

to us by Vice Admiral SIR FRANCIS M. AUSTEN, received by last night's mail, in reply to some remarks made in our last number, relative to his recent visit to this Island:—*Islander*, Aug. 20.

"That we did not land was entirely owing to the heavy rain which did not cease for many minutes together from the Saturday Evening till 12 o'clock on Tuesday, when I left the Port. I have further to add that it never was my intention to devote more than three days to the visit: that it had nothing whatever to do with Politics; being solely for the gratification of personal curiosity, combined with a desire of becoming acquainted with every part of my extensive command."

It will at once strike the reader that the communication could not have been long, and we call on the *Islander* to publish—as it is in candour bound to do—the whole letter. In the meantime, and till that is done, we cannot refrain from thinking that the part withheld contains a just animadversion on the malicious construction endeavoured to be put on this otherwise indifferent matter.

The whole chain of charges taken home by Messrs. Palmer and Pope rests upon similar artifice, and as little veracity; and this paltry concern may be considered, we repeat it, as a fair specimen of the dirty tactics of the party.

But before we quit the subject, let us say that we can not see why any person whatever who was hospitably inclined, was precluded from offering any becoming attention to the Admiral on his late visit; probably it rained too hard, so the worthies alluded to could not go on board for the same reason that he could not come on shore. That this was a disappointment to Messrs. Purdie, McKenzie, &c. who perhaps had prepared entertainments, we very much regret.

THE DELEGATES ON THE WHARF.

We observe the Organ of the Delegates makes a great boast of the compliments paid these worthies on their slipping into the steambath, and it is to be noted that that Print had cited the party to attend with their plaudits on that occasion. Now, the paper alluded to has set up as the great patron of good order, and every natural or usual ebullition of popular feeling has excited its particular condemnation. Upon that subject, however, we consider it right, under peculiar circumstances, to say nothing; but we would ask the *Islander* what would have been the consequence of its challenge being accepted, and the populace being assembled to drown with their disapprobation the soft whispers of exparte applause, so painfully got up by the *Islander's* advertisement, which accompanied the ambassadors on their departure. There is little doubt that the impression left on the minds even of those who were present was far different from what the *Islander* would represent, although forbearance marked the conduct of the majority.

We observe in the *Royal Gazette*—that faithful servant of the Government—the account of the delegation departure is published in the form of an extract from the *Islander*; and by this manoeuvre it is sought to avoid the consequences of originality. We wonder when the *Gazette* will publish an extract from the *Examiner*. Neither the Queen's Printer nor any other cunning official need lay the flattering unction to his soul, that his tricks pass unnoticed, or will long go unrewarded.

We are quite aware that the failing to reappoint the late Sheriff of Queen's County, is one of the crimes which has turned the wrath of his friends against the Lieutenant Governor. Now, we shall not be suspected of any wish to depreciate the fitness of that gentleman for the office, when we say that to continue Sheriff's year after year in office is, though not illegal, a manifest invasion of the constitution—contrary to all precedent in the mother country—a direct libel on the fitness of other inhabitants of the counties, and injurious, inasmuch as it causes a monopoly—and further, prevents the country generally from becoming acquainted with business. In short, the old practice was an abuse and a monopoly, and so it was an unpardonable crime to have altered it.

"CHEERS FOR THE QUEEN."

That our comprehension is dull, we are willing to acknowledge, and we suppose it is on account of this our misfortune, that we are at a loss to see what a compli-

ment to Her Majesty has to do with the departure of "the Delegates" on their errand to displace her Minister. We remember that the head Mutineers in Admiral Parker's fleet at the Nore were styled "the Delegates," and the designation is certainly appropriate. As to the errand, for the life of us we cannot understand that it has any other object, or at all events other prospect, than the gratification of the vengeance of the head Delegate. We think those ill-timed cheers rather indicated a consciousness that the Delegates and their backers were not exactly employed in Her Majesty's service, and were invoked to disguise, perhaps, even from the parties themselves, the true state of their feelings.

The only new accusation carried home is the appointment of certain parties to public employments. Now, these parties are under no disabilities, except that they are not selected as heretofore exclusively by the Compact; and yet how can the members of the Executive Council excuse themselves, if they have (as they must have done) acquiesced in these nominations, if they think them bad ones? Are they not equally responsible, officially speaking, in this matter, with the Lieutenant Governor,—and morally speaking, much more so, since their knowledge of the Colony and its inhabitants renders them palpably amenable not only to the people but to the Governor, from whom it is base to withhold any just objection to an appointment, and still more base if it has been withheld to be used out of doors, and made ground of complaint against the Governor. His Excellency has enough to do to answer for himself without answering for his Council.

Respecting the Delegation and the Petition we think their promoters would have done well to have chosen some new organ and some new matter. Mr. Pope's letter of resignation is on record at the Colonial office, and neither its style nor substance mark him out as a person likely to be listened to. The character of the man is emblazoned by his own hand on the document, and we think it will not ensure him much attention. The party had better have selected a new man, if none of the officials—who are so careful of appearances—could go. Mr. John Davis or Mr. Albert Yates would have done the work as well, nay better; and besides Mr. Pope has seen London before, the money would have been better spent in showing the lions to one of these gentlemen. As regards Mr. Palmer, it is only right he should avail himself of any chance that would offer of making himself an illustrious example of—statesmanship and oratory. As to the document or Petition, we wonder that the wise heads of the projectors—though, indeed, there is enough of *Gall* and bitterness in the paper—did not reflect that it contains the same story a hundred times refuted, which, with its refutation, and the acquiescence of the Minister in the propriety of that refutation, is already amongst the archives of the Colonial office. Notwithstanding the want of originality exhibited throughout the whole document, we shall pursue in our next No. the enquiry commenced in our last into the several charges which it contains, and show those of our readers who may have little knowledge of the Delegates and their bantling, how much they have stooped to serve a purpose.

THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO CANADA.

H. M. S. "Electra," Com. Bouverie, left this port on Wednesday morning last,—His Excellency Sir H. V. Huntley being on board. We understand that His Excellency proceeds direct to Montreal in the *Electra*, at the command of the Governor General, Lord Elgin, and that the object of his Mission has some reference to important changes contemplated by His Lordship in the Government of this Island, simultaneously with changes to be introduced into the Governments of the other Colonies. In fine, it is pretty generally believed that shortly after His Excellency's return, which will be in about ten days, the question of Responsible Government will no longer be a vain or visionary one on this Island.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We have a batch of communications on hand which we have neither time to enumerate nor read; but they shall all receive attention—some fine Sunday in the middle of next week.

A CORONER'S INQUEST was held at the house of Mr. George Owen, Little Marsh, on the body of his son—a

child aged about six years. Verdict—'Accidental Death,' caused by the infliction of a mortal wound, by an open clasp knife, with which he was playing at the time.

LAUNCHED.

From the Shipyard of Mr. Kemble coffin, on the 18th inst., a barque called the *Enterprise*, 388 Tons, copper-fastened.

On Thursday the 26th inst., from the Shipyard of Mr. Alexander McDonald, Pisquid River, a fine Brig, called the *Fame*, of the burthen of 308 tons, built for the Hon. John S. McDonald. This vessel is of a superior description, being chiefly composed of Juniper, and finished in a workmanlike manner, under the superintendence of Mr. Joseph Fisher.

From Kensington Shipyard on Thursday last, a very superior built (thoroughly copper fastened) brig, called the *Louisa Margareta*, of 297 tons, new measurement, for Messrs. C. I. Hensley and H. Haszard. This vessel is composed principally of Juniper, and reflects much credit on the builder, Mr. John Pippy.

On Thursday the 29th ult., from Fullarton's Marsh shipyard, a barque, 390 tons N. M. 321 tons O. M. called the *Susan*, for Mr. R. Longworth.

At the Shipyard of J. C. Sims, Esq., New London on Friday last, the 13th inst., a very faithfully built, handsome model Brig, called the *Echo*, of 182 tons.

PASSENGERS.

In the Steamer *Conqueror*, on Sunday last, Mrs. Deblois, Merkle, Miss Deblois, Mr. Deblois, Mr. W. Cunard, Mr. and Mrs. Dealey, Mr. and Mrs. Nordbeck, Messrs. Duchemin, A. Scott, Gillis, Bayfield.

In the Steamer *Conqueror* from Pictou, on Thursday last—Capt. Dwyer, Miss Calbeck, Mr. Trenaman, Mr. Avar, and 11 in the Steerage.

MARRIED.

On Thursday morning, at St. Paul's Church, Charlottetown, by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Ecclesiastical Commissary, GEORGE W. DEBLOIS, Esq., of Halifax, Nova Scotia, to SARAH FRANCES, second daughter of the Hon. T. H. Haviland, Colonial Secretary of this Island.

DIED.

On Sunday morning last, William John, aged 12 months, only son of Mr. Ruban King.

On Sunday last, Mary, infant daughter of Raph Brecken, Esq., aged 10 months.

SHIP NEWS.

Aug. 20th—Schr. *Armeda*, M. Quarrie, Miramichi; salt. Hope, Cutler, Buctouche; deal. 21st—*Susannah*, Shay, Tatamagouche; lumber. Tiger, McMillan, Newfld.; bal. Margaret, Seaman, Shemigue; deal. 23d.—*Ringdove*, Perkin, Sydney; coal. *Mayflower*, O'Brien, Halifax; goods. 25th—*Herald*, Palmer, St. Pierie; bal.

ON THURSDAY, the 2d September, at 11 o'clock, on the premises, the desirable **Freehold Property**

of Mr. Thomas Parsons, in and to part of a lot of Land in Hillsborough Street, 40 feet front, 48 feet rear, it has a neat Dwelling house on it, nearly new—with a Parlour, Kitchen, and Bed Rooms, &c.—a snug little yard and in it a good size Stable, the whole being a comfortable and commodious piece of property, and well worthy the attention of purchasers—title warranted. And immediately after the above sale, will be sold, the entire furniture of Mr. Parsons, particulars will be made known by Handbills.

JAMES N. HARRIS, Auctioneer.

August 28th, 1847.

PUBLIC MEETING.

WE the undersigned Electors of the First and Second Districts of Queen's County, humbly request that a Public Meeting of the Electors, residing in the above named Districts, be held at the Five Mile House, St. Peter's Road, Lot 34, on Tuesday, the 7th of September ensuing, at 2 o'clock, P. M., to take into consideration the present Political agitation respecting His Excellency Sir Henry Vere Huntley. The Members for the Districts are respectfully requested to attend.

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| JAMES MILLER, | JOHN FERGUSON, |
| ALEX. MACGREGOR, | ALEX. STEWART, |
| BRAYAN MACKENNA, | CHARLES RODD, |
| DONALD MACMULLAN, | JOHN STEWART, |
| JOHN KENNEDY, | FRANCIS MACQUAID. |

Fair at Sturgeon Bridge.

A FAIR will be held at BERNARD KEARNEY'S, Sturgeon Bridge, on WEDNESDAY the 29th September, for the sale of Live Stock and Agricultural Produce. Aug. 28th, 1847.

NOTICE.

THE MONTHLY MEETING of the Charlotte-town Total Abstinence Society, will be held at the Large Room of Mr. John Jury, sen., on Wednesday Evening next, the 1st September, at the hour of 8 o'clock.

RICHARD WALSH, Secretary.

Charlottetown, Aug. 27.

IMPROVED PATENT PLATE-FORM SCALES, manufactured and for sale, at the PHENIX FOUNDRY, P. E. Island. Aug. 7.

REMOVAL.

H. FOUND, TAILOR and HABIT MAKER, Upper Queen Street, next door to the Queen Street House. Aug. 7, 1847.