

singers. Then next after the company can...  
devoted so much time and money to. I feel...  
I have to go to it back with a...  
I have received most gratifying letters from my agents in Canada...  
They are quite prepared for the noble 34...  
The clerk calls daily in the morning...  
and afternoon, at 2 o'clock...  
There is no use in my continuing an...  
excuse staff. I have to go to it back with a...  
the amalgamation with "A. S. N. S. Co."...  
is effected, at which I have to go to it back with a...  
intelligence shortly. Yours very truly,  
"A. S. N. S. Co."

There is a refreshing mixture of coolness...  
and pleasantness in this plea of allusion to the...  
of the noble 34, "at their comfortable...  
departure from St. Paul's, and his...  
and his losses borne with cheerful...  
philosophy in the "Protestant" of his...  
intention "not to send any more...  
justly—and in a breezy hopefulness of...  
next year, "we can capital is subscribed."  
An application is to be made at the...  
Colonial Office, on behalf of the subscribers, to which...  
the "Protestant" will possibly answer, as it has...  
already, that it is no concern of...  
the Colony's attention, and has been...  
settled, and, after that, the...  
of which may be presumed to have enjoyed...  
his rights for the noble 34. And...  
and meanwhile, poor Mr. Henson, it is said, is...  
cooped up in Newgate for lack of the...  
request. We sincerely pity him; he seems...  
unwillingly to believe in the feasibility of the...  
understanding; it is a pity that in this...  
vicinity that made him so useful a...  
tender for his employer, and his chief effort appears to...  
have been one shared by many other people...  
"he had never heard before of Colonel Sleight...  
Insignificant, however, as his present...  
position may be, it is a good deal more...  
tolerable than the conditions he is now...  
working in the lead mines. It is...  
quite their experience of the new style of...  
colonization of the dead flats round St. Paul's...  
with "Hail Columbia!"

And now we must say a word to the...  
Directors of the scheme. An honorable...  
man little knows the harm he is doing when...  
he lends himself to any scheme of which he...  
is not thoroughly informed, and that even...  
for a day. Mr. Henson's name only appears...  
in print, so far as we can see, for a day...  
or two; but it was there long enough to...  
attract Mr. Berkeley, and has in turn no...  
doubt attracted others. But if honorable...  
men must lend their names to bubbles, pray...  
them appear in full at the head of...  
companies for supplying the colony with...  
water, or hatching added eggs, or cutting...  
cricket-bats out of the North Pole, or making...  
railways in No-man's-land, or acclimatizing...  
kangaroos, or converting gorillas into...  
cotton-growers. There is a wide field for...  
mercantile philanthropy to explore—not...  
merely for profit, but for the benefit of...  
the colony. They must not, however, be...  
deceived by the specious promises of...  
insurance offices, nor allow themselves to...  
be made the means of entrapping unwary...  
emigrants into bubble colonization schemes...  
There is a peculiar cruelty in unwarily...  
giving countenance to these last; both because...  
they often induce an honorable man to...  
pledge, and because they often result in...  
peculiar facilities for fraud. "Dead men...  
tell no tales," it is true; and murder, perhaps...  
sometimes appears a more certain...  
method of entrapping to a needy adventurer...  
but then the operation requires some nerve...  
and your adventurer is not likely to be...  
also it is a dangerous investment at the...  
best. For all practical purposes, an emigrant...  
is almost as safe, when once he is conveyed...  
some thousands of miles away, and reduced...  
to a proper condition of beggary. Had it...  
not been for the happy accident that a few...  
of the proprietors of this Colonial Company...  
possessed a little more wealth than falls...  
to the lot of emigrants in general, we should...  
probably never have heard of their...  
and Colonel Sleight might have been a...  
man in the Haymarket, or busy among the...  
partridges, at this moment.—*Sat. Review.*

### LATE AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE.

The expenditures of the U. S. Post Office...  
Department for the quarter ending July 1...  
1862, were \$2,669,746 53, and the receipts...  
\$2,133,521 61. It is reported that the...  
largest extent of the U. S. mail will...  
be upwards of \$20,000,000 per annum. In...  
one district in the State of New York, where...  
the collector thought 3000 licenses would...  
be necessary, not less than 15,000 are required.

The British steamer *Wachess*, Capt. Philip...  
at a prize at Hilton Head, 16th ult., captured...  
by U. S. gunboat *Memphis*, after an...  
over-day's chase off the coast of North Carolina...  
through a heavy fog, and the whole of...  
her cargo, and so strained her engines as to...  
be unable to get up steam. She is believed to...  
have been laden with arms and ammunition...  
built in London, and a remarkably fine vessel...  
Her manifest shows that she had \$40,000...  
worth of arms.

There is no reliable information of any...  
further movement of the army of the Potomac...  
in advance having taken place since...  
Burnside crossed the river and proceeded to...  
Lisburnville. A despatch from Harper's...  
Ferry states that the movements of the...  
army are "very mysterious," and reports in...  
regard to them are very conflicting. One report...  
states that the whole of the Hill and...  
Jackson has moved from Hunter's Hill to...  
Charlottesville, occupying the whole of that...  
village and the roads a mile this side. Another...  
large force had recaptured a declivity...  
half a mile beyond the village.

The case of Mr. Winder, who is confined...  
in Fort Warren for alleged treason to the...  
U. S. Government, is a most remarkable one...  
and is being followed with great interest...  
in London. This man was originally...  
arrested in New York and sent to Fort...  
Lafayette, whence he was forwarded to...  
Fort Warren. He claims to be innocent of...  
secession proclivities, and demands an...  
unconditional release, declaring that taking the...  
oath of allegiance required by his release...  
would render him a suspended character. Col. Dimmock, the...  
Commandant of Fort Warren, and the...  
law officers in Boston have got into a...  
very pretty quarrel on the question. A...  
post sent to serve a writ on the...  
Commandant was refused permission to land...  
at the Fort, and the writ was to be...  
inasmuch as the force necessary to ensure...  
the serving of it is not at its disposal. The...  
history of Winder's case reveals acts of...  
tyranny on the part of the Federal Government...  
which even the *Cas of Russia* would...  
probably shrink from perpetrating.

The Washington Star—after exposing the...  
forgery of a letter purporting to have been...  
written by Napoleon to Mr. Seward—remarks...  
"We may add that the letter...  
discovered by Gen. McClellan written from...  
Savannah by the northern wife of some...  
rebel General, ransomed for by the New York...  
Times as being genuine, is also evidently a...  
palpable forgery, designed to aid the...  
purpose of a current conspiracy to effect Gen. McClellan's...  
removal from his present command."

A portion of the cargo of the British...  
steamer *Circassian*, which was captured...  
while attempting to run the blockade, was...  
sold at auction in New York, on Tuesday...  
morning, bringing about \$100,000. A part of...  
the same cargo, sold a few days ago, produced...  
about the same amount. The total proceeds...  
of this one prize cargo not far from...  
\$200,000.

The citizens of Baltimore arrested by...  
order of Gen. Wool have been unconditionally...  
released by the President, and the documents...  
seized are to be returned.

It is announced that the Commissioner...  
of Internal Revenue has stamps for telegraphic...  
messages ready, and will enforce the penalty...  
for their non-use after the 1st of next month...  
for their distribution shall have elapsed.

THE WAR ON WOMEN.

A lady correspondent of the London Times...  
writing from New York, says some particulars...  
of Butler's war on the Southern ladies.

"You have heard of the imprisonment of...  
Mrs. Phillips. She is a charming woman...  
with a large family of children, all of them...  
unacquainted, many of them very young, and...  
this deprived of many of their care. When...  
called before Butler, he simply asked her if she...  
did not smile when she looked at the procession

of the second resolution is rather dictatorial...  
it points out the way by which the settlement...  
should be effected; and the third and fourth are...  
like the preamble, mere garbles.

On looking over the correspondence which...  
took place on this subject between the Colonial...  
and Imperial Governments, after the issue of the...  
celebrated resolution, it appears that the former...  
viewed the propositions merely as an enquiry into...  
the difference between landlord and tenant, under...  
the assumption that the proprietors' title was...  
in question; and although it appears that in...  
inquiring the Royal Commission, the Crown...  
advised that the enquiries were to extend further...  
than that first contemplated, still the non-mentioning...  
of legislation on the question is unmistakable...  
throughout the whole correspondence until the...  
Commission had reported its opinions and recommended...  
a mode of settlement, based on equitable...  
principles.

It appears clear that Her Majesty's Government...  
intended the intention after a feasible...  
recommendation of settlement was proposed, consistent...  
with the rights of property, to put forward...  
their views for finally settling the question by...  
a Bill, but the action of the local Government, by...  
assuming the position of arbitrator, and endorsing...  
a recommendation at variance with the spirit of...  
the Commission, and in opposition to the rights...  
of property, debared the Crown from carrying out...  
its gracious intention. The enquiry under the...  
resolutions was to be confined to the difference...  
existing between landlord and tenant. I cannot...  
conceive any advantage likely to accrue under...  
such an enquiry, further than if the Commissioners...  
finally concluded the value the landlords were to...  
their leased lands was more than their worth. Then...  
they could, with propriety, recommend an...  
abatement of rent, and a remission of the arrears;...  
but, on the other hand, if it appeared that the...  
landlord's interest in the soil, in its wild state...  
was worth from £100 to £150 a hundred acres...  
and assuming 5 per cent to be a fair return for...  
the valuation, how could they recommend an...  
abatement of rent or a remission of arrears?...  
Perhaps Colonel Grey will condescend to point...  
this out.

In the question between landlord and tenant...  
the plea of the delegates, that the landlord's title...  
was indefensible, went for nothing, because it is...  
a well defined principle that a tenant cannot...  
dispute a landlord's title.

Fixing the value of the lands was one of the...  
most important points for the consideration of the...  
Commissioners. It may be remembered how...  
repeatedly this question was put to the delegates...  
"Assuming the landlord's title to be indisputable...  
what was the value of your 100 acres when you...  
took your lease?" Or "What would the land be...  
worth in its original state, with its forest trees...  
without your improvements?" The answers were...  
from 2s. 6d. to 10s. per acre sterling. Now, these...  
answers were most satisfactory to the landlords...  
because the average value of land according to the...  
evidence of the delegates would be about £31 per...  
hundred acres. The landlords would not be...  
entitled to receive a greater sum than 5 per cent...  
on that value as a rental, that would be 31s. a...  
year instead of £5. This greatly alarmed the...  
delegates, because it came within the jurisdiction...  
of the Commission. It was a principle, that all...  
parties had consented they should regulate, and if...  
the evidence could not be overruled, the arrears...  
would be given up, and the rent greatly reduced...  
This caused alarm in the proprietary camp, and...  
no doubt it was at their solicitations the Government...  
consented, on the part of the tenantry, to send...  
a Bill through the Colony, whose Report is...  
drawn up in direct opposition to the evidence...  
of the delegates, but it shows in many instances...  
that the value of land is greater than the...  
proprietors were aware of. Enormous prices are...  
quoted as the value in fee simple of lands sold.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EXAMINER.

SIR,—The editor of the "Islander," in his issue...  
of the 31st ultimo, expatiates on what he calls my...  
inconsistency in advocating a settlement of the...  
Land Question, because I accepted the Postmaster...  
Generalship under the Colon Administration, assuming...  
thereby that I endorsed the opinion of that...  
Government on the inalienability of Escheat.

The Honorable Colonel Siraby, a leading...  
member of the same Government, published a...  
pamphlet endorsing my views as to the feasibility...  
of exonerating the arrears of Quit Rents, and in...  
case of any refusal to pay on the part of the...  
holders of the grants, that a prosecution should be...  
in operation for the recovery of the lands liable to...  
forfeiture for non-payment of Quit Rents, &c.

In the "Islander" of January last, the editor...  
says:—"Among the few sincere advocates of Escheat...  
we have always ranked Benjamin Davies Esquire."...  
Therefore, it follows, according to his own...  
admission, if I were in earnest in advocating...  
Escheat in January last, the editor of the "Islander"...  
ought not to doubt my sincerity at the present...  
time; and if Colonel Swabey, a gentleman of the...  
first standing in the Colony, either in regard to...  
his position in society, information or integrity...  
made known his views on the important subject...  
of Escheat, coinciding in a great measure with...  
mine, this goes to prove that the Colon Administration...  
were not so unanimous in their opposition to...  
Escheat as the laboured article in the "Islander"...  
of the 31st ultimo would make it appear.

If my memory does not deceive me, Mr. Cole...  
said, in the last Session of the Assembly, that in...  
consequence of the failure of the faith of the Home...  
Government to guarantee a Loan to enable the...  
Colony to effect a compromise settlement through...  
the Land Purchase Bill, he felt himself free to...  
advocate any equitable measure—even a court of...  
Escheat—for the attainment of a final settlement...  
of the Land Question.

Leaving the editor of the "Islander" to...  
reconcile his views with these facts, I shall...  
proceed, with your permission, to resume my...  
remarks on the improbability of the scheme of the...  
party in power effecting a just settlement of the...  
Question.

In the first place, it ought always to be...  
borne in mind, that the personal interests of the...  
Government rather lay in confirming the proprietary...  
claims to the Colony, than exposing the corrupt...  
system practised, under which they are protected...  
in leasing and selling lands, an investigation into...  
the titles of which we have strong reasons to...  
believe would result in having those lands declared...  
public property. Secondly, the propositions laid...  
down in Colonel Gray's resolutions, under which...  
the Legislature promised an equitable settlement...  
of the Land Question, are in no wise calculated...  
by the evident stretch of imagination to obtain...  
the desirable end; and thirdly, the non-interference...  
of the Government before the Commissioners, as...  
the guardians of public rights, although called...  
on by the delegates of the tenantry so to do, conveyed...  
by their refusal to comply the tacit admission...  
that Government laid no claim to the lands...  
of the Colony in any respect whatever. It, therefore...  
follows that before the Commissioners gave in...  
their award they must have been given clearly...  
to understand, on the part of the Local Government...  
that the only matter submitted to their...  
arbitration was, whether or not there were any...  
all matters of difference existing on the part of the...  
tenantry, and that they assumed the Proprietors'...  
claim to the soil to be indisputable.

Under such a limited sphere of action it became...  
impossible for the Commissioners, when restricted...  
to the grievances between landlord and tenant, to...  
effect a settlement between the public and the...  
proprietors, the stake between the latter being a...  
public difference, the former one of a private...  
nature.

If the Report of the Commissioners is carefully...  
studied, keeping these resolutions in view, it will...  
explain many inconsistencies which otherwise...  
would subject the Commissioners to blame. It...  
will be said, by the proprietary party, and those...  
who hold opposite opinions, that the power of the...  
Commissioners was unlimited—that they had full...  
authority to settle the question at issue in all...  
its bearings. It must be remembered that the...  
authority of the Commission is based on Col. Gray's...  
resolutions, or rather on such as those of the...  
proprietors consented to, and that their...  
decision or report, if carried into operation, would...  
only effect the interest of the consulting parties.

There is not much in the preamble to the...  
Resolutions, or in the different articles which follow...  
that were likely to produce any beneficial result...  
to the tenantry, when the management of the...  
Commission lay in a great measure within the...  
regulation of a Proprietary Government. The...  
preamble merely alludes to the unalienable nature...  
of the land tenure, and declares a right not what...  
it terms the delusive project previously...  
entertained for settling the question. It denounces...  
any compulsory interference with the proprietary...  
claims, and refers to certain despatches of a like...  
tenor, the sentiments of which excited ardent...  
admiration. The first resolution prays for an...  
enquiry into the existing relations between...  
landlord and tenant, and that a negotiation with...  
the proprietors should take place, for the purpose...  
of enabling the tenantry to convert their...  
leases into freeholds, without infringing on the...  
rights of the landlords.

It is most criminal to give a whole people...  
into trouble and strife, if there is no prospect...  
of bringing that strife to a successful issue. Nothing...  
but the most imminent danger can justify a people...  
in resorting to arms, or a community in entering on...  
a course that is sure to result in agitation, strife...  
and, perhaps, bloodshed. Has the writer in the...  
"Protestant" shown that such a crisis has arrived...  
in this Island? Has he attempted to show that...  
the liberties of Protestants here are in any danger...  
from the machinations of Roman Catholics? Has...  
every amicable mode of adjustment of the dispute...  
between the parties been exhausted? Has the...  
first attempt been made to settle it in a friendly...  
spirit? Save a few vague generalities on the...  
"Islander," he has not attempted to...  
prove that the religious liberty of Protestants is...  
in the smallest danger. He has not shown his...  
readers that the Catholics in this Island have...  
evincen the least inclination by word or act to...  
infringe on the most important of Protestant...  
rights. True it is that the Catholics, having...  
built a College without the least aid from...  
Government, wish to get a grant of the public money...  
to keep it in good working order. It is very...  
probable that a like request would have been...  
made by the Presbyterians under similar...  
circumstances, and it is quite likely that...  
some among them would have been...  
granted very leniently, and even threatened...  
if their request had not been granted them. If...  
the whole Island to be made a scene of trouble...  
and turmoil in order to prevent the endowment of...  
St. Dunstan's College? Can not the business be...  
done peacefully and quietly? Is it not worth...  
while at least to make the attempt? There are...  
two questions to be considered by every thinking...  
Protestant with regard to this matter. The first...  
is, is the demand a reasonable one? The second...  
is, if it is not, what means are to be adopted...  
in order to prevent the endowment and at the same...  
time give Catholics ground to accuse us of...  
injustice and selfishness in matters connected with...  
education?

After our editor has done his feeble utmost...  
to call fire and sword and desolation...  
a Godly reformation, he calls in question the...  
motives of those whose cry, to use his own words...  
is "peace, peace." He more than hints that they...  
take up this cry in order to get "a piece of silver...  
and a morsel of bread." Supposing this to be true...  
I would suggest that it is better—most...  
Christian-like—for a man to turn...  
an honest penny by endeavouring to persuade all...  
classes to live in mutual peace and good-will...  
than to earn pieces of silver and morsels of bread...  
by the sower of discord and the propagator of...  
envy, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness...  
I have no doubt it is very difficult for men of...  
this writer's stamp to enter into the feelings of...  
those who are truly and deeply grieved to see their...  
native country made the scene of a senseless...  
and, at the same time, a bitter and lasting...  
conflict—a conflict in which success or defeat is...  
equally dangerous—and who are willing to make...  
any personal sacrifice in order to prevent so...  
dreadful a sacrifice. Hard as it is for them to...  
understand it, there are many among us who...  
see plainly the precipice to which they are...  
leading the people, and who cannot and will not...  
stand idly by while those whom they love are...  
rushing to their destruction. Perhaps the...  
writer for the "Protestant" may yet see that the...  
most earnest souls of an earnest age are those...  
who strictly maintain a rigid and wise neutrality...  
in the midst of contending parties. The abuse...  
which he showers upon neutrals is very natural...  
and what might be expected. No people have...  
so hearty a hatred of neutrals as those of the...  
Northern States in this present moment. W. H. Pope...  
no doubt very much dislikes those Protestants...  
who will not let him dabble in the turbid sea...  
of politico-religious strife, and thereby "complicate...  
agencies" and create a confusion, out of which...  
he, too, expects to secure pieces of silver and...  
morsels of bread. And let me whisper in Mr. D...  
Laird's ear that perhaps the prosperity of the...  
"Protestant" very much depends upon the...  
stirring of those same muddy waters, and that...  
he as well as his respectable coadjutor above-...  
mentioned, may fish up pieces of silver and...  
morsels of bread from their dirty depths. The...  
"sleazy" Catholic and the "tight" Orangeman...  
on the next nomination day, will, without doubt...  
heartily exclaim neutrality, when, after they have...  
kicked up a row, they find that their respective...  
parties, having too much good sense to take up...  
their quarrel, quietly handed them over to the...  
custody of those most rigid of all neutrals, the...  
policy officers or the special constables. But though...  
this is "a consumption devoutly to be wished,"...  
I fear there will be too many earnest souls on...  
both sides who will be only too ready to catch at...  
the pretext and carry out in practice, to the...  
disgrace of the Colony and the grief of all good men...  
the theory of our Protestant Christian writer.

Yours,  
A PROTESTANT.  
Prince Court, Nov. 10th, 1862.

Mr. Editor—  
On last Saturday night, about one o'clock, a...  
log of wood, in red heat, and blazing, was...  
lying in rear of, and in immediate proximity to...  
the house in Great George-street, occupied by...  
Mr. Kelly, Cooper. The entrance to the yard of...  
this house is open from the street, and the...  
person who discovered the burning wood, only a few...  
feet from the side-walk, had seen the same spot...  
before, but saw no fire then. From this...  
circumstance it would appear that between the...  
time of his passing and re-passing the fire had...  
suddenly been planted there by some dark...  
individual, who was thus thwarted in his...  
design.

Protection to person and property demands that...  
swift justice should overtake the perpetrator of...  
this diabolical act, and crush incendiarism in its...  
infancy. In this view, I would respectfully suggest...  
and hope that every person will give all...  
possible aid to bring the villain to justice, and I...  
can have no doubt that his Worship the Mayor will...  
use such force as the civil body most efficient...  
for the apprehension of a monster of monsters, who...  
when the inhabitants are bound in sleep, steal...  
at the dead of night, armed with secret fire, to...  
glut a hellish appetite for plunder and revenge.

Your obedient servant,  
Justice.

MONDAY, NOV. 17, 1862.

(FOR THE EXAMINER.)

INDEPENDENCE OF THE PROTESTANT.

Mr. David Laird, the responsible conductor of...  
the "Protestant," was, I believe, more than once...  
solicited to give publicity in that paper to a...  
notice inserted in other papers in Charlottetown, of...  
a debate and decision of the Reading Room Debating...  
Club, on a Resolution regarding the interference of...  
clergy in party politics, but the independent...  
Mister David Laird has been pleased to refuse...  
place in the "Protestant" to that notice. The...  
reason for this, I assume, must be that the...  
decision of the Club against clerical interference, and...  
subsequent in political strife, was...  
Mister David Laird's opinion, and that it would be...  
heterodox and iniquitous to sell the pages of the...  
"Protestant" with a notice of decision on any...  
subject in opposition to his own almost...  
unanimous opinion. The legitimate freedom of the...  
press would become a mockery and very sham, if...  
that noble organ, and advocate of the rights and...  
liberties of man were controlled and guided by...  
such contracted creatures as the mean editor of...  
the "Protestant."

### The Examiner.

Charlottetown, November 17th, 1862.

THE SECOND OF DECEMBER.

It is remarkable that the Government of...  
this little Island should have set apart for...  
their own day a day filled with such...  
and melancholy interest to the people of a...  
great nation on the other side of the Atlantic...  
It was on the second of December that...  
Napoleon III. trampled on the liberties of...  
France, and it is a singular instance of...  
the accidental fitness of things to find the...  
same day reserved for giving a...  
duplex and intricate which have long...  
characterized a petty despotism in the...  
of the Parisian sea, in so far as wanting...  
which attended the latter.

While we again express the gratification we...  
feel at the prospect of the approaching Session...  
taking a purely party view of the matter, we...  
still entertain the gravest doubts as to the...  
utility of that Session, considered as a public...  
event to be paid for by the people. The...  
Liberals could not desire a better thing...  
than to have the leading men of their party...  
brought together just on the eve of an...  
election. They will be able merely to take...  
several courses together, and to arrange their...  
plans for the future, but they will have an...  
excellent opportunity of reviewing their...  
political life, and by reasonable penitence...  
atoning for the errors they may have...  
committed. It will be a sacrifice—a...  
sacrifice of death-bed preparation for the...  
great end of their dissolution as a political...  
body—and to give any warranty of a happy...  
resurrection at the hustings, the sacrifice...  
must be hearty, sincere, and entire. On the...  
Tory side of the House, there are two or...  
three unfortunate ones, who, though...  
desperate sinners, are not considered as...  
past praying for. It will be a fortunate...  
thing for them to have, before it is too late...  
one more chance of seeing and mending the...  
error of their ways. The approaching...  
Session will show whether they are...  
beyond the reach of reason and common sense...  
Finishing and chicanery, like over-indulgence...  
in youth, may be safely practised when one...  
is favoured with an elastic conscience, is...  
beginning his political career; but those...  
things generally have led to a great crisis...  
to the politician who has provoked a sort of...  
riotous life—who has grown prematurely old...  
and decrepit on the public stage, and who...  
will neglect even the last opportunity of...  
forewarning bad companionship, and living...  
cleanly as an honest politician.

But let us put aside all party considerations...  
and regard the approaching Session as an...  
affair that solely affects the public interests...  
of the British Government, asking for a...  
reconsideration of their decision with regard...  
to the Award. Nothing else, we believe, is...  
contemplated. To effect this object we...  
burthen the Colony with the charge of at...  
least one thousand pounds. A regular...  
Session costs about three thousand pounds...  
One third of that amount is the lowest...  
figure we can put down for a special Session...  
A thousand pounds added to the former cost...  
of the Land Commission will make a very...  
large item in the public expenditure—sufficient...  
to buy two or three small estates under...  
the Land Purchase Bill, or to keep the...  
roads, bridges, and wharfs of the Colony...  
in repair for a year. Public money was...  
never more expensively than on that...  
gigantic humbug. It is just possible that...  
the Government will get a majority—but...  
only a bare majority—to pass a...  
majority of the Duke of Newcastle—a...  
flaming, spirit-stirring Memorial, to be...  
ushered into the world with the most...  
grandiloquent harangues from Colonel Gray...  
and his brother practitioners in the...  
art of humbug. But what earthly good can...  
it accomplish? It will serve only to...  
provoke a smile of contempt from the...  
Colonial Minister—and possibly a...  
reprimand to the Lieut. Governor for...  
sanctioning the folly. The Duke, from...  
the very first, condemned the Award as...  
impracticable in its leading features—the...  
arbitration scheme. He has had a very long...  
time to reconsider the whole subject—he...  
has been pressed to do so—his...  
attention has been invited to it in the...  
most earnest manner by the Bills passed...  
last Session. But his objections are...  
irremovable. He has not swerved an...  
inch from his original position. The...  
Bills, which cost this Colony so much...  
money to have passed were thrown aside...  
by his Grace, almost with contempt. His...  
late was known early in the summer...  
if there was any use in taking...  
popular action in reference to the Award...  
was the time for it. The Government...  
advocates profess to believe that the...  
people are and have been always anxious...  
to get the Award. If that were the...  
case, the House should have been...  
discontinued as soon as it was known...  
that the Bills were rejected; and if the...  
Government were sustained by the...  
country, there might be some show of...  
reason for urging on the Colonial...  
Minister a reconsideration of the matter.

We shall probably hear, when the...  
House meets, a good deal of nonsense...  
about the Duke of Newcastle being...  
one of the great men of the...  
Cabinet, and that we should appeal to...  
his gracious Queen herself, and also...  
to the Parliament of Great Britain...  
That kind of stuff passes under the...  
name of "humbug," and may have...  
some little effect in exciting...  
times, over the minds of people who are

It is significant that neither the "Islander,"...  
nor "Protestant," has taken the least...  
notice of the attempt made by the...  
Colonial Secretary to bring an action for...  
libel by criminal information against...  
the editor of this paper. The Hon. Edward...  
Palmer said the honor of the whole...  
Government was involved in that affair; and...  
the only reason why it has not been...  
noticed in the Government papers is, that...  
the Tory party are ashamed of his...  
cowardly proceeding, and mortified beyond...  
expression at his failure. Had the Court...  
accorded to his application, and had he...  
been placed on our trial for libel, the...  
yelping curs who do the barking for...  
the Government would be at our heels in...  
a very ferocious way. The Government...  
appear to be of opinion that the less that...  
is said about the "man with the...  
unclean hands," the better it will be...  
for his partizans and associates.

We have had, during the last two or three...  
days, some genuine wintry weather, in...  
the shape of snow and heavy frost.

truly ignorant. Every intelligent man knows that the Colonial Minister is supreme in his own department—just as the Foreign Secretary, and the Home Secretary, and the War Secretary, are in their respective departments. One Minister cannot interfere with another without bringing the whole business of the Empire into confusion; and the Queen must be guided by the advice which she receives from each on matters connected with his particular department. And as for the Parliament, so long as the general policy of the Cabinet affords satisfaction, the Ministry will be supported in the gross, and no particular member will be selected for condemnation or censure.

But supposing, as a thing within the range of possibility, that the Colonial Minister should change his mind, and yet look favourably on the Award, we have not the shadow of a reason to expect that Sir Samuel Cunard and the other parties who consented to the Commission, will change their minds. Their objection has been very strongly expressed against the Arbitration project—because it is calculated to favour the tenant at the expense of the proprietor—for it has never, and cannot be shown to have such an effect—but because it can only serve to keep up angry feelings between landlord and tenant, and postpone to an indefinite time the settlement of old disputes about the value of land. The Duke of Newcastle says that the objection referred to is a valid one—that it must be regarded as fatal to the Award—because its existence leaves the Land Question, which the Award was designed to settle, still unsettled. It may, therefore, be presumed, that the Award cannot be revived while such opposition is found to exist.

This being the real state of the case, it appears to us as a monstrous absurdity to hold a special Session, that will entail a very heavy outlay, for the object mentioned. Our legislation must assume the character of coercion upon, or reprimand to, the proprietors; and this will be at variance with the doctrine always inculcated by the Tory party, who have declared, in their journals and elsewhere, that it is only by friendly intervention, or the greatest persuasion, that we can secure any benefits for the tenantry from the proprietors. This doctrine is again urged upon our notice in the "Protestant" of Saturday last, wherein the editor says:—"It is vain for the tenantry, at this date, to expect the repeal of declarations on the part of the British Government, and that of all Governments on this Island, to the effect that the proprietors' claims would not, and could not be ignored. . . . we say it would be madness to suppose that this difficulty can be settled wholly adverse to the proprietors' claim." Now, the proprietors very urgently claim to be exempt from the operation of the arbitration clause in the Award—they state that the Royal Commissioners exceeded their powers when they recommended such a mode of settlement—the Duke of Newcastle bears them out in this statement; and, in the words of the "Protestant," "we say it would be madness to suppose" that the combined action of the proprietors and the Colonial Office, with regard to this point, can be effectually resisted.

The people are advised to hold meetings to help the Government in their endeavor of humbug and delusion. The proper time to hold meetings was last summer, and the proper place in front of the hustings. The Government considered it unsafe to trust to such an arduous task. Now, we opine, the meetings would record a decision still more unfavourable to them. As for the Award, the people never expected any benefit from that measure, in the mutilated condition it presented after it underwent the manipulations of the Government. The only thing in it worthy of public consideration, was the recommendation for a Loan. Our Government positively declared they would not entertain the project. What, then, was left in the Award? Nothing but the most extravagant concessions to the proprietors at the expense of the whole Colony, and the right of the tenant to pay twenty years arrears—pay his purchase money in large instalments; or, in lieu of the twenty years purchase, besides paying the arrears, the tenant would be allowed to commence a wrangling and expensive contention with his landlord, under the name of an arbitration, in which there would be three landlords against two tenants, and which would most probably not be settled until the unfortunate man who sought the arbitration was effectually ruined. Now, viewing the subject in all its bearings, we think the tenantry have had a very fortunate escape from the Award—and they would be the very best fools in creation if they exhibited the least feeling of regret at its issue.