E.		15 10
4 do. N. 16	30	E.		40 90
5 do. S. 73	45	E.		32 00
6 do. S. 16	15	E.		30 25

Having arrived at the end of the last mentioned course, he is required to find the course and distance from thence to the place where he began his work, and also the contents of the land within the figure above described, by calculation alone, and independent of protraction.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE COLONIAL HERALD.

SIR; Perceiving in your paper of the 28th ult. two letters, one from THOMAS DAVIES, Wesleyan Missionary, and the other from A WAYFARING-MAN, in reference to an address to her Ladyship the Countess of Westmorland, and which appeared in the Herald of the 14th ult., both of which evidently tend to impress the public mind with an idea that the 56 signatures affixed to that document were spuriously obtained, or, at least, were procured in so loose a manner as that the chief part of them were not fully aware of the nature of the address; and also of labouring to make it appear that there is but little more than half that number of families in the Back-settlement; and, of course, wishing to insinuate that her Ladyship and the public were grossly imposed upon—and in order, therefore, to satisfy her Ladyship of the sincerity of the document—to efface from the public mind even the shade of an imposition—to rectify one of the many errors which your Reverend correspondent has unfortunately fallen into—and, as courteously as we can, to comply with the request of A WAYFARING-MAN, who, if he had read with any thing short of a jaundiced eye, would have put the same construction on it that Mr. Davies did, namely, that the adherents to the WESLEYAN ASSOCIATION were throughout the Crapaud settlement at large, and would not then have been at a loss to have ascertained, not only 56, but nearly double that number of adherents and well wishers to the cause.

We, the undersigned, do hereby declare, that we did subscribe our names, or caused our names to be subscribed, with grateful hearts, to the address of thanks referred to, being fully aware of the nature and extent of the document at the time in all its bearings; and we are not conscious of more than one signature that can in any shape be called in question, which was that of a youth whose father insisted that his name should be set down, and whose heart was so elated with gratitude, that, if he had been in possession of a dozen boys, he would, doubtless, have had down all their names.

Your inserting this in your columns will confer a favour on,

Sir, your obdt. servts. the following
FIFTY-SIX.

Crapaud, 16th Jan., 1840.

Wm. Hodgson,	Michael Ireland,
Benjamin Crew,	George Ireland,
Philip Simmins,	William Moor,
Robert Simmins,	James Moor,
George Crew,	Joseph Crew,
Edward Francis,	Widow Weeks,
Thomas Best,	John Weeks,
James Best,	William Weeks,
Joy Best,	Thomas Lee,
Richard Matters,	John Best,
James Callbeck,	John Pearson,
William Pearson,	Samuel Newsom, jr.
David Lowther,	Present Penpharese,
Peter Persefull, sen.	Peter Persefull, jr.
George Persefull,	Richard Best,
William Lowther,	Matthew Lowther,
Robert Turnbull,	William Dibbens,
John Penpraise,	Samuel Newsom, jr.
James Newsom,	George Smith,
Thomas Arnett,	John Arnett,
James M'Naught,	Neil M'Neil,
Samuel M'Dughe,	John Kerr,
Thomas Caur,	John Cameron,
David Cameron,	Mark Inman,
John Inman, sen.	John Percival,
John Falls,	Samuel Sharron,
George Francis,	Daniel Crew,
Joseph M'Donald,	John M'Neil.

Markets.

Charlottetown, Saturday, January 18.	
BEEF,	5d. per lb.
MUTTON,	5 to 6d. per "
PORK,	4d. to 5d. "
BUTTER,	14d. "
EGGS,	1s. per doz.
FLOUR,	3d. per lb.
OATMEAL,	13d. "
BARLEYMEAL,	13d. "
OATS,	1s. 10d. per bus.
BARLEY,	3s. "
POTATOES,	1s. "

EASTERN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY GRAIN SHOW.

THE Society offers the following Premiums for Grain and Seeds, to be exhibited on Wednesday, the 29th January next, at 11 o'clock, forenoon, viz:

For the best two bushels of Wheat,	£1 0 0
2d do.	0 15 0
3d do.	0 10 0
Best two bushels Barley,	1 0 0
2d do.	0 15 0
3d do.	0 10 0
Best 2 bus. Black or White Oats,	1 0 0
2d do.	0 15 0
3d do.	0 10 0
Best Red Clover Seed, not less than 25lbs.	1 0 0
2d do.	0 10 0
3d do.	0 5 0
Best Timothy Seed, not less than one bushel,	0 10 0
2d do.	0 5 0

The Grain, &c. to be left at Mr. Aitken's, Georgetown, (Store fronting the Main Street), where the Show will take place—the Society to have the privilege of purchasing any article obtaining a Premium, if required.

The Annual General Meeting will be held immediately after the Show, when the Premiums will be awarded.

E. THORNTON, Secretary.
Georgetown, 26th Dec. 1839.

LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, FOR CLOTHING AND RELIEVING THE POOR.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE LADY MARY FITZ ROY.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS, to the smallest amount, for the advancement of the above benevolent purpose, will be received by the following Ladies, who compose the Committee:

Lady Mary Fitz Roy,	Mrs. F. Longworth,
Mrs. Jarvis,	T. B. Tremain,
J. Brecken,	Pethick,
Collins,	Brown,
Dalrymple,	Miss Macgoonan.

BLANK Bills of Exchange, Charter Parties, Seamen's Articles, Bills of Lading, Manifests, Powers of Attorney, Court Subpoenas, Apprentices' Indentures, a variety of Magistrates' Blanks, &c. for sale at the Office of the Colonial Herald.

ALEXANDER DAVIDSON,

BRECKEN'S CORNER, No. 1, QUEEN STREET,
Head of the Wharf,
Sells at uncommonly low prices, only for Cash down, on delivery,

CLOTHS, black, blue, and coloured;
Fancy Buckskins, Doeskins, and Cassimeres;
Tweeds and Rattens, plain and fancy;
Lion skin, Pilot, Beaver, and Sealotta Cloth;
Ladies' Habit and Pelisse Cloth;
A great variety of Vestings, silk, cotton, and woollen;
Fancy Regatta, striped, and flannel Shirts;
Spotted Guernsey Frocks, Drawers and Vests;
Welsh, and other Flannels, and Swanskins;
Coloured Baizes and Flannels, and twilled Serges;
Gallow Plaid, Tartan do. a variety. 2s. 6d. to 10s.
Paramatta Cloth and Indiana, very rich;
Best Manchester Merinoes, all colors, equal to French;
A quantity of Common Merinoes, Stuffs, Shalons, &c.
Mouslin de Laine, and Robe d' Orleans dresses;
Mouslin de Laines by the cut, Moreens;
Satins, Persians, Gros de Naples, and other Silk goods;
Bost Bombazine, black Merinoes, Crapes, Prints, Bishops' Lawn, Gloves, Ribbons, Hosiery, for mourning;
Black, blue, common and fancy coloured common and chintz Printed Cottons—newest patterns;
Chintz, common and striped Bed Furnitures;
A superior lot of unbleached Cottons, very cheap;
Regatta, and common striped Shirting; apron Checks, Scotch Homespun, and Gingham;
Fustians, Moleskins, Beaverteens, Velvets, and Jeans;
A great variety white Calico, Domestic, and cambric, 7d. to 2s. 6d. per yard;
Linen and Cotton Bed Ticks—some very superior;
Damask Linen Table Cloths, unbleached do. and Napkins, Table Covers;
Russia Ducks, Huckabucks, and Kitchen towelling;
Superior yd. wide Irish Linen, grass bleach, warranted;
3/4 and 5/8 Irish Long Lawns, & Linen Diapers, do. yd. wide and 3/4, brown & black Hollands, do.
White, black, & coloured Lining Cottons of all kinds;
Furniture lining & binding; Wadding, French Stays;
Coloured do. Umbrellas, Venetian Blind furnishing, &c.
English Rose and Point Blankets, 7 to 12 quarter;
Extra superfine 12 quarter white Counterpanes;
Common do. and Rugs, white and Coloured;
Domestic Sheets, a new and cheap article;
Chamois Skins, fancy Linings, improved Canvass and Padding, Silk, Twist, Braid, Coat Cord, Thread, Buttons, and all other kinds of tailors' trimmings, of the best description.

Gentlemen's Beaver, Gossamer and plated Hats; do. Boy's and Children's Sealotta Cloth, and Fur Caps, all kinds and prices;
FURS—Polish Martin, Siberian Squirrel, &c. Muffs, Capes and Boas;
Silk Stocks, Stiffeners, Braces, Straps, Garters, &c.
Rich black Lace, for Trimming, &c. warranted genuine; Silk, Gimp and Velvet, black and coloured Trimmings, Blond and Bobbinet, quilting and edging for Caps and Bonnets, Lisle and Thread Lace and Edging, sewed Muslin, Trimmings and Insertions;
Black Thread Lace Veils, Gauze do. of all kinds, Muslin Collars, some very rich Infants' and Ladies' Lace Caps;
A very splendid lot of rich Canton Crape, Challis, English Crape, Sewing Silk, Silk and Cotton filled Gauze, Merino, Thibet, Victoria, Foulard, Cadiz, Cashmere, Lama, Rob Roy, &c. &c. Shawls; Turnovers, and Handkerchiefs, from 1s. to £5;
Handkerchiefs of Book Muslin, Verona, Printed, and all other common kinds;
Satin, Sarsnet, and Gauze Ribbons, of all kinds;
Paisley Sewing Cotton, warranted; Common do.
Town made London Pins and Needles, of all kinds, Silk, Cotton, and Worsted Braids, and a good assortment of small Wares, of every kind, in common use.

MUSLINS—Book, Mull, Jaconet, Cambric, striped and cross-barred Lenos and Bobbinets, white and coloured.

GLOVES—Gentlemen's Lapland Fur, and Gauntlets, Chamois lined Berlin, black, white, and coloured Kid, Berlin, Beaver and York Tan, Thibet, Lisle, Lambswool, &c.
Ladies' long and short Lace and Kid, Fleecy and Chamois lined, Fur Tops, fancy Kid, Silk and Lace, &c. Children's Gaiters, and Winter Gloves.

HOSIERY—Gentlemen's superfine Lambswool Shirts and Drawers, Socks, in cotton, lambswool, worsted and silk; woollen and cotton Night Caps, Braces, &c.
Ladies' Cashmere, mohair, worsted and lambswool, plain and fancy Cotton, Silk, and China Silk, Black and white Hose;
Children's lambswool and cotton Socks and Gloves; Helmet and other Comforters and Pelerines, Cuffs, Muffatees, Springfield Cotton Warp, No. 6 to 10.

HARDWARE.
Table, Carving and desert Knives and Forks;
Jack, Pen, Oyster, Butcher, and Shoe Knives;
Tea and Table Spoons, large Scissors, Files, &c.
Very superior Scissors and Pen Knives on Cards;
Nails, 4d, 5d, 10d, 12d, 20d; Cut Shingle do.
Horse do. Pump Tacks, tinued; Toe and heel Bills;
Brads, assorted; Lasting and Cut Tacks, &c.
Carron Camp Ovens, & Covers, spare do. 10 to 17 in. do. Pots, 1 quart to 5 gallons;
Wagon and Cart Buses; Black Lead;
Chain Traces, Sleigh Bells, Spades, and Shovels;
Long handle and swivel bail Frying Pans;
Gig or Sleigh and Riding Whips, and Whip Lashes;
Tea Kettles, tinued and untinued, drop handles;
Tinued Sauce Pans, from 1 to 6 quarts;
Kegs White Paint; Boiled Linseed Oil;
8 x 10, 10 x 12 Window Glass and Putty;
Cod lines, Rein Rope, Herring Twine;
Shoe Thread, Cotton Wick, &c.

STATIONERY.
Pot, Post, Foolscap and Wrapping Papers;
Copy Books, School Slates, and Pens;
Blue, black, and red Ink, and Ink Powder;
Murray's First Book, Spelling Book & English Reader;
Testaments, Religious Books, Prayer Books;
Halifax and Prince Edward Island Almanacks, 1840;
A great variety Steel Pens, Picture and Toy Books.

GROCERY GOODS, DRUGS, WINES, &c.
all warranted of the first quality.

Madeira, Port & Sherry Wines, in draught and bottle;
Rum, and Jamaica Spirits;
Genuine Cognac Brandy; Pale Holland's Gin;
London double refined Loaf Sugar;
Muscovado Sugar, Molasses; Basket Salt;
Black and green Teas, warranted East I. Company;
Vinegar, Rice, Coffee, Sperm Candles, Olive Oil;
Currants, Bloom and Muscatel Raisins, in half boxes;
American Pickles, in half gallons;
London do. Picallilli; Mixed, Onions, Cauliflower, &c.
Tomato, Harvey, John Bull, &c. Sauces;
Fine French Olives & Capers, Rose Water, Chili Vinger, Mustard, Pepper, Alspice, Cayene Pepper, white Pepper;
Mace, Cloves, Cinnamon, Nutmegs;
Citron, Carraway Seed, ground Ginger;
Isinglass, Filberts, Almonds.

Drugs—Pearl, Sago, Bermuda Arrowroot, Liquorice;
Tapers for Night Lamps, Lenox boxes;
Windsor Soap, plain and scented Hair Powder;
Epsom Salts, Saltpetre, Cream Tartar;
Sulphur, Brimstone, Alum, Rotten Stone, Arnatto;
Camphor, Copperas, Beeswax, Castor Oil;
Cudbear, Madder, Safron, Gum Arabic;
Medicamentum, British Oil, Balsam of Life;
Anderson's Pills, Hus's Linament, Polyandria Oil;
Opodeldoe, Salt of Lemons, Durable Ink;
Essence of Peppermint, Bergamot, Lavender, Lemon;
Best American No. 1, and M'Donald's Tobacco, fresh;
Fresh Snuff, plain and scented, Rappee, Maccabau;
American Brooms and Buckets, Cigars, Glassware, Crockery ware, &c. &c. &c.

ALEXANDER DAVIDSON,
Brecken's Corner, No. 1, Queen Street.

NEW STORE.

THE Subscriber begs leave to inform his friends, and the public in general, that he has commenced business in the store in Mrs. Hadley's buildings, opposite the residence of Angus Macdonald, Esq., Water Street, GEORGETOWN, where he offers for sale a well selected assortment of

Goods,

Suitable for the Season, and cheap for Cash or Island Produce, viz:

Superfine blue, black and claret broad cloths; striped buckskins; brown and drab moleskins; fancy plaid cloaking, superior quality, and all wool; superfine striped silk and wool vestings; buttons and trimmings; bed tick; white and red flannels; red Salisbury flannel; green baize; merinoes; table covers; black and yellow twilled cotton; white and grey shirtings and sheetings; Irish linen; Scotch homespun; apron check; shirting stripes and checks; printed cottons; pink, blue, green, black, brown, slate and drab linings; muslin dresses; black and fancy coloured silk handkerchiefs; cotton do.; ladies' silk and gauze do.; black and brown silk and gauze veils; brown net; bobbinet, book, mull, jackonet, checked, striped, cross-barred and leno muslins; quilting, laces, edgings; blonde lace; bobbin; plain and twilled black and blue silk; silk velvet; brown holland; porcupine comforters; shaded do.; cravats; sco. caps; white and drab stays; umbrellas; lambswool shirts; woollen and cotton drawers; silk, Thibet and cotton shawls; muslin collars; shalloon; India rubber, worsted and cotton braces; black, white & brown thread; white and coloured cotton balls; pound pins; drilled-eyed needles; white and coloured reels; cotton warp, No. 7, 8, 9 and 10, best quality; black worsted; printed, brown and white cotton hose; Angola do.; elastic knot woollen gloves; ladies' and gentlemen's black, white and coloured French kid, silk and cotton gloves; coloured and pure silk, embroidered, black and white silk, lace and cotton do.; fur top do.; children's cotton hose; writing and wrapping paper.

Also,
Pad, chest and cupboard locks; chest hinges; cross cut, whip and handsaw files; buck-handle knives and forks; shoe, jack and pen knives; Britannia metal table and tea spoons; bread trays; candlesticks; trays and steel snufflers; scissors; sheep shears; cork screws; razors and razor strops; rag stones; rifles; spelling books; slates; ink powder; lucifer matches; back and side combs; fine and coarse do.; hat, hair, tooth, nail and shaving brushes; sealing and bees wax; white rosin; hooks and eyes; 8 x 10 window glass; looking glasses; tumblers; wine glasses; corn brooms, &c.

Groceries, &c.

Fine old Jamaica and Demerara rum; fine old Cognac brandy and Hollands gin; Port and Madeira wine; malasses (best quality); white wine vinegar; loaf and brown sugar; tea; bloom and sultana raisins; figs; Zante currants, candied, En. soap, starch, fig blue, tobacco, snuff pipes, indigo, alum, copperas, saltpetre, sulphur, black lead, pepper, allspice, ground ginger, camphor, nutmegs, cream of tartar, cinnamon, cloves, candied lemon peel, sallaratas, arrowroot, tooth powder, pomatum, cold drawn castor oil, fresh honey, British oil, essence of peppermint, polyander, confectionary, &c. &c.
The highest Cash price given for 2000 bushels Oats, deliverable at the above place.

JAMES B. HADLY.

Georgetown, Jan. 1, 1840.

THOMAS M'GILL, Tailor,

RETURNS thanks to the Inhabitants of Charlottetown, and the Island generally, for the liberal patronage he has received since his commencement in business in this Island. Having engaged the services of several good Journeymen, he is enabled to execute all orders at the shortest possible notice, in a substantial, workmanlike manner, and upon the most moderate terms; all orders will therefore be thankfully received.

T. M'G. has just received the London Fall Fashions. Upper Queen Street, Dec. 18th, 1839.

CHARLES DOGHERTY, Cabinet-Maker, Upholsterer, &c., begs leave to return thanks to the Inhabitants of Charlottetown, and the Island generally, for the liberal patronage he has hitherto received. Having just returned from the United States with a supply of Mahogany, Rosewood, &c., which he intends manufacturing according to order, at his usual low rates, all orders in his line will be thankfully received and punctually attended to, at his residence, Kent Street, nearly opposite Mr. George Cole's Brewery.
LOOKING GLASSES made to order.

BUTTER.

A FEW Tubs of good BUTTER for Sale by the subscriber
JOHN BOYER.
January 18, 1839.

TEMPERANCE.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Charlottetown Temperance Society will be held in the Wesleyan Chapel on Monday the 27th inst., at 7 p. m.
A full attendance is respectfully requested.

FOUND, on Saturday last, between Coles' and Pethick's Breweries, a few empty Bags. Apply at the Colonial Herald Office.

A STEER has been on the subscriber's premises for some time past. The owner can have him on proving property and paying expenses.
WILLIAM BURNS.
Upper Bedeque, Dec. 24, 1839.

THERE have been on the subscriber's premises, since the 5th Nov. last, a black Ox, and a Heifer of a light yellow colour, both about a year and a half old. The owner may have them on proving property and paying expenses.
JOHN BEER.
Sable Hill, 14th Jan. 1840.

TWO STRAY SHEEP have been on the Subscriber's Farm, for the last three months. The owner or owners are requested to call for them immediately.
SIMON DODD.
Princetown Road, Jan. 1, 1840.

A STRAY OX has been on the Subscriber's premises for the last 18 months. The Owner may have the same by proving property and paying expenses.
DANIEL CRAWFORD.
Bedeque, S. W. Jan. 3, 1840.

A RED HEIFER has been on the subscriber's premises for three months. The owner can have her on paying expenses.
ROGER HARPER.
Suffolk Road, 12th December, 1839.

STRAYED from the Subscriber's Pasture, in the Royalty, two or three months since, a few SHEEP, branded on both sides "G. B." Any persons giving information where they may be found will be rewarded for their trouble.
GEORGE BEER, Jun.
Charlottetown, 28th November, 1839.

THERE have been on the Subscriber's premises, for the last six weeks, a EWE and a LAMB. The owner may have them on proving property and paying expenses.
D. M'DONALD.
York River, Jan. 18, 1840.